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for publication in the Messenger and online. (continued on page 9)

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Nygaard Auto, 35 years of Service

By Cheri Roshon

Tom Nygaard started his auto repair business in 1988, making this the 35th year of service for Nygaard Auto Repair. Congratulations to Tom and Wade for being an ongoing family business in Kenyon Minnesota!

Wade was just a year old when the shop was founded, so he has literally grown up in the business. He remembers doing oil changes, tire rotations and helping his dad keep the shop clean when he was 11 or 12 years old. There's always something to be done in a family owned business, and Wade found he really enjoyed working with Tom. As he learned from his father, he found he had a knack for automotive work.

Being a young entrepreneur, at age 19 Wade decided to try out a new venture on his own. Pizza Time was his "from the ground up" business, and he owned and operated it until he was 21. But the call of the auto industry called him back to the shop, and he worked hand in hand with his dad as Tom showed him the ropes, and while Tom was away on mission trips serving others. I asked Wade what an auto mechanic does on a mission trip, and he recounted some of the adventures Tom had. Isla Church works with Doctors without Borders, so once Tom fixed a heart monitor machine in Nicaragua. Other duties included fixing existing buildings, building homes, and once an orphanage in Nicaragua wanted a shrimp farm built, and so they did! *(continued on page 6)*



Stones Cry, August 6th, 2:30 PM at **Gol Lutheran** Church in Kenvon

The music will include worship and inspirational songs in an easy listening style. 1999 was the beginning of "Sound Of The Trumpet" and is now "Stones Cry." The inspiration for the new name comes from Luke 19:40.

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Wade changes a tire at Nygaard Repair

Kenyon **Farmers Market**

By Cheri Roshon

Farmer's markets are gaining in popularity, and you can find a lot more than just produce when you visit them. They are popping up in a lot of smaller towns, making it so convenient to purchase fresh fruits and veggies, and also canned goods and other treats.. Pickles, green beans, jams and jellies are among the treasures you will find when you check them (continued on page 9) out.



Stones Cry



Religion

- KENYON MESSENGER -

not be afraid" (Isaiah 12:2). This echoes the

meaning of Isaiah's name, which means the

"salvation of Yahweh." Having read the

book, one might wonder about the strong

presence of judgment that runs through the

first thirty-nine chapters when the theme is

salvation. How can the two coexist? The

presence of judgment indicates its necessity

for salvation to occur. Before we can have

salvation, know salvation, we must have a

need for it! So, many of those early chapters

in Isaiah detail judgments against the people

who have turned their backs on the Lord,

showing us that those who persist in their re-

bellion will receive judgment. On the other

hand, we see God's faithfulness to His prom-

ise of salvation. He will preserve a small rem-

nant of faithful believers, those who will

continue on into the glorious renewed world

He has prepared for His children at the end

SO WHAT?

Isaiah contains one of the clearest expres-

sions of the gospel in all the Old Testament.

Even from the first chapter, it is clear the peo-

ple have turned away from God and failed in

their responsibilities as His children (Isaiah

1:2–17). Yet God miraculously holds out

hope to this unrepentant people, offering

cleansing of sins and the blessing that comes

with faith and obedience in Him (1:18-20).

Salvation lies only in God—the only question

In addition to its gospel message, the book

of Isaiah clearly articulates the sins of God's

people-dealing with others unjustly which

resulted in their offering hypocritical sacri-

fices to God. We must evaluate our life ac-

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Summer Worship Schedule

During the summer months, there will be one combined

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is whether we will accept His offer.

of times (65:17-66:24).

Isaiah: "God's **Judgement and** Salvation"



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

Isaiah: [/ahy-zahy-uh/] noun - A masculine name of Hebrew origin, meaning "salvation of the Lord." Derived from the Hebrew phrase Yeshayahu, meaning "God saves." The book was written by the Prophet Isaiah, written sometime during the years he prophesied from 739-681 BC.

OVERVIEW:

The book of Isaiah reveals God's judgment and His salvation. God is "holy, holy, holy" (Isaiah 6:3), and therefore He cannot allow sin to go unpunished (Isaiah 1:2; 2:11-20; 34:1-2; 42:25). Isaiah portrays God's oncoming judgment as a "consuming fire" (Isaiah 1:31; 30:33). At the same time, Isaiah understands that God is a God of mercy, grace, and compassion (Isaiah 5:25; 11:16; 32:2; 41:14-16). We have seen this throughout the earlier texts, affirmed by the Prophet. The nation of Israel is blind and deaf to God's commands (Isaiah 6:9-10; 42:7). Only because of His mercy and His promises to Israel, will God not allow Israel or Judah to be completely destroyed. He will bring restoration, forgiveness, and healing for His glory (43:2; 43:16-19; 52:10-12). Isaiah's overall theme receives its clearest statement in chapter 12: "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and

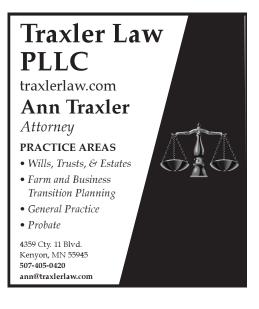


cording to our Creator's standards, His Law. Do you see anything in your own life that might fall under Isaiah's critique of injustice-treating family, colleagues, or even strangers with unkindness or even contempt? Isaiah's message is also a call for believers to come back to purity in our love for God and for our neighbors (Luke 10:26-28).

Next month, we will walk through the book of Jeremiah. God chose this man of undeniable courage to speak to the people of Judah on the Lord's behalf-even though they would not listen.

I would like to add a brief comment at the end of my article. Isaiah speaks to false idols of the people (Isaiah 44-48), which they have created to worship instead of the True God. I was reminded by an article that was posted last month, that we still seek wisdom, purpose, and knowledge within ourself, truly a false idol. It is done with terms like therapy and soul care, all done for a 'nominal' fee. I would like to state that Christianity is opposed to the inward pursuit of truth, in fact the Bible warns against it. If you choose the path of constantly looking within yourself to find meaning and purpose, you will not find the answer you seek. Only by seeking the Creator, your Creator, through the Bible and fellowship of other followers of Jesus Christ, will you find the answers you seek. In Christianity, we find all the answers we seek about God, the world around us, and ourselves, specifically in God's word, the Bible. As Christians, we should lovingly share this good news (the gospel), care for our neighbors, and invite them into the saving relationship with God through Christ. This is done without monetary cost; we extend ourselves freely because of the grace given to us. Friends, we are more than physical, we have a soul with an eternal destiny. I would not be a pastor, nay, even a Christian, if I did not plead with you to seek out the One True God by faith and knowledge. I am reminded by Augustine, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." In Jesus Christ, you will find the rest your heart longs for.

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



AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY "Tell Me, Please" HOLDEN/DALE Pastor Dustin Haider • 507-789-6677 Email: holdensecretary@gmail.com Worship schedule found at: www.holdenlutheranchurch.org Holden/Dale Facebook The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the The ennich asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about ...?" — Acts 8:34 At Cove Mountain on the Appalachian Trail I had shelter from an all-night rain. The next morning I was back on the trail. No one needed to tell me where to go. I headed north, as I did every other day of my three-week trek. Philip, however, whom the Spirit called in our story today. Bod instructions on where to go. or a page of the Philip, however, whom the Spirit called in our story today, had instructions on where to go. An angel of the Lord told Philip to go south to the desert road leading from Jerusalem to Gaza. There Philip met an Ethiopian official who was returning home from Jerusalem. The Spirit then led Philip to stay near the man and to help him understand a passage he was reading from Isaiah. Philip explained that the passage was about Jesus, the Son of God, who came to die for our sin, and then Philip baptized the Ethiopian. just as the man asked him to do. MOLAND CHURCH Nancy Edwardson, Pastor • 507-789-6661 Sunday School 9 a.m. NERSTRAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Gary Liker, Pastor 12 Maple Street • 507-330-0025 God, who came to die for our sin, and then Philip baptized the Ethiopian, just as the man asked him to do. Through his Spirit and the Word, the Lord still commands us everyday. God calls us to walk in his ways, loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Does God speak to us in other ways, such as the way he spoke to Philip? God certainly can speak to us in dramatic ways, but more often the Spirit of God speaks to us in quiet, subtle ways through his Word and with the help of other believers (like Philip). We should always be following God's Word and listening for his voice, especially as he nudges us to share the love of Jesus. Lord Jesus, help us to listen for your voice and to share Worship 9:00 a.m. NEW LIFE CHURCH Colin Rueter, Pasto 525 Beverly Street, Wanamingo • 507-824-3019 10am Worship Service 6:30pm Wednesday Family Ministry Night www.nlcwanamingo.org Lord Jesus, help us to listen for your voice and to share your love with the people we meet every day. Amen. T. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Lora Sturm, Pastor • 507-330-0025 www.stiohnsunitedchurchofchrist.info 19086 Jacob Avenue, Faribault Sunday School 9:30a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m. Security State Bank of Kenyon TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 602 Second Street • P.O. Box G Kenyon, Minnesota 55946 507-824-2155 507-789-6123 Toll Free 1-888-789-6123

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Obituaries

- KENYON MESSENGER

July, 2023

James Solberg A memorial service for James Solberg will



be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, July 14, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo, MN with Reverend Kris Ferkin officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the memorial service at the church. Jim passed away on May 26, 2023, at his home in Maple Grove, MN

James Michael Solberg was born February 17, 1963, to Don and Gertrude "Trudy" (Froyum) Solberg. Jim grew up in Minnesota, Iowa, Georgia, and Illinois. He graduated from Kaneland High School in Maple Park, IL and from Mankato State University in Mankato, MN in 1984. Jim was employed one year at a bank in Atlanta, GA, then at the Mercantile Exchange in Chicago, IL, and the Board of Trade in Chicago, IL. For the past several years, he was employed at Ace's

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In high school Jim was on the golf and baseball teams. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed being part of a yearly golf get-together called, "Boys Weekend Golf Group." He enjoyed visiting his parents' home in Arizona several times a year to visit them and golf. Jim made friends wherever he travelled.

He is survived by his father, Don Solberg of Wanamingo, MN; two brothers, Paul Solberg of New Hudson, MI and Jon Solberg of Minocqua, WI; nieces and nephews, Brianna (Steve) Brummer of Ann Arbor, MI, Lindsay Solberg of New Hudson, MI, Aron Solberg of Minocqua, WI, Daniel and David Solberg of Vale, CO, and Abigail Solberg of Rhinelander, WI, and her son, Colton Riely. He was preceded in death by his mother, Trudy.

Funeral arrangements made by Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel.

June Ohnstad

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A memorial service for June Ohnstad of

Wanamingo was held Tuesday June 13th at 1:00 PM ., hour prior to the service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo. The Rev. Kris Ferkin officiated. The visitation was held on Monday June 12th

from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, at the church. Burial

was in the Zumbrota Cemetery. Mrs. Ohnstad, 92, died Friday June 2, 2023, at her home and just a few hours prior to her 93rd birthday.

June Harriet Banitt was born June 3, 1930 in rural Zumbrota, the daughter of August and Lilly (Brunckhorst) Banitt. Raised near Zumbrota, she was a graduate of Zumbrota High School. She worked as a nurses' aide at the Zumbrota Hospital, and it was there that she met Ernest Ohnstad. The couple married on June 3, 1958. Following the marriage, Mrs. Ohnstad was a homemaker until 1975, when she briefly returned to working at the Zumbrota Hospital, and then at the Zumbrota Nursing Home, from which she retired in the mid-1990s.

She enjoyed embroidering, gardening, camping, and baking. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

June is survived by her children, Stephen Ohnstad of Wanamingo, Janet (Dan) Roraff of Owatonna, Daniel (Jennifer) Ohnstad of Goodhue, and Julie (Matthew) Drewitz of Mankato; thirteen grandchildren, Rebecca Walters, Angela Buytart, Joel Ohnstad, Samuel Ohnstad, Isaac Ohnstad, Reed Roraff, with visitation one Nathan Ohnstad, Elijah Ohnstad, Katy Ohnstad, Nicole Ohnstad, Jack Drewitz, Abraham Ohnstad, and Elisabeth Ohnstad: and fifteen great- grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister-in-law Mary Banitt. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ernest, brother, LeRoy Banitt, brother, August Banitt, sister, Violet (Elmer) Stiller, sister Eileen (Leonard) Groth, sister Lucille (Clarence) Mehrkens and nieces and nephews.



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Paul Richard Voxland

Paul Richard Voxland, age 84, of rural

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and ton Тегга (Young) Voxland. He grew up on a farm in Holden Township, graduated from Kenyon High School in 1956 and the University of Minnesota Ag School in 1959. Paul served in the United States Army from October 6, 1956 until his honorable discharge from the Re-

serves on January 15, 1964. On May 6, 1960, he married Margaret Rohe and the couple made their home on the family farm in Holden Township where they raised their family. Paul was a farmer and in retirement drove bus for Held Bus Service for 26 years. He was a faithful member of Holden Lutheran Church, was a FFA member, a 4H leader and a 50 year participant in the Minnesota State Fair, a member of the National Pork Producers, served on the Goodhue County Soil and Water Board for 30 years and a life-long member of the NRA.

He enjoyed wood working and made pencil boxes, clocks, cutting boards, memory chests and chairs. Every granddaughter received a cedar chest at graduation and the grandsons received a rifle. He also loved the woods around the farm and enjoyed deer hunting, but admitted he mostly enjoyed looking at the trees while hunting.

He is survived by his children, Matthew (JoEllen) Voxland of Kenyon, Andrew (Jean) Voxland of Kenyon, William (Peggy) Voxland of Savage, Janice Voxland (David Phillips) of Red Wing and Collins (Jen) Voxland of Zumbrota; 12 grandchildren, Terra (Aaron) Haugen, Laura (Joe) Walter, Hanna Voxland, Jennifer (Duncan) Lohmann, Ashley (Luke) Yunker, Natalie Voxland (Nate Berg), Daniel Voxland, Leah Voxland, McKenna Brandt, Hayden Voxland (Megan Ryan), Calven Voxland and Adelyn Voxland; 9 great grandchildren, Audrey Haugen, Stella Haugen, Gretta Haugen, Brody Lohmann, Caden Lohmann, Caleb Yunker, Brooks Yunker, Jack Walter and Margaret Walter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manton and Terra; wife, Margaret Voxland (2008) and siblings, Lois Utter, Marilyn Miller, Maxine Avery and Virginia Schrader.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon on Thursday, June 22nd from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and at Holden Lutheran Church on Friday from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Funeral services were held Friday, June 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Holden Lutheran Church, rural Kenvon. Pastor Dustin Hader officiated. Interment was in the Holden Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by the Kenyon Color Guard.

Willis R. "Bill" Goodman



Wanamingo. Pastor Kris Ferkin officiated. Visitations was held on Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church and for one hour prior to the service on Friday. A private family burial will be held at Pleasant Prairie Cemetery at a later date.

Willis Robert Goodman was born on April 22, 1933 at home in rural Rochester, MN to Glenn and Helen (Rossi) Goodman. He grew up in rural Rochester, raised rabbits, learned to farm, and to drive trucks. After graduating from Rochester Senior High School in 1951, Bill worked for a neighboring farmer until he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was inducted to the Army Signal Corps in 1953. He was stationed in Alaska, again driving big trucks among his many roles as a Corporal. Though he completed his service in 1955, he maintained Reserve status after and remains a member of the Wanamingo VFW Post 186.

Returning to farm work in the Rochester area, Bill married Eloise Ann Koelsch on November 12, 1955 at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. They farmed west of Wanamingo from 1962 to 1973 before moving into Wanamingo when Bill went to work for Farmers Co-Op Oil / Cenex. Though he initially worked in the Co-Op station, he again returned to driving trucks, delivering propane throughout the rural Wanamingo and Cannon Falls area as well as anhydrous ammonia for the Soil Center and setting Cenex LP tanks. Bill retired from Cenex, leaving him more time for breakfast and coffee downtown with friends, playing cards, woodworking projects, fishing, assisting others with farm work, and vacations with family among his many interests and hobbies. Additionally, Bill joined the volunteer Wanamingo Fire Department in 1974, and was honored to serve (again driving big trucks) until 2000. His grandchildren fondly remember waving and knowing Grandpa would blow the firetruck horn in reply during the annual 4th of July parade

Bill is survived by his wife, Eloise; five children, Ruth Travis of Chaska, Rita (Dean) Kyllo of Kenyon, Bob (Annette) Goodman of Rochester, Linda (Pam) Goodman of Tucson, Laura Stubbe of Bemidji; twelve grandchildren, Sarah (Simon McCarthy) Travis, Abby Travis, Robert Kyllo, Grant Goodman, D'Angello (Lizzy) Williams, Brooklyn (Brandon) Peterson, August Williams, Patrek Williams, Julius Williams, Donald Dewey, Amber (Chris Nelson) Dewey, Jason Stubbe; and four great-grandchildren, Willow Dewey, Domanic Shuck, Evelyn Williams and Maverick Williams. Bill is also survived by his brother Maurice "Brownie" (Roberta "Bobbie") Goodman of Wanamingo, sister-in-law Mary Goodman of Zumbrota, brother-in-law Allen

(Dorothy) Koelsch, and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Helen, sisters Margaret "Peg' Kyllo and Barbara Goodman, brother Kenneth Goodman, brother-in-law Walton Kyllo, and sons-in-law Bill Travis and Jerry Stubbe. Memorials are preferred to the Wanamingo Firefighters Relief Association, P.O. Box 304, Wanamingo, MN 55983-0304.

Mike Almen, 77, of Northfield, passed

away peacefully Monday morning, June 26, 2023, at Three Links Care Center in Northfield. Michael Allen Almen was born on February 6, 1946, in Northfield,

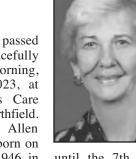
Minnesota. to Nikolai and Helen (Baker) Almen. He grew up in Northfield and

graduated from Northfield High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and was honorably discharged. Mike was married to Pam Lord in 1981. He worked for Herman Schiell (blacktopping), Sheldahl, spent some of his summers on the farm, and later worked as a handyman. They raised their three sons in Northfield and later divorced.

Mike was best described as a "travelling soul." He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, working out, and entertaining those around him. Mike had a soft heart and was known to take in stray dogs and cats, whom he would quickly come to love and cherish.

He is survived by his children, Michael Lord of Winona, Nick (Jessica Mehan) of Dennison, and Chad (Colleen) of Northfield: seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Wanda (Jim) Yngsdal of Wanamingo; sister-in-law, Ileen of Northfield; many nieces and nephews; and ex-wife, Pam Almen of Northfield. He was preceded in death by his parent and brothers, Bob and Joe.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Bierman Funeral Home in Northfield. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment followed the service in Vang Lutheran Cemetery, Holden Township. A re-



tonna Hospital. Barbara was born March 1, 1933, in Red Wing, MN, to William and Florence (Haller) Monson. They moved to the Wanamingo area when she was young. She attended a one room country school

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until the 7th grade and graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1951. After high school, she attended Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, MN. She graduated in 1954, earning a degree as a Registered Nurse.

ception followed the interment at Vang

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory, Northfield. www.bier-

Barbara Kerkvliet died Tuesday, June 27,

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Barbara Kerkvliet

In 1955, she met Harold Kerkvliet and they were married on June 11, 1955 in Rochester. They were blessed with three sons: Rahn, David, and Dan.

Barbara enjoyed spectator sports, music, and playing card games, especially bridge. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Elks Bridge Group, and earlier in life the Blue Line Club, Bloodmobile, Meals on Wheels, and the Hospital Auxiliary. She was a wonderful wife and mother and will be greatly missed by her family.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Harold; sons Rahn (Sherry) of Soldotna, AK, David (Alice) of Soldotna, AK, Daniel (Cecilia) of Anchorage, AK; grandchildren Joshua (Keri) Kerkvliet, Katelynn (Mike) Hawkins, Bien Metcalfe, Peter Metcalfe, Dawn Mettler and MaryJo Mettler; and one great-granddaughter Adalynn Ann "Addy". She was preceded in death by her parents and brother John Monson.

At Barbara's request, there will be no service. Her body has been donated to the Mayo Clinic Anatomical Bequest Program for research. Upon the completion of research, burial will take place at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

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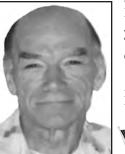
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Wanamingo, died on Friday, June 23, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital Rochester. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 7, 2023 at 11:00am at

Trinity **Mike Almen** Lutheran Church in



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July, 2023

Robert E. Will Will, Robert E., age 95, Educator, Commu-



nity Builder, Humorist, and Family peacefully Man, passed away Sunday, June 25, 2023, surrounded by love and family. Bob was a gentleman and a scholar with a life rooted in service. His life was a

model of how to live one's vocation and commitment to others. Bob taught Economics at Carleton College for 36 years, joyfully scratching supply and demand charts out on the blackboard, bringing the subject to life. He encouraged generations of students to appreciate the value of liberal arts in their everyday lives. Upon retiring, Bob devoted time to volunteering in the community. "I felt I owed something to the community I lived in, that gave me a good life, that brought up my children, educated my children in the school system. I felt it a duty, and a happy duty.'

Born at the beginning of the Great Depression in Dousman, WI to Erwin and Gena Will, Bob graduated from high school after 8th grade. A life-long love of music began as a young trombonist in the Oconomowoc American Legion Band, an award-winning band that marched in parades from small towns to New York's 5th Avenue. He surprised his parents by enlisting in the US Navy, unaware that swimming was a required skill, one he did not have. Even though Bob never learned to swim, his strong patriotism committed him to the Naval Reserve for a further twenty years. After the war, Bob entered Carleton College in 1946, dragging his Navy footlocker behind him and clutching the GI Bill ("that great social invention"). He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and later earned his MA and Ph.D from Yale University.

Bob met the love of his life, Barbara, while teaching at UMass Amherst. She was the beautiful librarian in the Department of Research Chemistry when Bob walked in seeking advice about moldy wallpaper in the apartment he shared with Gus Mattersdorff. A year later, Gus was best man at their wedding. In 1957, Carleton College President Larry Gould hired Bob to join the Economics department. The newlyweds packed their books and wedding presents and drove to Minnesota. Bob and Barbara built a remarkable life together. They found joy in raising a family, traveling around the world, and deepening their roots in Northfield.

Beyond teaching duties, Bob was an Assistant Dean of the College and the first Director of International Studies and was named the Wadsworth A. Williams Professor of Economics. Many have described Bob as the quintessential Carleton alum and professor: a gifted and enthusiastic teacher, a knowledgeable scholar, an engaged college citizen, a gracious mentor to colleagues and students. Bob was a pioneer in what is now called social entrepreneurship, applying economic theories to real world problems. This pursuit led to Carleton's Social Entrepreneurship scholarship program. While at Carleton, he also earned grants from the Ford Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, General Electric, the

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Lilly Endowment, and the National Science Foundation. Bob retired in 1993 as the Raymond Plank Professor of Incentive Economics.

Always a performer, many will remember listening to the brilliant badinage between Bob and Wayne Eddy on Northfield's KYMN radio. Bob loved reading aloud and delighted in Robert Service's "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan McGrew." He was also cast in two films: as Rev. William Wilcox in the award-winning Cemetery Stories: A Rebel Missionary in South Africa, by Chérif Keïta; and as the Old Man in Roma Nova, by Max Silver.

Bob left an indelible mark on organizations around the country and world, including the US National Commission for the United Nations Economic and Social Council; the planning commission that created Hampshire College in Amherst, MA; Bob and Barbara helped seed libraries at Miles College in Alabama and the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia. Closer to home, Bob's curious and creative mind, and his ever-present vellow notepad, focused on strengthening the beauty and humanity of Northfield, MN. He served on the Rotary Club, Mayor's Streetscape Task Force, Heritage Preservation Commission, United Way, Northfield Historical Society, All Saints Episcopal Church, Northfield Shares, and Northfield Retirement Community.

In the winter of 1994 Bob was surprised to learn that Governor Arne Carlson proclaimed March 26 as Robert E. Will Day in Minnesota. Twenty years later, Northfield honored Bob with the Joseph Lee Heywood Distinguished Service Award in recognition of over 50 years of service to the Northfield area community. Bob said "There is no better feeling than serving a community. Enjoy it as I have over the years. I did things I never thought I would do in my life.'

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Barbara, and son, Jonathan. He is survived by daughters Leslie Will and Jennifer Labovitz; son-in-law Mark Labovitz; and grandchildren Zachary Will, Jackson and Tessa Labovitz.

Bob Will has left the classroom. Onward and Upward with the Arts.

The family would like to thank the thoughtful staff at the Northfield Retirement Community for the attentive and compassionate care given to Bob, and acknowledge all the special friendships Bob made through the vears.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Bob's life on August 26, 2023, at 2:00pm at All Saints Church in Northfield. Donations may be given to Northfield Shares, All Saints Church, or the Robert E. Will '50 Endowed Internship Fund in Social Entrepreneurship at Carleton College.

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Beth Ann Windhorst (Zander)

Beth Ann Windhorst passed away unex-



pectedly on July 2, 2023 at St. Mary's in Rochester, MN after suffering from an aneurysm. Always thinking of others, Beth's wishes to be an organ donor were honored by her family, and on July 5 she gave generously three individuals the

gift of life. She was surrounded by her loving family those final days.

Born in Worcester, MA, daughter of the late Judith Reichel and Richard Zander, Beth graduated from Lyon County High School in Kentucky and was 1981 Valedictorian. She first attended Valparaiso University, finished her Bachelors at Western Kentucky University, and then continued on to University of Cincinnati for her Masters for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education. After receiving her teaching degree, she got a job and moved to Zumbrota, MN, pulling a U-Haul with a Subaru hatchback.

In 1988, she met a farmer named Mark on a blind date, and they were married six months later on December 26. This year they celebrated 34 years of marriage. Together they have two daughters, Lauren and Carleigh. Beth was selfless and creative and it showed in her passions for teaching, sewing, dancing, decorating, socializing and cooking. She owned and operated her own sewing business, Beth's in Stitches. She always had a joke and a smile to share with her customers. After retiring from 30 years of teaching, she moved her shop to main street in Wanamingo in 2021.

Beth was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015, shortly after losing her mother to Alzheimer's disease. She put on her can-doattitude and beat cancer that same year. A strong, independent woman, her greatest joy was raising her daughters. She was their biggest cheerleader, and taught them to live life to the fullest, to be clever and kind. A home economics extraordinaire, her love for her family was the driving force behind everything she did. Cooking with and for them was one of her favorite pastimes. She loved spending time at the pond, riding four wheelers on the 80 acre pasture, and grilling together. She always had the guest rooms ready at the farm, just in case.

Beth's vibrant presence, laughter and light will be forever cherished and missed.

Beth is preceded in death by her mother Judith Reichel Zander, father Richard Zander, and in-laws Mary and Jim Windhorst. She is survived by her devoted husband Mark Windhorst, daughters Lauren (Todd) Mielzarek of Apple Valley and Carleigh (Steven) Dueck of Maple Grove; brother Robert (Belinda) Zander of Grenada, MS; sister Rebecca (Joe) Zeipen of Jenison, MI; nephews AJ and Nick Zander, Jon Zeipen, and Baron Windhorst; and niece Anna Zeipen.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 14 from 4-7pm at Spring Garden Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls, MN. Funeral service will be held Saturday, July 15 at 3pm at Spring Garden with visitation one hour prior. This service will be livestreamed and available to watch below. Luncheon refreshments to follow.

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Nygaard Auto, 35 years of Service

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Wade worked with his dad for about 12 years before it was time for Tom to retire, so now Wade is the proud owner of the shop. Tom still plays a part in the everyday operations, such as delivering parts to his long time customers, and new ones too!

As I interviewed Wade, I could see the passion he has for his work. He takes great pride in what he does, and treats his customers fairly. I asked him about any specials he runs, and he replied, "I always give my customers a good deal, and they know it. My advertising is word of mouth, and my existing customers tell others, and they return again and again. I have customers from all over Minnesota, and even some from out of state."

Some, but not all of his services include heating and cooling repair and maintenance, oil changes, and tire sales and alignments. Other specialties include working on starters, solenoids and batteries. In other words, if it is a part of a vehicle, Wade is up for the challenge!

As one of two father and son teams in the

automotive business in Kenyon, Wade says there is plenty of work to go around, and he stays busy. One of the best parts of owning a repair shop is that you have different jobs to do everyday, and it's never boring. Wade loves to take a "broken" car, and bring it back to life. Once he had a car so had that he didn't know how the owner drove it to the shop. The only way he could think of to get it off the road was to buy it from the owner! Now THAT is full service!!

When I asked him what is the most important thing to tell a prospective customer to do for their vehicle, he said that he suggests that people change their oil regularly. "If you bring the vehicle in for an oil change, we check and top off all the viable fluids, and can do an inspection of anything else that may need maintenance." He does free estimates, and if your check engine light comes on, he can diagnose the issue. He can put air in your tires, and check your oil, just like they used to do in the good ol' days when a service station was just that service!

I found Wade to be honest, and could sense his integrity. He was helping out his neighboring business when I arrived by loaning out some tools needed at the moment. "It's a small town, and we help each other out," he explained.

Wade and his wife Melissa have 4 daughters. When he can get away from work, they enjoy the great outdoors we Minnesotans are blessed with. Camping, boating and fishing



are among their favorite activities.

I am a firm believer in shopping locally, not only to decrease our carbon footprint, but also to support your neighbors who support you.

If your car is behaving badly, or you just need a tune up, I highly recommend Nygaard Auto!



2023-24 Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary First Day School Needs * Please label everything with student's name unless noted "unlabeled" or "to share"

2nd Grade (Cont.)

3rd Grade

-Clorox wipes (to share)

-(1) 4-pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers

Kindergarten (DO NOT LABEL) -Crayons - (24 ct. Crayola) - 4 boxes

-Glue Sticks - 15-20, Elmer's (unlabeled) -Blunt Scissors (Kids Fiskars) No plastic blades

- -12 Pencils to share (Ticonderoga or USA Gold Brand)
- -Pencil Box Approx. <u>5" X 8"</u> Plastic
- (No zipper bags)
- -3 Spiral Notebooks
- -1 Composition Notebook -Backpack (No wheels)
- -Tennis Shoes (Velcro if unable to tie)
- -Tissues to share 1 lg. box (unlabeled)
- -2 Packages Baby Wipes
- -1 Container Clorox/Antibacterial Wipes

- -2 Glue Sticks (unopened & labeled)
- -(1) 2-pack Pink Pearl Erasers
- -Scissors Kid's Fiskars or similar quality -24 Pencils to share (Ticonderoga or
- USA Gold Brand)
- -School Box Approx. 5" X 8"
- -2 Spiral Notebooks (Wide-rule) -(5) 2-Pocket Folders: Red-Blue-Green-
- Yellow-Purple
- -2 boxes Washable Markers 8 or 10 pk.
- -2 pk. Expo Dry Erase Markers -2 boxes Tissues (to share)
- -12 oz. Hand Sanitizer (to share)
- -2 Yellow Highlighters
- -Headphones (No earbuds please)

2nd Grade

- -24 pack Crayons 2 boxes -6 Glue Sticks & 1 Glue Bottle (5 oz.)
- (Unlabeled)
- -(3) 2-Pocket Folders: Red-Blue-Yellow
- -Scissors Kid's Fiskars or similar quality
- -(2) 24 pack Pencils to share (Ticonderoga or USA Gold Brand)
- -5" X 8" Crayon Box
- -2 Spiral Notebooks (Wide-Rule)
- -(2) 8-pack Washable Markers
- -2 boxes Tissue (to share)
- -Headphones

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- -(3) 24-packs #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga or USA Gold. Pre-sharpened preferred.) -Individual enclosed Pencil Sharpener -Pencil-top Erasers -Colored Pencils -Crayons -Glue Stick -Ruler -Scissors -Zippered Bag for Pencils -4 Single-Subject Notebooks (8 1 X 11 Wide-rule with spiral binding) -EXPO Dry Erase Markers -Headphones (No earbuds please) -(3) 2-Pocket Folders: Blue-Yellow-Red -Antibacterial Wipes or Hand Sanitizer -2 boxes Tissues (to share) -Daily Planner will be provided 4th Grade
- -48 pencils (Pre-sharpened preferred) -(1) 24 pack Cravons -(1) 24 pack Colored Pencils -4 Fine-tipped Dry Erase Markers -Pencil Box -Scissors (Not child-sized) -Pencil-top Erasers -4 Glue Sticks -1 Glue Bottle -Pencil Sharpener (Optional) -5 Notebooks (Red, Blue, Yellow, Black, Other) -(6) 2-Pocket Folders (Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Black) -Headphones (No earbuds please) -1 Clorox Wipes -2 boxes of Tissues -Water Bottle (No glass please) -1" Binder -3X3 Post-Its -Daily Planner will be provided

Tennis shoes will be required for all students for Physical Education. We would request no black soles if possible.

Please note that supplies will need to be replenished during the school year. Teachers will store extra supplies until needed and notify you if supplies are running low.

- -2 Washable Marker 8 pk. Broad Line -2 pack low odor EXPO Dry erase markers -1 Highlighter -1 Plastic Folder-Red

1st Grade

-Crayons-24 pack-3 boxes

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Circle Drive Manor Cares about Their Residents

By Cheri Roshon

I finally decided what I want to be when I grow up--- a resident of Circle Drive Manor! With all the news about the healthcare in-

dustry being in decline, I decided to check it out for myself. As you may have heard, home health care, assisted living and nursing home facilities

have seen a decline in qualified employees, causing shut downs and state take overs. Some places are offering large "sign on" bonuses, and some have been shut down completely, leaving their residents to seek new homes.

I asked around, and heard nothing but good reports about one privately owned assisted living facility, and drove to West Concord to check it out for myself. Upon turning off highway 56 into the parking lot, the first thing I saw was a newly constructed carport, and a clean and newly renovated building. I parked my car and my eyes were drawn to a beautiful flower garden courtyard with a water fountain turned petunia garden. I could see the pride and care of the owners before I even walked in the door. Once inside, I was greeted by Bryan, Melissa and their furry mascot Bruno who tends to the residents with a wag of the tail, and a nuzzle or two. The inside was as spotless and cheery as the outside. I asked for a bit of history on the business, and was able to speak to some of the residents in the 10 room facility.

The Manor was started by Melissa's parents in 1989 and Bryan and Melissa took over in 2000, adding on a great room for activities and residents to gather for social activities. The also added 4 extra units, making it 10 private, spacious and bright studio apartments.

Residents get 3 meals and an afternoon snack daily, and the food is mainly home cooked meals made with fresh ingredients served hot. Bryan strives to make a good meal made with fresh ingredients grown locally.

There is a large produce garden on the property that is used to grow some of the food, and also to be weeded by any resident who wants to garden. Most of the garden produce is grown in raised bed style, making it easy for the seniors to work in without bending down. Every resident I spoke to said it was the best in home cooking! Omar's Cafe on occasion drops off a few of their baked goods too.

Daily activities are provided by the staff, and sometimes people who live in and near the facility come to entertain with songs, piano music and other activities. There was even a Tractor Parade on Memorial day, provided by local farmers! Triton School students come on Community Service Day to



Bryan and Melissa

spruce up the outside, and visit with the residents. Daily activities include Bingo, music therapy, devotions with local pastors, reading and piano music. A book delivery once a month from the West Concord Library keeps the residents in fresh reading material. They can also request certain books to be delivered.

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month ago, and said he loves the fact that he

has friends here. "It is small, so it is like living with family. The food is really good, too,

I went to Kourtney to ask of her experience working at the Manor. She has been there for

5 years, and loves it. She also cited the homey atmosphere, and the fact that Bryan and Melissa are great to work for. "They are

not only my bosses, but my friends, I can talk to them about anything. They listen to my

ideas of ways to improve the services we provide. Plus I love cooking for the resi-

Well, there you have it. Not only the resi-

dents, but the employees and owners are all on the same page. I ended my interview with

Bryan and Melissa. I asked about the new

renovations, and Melissa said the outside

was done by Brian Chladek of Chladek Con-

struction in Elgin, Mn. "It was time for an

upgrade, especially after a huge storm in

2021, so we went all in," said Bryan. Melissa

wanted to thank the local communities who

come to volunteer their time and talents with

the residents. "It is the community who helps

us to be so successful," she said. " They bring

and people come to visit."

dents!"

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A beautician comes in every 6 to 8 weeks to do hair, and if someone needs a new hairstyle, Melissa can also do some fancy hair-do's, too!

This all sounds pretty good on paper, so I thought it would be fun to hear from some of the residents as to the living conditions they experience. One man has been living at the Manor for 23 years. Curtis Priebe was a delight to talk to. Making jokes and giving me the history of his life, he had me laughing right away. He loves living there, and when I asked him his favorite part, he said "All of it!" What joy he brings to everyone there. An avid sports fan, he has a tv in his room to watch all the sports, except soccer! Of that, he is not a fan!!

I spoke to Mary Asprey, who was an RN at Mayo before she retired. She just celebrated her 95th birthday, and has lived there since July of 2021. When asked what was her favorite aspect of group living, she replied, "The support of the other residents makes it feel like home. It is a small, homey facility with good home cooked food. I enjoy the programs for the residents, and the music." I later caught her in the common area, putting together a puzzle.

Delores Quimby has lived here since January of this year, and was happy to extoll the virtues of her new home. "Bryan is a great cook, and I have made new friends here. I was in 1 other facility where I was not properly cared for, but I am happy here. People here care about me, and that is the best part. I feel like family here." Her grandson is one of the beef providers, too.

The newest resident moved in about a

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Benefit Auction

WHAT: Benefit Auction for Oliver Quamme-Sapp WHEN: Wednesday, July 26 beginning at 6:00 PM WHERE: Vang Lutheran Church

In December 2022, Oliver, just 3 years old, began his journey when a renal mass was found near his right kidney. Between now and then, he received numerous rounds of chemotherapy to shrink the tumor and surgery. He has encountered some setbacks along the way. His parents, Cassie & Ben, and sister, Scarlett, have been navigating this challenging time and have been traveling back and forth between appointments and ER visits. This benefit will support Cassie, Ben, Scarlett,



and Oliver as they continue to travel this road and will assist with medical and related expenses. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support!

There have been many quality items donated for this auction, which will be run by Matt Maring. All are welcome to come support Oliver and family. There will be food and refreshments as well.

In addition, a blood drive will be held in Oliver's honor on July 26 from 12:00-5:00. Go to https://www.redcrossblood.org to sign up on line, or call the Vang church office at 507-645-6042.



special events, music to play and sing to, and donate things like homemade donuts. It's the little things that they do that contribute to the well being of our staff and residents. You know, it takes a village!"

If you feel that you have something to offer in the way of activities, or if you wish to be of service to the Manor in any way, please con-

tact Bryan and Melissa at circledrivemanor@hotmail.com. If you are looking for a home for your loved ones, or for yourself, call (507) 527-2424 to set up an appointment for a tour of the facility and meet the people who call this home! They are also looking for a part time employee-16 hours a week.



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Also, a lot of baked goods, gluten free treats, candies, coffee, honey and maple syrup, and homemade crafts line the perimeter of the Kenyon Farmers Market every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, from 4 to 7pm. Kim Helgeson is one of the committee members who brought back the market after not having one for awhile. They started small last summer, being sponsored by the Kenyon Park and

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Rec committee, and have grown to well over a dozen vendors this year. It is being held at the Evangelical Lutheran Church at 309 Forest Street until September 21st, or Octoberdepending on the weather.

It was fun to see all the people who came to check out the market, and visit with their neighbors and friends. Not just Kenyonites, either. There were people from other surrounding communities who had heard how many vendors were displaying their wares, and what a variety of goods are being sold. There are vendors of every age marketing their products and produce, and beautiful woodworking, too. You just have to stop by and see it for yourself! And tell them the Messenger sent you!

Share a pic with Your Town

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All you have to do is send us a picture that you take and you could be a winner. First prize each month will receive a \$25.00 gift card to a local restaurant. E-mail the picture to hometownmessenger@gmail.com.





Concert with Stones Cry, August 6th, 2:30 PM at Gol Lutheran Church in Kenyon

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The ministry now consists of Joel Finnesgard, his wife (of 33 years) June and their children Joy (17) and Josiah (15). Joel is still playing the trumpet as well as electric guitar and keyboards. June is on drums, percussion and some singing. Joy is providing lead vocal along with acoustic guitar and keyboard. Josiah is playing the bass, some hollow body 12 string electric guitar and singing.

The Finnesgard family has lived in the Kenyon area since Kittel Finnesgaard moved to Holden township, from Gol, Norway in 1858. Kittel homesteaded his farm just half a mile from where the Gol Lutheran Church now stands and was very instrumental in establishing the church here. Kittel's daughter Annette was an organist and vocalist at the church for many years and donated the first electric organ to Gol Lutheran Church. One of Kittel's grandsons was also a well know choir director at the church. Their musical talents have continued through the years.

Joel is the grandson of Edwin Finnesgard who moved from Kenyon in 1906 to homestead in northwest North Dakota. The Finnesgards enjoy sharing this ministry throughout much of the country. Most winters find them in the southern half of the country and other regions during the rest of the year. More information, video, audio and concert dates can be found at www.stonescry.net. You can also follow them on Facebook at Stones Cry and Instagram @stonescryofficial A free-will offering will be received for Stones Cry. There will be root beer floats served after the concert. Gol Lutheran Church is located one mile west of Kenyon at 1500 Highway 60 Boulevard.

America's Favorite Old-Fashioned Big Top Circus is Coming to Dennison August 2nd

Thanks to the sponsorship of The Dennison Lions Club & Fireside Lounge, The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is returning to Dennison, Minnesota on Wednesday August 2nd, with two scheduled performances.

Now in its 32nd edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, Arizona Highways Magazine. It has also been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top and On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program. Enjoy the magic and tradition of the American Circus with your family and create memories that will last a lifetime.

For more information visit their FaceBook page. For a direct link you can go to www.cmcircus.com and click on the fb link. Tickets will be available for purchase in early July and you can SAVE MONEY by purchasing your tickets in advance at these locations:

Heritage Bank in Dennison and Northfield, Dennison Depot, and The Fireside Lounge & Supper Club, and Parkside General Store in Nerstrand.

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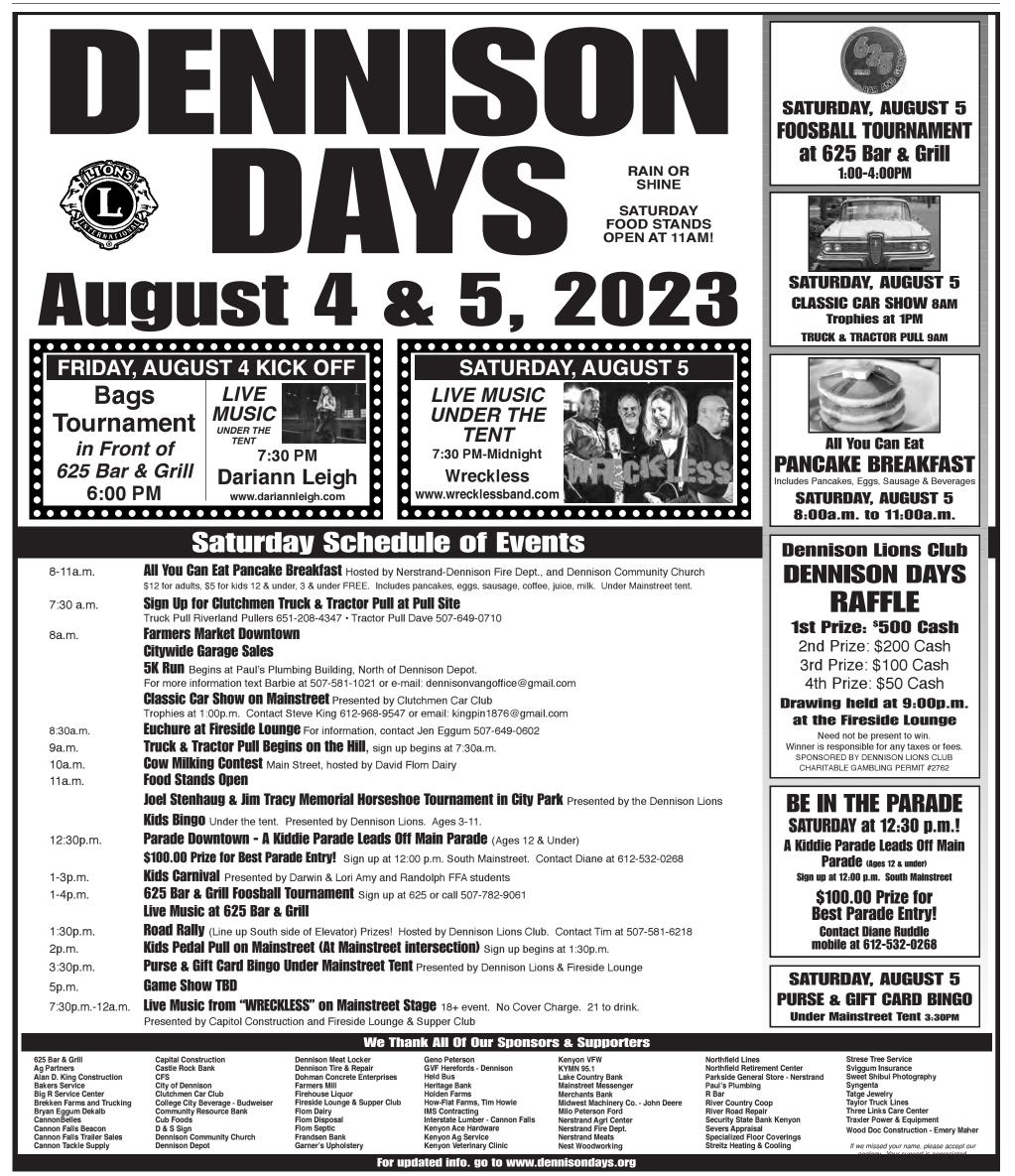




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Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm

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Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm

Goodhue County dairy farmers and the Goodhue County American Dairy Association showcased dairy farming and products at their annual Breakfast on the Farm held Friday, June 16th. The purpose of the Breakfast on the Farm event is to share with the public how the local 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.

Approximately 1700 people visited the Mc-Namara Dairy in rural Goodhue where they were able to eat breakfast, tour the farm, participate in interactive activities, and interact with various agricultural business leaders. Besides the visit to the farm, the star of the morning were the delicious and nutritious dairy products served including milk, cheese sticks, yogurt, ice cream, and fresh deep fried cheese curds.

Visitors were able to get a close-up look at the farm's cattle, view various calf and cow housing facilities, name a calf, and test their driving skills in a combine driving simulator. Areas were staffed by volunteers and local business partners who explained milking practices, farm safety, cow care, and answered questions. The Goodhue FFA chapter assisted with interactive activities for children including a farm baby animal petting zoo and tractor train rides. Area 4-H dairy project members shared information about feeding practices. Minnesota's Princess Kay of the Milky Way, Rachel Rynda led Goodhue County's dairy princesses in greeting and interacting with guests.

The Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm committee is led by local dairy producers Ann Buck, Kristin Schrimpf, and





Goodhue County Dairy Princesses (L-R) Nalalie Clemenson, Emma Eggenberger, Kelsey Holst, Evelyn, Scheffler, and Karyn Miklaus greet the public with the current Minnesota Princess Kay of the Milky Way Rachel Rynda

Shannon Dicke, with the assistance of many other local producers and business volunteers. KCUE Radio of Red Wing produced their morning broadcast live on the farm sharing information and talking with the many contributors to the dairy industry.



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Breakfast on the Farm committee members L to R Michaela Gadient, Makiel Schmalfeldt, Ann Buck, Shannon Dicke, Kim O'Reilly, Carrie O'Reilly, & Kristin Schrimpf



Goodhue County's breakfast on the farm event draws a large crowd from around the area.





McNamara Dairy owner Rich McNamara welcomed many of his family members to the June Dairy Month celebrations including the following: (seated) Barbara Hinck, (standing L-R) Rich McNamara, Karen Richardson, Joanne Carter, Don McNamara, and **Dorothy Riedell**

"ASK A TROOPER"

By Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol Question: What is the difference between careless or reckless driving? What about "exhibition driving"?



Answer: In general, the difference between reckless and careless is that "reckless" is generally "intentional" or the driver "should know" that the driving behavior could injure or kill someone. Here's more detail on how they differ:

Reckless driving - This involves a motorist who's aware of and disregards the risk that their driving behavior may result in harm to another or another's property. That's considered misdemeanor reckless driving, and if the behavior results in great bodily harm or death to another person, it's then gross misdemeanor reckless driving.

A driver shall not race any vehicle on any street or highway. Any person who willfully compares or contests relative speeds is guilty of racing, which constitutes reckless driving. It doesn't matter whether or not the speed is over the speed limit.

Careless driving - This involves a motorist who carelessly or heedlessly operates or halts any vehicle upon any street or highway that disregards the rights of others, or endangers or is likely to endanger any property or any person. This includes endangering themselves or their passengers. This is considered misdemeanor careless driving.

Exhibition driving - Minnesota does not have an "exhibition driving" law. "Exhibition driving" is usually listed as an ordinance within cities, counties, townships, etc. In general, the difference between state law and an ordinance is that a state law is passed by your state government and is effective state wide. Ordinances are "laws" passed by the local government - city council, county commissioners, etc. - and only in effect within that border.

I've usually seen most "exhibition driving" ordinances state: "Unreasonable acceleration of a motor vehicle or acceleration without apparent reason and accomplished in such a manner as to cause squealing or screeching sounds by the tires, or the throwing of sand or gravel by the tires of the said vehicle, or both.'

These do not apply to an emergency vehicle responding to call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator. They also don't apply to any raceway, racing facility, or other public event sanctioned by the appropriate governmental authority.

You can avoid a ticket - and a crash - if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson - Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street

NW, Rochester, MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

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What Is Your Soul Calling



By Susan Hinrichsen, CHC, CLC, MC

Over the last few articles, we talked about how science is now finding that we are more than what we have been told about who we are and what we are capable of doing and/or accomplishing in our lives. The research in quantum science is showing that our health and wellness is more than just diet. That our thoughts, feelings, and emotions contribute to our health and that everything is connected, and you are connected to everything.

We live in a world that is rushing around, scrambling to get our kids to school, get to work, driving through construction, watching the clock, all to get to work on time. Whether it is an office job, or a service job, we live under stress and pressure every day of our life. This stress and pressure builds up within our body and this in turn makes our body work harder and expend more energy to rejuvenate our cells while sleeping. Some people may not sleep very well and that compounds the ability of your body to do its job of healing and rejuvenating.

Since the pandemic, everything in our lives has turned upside down, and this has brought to the surface, along with the stress and pressure, fear. Everything around us has a narrative of fear built into it. Fear of our economic system, fear of our place in society, fear of the future, fear of the past or change, fear of what humanity has been through and fear of what is next. Our lives are wrapped in fear. Society has been conditioned to believe we are insignificant, powerless, and helpless, and that there is nothing significant about life, but life is creation at its finest and it is divine. We were not designed to live in fear, nor were we designed to be separate from one another. Fear can be paralyzing to the point where you don't even associate together that the issues you may be having around things, experiences, change, your career, relationships and the environment have been almost normalized into our daily lives.

During these post-pandemic months, people are now finding that they have an inner drive or push and are feeling they should be doing something different in their life, career, or for others. They have an inner knowing that there is more they are supposed to accomplish. I call this a "soul calling." Maybe you know what it is that you want to do or have an idea about it, or maybe you are not sure. This "soul calling" is very strong. As you start to look for the answers you come across something, a video, a podcast, a person, an article that brings a spark of light into your heart. You follow along and want to make a change or a move forward, but you don't do anything. You sit and contemplate. You feel you have good reasons for not doing what it is you want to do but yet you are still having that "soul calling" that says do it, or just try it. Fear stops you from moving forward because it requires you to "do" something different or to "be" something different, and this is frightening. We start to think of ourselves as not worthy of being more. Who would want to hear what I have to say, I'm a nobody?" "Who would want what I have created or want to create?" We start to have thoughts that say we do not have what it takes, we are not enough of a mom, or artist, to do, or be, what our soul is calling us to create. I want to encourage you to follow your "soul calling" even if it is baby steps. You can create, and be anything in this life that you want, you just have to believe you can. 'Where your thoughts go, energy flows,' past article.)

If you look at your limiting beliefs and figure out what they are, what holds you back from being the best version of you, these beliefs usually have something to do with love, safety or belonging. These limiting beliefs can also be beliefs of others that you have accepted as your own, maybe they came from our parents, or an experience you had when you were a child and could also be subconscious beliefs.

The more we look within ourselves we will find the answers to what we need to know. The more we look within, the more we can find who we really are and what we know to be true of ourselves. By answering the question of "who am I," enables a person to stand in their own sovereignty no matter what comes their way. I am not saying it is going to be easy, but you will be able to stand in your own truth and knowing.

We live in a time that is evolving and expanding at a fast pace and this is difficult to process and understand. The better we know ourselves the more empowered we feel, and by feeling more empowered, we become even more clear of who we are. The more you are in alignment with who you are and your beliefs about life and yourself, the healthier you become and the more joy you have in your life. Right now, the world is shifting into a new age and needs YOU and everything that you have to offer. You are the bridging generation for the new generation because you are living in both generations. "You" are important!

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Dr. Shauna's Health News



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

As I sit down to write my monthly health tip newsletter, my thoughts turn to the overall theme of my health tips. The past few years my newsletters seem more about bad news than health tips. I enjoy giving you information that can be used to help make your life healthier. That being said, a lot of what I write about is all the scary bad things that are going on in our foods, environment and medicines. The biggest issue I have and this is not a bad thing, is that I read a lot about health topics. I subscribe to medical journals and I am privy to much information that the general public would never see, as these types of articles and research papers are rarely reported on in the popular press. The bottom line is that I come across "bad" health related news that I feel people should be made aware of. I am all about informed consent. Give me as much information on a topic as possible and I will make my own decision as to what I do with that information. I do not like the idea of facts being hidden from me. I want to be aware. For example, If I eat Buffalo chicken wings all the time and there is an ingredient in the chicken wings that can cause health issues, I want to know about it. If I know about it, I can then make my own educated decision as to whether I stop eating the wings, cut my consumption down or not care and continue to eat the wings as usual. It's my choice. My choice comes from having informed consent, not from having the wool pulled over my eves.

So, as much as I would like to just write about healthy advice to make your life healthy, I will continue to report the "bad" news so that you too can have informed consent and use the information or not use the information anyway you see fit. As long as we are aware, in my mind, it's all good. With that being said... let's go:

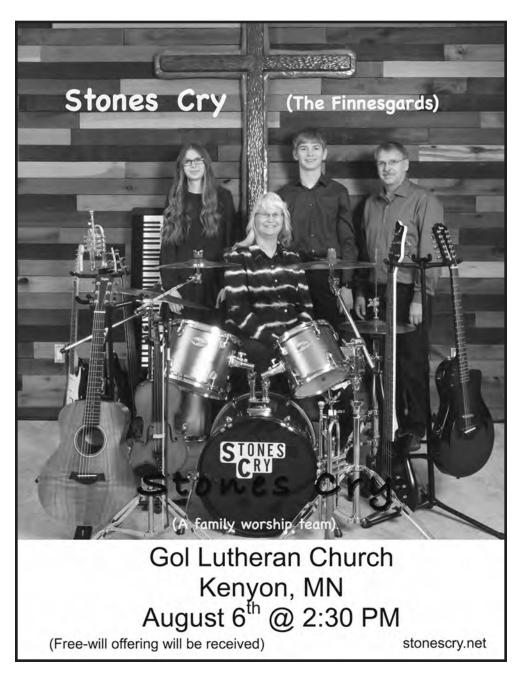
83% of households use disinfectant wipes at least one time per week and 29% use them daily. Disinfectant wipes contain quaternary ammonium compounds (QACs). Researchers have found that these chemicals contribute to antibacterial resistance, pollute the environment and are linked to several health issues.

Watermelon season is here and it is a good thing that it is. Only 6.8% of U.S. adults have optimal cardiometabolic health. While an estimated 47 million people have cardiometabolic disorders. Watermelon contains L-citrulline and L-arginine which are nitric oxide precursors. Nitric oxide relaxes blood vessels and widens arteries. Eating watermelon juice helps heart rate variability. Low heart rate variability is associated with increased risk of heart disease and death. If you are interested in losing weight, eating watermelon led to greater satiety (being full), lowers hunger and desire to eat. In addition to water melon, beets, spinach, carrots and broccoli can also boost nitric oxide.

Omega 3 fats are not only good for you heart and your brain but can also help with weight loss. Eating omega 6 fats high in DHA raises your metabolic rate 15% and increases fat burning capacity during exercise by 30%. Even at rest, your fat burning increases by 20%. Covid mRNA shots have been discovered to have DNA contamination. Microbiologist and former MIT Human Genome project researcher Kevin McKernan has discovered that simian (monkey) virus 40 (SV40) has contaminated covid vaccines. SV40 has been linked to cancer in humans, including mesotheliomas, lymphomas and brain and bone cancers. The finding of this DNA means that the covid shot may have the ability to alter human genes.

Fennel is a perennial plant in the carrot family. Fennel bulbs are low in calories and are high in fiber. Anethole, which gives fennel its unique flavor has anti-inflammatory, anticancer, anti-blood clot and neuroprotective properties. Fennel seed has been used to help with digestion, conjunctivitis and respiratory problems like pneumonia, bronchitis and asthma.

Iron levels and Alzheimer's disease. The human body has a limited ability to excrete iron. This means that iron can build up in your organs, including your brain. Too much iron in the brain causes a degenerative effect which, according to research appears to play a role in the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Normal iron levels in the body should be between 40 and 60 ng/ml. If adult men and non-menstruating women have high iron levels, donating blood two to three times per year will normalize iron levels.



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Tree of Heaven and Spotted Lanternfly Spreading Towards Southeast Minnesota

The public can minimize the effects of two invasive species by detecting and reporting potential sightings

\The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is enlisting the public's help in the early detection efforts of tree of heaven and spotted lanternfly. Tree of heaven is an invasive weed and preferred host for the spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect. These two pests have not been established in the state but are spreading towards Minnesota's southeast border. The public in Goodhue, Houston, Fillmore, Wabasha, and Winona counties can help minimize the potential effects caused by these two pests by detecting and reporting their presence to the MDA.

If tree of heaven is present in these counties, residents will most likely spot it along roadsides and near railways. The trees look similar to staghorn sumac, ash, and walnut trees. It can reach heights of 80 feet and has compound leaves that can be 1-4 feet in length



Adult spotted lanternfly (left), nymph spotted lanternfly (right).

with 11-41 leaflets. The flowers are small, yellowish-green, and arranged in large clusters at the ends of the leaves. It produces winged fruit like maple trees that hang in long clusters. Tree of heaven also emits a strong, offensive odor that distinguishes it from other plants.

Residents in these five counties should be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly starting in mid to late July. The insect larvae are black with white spots, but closer to adulthood are red with spots. In the nymph stage, the pest does not fly; it is black or red with white spots. The adults are large at 1 to 1.5 inches long and are a combination of black, white, and red with spots.

"These two invasives could both be a threat to Minnesota, causing environmental and economic damage if established," said Angie Ambourn, MDA Pest Detection Unit Supervisor. "The public's help in early detection and reporting these invasives is key to suc-



Tree of heaven has smooth leaf edges and winged fruit.

cessful early management efforts."

If you suspect you have seen tree of heaven or spotted lanternfly, report it to the MDA utilizing their Report a Pest service, by emailing reportapest@state.mn.us or calling 1-888-545-6684. More information is available on this early detection effort on the MDA website. You can also help by taking part of a participatory science survey put on through UMN Extension and the MDA.



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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 9th day of May 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Henke.

The following members were present: Mayor Doug Henke, Council Members Kim Helgeson, Lee Sjolander, Mary Bailey, Molly Ryan (left at 7:45 pm)

Absent: None

Also, present: City Administrator Mark Vahlsing, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Attorney Scott Riggs, Administrative Assistant Linda Bean, Public Works Director Wayne Ehrich, Cal Bean, Ed Doyle, Mrs. Doyle

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Ed Doyle addressed the Council on his opinion on the clean-up and the abatement order on the 1 Langford property. He felt that the property owner had met the conditions of the abatement order.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Ryan second by Bailey to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0-0. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Sjolander second by Bailey to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes payment of check numbers, 74760 through 74858; 4502E through 4533E.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS ENGINEERING **2023 Street Improvement Summary** Engineer Olinger provided on update on the status of the Street Improvement Project. He reported that the 2023 street improvement final plans are complete and have been reviewed with public works. The plans are

ready to advertise for bids. **Resolution 2023-09: Approving Plan and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids 2023 Street Improvements**

Motion by Bailey, second by Ryan to adopt Resolution 2023-09. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Pearl Creek Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Engineer Olinger provided on update on the status of the stated that plans for the Pearl Creek Sewer project are complete and ready to advertise for bids.

Update on Easements for Project Engineer Olinger updated the council on the progress of gaining easements for the project.

Resolution 2023-10: Approving Plan and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids 2023 Pearl Creek Sanitary Sewer & Gates Ave Utility Improvements Motion by Helgeson second by Henke to adopt Resolution 2023-10. Motion carried 5-0-0.

LEGAL

Request for City to relocate alley/ROW -Jeff and Ann Traxler

Attorney Riggs stated that Jeff and Ann Traxler are asking for the City to conduct a land swap of right-of-way area that abuts their property to the west. They are request-



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ing the land area to be traded with the City to help with a planned expansion project of their business. They are also applying for a variance related to the proposed building project. A planning commission meeting to consider the variance will be held in late May.

Request for Reasonable Accommodation – Fence

Attorney Riggs stated that the city received a request for Reasonable Accommodation under the Federal Fair Housing Act (FHA). He stated that under this act the cities are required to make reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. A reasonable accommodation is exception or adjustment to regulations or policies to give persons with disabilities equal opportunity to use their property. In this case the property owner is requesting approval to construct a 6-foothigh fence in the front yard. City Code only allows a maximum height of 3 1/2 feet.

Adopt Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance

Motion by Sjolander second by Ryan to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to develop a reasonable accommodation ordinance.

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

Motion carried 5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

Request for Chickens within City Limits The City Attorney provided examples of Chicken ordinances and applications from neighboring communities. City Attorney Riggs reviewed some options for ordinances.

Councilmen Bailey stated that she supported allowing Chickens in the City with restrictions and permitting.

Councilmen Ryan has concerns with enforcement.

Mayor Henke also had concerns with enforcement but he had seen more communities on League of Minnesota Cities Mayors forum that did allow chickens then didn't.

Councilmen Sjolander stated that the City Attorney and administrator should write a draft Chicken ordinance.

Motion by Sjolander second by Bailey to authorize the City Administrator and City Attorney to develop a draft application and ordinance. Motion carried 5-0-0

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



Tell them you saw their ad in The Messenger Aye

Motion carried 4-1-0

Molly Ryan left the meeting at 7:45 pm Solid Waste Hauler Agreement

Administrator Vahlsing stated that the current agreement for Solid Waste hauling with Flom Disposal expires on June 30, 2023. Attorney Riggs developed a new 3-year agreement with Flom Disposal. The new agreement contains increased rates based on CPI increases for the last two years and higher tipping fees at the Red Wing Land Fill.

Motion by Henke, second by Bailey to approve 3-year solid waste hauling agreement with Flom Disposal. Motion Carried 4-0-0

Solid Waste Clean-up Day Update

Administrator Vahlsing stated that a spring clean-up day is scheduled at for Saturday, May 20 from 9:00am to 12:00 pm. at the pool parking lot. The event is open to City residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Memorial Day Parade Permit for May 29, 2023

Mayor Henke stated that the annual Memorial Day parade is going to go down 2nd Street ending with a ceremony at the cemetery.

Motion by Henke, second by Bailey to approve the Memorial Day Parade permit for May 29, 2023.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

LMCIT Liability Coverage Waiver

City Attorney Riggs stated that the City Council is required to decide whether to waive the liability insurance limits. State statutes limit a city's tort liability to a maximum of \$500,000 per claimant and \$1,500,000 per occurrence. These limits apply whether the claim is against the city, against the individual officer or employee, or against both. Cities can choose to waive the state liability limits. Cities can purchase additional insurance coverage up to \$3,000,000 annually.

Motion by Sjolander seconded by Helgeson not to waive the LMCIT State Liability limits. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, May 16th @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 13th @ 7 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Councilmen Sjolander thanked Public Works Superintendent Ehrich and Police Chief Sjoblom for their recent work.

Councilmen Helgeson discussed the upcoming Farmers Market.

City Administrator Vahlsing welcomed new Finance Director Kelly Perry and thanked Deputy Clerk/administrative assistant Holli Gudknecht, Administrative Assistant Linda Bean and Sue Dodds for their work in the interim of the hiring of a new finance director. Chief Jeff Sjoblom stated that the city had

been awarded a grant for new defibrillator units. Motion by Helgeson second by Bailey to

adjourn the meeting at 8:05p.m.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Mark Vahlsing, City Administrator Douglas Henke, Mayor Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Model Rockets



By Terry Campbell This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when its warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

Most of us who grew up in the 50's and 60's were fascinated with rockets. From the sci-fi shows and movies, to JFK promising to put a man on the moon, it seemed like such an exciting future.

Somewhere in the late 50's model rockets became popular. They consisted of a cardboard tube and a dry fuel rocket engine. A balsa wood nose cone at the top and three or four fins on the base that you could paint to look really cool. The nose cone was attached to the main rocket body and a parachute. When the rocket engine was done burning it would ignite a charge that blew the nose cone off and a parachute allowed it to float back to earth gracefully. In theory you could repack the chute, replace the spent engine and launch it again for hours of fun. That was the point where, theory and practice parted ways.

My friend Jim Engvall was the first I remember to get into model rockets. One day in Mr. Wavra's science class we all hiked out to the football field and set up the rocket launcher. It was a textbook launch. A lantern battery was connected to the launch button and the launch pad. A small gauge wire was folded in half and inserted into the rocket engines with alligator clamps to energize the ignitor. A second or two after the launch button was pressed a flame shot out of the tail of the rocket and away it went. Straight up until it flamed out, and then a poof of smoke and the chute deployed. It slowly drifted back to earth. Unfortunately, there was a strong wind out of the west a few hundred feet above terra firma and we all watched the rocket come back to earth and disappear somewhere to the east of the rail road tracks, at least a half mile from where we were standing. Mitch Frederick and I got permission to take the next hour, which was our study hall, to go looking for the wayward rocket. We never found it but we did get to skip an hour of school, so that was a definite plus for us.

I was hooked so I ordered some model rocket kits and engines from Estes Model Rocket company in Colorado. They had a great catalog of every style of rocket one could imagine. This was the year of the moon landing and they sold a great Saturn V rocket, complete with three stages. At halftime during a bowl game at the Houston Astrodome on December 31, 1969 they launched one of



these in front of a sold-out college football crowd. It was perfect, the rocket performed flawlessly and deployed the chute right under the top of the dome, slowly returning to earth buoyed by the parachute.

My mother wasn't quite as keen to the idea of me launching rockets though. I built and painted the rockets and stored them in my bedroom. Most of my rockets were single use, never surviving their maiden flight. I recall we found one hanging from a tree in the wood while we were squirrel hunting in the fall. My mom finally told me I had to store the rocket engines outside in the farm shop. I guess she had trepidation about me storing rocket fuel in my bedroom.

So, one day my friend Gary Runner was over and we were thinking up things to do for fun. Launching a rocket seemed like the thing to do. We thought if we launched it out in the field, we could avoid any trees on reentry. But we discovered that model rocket engines were sensitive to humidity in the farm shop and the little lantern battery would not ignite the engine. So, I got the John Deere with a 24volt battery system and enough amps to fry anything. We stuck a 17gauge electric fence wire into the engine and connected directly to the tractor battery terminals. Model rocket engines which have been impacted by moisture do not burn as uniformly as intended and when that bird took off it was not tracking the way I expected. In fact, before it got fifty feet in the air the rocket made and arc and headed back toward us like a boomerang. Gary and I dove for cover. The rocket hit the dirt and burned out before our eyes. My space dreams were crushed and I figured it would be safer if I stuck with farming.

A Minnesotan: Fireworks



By RosaLin Alcoser

Fireworks are my favorite part of the 4th of July celebration. The large burst of glittering colorful explosions soaring up into the sky are always breathtaking; and extremely loud.

I've watched fireworks displays in a couple of different ways over the years. I've had years where we've watched them go off over the lake. One where they were set off on the porch while we were on that same porch. And others where I saw the whole display through the lens of my camera which was a lot less exciting than watching them without looking through the small viewfinder.

Back when I lived in southern Missouri I was able to watch fireworks while driving home . Mainly because unlike Minnesota Missouri has much looser laws around fireworks. Meaning that people in the city



could just set off as many of whatever kind that they wanted off in their yards; including some that if seen in Minnesota would have come from Wisconsin.

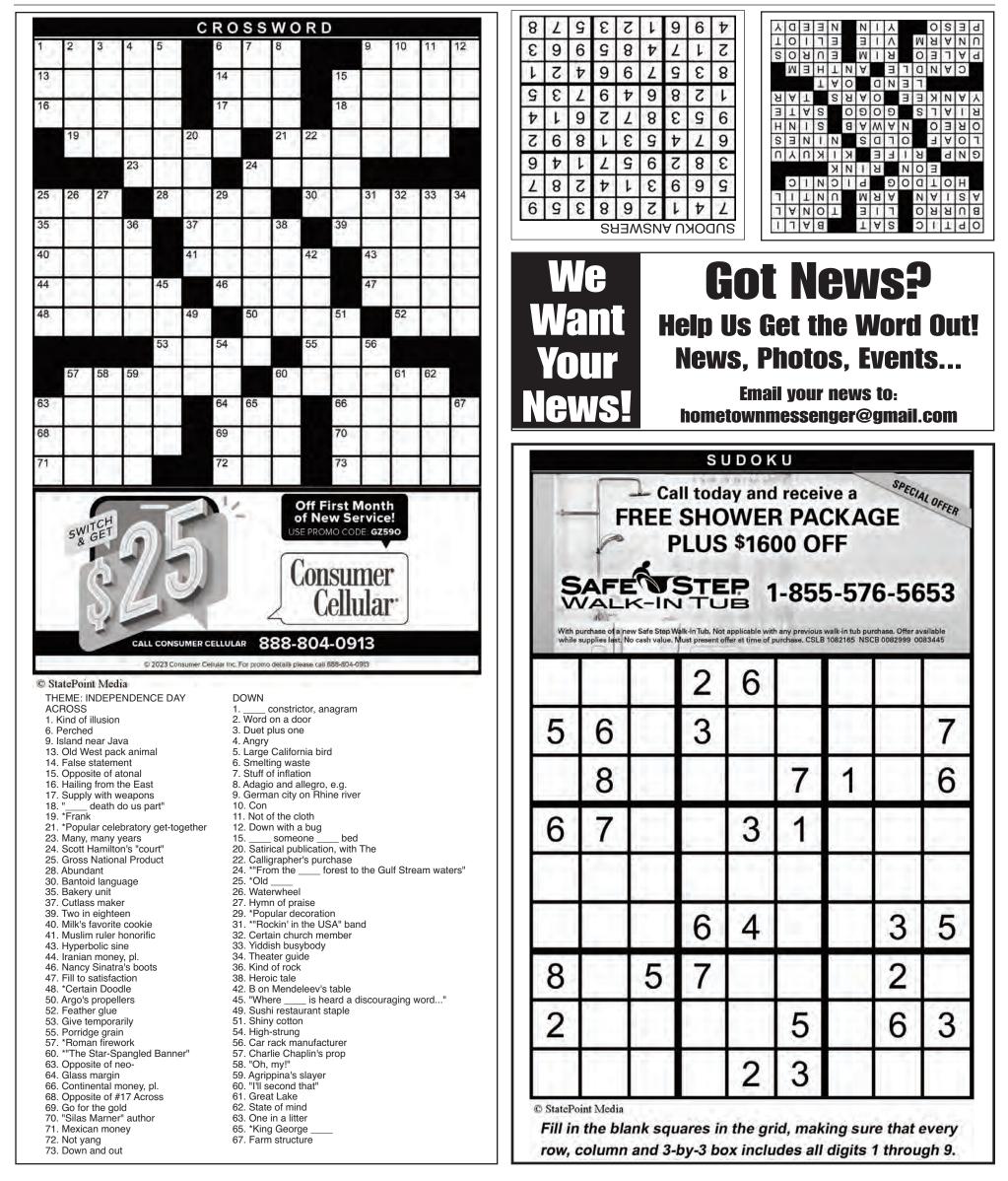
Driving through people setting off fireworks left and right is both really cool and really scary at the same time. It's amazing because you're just surrounded by a massive display of explosions causing the sky to be constantly lit by colorful sparks. Which is also scary because you are surrounded by a massive display of explosions that can make it hard to drive as the sky is in a constant state of being blindingly bright then suddenly dark for half a second. This is an experience that I have only ever experienced in Missouri.

The last two years I have watched the fireworks from my Twin Cities apartment which is definitely a different experience. Mainly due to there being far less on official firework displays going on in the middle of a Minnesota city then there are in the middle of one in Missouri. There were a couple of people setting them off at home far off in the distance that I could kind of see from my window and a couple glimpse from the official displays in the park.



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