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Announcements

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Habitat for Humanity Comes to Wanamingo

By Cheri Roshon



Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a program that is near and dear to my heart. I volunteer whenever I can, and support the Re Store for most of my building needs. This month I would like to focus on the Goodhue County Habitat for Humanity project because Wanamingo is getting a new home built in July for one lucky family.

GCHFH is a non-profit, volunteer-based, ecumenical Christian organization funded primarily by donations and controlled and operated primarily by volunteers. Construction work is mostly completed by volunteers with specialty work by qualified contractors. The organization's Board of Directors is vol-

unteer, as are various committee members. Paid staff currently consists of one full-time Executive Director, three part-time personnel, and one part-time consultant.

GCHFH's primary focus is to help qualified families secure affordable home ownership. GCHFH currently builds new, or renovates existing homes to like-new condition, each year throughout Goodhue County. Since its inception, the Habitat affiliate has helped 47 families acquire safe, stable, affordable housing. Their goal is to provide homes for at least three families each year with plans to increase to five each year. The families help build their own homes and purchase the home with a mortgage that is affordable for them.

Additionally, GCHFH has a Home Revitalization focus consisting of three programs – A Brush with Kindness (paint and aesthetic work), Critical Home Repair (home stabilization – roofs, windows, siding), and Aging in Place (helping older and/or disabled residents safely access and stay in their homes).

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



Stones Cry

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."

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Wanamingo 4th of July



Highlight of last Tuesday's celebration was the parade

(additional pictures on pages 16 & 17)




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Isaiah: "God's Judgement and Salvation"



By Pastor Colin Rueter,
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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 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 rebellion will receive judgment. On the other hand, we see God's faithfulness to His promise of salvation. He will preserve a small remnant of faithful believers, those who will continue on into the glorious renewed world He has prepared for His children at the end of times (65:17-66:24).

SO WHAT?

Isaiah contains one of the clearest expressions of the gospel in all the Old Testament. Even from the first chapter, it is clear the people 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 is whether we will accept His offer.

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 sacrifices to God. We must evaluate our life according 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 neigh-

bors, 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.



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"Tell Me, Please"

The eunuch 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, 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.

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 your love with the people we meet every day. Amen.

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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 Power in Maple Grove, MN.

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

A memorial service for June Ohnstad of Wanamingo was held Tuesday June 13th at 1:00 PM, with visitation one 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, 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 Kenyon, died at his home on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 surrounded by his family.

He was born on October 29, 1938 in Red Wing, Minnesota the son of Manton and Terra

(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 Reserves 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 Kenyon. Pastor Dustin Hader officiated. Interment was in the Holden Lutheran Cemetery with military honors by the Kenyon Color Guard.



Willis R. "Bill" Goodman

Willis R. "Bill" Goodman, 90, of Wanamingo, died on Friday, June 23, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. A memorial service was held on Friday, July 7, 2023 at 11:00am at Trinity Lutheran Church in



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 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) Kylo 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 Kylo, 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

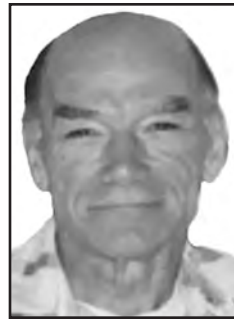
Goodman of Zumbrota, brother-in-law Allen (Dorothy) Koelsch, and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Helen, sisters Margaret "Peg" Kylo and Barbara Goodman, brother Kenneth Goodman, brother-in-law Walton Kylo, 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

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 reception followed the interment at Vang Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory, Northfield. www.biermanfuneralhome.com

Barbara Kerkvliet

Barbara Kerkvliet died Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at the Owatonna 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 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.

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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Robert E. Will

Will, Robert E., age 95, Educator, Community Builder, Humorist, and Family Man, peacefully 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 Lilly Endowment, and the National Science Foundation. Bob retired in 1993 as the Ray-

mond 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 Keita; 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 yellow 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 years.

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.

Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory <https://www.biermanfuneral-home.com>.

Beth Ann Windhorst (Zander)

Beth Ann Windhorst passed away unexpectedly 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 generously gave 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-do attitude 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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These are Minnesota's strongest small banks

BY KEITH SCHUBERT AND ETHAN NELSON
Minneapolis / St. Paul Business Journal

With three major bank failures so far this year, it's evident that those with the most assets aren't always the strongest.

Small, often rural banks, pride themselves on their relationships with their clients, and with the banking industry in tumult, those personal relationships can go a long way to securing a small bank's success.

"The small banks really know their loan customers," said Dave Vang, professor in the department of finance at the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business.

Along with an emphasis on customer relationships, Vang said small banks tend to operate more carefully compared to their larger counterparts.

"[Small banks] tend to operate more conservatively, but that kind of hurts their profitability compared to large banks," he said. "The other downside is because they are small ... they might not have as diversified a loan portfolio."

Vang also noted that smaller banks also tend to have more cash on hand.

"[Small banks] typically end the day with excess reserves, whereas large banks are typically borrowers. And part of that is the recognition that because they're small, they can't be as sophisticated as larger banks," he said.

To help find out which banks are best prepared to succeed, the Business Journal took a look at a few key metrics for Minnesota's more than 250 banks. Since banking practices can vary across institutions of different sizes, we separated the state's banks into three categories based on total assets. For this analysis, we looked only at banks with less than \$150 million in assets.

These following five small banks managed to successfully carve a stable niche of the market



out for themselves and rank as the state's smallest strong banks. They all have small or nonexistent problem loan ratios, and boast a high level of insured deposits:

1. **Marshall County State Bank:** With \$39.2 million in assets, this bank northwest of Thief River Falls is on the smaller side. However, it performs incredibly well across most categories we measured, with no problem loans, a high core capital ratio, and a low loan-to-deposit ratio.
2. **St. Martin National Bank:** This bank, located west of St. Cloud, also has no problem loans. Of note: 100% of St. Martin National Bank's deposits are insured, according to FDIC data.
3. **Security State Bank of Wanamingo:** The Goodhue County bank, which celebrated its 100th birthday in 2018, has a strong core capital ratio, and almost 90% of its deposits are insured by the FDIC. Its income is also highest among the other banks in the top five.
4. **Valley Premier Bank:** With locations in Clay County, Valley Premier Bank has a 0% problem loan ratio and has a fairly strong level of insured deposits.
5. **State Bank of Wheaton:** Located near Minnesota's border with South Dakota, the State Bank of Wheaton has one of the lower loan-to-deposit ratios in the state. While its estimated insured deposit percentage

of 66.9% is pretty low, its lack of problem loans helps make that up.

We ranked each bank by their strength in several different measures and took the average of these ranks to compile their overall ranking. These are the categories we used to determine the strength of banks:

- **Problem-loan ratio:** The percentage of loans in a bank's portfolio that are 90 days past due or no longer accruing interest at the stated rate. The more problem loans a bank accrues, the lower its rank will be.

- **Texas ratio:** This measures the credit problems a bank might be having. It's the sum of a bank's problem loans divided by its equity capital and loan-loss reserves. Ideally, this number should be small. If a bank has a Texas ratio over 100%, it runs the risk of regulators shutting it down.

- **Core-capital ratio:** This measures the reserve capital banks have set aside. Banks are required to have a minimum of 6.5% core capital in reserve to be considered well-capitalized by regulators. The more core capital a bank has in reserve, the better it can address unexpected problems.

- **Loan-to-deposit ratio:** This metric helps determine the flexibility a bank's capital base retains if it faces financial issues. A lower number is better for this ranking.

- **Estimated percentage of insured deposits:** This figure helps determine how much risk exists if a bank is forced to use its capital to cover a flurry of withdrawals. A higher number is better for this ranking.

- **Equity capital:** This is capital that the bank has on hand and can use. Equity capital gives a bank flexibility in its growth strategy.

- **Income:** This figure helps determine how the future of a bank might play out. A bank can be otherwise strong, but if it's not making money, it will appear weaker in this ranking.

Habitat for Humanity Comes to Wanamingo

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These programs can often overlap as they deal with homeowner needs.

They will further expand and support Home Revitalization programs and are researching and pursuing ways and means to achieve results more efficiently and quickly.

You may wonder who would qualify for a home. The decision is based on 3 things, Need, Ability to Repay, and Willingness to Partner.

1) A family must have a need for housing and will qualify based on their current situation. If their home is unfit to live in, or they

are ready to become a homeowner but do not financially qualify for a conventional mortgage, this is the first step.

2) Partner families must demonstrate stable employment and manageable debt to show they can repay the debt on the home. Income guidelines are established by the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program. The monthly payment will be no more than 26% of the family's income, and the taxes and insurance are escrowed into that payment.

3) Willingness to Partner is a part of the guidelines. The family must be able to partner up on the build with a minimum of 200 volunteer hours per adult in the household. Friends and family members can assist as well.

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Mortgages are set for long term stability, and families usually stay in their home long

term. They cannot move in and then sell the home for financial gain. GCHFH monitors everything to make sure all rules are adhered to, and that all payments are being made.

The near-term objective is to continue the Home Construction program for at least three qualified Goodhue County families per year, and to assist at least one family with Home Revitalization needs in each Goodhue County community and some townships each year. GCHFH plans to remain relevant, vital, fresh,

and healthy, which will allow them to grow and adjust as affordable housing needs warrant.

GCHFH is forever grateful for all volunteers and donors have done and continue to do. To learn more about this giving organization, to donate your money, or volunteer your time, go to www.gchabitat.org, and see how you can make a difference in the lives of families in our community!

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

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The inspiration for the new name comes from Luke 19:40.

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.

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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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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 out. 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 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!



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July 16, 2023
Bidding Begins: July 7, 2023
Starts Closing..... July 16, 2023
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 HOBBY FARM AUCTION
 FOR DENNIS HEIMER ESTATE
 2006 Chevy 1500 Pickup, IH 666
 w/Allied Loader, IH 504 Tractor, IH
 284 Tractor w/Mower, (2) Craftsman
 Garden Tractors, Power & Hand
 Tools, Hobby Machinery, Livestock
 Equipment, 75+ Collector Farm Toys &
 Memorabilia, Lawn & Garden Items
July 19, 2023
Bidding Begins: ... July 10, 2023
Starts Closing..... July 19, 2023
Byron, MN
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 CHS Will Sell All of NH3 Equipment
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 Reserve Online Only Public Auction
July 29, 2023 9:00 AM
Windom, MN
 LIVE ONSITE & ONLINE FARM
 RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR THE
 RONALD "RV" VOUGHT ESTATE
 John Deere 7830R, 9520 4wd, 4955,
 4640, 4020 Tractors, John Deere 9660
 Combine, 635F & 608C Heads, Versatile
 976, (2) Peterbilt Semis & Grain Trailers,
 JD 1770 16R30, JD 120 Sbrredder, JD
 2210 Fc, Fast Sprayer, CIH Disk, Grain
 Carts, Augers, Grain Dryer
July 31, 2023 10:00 AM
Zumbro Falls, MN
 LIVE AND ONLINE LIKE NEW JOHN
 DEERE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION
 FOR RON & SHIRLEY ANDERSON
 (2) John Deere 6120E MFWD Tractors
 with Loaders, John Deere 6135E &
 6155M Tractors, John Deere 6615
 2WD Tractor, John Deere 6403
 MFWD Tractor, (3) John Deere 4020
 Tractors, John Deere 3020 Gas
 with Loader, Parker 750 Grain Cart,
 Augers, Snowblower, Rear Blade, John
 Deere 850 Compact, Diesel & Gas
 Generator/Welders, Air Compressors,
 Shop Tools And Farm Support
 Equipment
August 5, 2023 8:30 AM
Kenyon, MN
 AREA FARMERS PRE-HARVEST
 CONSIGNMENT AUCTION
 LIVE AND ONLINE AREA FARMERS
 CONSIGNMENT AUCTION,
 TRACTORS, COMBINES, SEMIS,
 TRAILERS, CONSTRUCTION
 EQUIPMENT, PLANTERS &
 TILLAGE EQUIPMENT, LIVESTOCK
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 AND FARM SUPPORT ITEMS
August 7, 2023
Bidding Begins: ... July 27, 2023
Starts Closing.... August 7, 2023
Dodge Center, MN
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 Property For LaMar Johnson
 Nice 3 Bedroom 1 1/2 Story Home
 With 2 Sheds On A Large Double Lot,
 1923 Ford Model T Roadster, 2018
 Flatbed Trailer, OMC Gas Skid Loader,
 1976 Ford 23' Motorhome, Pressure
 Washer, Cement Mixer, Ladders, Hand
 Tools
August 11, 2023 9:30 AM
New Richland, MN
 LIVE AND ONLINE FARM
 RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR ALLEN &
 JANE NELSON
 John Deere 9650 STS Combine, JD
 893 Corn Head, JD 925 Bean Head,
 John Deere 8760 4WD Tractor, John
 Deere 4440 & 3020 Loader-Tractor,
 International Day Cab Semi, Wilson
 Grain Trailer, Wilmar 8100 Crop
 Sprayer, Planting & Tillage Equipment,
 Parker 500, 525 & 2000 Grain Boxes,
 Grain Bins, Augers, Grain Dryer,
 Holding Bins, Power and Hand Tools,
 Vehicles, Farm Support Items
August 12, 2023 10:00 AM
Delavan, MN
 LIVE & ONLINE LARGE FARM
 RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR GREG &
 ANNETTE JENKINS
 (6) Case IH MFWD & 2WD Tractor,
 Case IH 6088 Combine, Heads, John
 Deere 1770 Planter, Fast Applicator,
 (3) Semis & Grain Trailers, CIH 255
 & 200 Tillage, Roller, Rem Grain Vac,
 Mack Straight Truck, Farm Support
 Equipment
August 19, 2023 10:00 AM
Red Wing, MN
 LIVE AND ONLINE FARM
 RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR EMERY &
 GINNY FITSCHEN
 John Deere 4960 MFWD, John Deere
 4430, Kubota 6800 MFWD, (2) Parker
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 Outbuildings -
 Mature Oak Trees
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Sat. Aug. 12 • 9:30 A.M.
FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION
 Versatile 2375, 4WD, John Deere
 4640 - J.D. 4430 - J.D. 4020 -
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SITE 1: BYRON, MN 55920
 (17) Twin 1000/2000 Gal. NH3 Tanks, B&B SN2900 WG Gears, Brakes, Very Good Condition; (5) Dalton Ag Twin 1000 Gal. NH3 Field Tanks, WNDT-1000 Gears, Rear Tandems; (3) P&H Twin 1000 NH3 Field Tanks, 2887-SB Gears, Rear Brakes; (20) Dalton 1450 Gal. NH3 Field Tanks, Dalton WN-1600 Running Gears; (5) Dalton Ag 1000 Gal NH3 Field Tanks, 30" Rows; 2015 Westmor 30,000 Gal. NH3 Storage Tanks; 1968 Master 18,000 Gal. NH3 Storage Tank, Metal Supports; (2) NH3 Pumps; Load Out Station, (2) Fill Locations; 2009 Peterbilt 389 Day Cab, C-15 Cat, 10 Sp, 680,000 Miles, Sharp; 2005 Peterbilt 379 Day Cab, C-15 Cat, 10 Sp, Wet Kit, Air Slide, Miles Unknown, Nice; 2002 Sterling Straight Truck, Cab & Chassis, Allison Auto, C-10, Double Frame, 510,000 Miles
SITE 2: OSTRANDER, MN 55961
 (22) 1450 Gal. NH3 Field Tanks, Dalton and P&H Gears; (5) Twin 1000 Gal. NH3 Field Tanks, Dalton Walking Tandem Gears; (6) Twin 1000 Gallon NH3 Field Tanks, B-B 5th Wheel Gear, Brakes; (3) Twin 1000 Gal. NH3 Field Tanks, Brakes; (5) 1000 Gal. NH3 Field Tanks, Dalton and P&H Gears; 1975 Trinity Ind. 30,000 Gal. NH3 Storage Tank; 1967 Arrow Tank 18,000 Gal NH3 Storage Tank; Corken NH3 Pump, 7.5hp 3 Phase Pump; (15) Jersey Barriers; (2) Load Stations with Dual Load Stands



SITE 3: GRAND MEADOW, MN 55936
 1971 Trinity Ind. 18,000 Gal. NH3 Storage Tank, Metal Stands; 1965 Flint Ind Corp. 12,000 Gal. NH3 Storage Tank, Metal Stands; Corken Core-Vane NH3 Pump, 10hp 1 Phase Motor; (30) Cement Barriers; Load Station with 2 Fill Stations
SITE 4: WYKOFF, MN 55990 & FOUNTAIN, MN 55935
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SITE 5: CHATFIELD, MN 55923
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SITE 7: CLAREMONT, MN 55924
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August 4 & 5, 2023

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All You Can Eat PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage & Beverages
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
8:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

Saturday Schedule of Events

- 8-11a.m. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** Hosted by Nerstrand-Dennison Fire Dept., and Dennison Community Church \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under, 3 & under FREE. Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice, milk. Under Mainstreet tent.
- 7:30 a.m. **Sign Up for Clutchmen Truck & Tractor Pull at Pull Site**
Truck Pull Riverland Pullers 651-208-4347 • Tractor Pull Dave 507-649-0710
- 8a.m. **Farmers Market Downtown**
Citywide Garage Sales
5K Run Begins at Paul's Plumbing Building, North of Dennison Depot.
For more information text Barbie at 507-581-1021 or e-mail: dennisonvangoffice@gmail.com
Classic Car Show on Mainstreet Presented by Clutchmen Car Club
Trophies at 1:00p.m. Contact Steve King 612-968-9547 or email: kingpin1876@gmail.com
- 8:30a.m. **Euchure at Fireside Lounge** For information, contact Jen Eggum 507-649-0602
- 9a.m. **Truck & Tractor Pull Begins on the Hill**, sign up begins at 7:30a.m.
- 10a.m. **Cow Milking Contest** Main Street, hosted by David Flom Dairy
- 11a.m. **Food Stands Open**
Joel Stenhaug & Jim Tracy Memorial Horseshoe Tournament in City Park Presented by the Dennison Lions
Kids Bingo Under the tent. Presented by Dennison Lions. Ages 3-11.
- 12:30p.m. **Parade Downtown - A Kiddie Parade Leads Off Main Parade** (Ages 12 & Under)
\$100.00 Prize for Best Parade Entry! Sign up at 12:00 p.m. South Mainstreet. Contact Diane at 612-532-0268
- 1-3p.m. **Kids Carnival** Presented by Darwin & Lori Amy and Randolph FFA students
- 1-4p.m. **625 Bar & Grill Foosball Tournament** Sign up at 625 or call 507-782-9061
Live Music at 625 Bar & Grill
- 1:30p.m. **Road Rally** (Line up South side of Elevator) Prizes! Hosted by Dennison Lions Club. Contact Tim at 507-581-6218
- 2p.m. **Kids Pedal Pull on Mainstreet (At Mainstreet intersection)** Sign up begins at 1:30p.m.
- 3:30p.m. **Purse & Gift Card Bingo Under Mainstreet Tent** Presented by Dennison Lions & Fireside Lounge
- 5p.m. **Game Show TBD**
- 7:30p.m.-12a.m. **Live Music from "WRECKLESS" on Mainstreet Stage** 18+ event. No Cover Charge. 21 to drink.
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If we missed your name, please accept our apologies. Your support is appreciated.

Wanamingo 4th of July





2023-24 Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary First Day School Needs

* Please label everything with student's name unless noted "unlabeled" or "to share"

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. 5" X 8" Plastic (No zipper bags)
- 3 Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Composition Notebook
- Backpack (No wheels)
- Tennis Shoes (Velcro if unable to tie)
- 2 Washable Marker 8 pk. Broad Line
- 2 pack low odor EXPO Dry erase markers
- Tissues to share - 1 lg. box (unlabeled)
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Plastic Folder-Red
- 2 Packages Baby Wipes
- 1 Container Clorox/Antibacterial Wipes

1st Grade

- Crayons-24 pack-3 boxes
- 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

2nd Grade (Cont.)

- (1) 4-pack EXPO Dry Erase Markers
- Clorox wipes (to share)

3rd Grade

- (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 1/2 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 Crayons
- (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.

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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 McNamara 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



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

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. *(continued on page 19)*

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Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm

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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 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.



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



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



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



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**City of Wanamingo
Regular EDA Meeting
Monday April 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

**Wanamingo City Council Chambers
401 Main Street
Wanamingo MN**

PRESENT: Brian Gudknecht, Rebecca Haugen, Jim Kittelson, Laurie Musselman and Annette Fritz

ABSENT: Ryan Holmes & Josh Schaefer
ALSO PRESENT: Michael Boulton, Melissa Meyers – Zumbrota News Record, and Josh McGovern – Kenyon Leader

Brian Gudknecht called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ADOPT AGENDA: Fritz motioned, seconded by Haugen to adopt. Approved 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Kittelson motioned, seconded by Musselman to approve. Approved 5-0-0.

PRESENTERS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 23-04 Approving Execution of a Lease Agreement with Heidi Smith. Kittelson moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Boulton explained Smith would be going into a roughly 400 square foot suite for \$240/month. The loss of revenue from current lease of \$464.40, will be picked up by Mead Johnson & Company LLC lease. Passed 5-0-0.

Resolution 23-05 Approving Execution of a Lease Agreement with Mead Johnson & Company LLC. Musselman moved to approve, seconded by Kittelson. Boulton explained that Mead Johnson Company LLC would be taking over Heidi Smith space and renovating. Mead Johnson Company LLC will go from \$1,000/month rent to \$1,325/month for the additional space. Passed 5-0-0.

Resolution 23-06 Approving the 2022 EDA Portion of the Wanamingo City Audit. Haugen moved to approve, seconded by Kittelson. Administrator Boulton went over the EDA accounts of importance, including 251 EDA, 306 (Cenex Industrial Park), 331 (Cenex 4th Bond Fund), and 604 (Medical Center). Boulton provided a memo on the audit. Funds ending 12/31/2022 balances and plans going forward for each fund.

Administrator Boulton presented Smith Schafer & Associates PowerPoint presentation for the EDA centered funds as well. Boulton shared concerns regarding the Medical Center as it owes the general fund \$44,121 at the end of 2022. Boulton stated that there may need a future transfer or levy request to the Council to ensure needed cash-flow to make the bond payments if two of the four suites remain vacant. Passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Boulton provided an update to the EDA on the Medical Center improvements.

Reckitt/Mead Johnson is nearly finished renovating the front and back suites of Wanamingo Medical Center building. The EDA was informed of Reckitt's request to renovate a smaller space in the existing Suite 2 (currently leased by Reckitt/Mead Johnson) for roughly 400 square feet. The renovation is completed and Heidi Smith has moved into the new suite. Suite 3 (774 square feet) and Suite 4 (1,328 square feet) are proposed be put together to make one suite – 2,102 square feet. The work on suite 4 has been completed while the work on suite 3 will start this week. Heidi Smith new lease would be for \$240/month rent. Reckitt/Mead Johnson

would now have new suite 3 (732 square feet) and new suite 4 (2,102 square feet). Reckitt/Mead Johnson new lease would be for \$1,325/month rent. The newly combined lease dollar amounts of Heidi Smith and Reckitt Mead Johnson will not change from the current leases to the proposed new leases. However, the percentage in share of monthly utility bills will change based upon square footage. All other terms of current leases should stay the same.

Reckitt/Mead Johnson has agreed to pay for the renovations to the proposed Heidi Smith space and the space Heidi currently leases. Reckitt/Mead Johnson has agreed to pay the \$450 from Kennedy & Graven to update the lease agreements.

A planned EDA Board site visit will be scheduled once the renovations are completed. This could be at the May or June EDA Board meeting, depending upon the need for the next meeting. The board members will have the ability to see the building through a tour of the facility.

Musselman stated that Olmsted Medical Center plans to open the Wanamingo clinic location back up on April 25th. OMC plans to be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00AM-5:00PM, closed for lunch 12:00PM-1:00PM.

There being no further business Kittelson made a motion seconded by Musselman to adjourn the EDA meeting at 6:18PM. Approved 7-0-0.

Brian Gudknecht, President
Michael Boulton, Director

**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, June 12, 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, Rebecca Haugen, and Eric Dierks (Late)
City Administrator: Michael Boulton
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Cobus Peens, Gary Floan, 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: Dierks motioned, seconded by Ohr. Passed 4-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

- A) Cobus Peens reported on:
 - 1) Floorcoat Midwest completed manhole casting adjustment work and injected one manhole with grout to plug leak.
 - 2) Put up welcome to Wanamingo 4th of July banner
 - 3) Both water tower sites have been graded and hydroseeded. Downtown location is being watered so that there is grass for the 4th of July celebration.

4) Replaced leaking water service line on Nelson Drive. B & N Construction poured new curb/gutter that had been removed during the underground work. Hoping to schedule asphalt work with other asphalt work late summer or early fall.

5) Swimming pool is up and running for the season. There were roughly \$7,500 in building and equipment repairs that include kiddie pool bleach/chlorine system, painting (blue instead of white) pool, new filter median (rock & sand) for water filters, new filter to collect sediment, and an assortment of piping

to repair leaks within the bathhouse filtration/heating system.

6) Mowed and trimmed along MN TH 60 & MN TH 57 ditch and utility poles. Mowed at the WWTP, community garden, undeveloped lot boulevards, and other various areas around town.

7) Sprayed weeds along curb/gutters of streets, downtown sidewalks, and parks.

8) Burned brush pile at City dump

9) Jetted plugged drain line located on the north side of Hill Circle homes running between Hill Avenue and the ballfields.

10) Replaced 200-gallon non-potable water tank with two, 275-gallon totes at the Community Garden. This will increase capacity for watering from 200 gallons to 550 gallons.

The house and brass fittings that attach to the hydrant have been removed due to concerns of the public damaging the hydrant that the tank, and now totes, are filled from.

11) Staff have completed street sweeping along the streets every two weeks.

Holmes asked how long it took to change out the filter median in the swimming pool filter tanks. Peens stated that it took parts of three days to chisel and vacuum out the swimming pool filter tanks. The new filter median seems to be helping with water clarity in the pool compared to the last two years. Holmes stated that the Wanamingo Memorial Day program honoring America's fallen soldiers went well. Tom Ersland was the keynote speaker while Mayor Holmes, Pastor Rueter, and Wanamingo VFW Commander Gary Floan all spoke. The program was well attended by the public on a beauti-

ful day.

Administrator Boulton provided a memo regarding a proposed street salt-sand storage shed. The current salt-sand shed is constructed utilizing 4' x 2' x 2' concrete blocks with a wood framed roof. There is no floor (ground) while the roof height is not adequate for the skid loaded to push up a pile of material. This makes loading even more difficult while already dealing with the elements. There is concern with salt-sand being exposed to ground elements and washing into street. Area Cities are migrating away from spreading only salt-sand mixture. Most area cities also spread direct salt. Wanamingo would like to have a salt option to spread on the road when there is ice to assist with melting when there are not traction issues. The Wanamingo City staff ordered 40 tons of salt from the MNDOT cooperative purchasing for the upcoming winter. The only place to store the material is on the concrete outside of the shop covered by a tarp. An upgraded street salt-sand shed would be a savings on maintenance time, a savings on street maintenance material costs, and better for the environment (not having sand down storm drains).

Brad Kennedy obtained quotes to construct a new street salt-sand shed. The shed would have room for both salt-sand mixture and for salt piles. B & N Construction provided a \$17,900 quote for a 24' x 30' heavy floating slab type foundation with 10" thick 6' high walls on three sides. A 5' x 25' apron between the structure and curb would be included in the price. *(continued on page 21)*

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The other option would be a 24' x 30' \$9,750 quote for a heavy floating slab with a 5' x 25' apron curb. This would require constructing the walls fully out of wood. This would require block wood with tongue and groove to handle the pressure of a wall. The wood material cost for the sidewalls is similar to the cost of concrete. Concrete will last longer and is more durable than wood. Kennedy obtained a quote from Pine Island Lumber of \$6,233.66 for materials on the remaining portion of the studded walls cdx plywood (6' to 12' height of walls) and roof. It is an additional \$1,500 to place steel on the walls. The estimated cost of the project is \$24,123.66 (plus an additional \$1,500 to place steel on the walls). The maintenance staff would plan to construct the walls.

The proposed plan is to pay for the proposed \$24,123.66 salt-sand shed out of the Storm Water Fund. The shed will allow for less sand usage. This will send less sand into the storm drains and keep more sand off the streets in the spring (less street sweeping and cleaning out of storm lines). The Storm Water Fund has \$51,429 in it at the end of 2022. The Nelson Drive storm water pond clean out bill has not been received by the City, but should be around \$15,000. The Storm Water Fund generates roughly \$26,500 per year in revenue. At the end of 2023 the Storm Water Fund should have roughly \$62,900. If the salt-sand shed project is paid for out of the Storm Water fund it would end up with roughly \$38,700 at the end of 2023.

Flotterud asked how much salt/sand and salt the City utilizes each snow season. Boulton stated that the City ordered 70 ton of salt for the first time through MNDOT cooperative purchasing for 2023/2024 season. Boulton stated that the City obtains roughly 70-100 ton of salt/sand from Goodhue County as part of an agreement for snow removal on the County Road around the school. Ohr asked of the proposed shed would have a dividing wall. Peens stated no, since the dividing wall would decrease available space. Peens stated that the proposed shed would have separate piles of salt/sand and salt. Peens stated that portions of the piles could mix helping dilute the sand usage on some loads. Peens stated that straight salt would help to melt ice. The sand material does not work with colder weather. There tends to be too much sand placed on the roads each winter to assist with ice and traction. Peens stated that the payloaders do not have enough down pressure to break up and remove ice from the streets without the assistance of straight salt. Peens stated that the salt/sand mixture tends to clump leading to chunks on the road. The maintenance staff need to sweep the streets multiple times in the spring to remove the sand from the streets. Flotterud and Haugen wished to review area salt/sand sheds for ideas on how to construct. Boulton reminded the Council that the footprint of the current and proposed shed does not allow for certain types of sheds to be constructed. Boulton stated that he and Kennedy had put together the options and costs that work on the location. Boulton stated that the lead time is 6-8 weeks for rafters and that the concrete contractor requires similar time for scheduling the work. Boulton stated that the Council should be involved with the proposed salt shed building and cost/budgeting policy and let staff handle the construction details. Ohr stated that the concrete could be installed with a tarped

roof this winter if costs were a concern. Flotterud stated that the expensive part of the shed is the concrete and that it would not make sense to do only the concrete. Dierks moved to schedule B & N construction for the proposed concrete with, with walls, with no work to begin before the July City Council meeting with intentions of seeking Council approval, seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 23-032 – Adopting 2023 3rd Quarter Maintenance Work Plan: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-033 - Setting Date for Budget Workshop City Council Meeting: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-034 – Declaring Wanamingo 4th of July Celebration a Community Event within the City of Wanamingo: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-035 – Accepting 2023 4th of July Fireworks Monetary and In-Kind Donation: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Mayor Holmes thanked all parties for the monetary and in-kind donations for the fireworks display. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-036- Approving Separate Land Lease Agreements with WANA-PRO PLLC, 890 3rd Avenue LLC, and Concast Inc. for the July 3rd Fireman's Dance and 4th of July Fireworks: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-037 – Certifying Delinquent Utility Bills and Other Services to the Goodhue County Auditor for Collection with 2024 Real Estate Taxes: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Boulton stated that the City usually certifies delinquent utilities in March and October. Boulton stated that one of the properties is being foreclosed with a substantial utility bill balance. Boulton stated that the City needs to ensure payment through certification before the bank takes over the property. The other property is a rental with a new property owner in the past year. Administrator Boulton spoke with the property owner regarding the property owner's first tenant's balance. The tenant only rented for a few months but only made one utility bill payment. The landlord refused to pay the balance and staff recommends certification. Mayor Holmes asked if anyone wished to contest the certifications. No input was given. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-038- Approving Pay Request (Invoice) No. 1- Final for Floorcoat Midwest, LLC on Manhole Casting Adjustment Work: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that there ended up being thirty-five (35) manhole adjustments and one (1) manhole was injected with grout to stop groundwater from getting into the sanitary sewer system. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-039- Approving Pay Request No. 8 to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. for the Cenex Water Tower Portion of the 2022 Utility Improvements: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Boulton stated that the work is substantially complete with a couple of items left on the punch list. The City will hold 5% retainer for one-year warranty, starting after the punch list along with submitting a completed IC 134 Form. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-040- Adopting the Standards Necessary for the City of

Wanamingo to be Designated as a Purple Heart City: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Mayor Holmes stated that he was approached by Colonel Richard J. Johnson USMC (Retired) about Wanamingo becoming a Purple Heart City. Wanamingo is supposedly the only City in Goodhue County that is not a Purple Heart City. Wanamingo has numerous veterans that have been awarded the Purple Heart, both living and deceased. Holmes stated that the first two signs are free. Holmes stated that the plan would be to purchase two additional signs so that there would be enough signs to be installed on all four of the population signs. Floan thanked the Wanamingo City Council for adopting the standards to become a Purple Heart City. Passed 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Boulton provided a North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District group update. The Legislature passed the 2023 Capital Investments (Bonding) Bill at the end of Session providing \$10 million for Phase I of the North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District. The House passed the bill 97-35 on May 23rd and the Senate Passed the bill 56-11 on May 22nd. Governor Walz signed the \$2.6 billion bill on June 1st to become law. The North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District group continues to meet monthly. The legislative committee would like to thank all those involved with obtaining the request. The list includes, but is not limited to Senator Jasinski, Senator Drazkowski, Representative Jacob, Representative Daniels, Representative Altendorf, the Senate and House Capital Investments Committee Members, the Legislature, Governor Walz and staff (MMB & MPCA), the Senate and House staff, Prairie Island Indian Community and lobbyists, Winthrop & Weinstine, the Communities' Engineering Firms, Minnesota Rural Water, the Communities Elected Official, the Communities Staff, and all the others who assisted in the process.

The \$10 million appropriations are expected to be available in Fall 2023. However, expenditures after June 1st will be eligible for reimbursement. There is a lot of work that needs to be done over the next year.

The working group has been working with Kennedy & Graven Law Firm to put together a Joint Powers Agreement between Goodhue, Pine Island, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota. The agreement will put together a formal executive board which will govern the use of the \$10 million. The Joint Powers Agreement will be brought to the City Councils for consideration of approval at the July meetings.

The working group has been working with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on how the project design and permitting for the future plant is to proceed. The working group has had initial conversations with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority who will be administering the \$10 million.

It's hard to believe but the working group is already putting together the Minnesota Management & Budget application for 2024 capital investments requests. The staff has a draft application that will be submitted before June 16th. The Councils will have Capital Request resolutions to consider at the July City Council meetings for the Phase II request. The initial \$10 million Phase I is for pre-design, design, land acquisition, and other work in preparation for construction. Phase I is being paid 100% by the State. Phase II would be for construction of the waste water treatment plant, collection lines, detention ponds, and decommissioning of the existing

sewer plants. Phase II would include a Capital Request of \$44.8 million to the State. The total costs for Phase II are \$99.6 million, which includes the State 17.07% inflationary factor. The Cities will need to discuss retaining Winthrop & Weinstine's lobbyist services for the 2024 Legislative Session. An end of July social gathering will take place. This will be a chance to thank area legislators for their work on the bill. A formal invitation will be sent out in the future.

Flotterud asked if the City was fully committed to the project and the long-term financial costs. Flotterud stated that he had concerns if costs of the overall project increase significantly. Boulton stated that the \$10 million from the State would be for pre-design, design, land acquisition, and getting the district legal work set up for the district. Boulton stated that the proposed Joint Powers Agreement will have a withdrawal clause for each of the communities. The clause will state a 120-day notice and no refund for any portion of contribution will be given. Boulton stated that the Phase II capital request to the legislature would need to be fully approved to move forward. Boulton stated that the Wanamingo waste water treatment plant is near the end of its life cycle, is rapidly deteriorating, and needs to be replaced within the decade. Boulton said that the capital costs by the utility rate payer/tax payer of Wanamingo is less upfront and long-term by being a member the North Zumbro Sanitary sewer district rather than building a stand-alone plant. The cost share difference is \$4-\$6 million for the sewer district compared to \$10-\$15 million for a stand-alone plant after outside funding (Federal and State) is factored. It does not make financial sense for Wanamingo to back out of the sewer district. Flotterud asked about the project planning and how much say the Council would have on the project. Boulton stated that the Joint Powers Agreement lays out an executive board consisting of one member per community with defined alternates. Boulton stated that this board will be the decision-making body and that the Councils would receive updates, but would not be directly involved in the decision making. Boulton stated that he and Mayor Holmes had discussed recommending Administrator Boulton as Wanamingo's director while Council Member Ohr would be recommended as the alternate. Boulton stated that if someone else from the Council or staff wishes to be the director or alternate, they are welcome to discuss with Mayor Holmes regarding the appointment. Ohr asked when the Council would discuss the groundwater inflow and infiltration issues with clay lines. Ohr stated that Wanamingo can not afford to send ground water with its waste once the sewer district is up and running. Boulton stated that most of the inflow and infiltration is in the 20-25 blocks of clay sewer lines in the older area of town. Boulton estimates the cost to replace the clay sewer lines, manhole, and restoration to be \$2 million to \$3 million. Boulton stated that a proposed street reconstruction project in 2025 will have a few blocks of clay sewer line replacement included. Boulton stated that there is not a master plan to replace all clay sewer lines and older manholes.

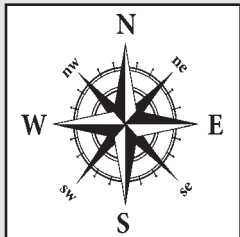
*Next City Council meeting on 7/10/2023 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 8:05 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Ohr and seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest: Michael Boulton, City Administrator

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 it's 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 re-entry. 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 an 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; includ-



ing 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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ACROSS

- Kind of illusion
- Perched
- Island near Java
- Old West pack animal
- False statement
- Opposite of atonal
- Hailing from the East
- Supply with weapons
- "_____ death do us part"
- *Frank
- *Popular celebratory get-together
- Many, many years
- Scott Hamilton's "court"
- Gross National Product
- Abundant
- Bantoid language
- Bakery unit
- Cutlass maker
- Two in eighteen
- Milk's favorite cookie
- Muslim ruler honorific
- Hyperbolic sine
- Iranian money, pl.
- Nancy Sinatra's boots
- Fill to satisfaction
- *Certain Doodle
- Argo's propellers
- Feather glue
- Give temporarily
- Porridge grain
- *Roman firework
- *"The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Opposite of neo-
- Glass margin
- Continental money, pl.
- Opposite of #17 Across
- Go for the gold
- "Silas Marner" author
- Mexican money
- Not yang
- Down and out

DOWN

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- Word on a door
- Duet plus one
- Angry
- Large California bird
- Smelting waste
- Stuff of inflation
- Adagio and allegro, e.g.
- German city on Rhine river
- Con
- Not of the cloth
- Down with a bug
- _____ someone _____ bed
- Satirical publication, with The
- Calligrapher's purchase
- *"From the _____ forest to the Gulf Stream waters"
- *Old _____
- Waterwheel
- Hymn of praise
- *Popular decoration
- *"Rockin' in the USA" band
- Certain church member
- Yiddish busybody
- Theater guide
- Kind of rock
- Heroic tale
- B on Mendeleev's table
- "Where _____ is heard a discouraging word..."
- Sushi restaurant staple
- Shiny cotton
- High-strung
- Car rack manufacturer
- Charlie Chaplin's prop
- "Oh, my!"
- Agrippina's slayer
- "I'll second that"
- Great Lake
- State of mind
- One in a litter
- *King George _____
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 Wednesday 2pm-10pm
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Tuesday, August 8th - 7:00 PM
 Lawnmower Derby and Power wheels FREE EVENT!

Wednesday, August 9th - 7:00 PM
 Auto Cross
 Adults: \$15 • Under 12: \$9

Thursday, August 10th - 6:30 PM
 Truck & Tractor Pull
 Adults: \$12 • Under 12: \$7

Friday, August 11th - 7:00 PM
 Autocross
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Saturday, August 12th - 5:00 PM
 Demolition derby:
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Wednesday, August 9th
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Thursday, August 10th
 Goodhue County Ag Day

Friday, August 11th
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Saturday, August 12th
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