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Casey's Comes to Wanamingo

By Cheri Roshon

Ag Partners Coop, formerly known as Farm Country Coop, has been a Wanamingo business for 26 years. Combining a farm store with a gas station is something I had never seen before, so I was intrigued. I stopped in to check it out, and found some major changes in the works.

Farm Country coop was originally the owner of the C-Store and Energy Department.

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Goodhue County Dairy Royalty Crowned

The 2023 Goodhue County Dairy Princess banquet was held on Saturday, April 1st at the Goodhue Lions Community Center in Goodhue. After a catered meal, the candidates each gave a short speech on dairy topics including the nutritional value of dairy products in a healthy diet. Earlier in the day the candidates went through formal interviews with judges and learned about topics related to successfully promoting the dairy industry. The young women will now have the opportunity to attend the Midwest Dairy Association's May Dairy Promotion and Leadership Event with a chance to run for the title of Minnesota's Princess Kay of the Milky Way.

The 2023 Goodhue County Dairy Royalty crowned were as follows:

Natalie Clementson, daughter of Brian and Tiffany Clementson of Zumbrota

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The 2023 Goodhue County Dairy Royalty - Kelsey Holst, Caryn Miklas, Evelyn Schefler, & Natalie Clementson. Missing, Emma Eggenberger (stuck in South Dakota due to the snowstorm).

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Abounding Hope Counseling is here to Help

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Heidi Smith

grief counseling, and her business name is

Tucked away in the back office of Olmsted Medical Group on Main Street in Wanamingo, I met a very special lady, Heidi Smith. She is a licensed professional clinical counselor, specializing in Christian based

Abounding Hope. She opened her Wanamingo location last April, and has been working here ever since.

Heidi has been married to her husband Dirk for 36 years, and they have 3 children and 3 grandchildren, and have lived in the Pine Island area for the past 18 years. Originally a city girl, she says she loves being in a rural setting now, and loves walking her dogs, water-skiing and being with friends.

Heidi grew up in Iowa knowing she wanted to be able to help people in crisis. This became very apparent when her brother in law died in his sleep at age 37, leaving behind a

wife and 5 children. As she worked through the grief of losing a loved one, she began to think about grief counseling to help people in crisis deal with the pain of loss.

As she was working in both inner-city and rural church youth groups, she started hearing kids talking about struggles with suicide, self-harm and depression, and wanted to equip herself to come alongside youth and help them out of the dark places they seemed to be going into. She started taking classes at Liberty University in Virginia online and completed her counseling degree in 2014.

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Proverbs: "Wisdom for Life"



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

Proverbs: [/prah-vurbz/] noun --- a short saying that expresses a universal truth for practical, righteous living. From the Hebrew root word meaning "to be like".

The Book of Proverbs main author is King Solomon. Solomon's name appears in 1:1, 10:1, and 25:1. We may also presume Solomon collected and edited proverbs other than his own. The final two chapters identify Agur (30:1) and King Lemuel (31:1) as their authors, though the identities of these men remain mysterious in history. Solomon's proverbs were written prior to his death in 931 B.C. During his reign as king, the nation of Israel reached its pinnacle spiritually, politically, culturally, and economically. As indicated by the beginning of chapter 25, the text

stayed in the southern kingdom of Judah and Hezekiah's men compiled more of Solomon's proverbs to completion prior to the end of Hezekiah's reign in 631 B.C.

OVERVIEW:

It is difficult to give an overview for the Book of Proverbs. Unlike many other books of Scripture, there is no particular plot or storyline found in its pages; likewise, there are no principal characters in the book. It is wisdom that takes center stage—a grand, divine wisdom that transcends the whole of history, peoples, and cultures. In this book, the mind of God is revealed in matters high and lofty and in matters common and ordinary. No topic is outside the reach of godly wisdom. Matters pertaining to personal conduct, sexual relations, business, wealth, charity, ambition, discipline, debt, raising children, character, alcohol, politics, revenge, and godliness are all covered within the pages of this text, unlike other books of the bible.

If we wanted to get a main theme from this book, it is from chapter 1, verse 7: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom..." The desire to be wise, that is right knowledge with right action, begins with a respect, awe, and worship of the Triune God of the Bible [Father, Son, Holy Spirit]. Our fear of the Lord's wrath and justice is what drives us to Christ, who is the embodiment of God's wisdom as expressed in His glorious plan of redemption for mankind. In Christ, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3), we find the answer to our search for wisdom, the remedy for our fear of God, and the "righteousness, holiness and redemption" that we so desperately need (1 Corinthians 1:30). The wisdom that is found only in Christ is in contrast to

the foolishness of the world which encourages us to be wise in our own eyes. Proverbs tells us that the world's way is not God's way (Proverbs 3:7) and the world's ways lead only to death (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). When we reach the end of the text, we can see wisdom involves appropriating a measure of humility, first before God and then before others.

SO WHAT?

The "So what?" for this book is straight forward. Read it, then live it. Read it, then act upon its applications. This book shows us that God cares about the monumental moments in our lives, but more importantly, the ordinary, day-to-day moments as well. From rising in the morning to walking through each day, we start by fearing the LORD and then walking according to His word. Most of the proverbs are pithy statements overflow-

ing over with imagery from the real world. This approach allows us to see very clearly how particular proverbs might be applied to any number of daily situations we encounter. Allow Proverbs to grab your attention on all the hidden moments of your life, the "small" circumstances that go unnoticed, and follow the LORD faithfully through them. Do you long to be wise, my friends? Read God's word, fear Him, and live accordingly.

Next month, we will learn about the Book of Ecclesiastes, reflections about life from "the old Preacher." May God bless you and keep you until then!

I would love to hear from you, pray for you, and encourage you. Reach out to me via email: Colin@nlcwanamingo.org or by phone: 507-824-3019.

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— Philippians 4:7

During this month in our reflections on peace, we have dug into the Scriptures and human history, dived into our memories, and revisited some of life's most challenging experiences. We have prayed and contemplated. In this world filled with wars, violence, and pain, we have sought to find God's shalom.

Today let's look again at some verses from Philippians 4. Paul wrote this letter from a jail in Rome, where he was awaiting a verdict from the imperial court. Despite the sad circumstances of Paul's imprisonment for Jesus' sake, this letter is often called his epistle of thanks and joy.

In our verses today Paul calls his readers first of all to "rejoice in the Lord." It's a command that he repeats: "Rejoice!" The reason for this unyielding joy is simple: the Lord is with us. In the person of Jesus Christ and through his Holy Spirit, the loving God is never far away from his children. Paul also reminds us to be gentle and caring toward others. That's how we reflect Christ to them. And he encourages us not to be anxious about anything but to trust in the Lord completely, presenting our requests with thanks.

When we live with joy, gentleness, thanks, and trust in the Lord, the incredible peace of God fills us. It "guards [our] hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Have you found his incredible peace?

Merciful God, thank you for being near. Teach us to rely on you. Lead us to live with joy, gentleness, and trust in you, and fill us with your incredible peace. Amen.

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Loretta Beatrice Bjorngaard Broas

Loretta Beatrice Bjorngaard Broas, 103, died December 24, 2022, at Zumbrota Health Services with family by her side.

She was born to Ned and Minnie (Grove) Bjorngaard on August 16, 1919 in rural Wanamingo. She grew up on the family farm. Loretta was baptized and confirmed at Lands Lutheran Church. When she was 18 she moved to California and had many careers in the service industry, her favorite was retail.

She married Edward Broas April 20th, 1945.



They made their home in Long Beach, California. They were together for over 50 years and had 2 daughters, Adele and Susan. She moved back to Zumbrota after Ed's passing.

Loretta loved helping people and was involved with several non-profit groups such as Girl Scouts, Fleet Reserve Auxiliary, VFW and various church groups. She loved being a mother, grandmother, gardening and reading.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota with Pastor David Krinke officiating. Visitation will be at Lands Lutheran Church from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27th and one hour prior to the service at the church.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan

(Tim) Hazen; grandchildren, Christopher and Allison Trent, Courtney, Brett (Jen), Tim Jr, and Robert (Jill) Hazen, Jamie Tierce-Trent; great-grandchildren Ethan, Nolan, Alex, Emily, and Natalie Hazen; sisters, Rose Durhman and Sharon Bjorngaard; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ed; daughter, Adele; her siblings Joel, Thelma, Norman and Vernon Bjorngaard.

Memorials are preferred to Lands Lutheran Church or the donors choice.

The family wants to thank Zumbrota Health Service and Mayo Hospice Services for their care and support.

Kenyon. She graduated from Kenyon High School in 1947 and was the St. Paul Fire Queen that same year.

On September 22, 1947 she married the love of her life Howard Held at Holden Lutheran Church and the couple was blessed with three children, Susan, Julie, and Jon.

Howard and Mardell owned and operated Held Chevrolet and Held Bus Service in Kenyon.

She is survived by her children Susan (Steve) Goldammer of Zumbrota, Julie Dyr-dahl of Kenyon, Jon (Mary) Held of Kenyon; grandchildren, Sara (Mark) Mangan, Jesse (Krystle) Jensen, Angela (Mike Temple) Anderson, Jay (Natalie) Anderson, Sally (Louise) Grove, Billy Dyr-dahl, Joseph (Bri) Jensen, Jana (Ethan) Eggert, and Andrew (Tanya) Dyr-dahl; 17 great-grandchildren; and brother Roger (Anita) Kindseth.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jay "Howard" Held; parents Albin and Genevieve Kindseth; brother Allan "Bud" Kindseth; and sister Audrey Nesseth.

Visitation was at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenyon on Friday, April 7th, 2023 from 1PM to 2PM. Funeral services followed the visitation at 2PM. Pastor Julie Rogness officiated. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery in Kenyon.

Mardell Helen Held

Mardell Helen Held, 94, of Kenyon, died Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Zumbrota Health Services Center.

She was born January 10, 1929 in Kenyon, Minnesota the daughter of Albin and Genevieve (Vox-land) Kindseth. She was baptized and confirmed at Holden Lutheran Church in



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God bless those who don't have a warm place to sleep tonight or any food to eat.

-Rachel Nesseth

On Saturday, April 22 we would like to invite you to go for a walk in the park and drop off a non-perishable food item or a blanket in memory of Rachel.

The above prayer is one that she spoke at dinner every night from the time she was a toddler. In celebration of Rachel's birthday, we will collect food and blankets so that her Light will continue to shine in our community. We will distribute to local food shelves and shelters.

We would also like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, kindness and messages of comfort these past months. Your many acts of support and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us. We miss her every day, and we know that we will see her again through faith in Jesus Christ!

-Rachel's family

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In Memory of Rachel Nesseth
On her 19th Birthday

"God bless those who don't have a warm place to sleep tonight or any food to eat."

-Rachel Nesseth

Food and Blanket Drive

Saturday, April 22, 2023
10:00am – 2:00pm

Trailhead Building
(across from the Zumbrota Library)

We would like to invite you to go for a walk in the park in Zumbrota on Rachel's birthday. We will be collecting new blankets and food items to be donated to local food shelves and shelters. Items can be dropped off at the Trailhead Bldg. near City Hall, across from the Zumbrota Library.

Spring Flood Run Means Riders Are Back Out On Minnesota Roads

Motorists should exercise extreme caution along scenic river routes

By Goodhue County Health & Human Services

Motorists should use extra caution this weekend along the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers as thousands of motorcyclists take to

the road for the Spring Flood Run (www.flood-run.com). Spring Flood Run on Saturday, April 15. The route takes riders between the Twin Cities and Winona.

Motorcyclists and motorists can work together to make the Spring Flood Run a safe event. Riders should take safety into their own hands and motorists are encouraged to always look twice for motorcycles.

Law enforcement agencies in Goodhue County including the Minnesota State Patrol and local police and sheriff's offices along the route in Minnesota and Wisconsin will have increased patrols in the area, watching for speeding and impaired driving or riding.

Goodhue County Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) and the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Motorcycle Safety Center offer these safety tips for motorists and motorcyclists:



Motorists

Watch for motorcycles. Due to the smaller size of motorcycles, their speed and distance is more difficult to judge.

Always look twice before entering a roadway, turning left or changing lanes.

Give riders room by maintaining a three-second following distance and check blind spots.

Pay attention and drive at safe speeds, especially on unfamiliar roads.

Riders

Be prepared for inattentive drivers by staying focused on riding, keeping your speed in check and maintaining a two-second following distance.

Wear the gear. Motorcyclists are highly encouraged to wear a DOT-approved helmet and brightly colored protective gear for visibility and protection.

Don't drink and ride. Every year about one-third of all motorcycle fatalities involve impaired riders.

Abounding Hope Counseling is here to Help

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After graduating she did an internship Gerard Residential Treatment Center in Austin, MN, which is a residential home for kids aged 6 to 18 who are in transition due to various scenarios and behavioral issues. She had previously completed a practicum at Seasons Hospice in the Center for Grief Education and Support, and after her time at Gerard, interviewed to be the director of the Season's Grief Center, at the encouragement of her mentor and supervisor. She accepted the position and worked there for over 6 years.

At that point, Heidi was ready to open her own practice and chose Wanamingo as her place to be. She now works in Wanamingo on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and also sees clients on-line and in a Rochester office. You can check out information about Heidi on her website, www.Aboundinghopecc.com, or on-line at Psychology Today for Christian based grief counseling. Heidi was quick to point out that grief counseling is not all she does in her work. Depression and anxiety have risen over the past few years, and she feels like she wants to provide a listening ear for her clients to air their issues in a safe place and work through positive next steps. Judgement has no place in Heidi's practice, and even though she believes in a Christian approach, she welcomes all with open arms in her space.

When she's not working in her office in Wanamingo, you will find her volunteering at

Next Chapter Ministries in Rochester. This program supports people who have been incarcerated in starting a new life, and helps families impacted by crime find hope for the future. It is a non denominational ministry and currently has a men's home, along with programs for women and children, and they have plans to expand their services in the near future.

In building her practice, she is offering an initial 30 minute consultation at no cost, to meet new prospective clients and see if they both feel like Abounding Hope is the right fit.

And when the fit doesn't seem quite right, Heidi can refer clients to a number of other qualified counsellors in the area. Her undergraduate degree was in communication, so she is well equipped to deal with many issues that surface in her work.

When I asked her why she chose counseling as a career, she said, "I went into counseling not because I think I can fix things, but because people need to know that they are being heard. Their stories need to be heard, and they need to know that they are not alone. I am on their journey with them, and I offer them hope and support through knowing Jesus and His love."

If you or someone you know is struggling with what life has thrown at them, you can contact Heidi at (507) 626-2410. I think you'll be glad you did!

Goodhue County Dairy Royalty Crowned

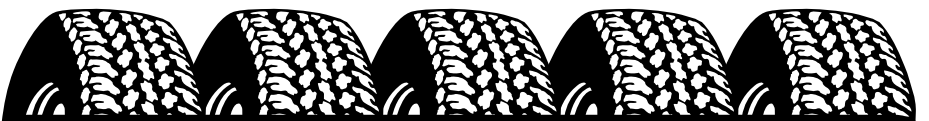
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Emma Eggenberger, daughter of Erica Cordes and Robert Eggenberger of Red Wing
Kelsey Holst, daughter of Shane and Casey Holst of Zumbrota

Caryn Miklas, daughter of Amy Bearbower and Mike Chamberlain of Zumbrota

Evelyn Scheffler, daughter of Tony and Maizie Scheffler of Zumbrota

Locally, the Dairy Royalty will be good-will ambassadors for Goodhue County dairy farmers and the dairy industry throughout the upcoming year. They will be participating in dairy promotions, parades, educational school visits, the Goodhue County Fair, and other dairy related events to promote the dairy industry, its products, and producers.



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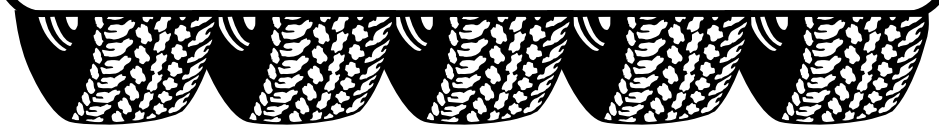
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Casey's Comes to Wanamingo

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Being in an agricultural area, there were many small coops in southern Minnesota and into Wisconsin. In 1996, the consolidation of the Goodhue Elevator and the Farmer's Elevator of Lake City became Ag Partners Coop. As the coop grew, they merged with several other coops, which expanded their customer bases and territories. In 2013, unification with the Farm Country Coop brought the Ag Partners name to the Wanamingo locations. The C-Store has provided several food services, including A&W, Chesters's Chicken, and most recently, Fuel by Area 57. The C-Store

also sold fuel, lottery tickets, tobacco products, a small selection of groceries and frozen foods, snacks, sandwiches, coffee, cappuccino, dairy and cold beverages.

Recently, Ag Partners decided to sell the C-Store to Casey's General Store franchise. I was fortunate enough to find the new Casey's store manager, Kathy Petit, hard at work cleaning out old files and such, to make room for the new C-Store. I asked her to explain this decision.

"Ag Partners is parting with their last two C-Stores (Wanamingo and Belle Plaine) to focus their resources and better their services in Agronomy, Grain, Animal Nutrition and the Energy Departments. This will allow Casey's to give the C-Store its expertise and a fresh start." I asked her what changes we could expect, and she replied, "We will be offering a loyalty program, new shopping choices, and hopefully by May, Casey's food service choices." Yes, this means fresh pizza!

The big C-Store makeover took place April 4th and is now a part of the Casey's franchise. The biggest change outside is the discontinuation of the 91 non-oxy and 110 racing fuel at the pumps, as well as the kerosene. The red dyed off road diesel will remain.

The Ag Partners Energy Department has primarily relocated to Pine Island. The Ag Partners soil center and elevator will remain at their Wanamingo locations.

As the transformation is made, more and more of the building will be incorporated into the new C-Store. This will take some time, to be sure, and we will all have the opportunity to see another new business grow in our community. Welcome, Casey's!



Ag Partners pictures from the past 25 years



(additional pictures at www.wanamingomn.com)

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KW Noble Knights of the Week for March 24, 2023

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KW Noble Knights of the Week for March 31, 2023

Front Row: Tobias Edwards, KG, Ms. Madison Andrist; Cecelia Jandro, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Reese Allen, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Jaxson Rueger, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Mira McNeal, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers. Back Row: Isabelle Hanson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Bree Helgeson, Gr. 2, Ms. Megan Sabrowsky; Ella Amundson, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Thorn Wolf, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Logan Schmitz, Gr. 4, Mrs. Chloe Gohman



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Wanamingo Water Tower to Come Down

By Cheri Roshon

Upon moving back to Wanamingo last March, one of the bits of news I heard was about the almost 100 year old water tower on Main Street's de-construction. Tear down was tentatively scheduled for November 2022. As you can see, so far the icon is still standing.

I decided to do a little research into the tower on my own, as I had some fond memories of catching the first rung of the ladder with the help of my uncle Dale Carlson. Dale had dared me to climb to the top of the tower to get the red ball and bring it down to play with. The fond part of the memory ended when my father saw me climbing above the tree line that separated the tower lot on Main Street from Johanna Hoseth's house on 1st Avenue. My family was gathered for a family event, and Pappa Elfie was not happy to see his 6 year old daughter 40 feet in the air! After I climbed down and received a lecture on why climbing a water tower is not an activity appropriate for a 6 year old, my Grandpa Clarence Carlson told me the story of The Crash Of 1930.

It seems that a new pilot, Henry Dahlen, had just completed aviation training, and through an inheritance accumulated enough money to

purchase a Waco 4 seater airplane, and was eager to show it off. Dahlen and his wife Gladys had been visiting relatives in the Kenyon/Wanamingo area, and decided to give residents of the area an opportunity for a "fly over" Wanamingo for \$1.00. Now mind you, \$1.00 in those days would purchase 25# of sugar, or 20# of flour. Or you could buy 5 gallons of gas or a brand new work shirt, so it was no small price to pay for a ride on a new airplane!

As Dahlen was addressing a crowd of folks who had come to see the \$6,370.00 Waco 110 HP Warner "Scarab" airplane with an air cooled engine, he offered the "fly over" to the crowd assembled. Gary Bakko remembered his uncle John Brisance telling of the events leading up to the crash. My grandfather was there and related the same account to me the day I tried to climb to the top of the tower. Both Carlson and Brisance found they did not have enough cash for the ride, and went home to gather more money so they could get a ride of a lifetime over their home town.

Unfortunately, that fateful ride was the first and last flight over Wanamingo. Three local guys prepared for the flight. The total time preparing and boarding the aircraft for the first Wanamingo flyover took about 10 minutes. With both passengers securely belted in, the three boyhood friends, all 24 years-old, waved to those on the ground as Dahlen began to taxi to the south end of the field. Arriving at a point where the takeoff could safely begin, Dahlen would have turned his craft into the wind, but due to the inherent de-



The old Wanamingo water tower was taken down April 11th, 2023

sign of the plane, the pilot was at a disadvantage for seeing what lie directly ahead of his intended flight path. What lay ahead, about a half-mile away, was Wanamingo's water tower and hit the 40,000 gallon tank of the water tower. The plane and it's pilot and passengers plummeted down to Main Street, and there were no survivors on board. There is still a dent in the tower above the n-a-m part of Wanamingo, preserving the memory of three 24 year old boy hood friends who took "the ride of a lifetime".

There are still plans to tear down the old water tower, although I haven't been able to find a set date for the event. The new water towers are in place, and although some residents have expressed an interest in keeping it standing, the cost to do so would be over \$100,000.00. Due to deterioration and the costs to maintain it in a safe condition, it may be impossible to restore it, but I bet it would make a nice park with a marker indicating it as a historical part of Wanamingo's past.....

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Our Patients Are Our Purpose

By Cheri Roshon

Dr. Brent Born, one of the veterinarians at Kenyon Vet Clinic, will be celebrating 25 years in business in Kenyon this May.

Dr. Born jumped into his practice right after graduation, literally! "I graduated from Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine on Saturday, moved to Kenyon on Sunday, and was at work at the Kenyon Vet Clinic on Monday," states Dr. Born.

After completing his undergraduate work at Buena Vista College with a degree in Biology, he went to Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine. He completed internships at several different vet clinics that had openings during his last year of veterinary school. The Kenyon Veterinary Clinic stood out as a progressive practice and a community which his family would fit in well! Now he has given 25 years of service to this community. "We have an excellent medical care team", says Dr. Born. "Dr. Brad Prestemon and Dr. Mike Bierk are excellent providers to assist me with the case load, along with the rest of our very capable staff of technicians, technician as-

sistants, customer service reps and a business manager".

I asked Dr. Born about the importance of spring care for the animals he sees on a regular basis. I learned that KVC care begins with an initial evaluation of the furry patients health, and addresses any concerns you may have about your pet. Upon arriving, a complete exam includes assessing the health of the animal, running any pertinent diagnostics, a consult on weight management, and any concerns on preventative care or special needs.

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Vaccines are also important tools used for our pets as protection from pathogens when risks are involved, and will be specifically tailored to each pet's individual needs. This is not a "one size fits all" vaccination protocol. For example, a pet who has been up North where ticks are prolific can be protected with a Lyme's Disease shot. Or if the animal frequents a dog park where it could be exposed to respiratory pathogens, a different approach is used. "We want our patients to be protected at the level of their true exposure to risks", concludes Dr. Born.

Kenyon is lucky to have such integrated care in place for it's furry friends. Let's all say Thank You for 25 years of service to our community!



Dr. Brent Born

Wellness is more than your diet, it's also a state of being



By Susan Hinrichsen

I have been on a search for "better health" through a healthy diet and great food choices and I want to share what I have learned not through formal education, but through experience. I have found value in my experience and what I have learned is Wellness is more than just good food choices, it is all aspects of your body, mind, and soul.

Hello, my name is Susan. I am a Certified Life Coach in the Goodhue Area. I work with people who are struggling to fill a void in their life, people who feel that something is missing, and they just can't put their finger on it. People who are looking to find their Life Purpose, I even help empty nesters find their purpose again. As a Life Coach, I am looking to inspire you to continue to grow and expand yourself and take care of you so you can be of service to others, and yourself, at the same time. You can achieve everything you want and more, and that is where I come in.

Life is busy with the everyday pulls of balancing a job, kids, meal planning, cleaning, and laundry just to name a few and believe me the list can be endless. Then there are the expectations put upon you by friends, family, and the world not to mention paying bills, getting out of debt, or having to repair your car which can be expensive. So, how does one find a glimmer of hope to find time to even figure out how to find yourself in all this chaos? How on earth could you find time to figure out what your needs are!

Good question! Before all of this "life" happened, I'm sure that most of you had some sort of dream of what your life would be, or what you wanted it to be. In our quest for survival, paying bills, career choices, we may have ended up in a job that is not satisfying at all to our inner spirit. You go there every day as a responsibility to your creditors, paying for your rent, raising children, putting food on the table, making money to survive. There is more to life than survival, yes you need to survive, but I want you to enjoy your life and thrive. I want you to be happy and joyous! If this sounds true to you and you find you have a desire to be more, do more, and have more; this is where a Life Coach can be beneficial.

Take a moment and ask yourself, "what makes me happy?" Make a list of what those things could or would be. Maybe there are things that you satisfy only for them to return unfulfilled a few weeks or months later. Those are the things that should be high on your list. Sit back and read your list and pick one item and ask yourself "how or what can I do to improve that one thing?" or "What is it that something that I want to change?" Search yourself, read, research what it would take or what you need to get you there. Maybe, you are even at the point of just finding the time in your schedule to even have a moment to think about this. Try to make that time something that is yours and then try to make that time more consistent. Use that time to grow your understanding of what you need to create the happiness you want in your life.

This is where coaching can be helpful. Coaches can help you to get past the barriers that keep you stuck on the proverbial hamster-wheel doing the same things over and over and getting the same results. Coaching can be so rewarding and amazing. I would be honored to help you to breakthrough your barriers, help you find what lights you up, and Explore Your Next Best Chapter in your life!

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Friendships Can Lead to Good Working Relationships



By Harvey Mackay

Two friends were walking through a dense jungle. Knowing the dangers, they promised to stick together whatever happened.

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The tiger approached, sniffed around, and

leaned down, seemingly whispering something in the man's ear. It roared once, then stalked away.

Feeling ashamed, the other man climbed back down the tree. "What did the tiger say to you?"

The man looked up. "He said, 'Never trust a false friend.'"

Some days, you just need to know you have got a friend.

The point is you need to feel that someone "gets" you and is in your corner. With all the push, pull and tug that can go on in the workplace (and it happens everywhere, folks, even at the good places), you have to develop your own support systems – and friends can be invaluable. Good ones are like rocks; they keep us anchored during our personal storms.

You probably spend most of your waking hours at work, so friendships are natural. Working together can easily turn co-workers into best friends, making jobs more enjoyable and the workplace a home away from home instead of just a way to make a living.

But friendships need to be managed appropriately just like every other workplace relationship. Follow these simple guidelines so neither your friendships nor your job is at risk.

Limit social chatter. Everyone chats a little at work, but don't let your friendly conversations overshadow your responsibilities. Stay

focused on your job.

Keep private issues private. When you have problems to discuss, do it over lunch or after work.

Avoid gossip. Most of us love to talk about other people, but keep your natural inclination to share rumors about co-workers or managers in check. If colleagues realize you're gossiping about them, the backlash could be unpleasant.

Don't do each other's jobs. Pitching in to help a friend in a crunch is admirable, but keep it to a reasonable limit. Your manager is in charge of assignments and responsibilities, not you. Don't spend so much time helping a friend do his or her job that you neglect your own.

Include, don't exclude. You may prefer the company of your friend, but don't ignore the rest of your co-workers. Invite other co-workers to lunch, and include them in your conversations so they don't feel left out. You may even make new friends by expanding your circle at work.

Being there for another person can offer you huge rewards psychologically as well. After all, part of the joy of a good friendship is being there for the other person when life gets rough – and it does get rough at times for everyone.

Keep in mind the words of Abraham Lincoln – someone who often needed friends along the difficult path of his presidency: "The better part of one's life consists of one's friendships."

What is a friend? The following description of friendship was discovered on the wall of a

doctor's office. It was attributed to C. Raymond Beran.

Friends are people with whom you care to be yourself. Your soul can be naked with them. They ask you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. They do not want you to be better or worse. When you are with them, you feel like a prisoner feels who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, as long as it is genuinely you.

Friends understand those contradictions in your nature that lead others to misjudge you. With them you breathe freely. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meannesses and absurdities, and in opening them up to friends, they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of their loyalty.

They understand. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse them, neglect them, tolerate them. Best of all, you can keep still with them. It does not matter. They like you.

They understand. You can weep with them, sing with them, laugh with them, pray with them.

Through it all – and underneath – they see, know, and love you.

What is a friend? Just one, I repeat, with whom you dare to be yourself.

Mackay's Moral: The friendships you cultivate will help you grow.

Reprinted with permission from nationally syndicated columnist Harvey Mackay, author of the New York Times #1 bestseller "Swim With The Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive."

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into a business once their friend Kathy Hupf, a dairy expert, became involved. Their cheese has won awards and they even opened up a coffee and ice cream shop several years ago in downtown Cannon Falls. SMIF provided a Small Enterprise Loan to help pay for marketing for the cheese company which they were able to use to expand their markets.

Through SMIF's Early Childhood work we have partnered with many women leaders in the field, many of whom are either educators or child care providers. Stacy Boysen, a child care provider from Pine Island, has worked with SMIF many times to provide trainings to other providers in our region. It is clear from these trainings that Stacy is both a positive role model and a mentor to many others in the profession. She has a wealth of information to share, which ranges from standard health and safety education, to more nuanced information about the importance of self care, and ways to incorporate healthy snacks into a child care business.

SMIF also works with many women who are leaders in their communities, especially through our 31 Community Foundations. Liz Krocak, and her daughter Maggie Grimm, are two women who come to mind who have been very active in Montgomery through their Community Foundation. Liz was instrumental in making the Community Foundation a vehicle to help people when the pandemic began. She applied for the matching grants that SMIF offered during that time to support local businesses and the local food shelf. The Montgomery Community Foundation also received a Small Town Grant to support the local farmers' market which Maggie and Liz are both very involved in.

This small list of women leaders in our region just barely grazes the surface of the vast

March was Women's History Month, which was both a time to look back at the incredible accomplishments of women in the history of our country, but also a time to celebrate women who are doing amazing things today. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), we know that there are countless women who make our region thrive. I'd like to take a moment to highlight several of these women today.

At SMIF, we work with female entrepreneurs every day through our training programs and business financing options. One of our more recent loan clients is CannonBelles Cheese based in Cannon Falls. In 2012 Deann Lufkin and her friend Jackie Ohmann started experimenting with making cheese which eventually gained enough momentum to turn



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number of women we know who are making a difference in the lives of southern Minnesotans. Their innovation, their knowledge and their leadership are truly incredible. We are proud to know, and partner with, the

many women who make this region thrive. As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.

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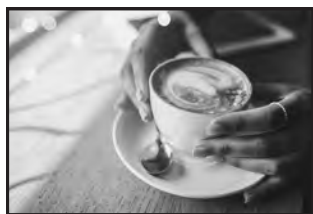
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Desperate Times Require Desperate Rhetoric

Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools

His name is William Theel...and I feel his pain. As a concerned resident in Wanamingo, he had the courage to ask the Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board a series of questions that fell on deaf ears. When you couple this with the fact that this same school board turned me into the Goodhue County Attorney for harassment because I told them "We are coming to hold you accountable for what you are doing to the school district," there should be little doubt that something is amiss with this group of seven. May I suggest that it starts with an L...and ends with a P...and stands for Leadership.

Let me begin with the premise that school districts who find themselves in dire straights leave signs in their wake.

While I would make the argument that being in statutory operating debt would be a primary identifier, when one couples this with low academic achievement and decreasing student enrollment...you are in trouble. And if that is not enough, when you add a broken strategic plan, on-going busing concerns, and years of ineffective leadership, it becomes a crises in the making. It is what you are currently looking at.

One of the things that I noted in a recent email to the school board was the fact that

they are ignoring all of the warning signs. While it is not the first time the school district has had budget problems, it is the first time that only 17.5% of our high school students are college ready; the first time that we have little hope of competing with school districts like Zumbrotta-Mazeppa and Pine Island in student achievement, and the very first time that our student enrollment has fallen behind each of the surrounding school districts. Just recently, the Minnesota Department of Education reported the following numbers: Cannon Falls (1055), Goodhue (706), Hayfield (667), Medford (915), Pine Island (1541), Randolph (842), Triton (951), Zumbrotta-Mazeppa (1249), and, yes, our very own Kenyon-Wanamingo (654). Just remember, student enrollment drives the budget.

As we look at where we find ourselves today, we need to keep in mind that the dynamics that brought the two communities together have not changed. However, the discussion that would eventually take us from the '89 Bulldogs and Vikings to the '94 Knights, is now witnessing an even greater demise in each of the critical areas. Are you aware of the fact that Kenyon High School could once make the claim that they had the second highest performing mathematics program in the entire State of Minnesota? (Frank Peterson, Attorney at Law)

In 1995, the Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board explored the option to create a single K-12 site in the Bombay area.

While this "well thought out idea did not materialize," it does not change the fact that the idea is still relevant today.

Beginning with a primary goal to provide an effective delivery system for our children, the Kenyon Leader reported that 'considerable savings would be reached by eliminating duplicate facilities.' Are you aware of the fact that our 1994-1995 K-12 student enrollment was 1089? Moreover, our 5 year projections were set at 1300 students. (The Kenyon Leader)

Every once in awhile something comes down the pike that cannot be ignored. This was why the consolidation movement in the late 1980s and early 1990s reduced the number of Minnesota school districts from 437 to 330 in less than ten years. It is also why places like Hayfield, Rushford-Peterson and Triton finally came to the realization that they could no longer afford to run a multiple site school district. Moreover, it is why the Medford School District built a K-12 program under one roof. Are you aware of the fact that school districts that spend funds on duplication are forced to spend less on classroom teachers and programs? (Zumbrotta News Record)

As we look at neighboring school districts that have gone to a single site in recent years, the Zumbrotta News Record reported that the Triton School District had a \$750,000.00 savings in the first two years and the Rushford-Peterson School District showed a \$10,000.00 shuttle bus savings, a decrease in overall staffing needs, and an enrollment in-

crease of 104 students during the same time period. And just recently, the Zumbrotta-Mazeppa School District projected an annual savings of \$122,880.00 if they had decided on a single site. Are you aware of the fact that once student enrollment decreases, the deficit spending grows exponentially until the school board is forced to cut more positions than they originally needed to cut? (Zumbrotta News Record)

Ladies and gentlemen, we are in serious...serious trouble at my old alma mater (Class of '63). While I could go on and on lamenting about what is going to happen if this school board does not come to its senses, after sending them over 20 emails and letters without any comments on how they plan to fix the problem, I hope you see the necessity that "your" children and "your" grandchildren are going to need "your" help to make the system work again.

Unless you start holding people accountable with your tax dollars and votes, you are going to get the same unacceptable results...going forward. Trust me!

So what is the point? For lack of a better vernacular, it is time to get off your "butts" and start exploring a way to make Kenyon-Wanamingo what it was intended to be...and once was. Under the current state of affairs, a single site, using the best facilities, is the only way to go. Start talking with your neighbors...NOW!

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City of Wanamingo Regular EDA Meeting Monday March 13, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Wanamingo City Council Chambers 401 Main Street Wanamingo MN

PRESENT: Brian Gudknecht, Rebecca Haugen, Ryan Holmes, Jim Kittelson, Laurie Musselman, Annette Fritz, and Josh Schaefer

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Boulton, Karen Masters, Brad Kennedy, & Melissa Meyers – Zumbrota News Record

Brian Gudknecht called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance followed.

EDA Member Annette Fritz was administered the Oath of Office by EDA Director Boulton.

ADOPT AGENDA: Kittelson motioned, seconded by Schaefer to adopt. Approved 7-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Musselman motioned, seconded by Kittelson to approve. Approved 7-0-0.

PRESENTERS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Boulton provided a letter from Jabe Companies LLC, who are representing Dollar General, regarding development. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General decided not to exercise the purchase agreement with Ag Partners regarding the former 60 Stop location at 677 3rd Avenue. Dollar General did not wish to address mitigation for environment contamination at the site, no matter the scale of the work. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General has a purchase price by Lew Growth for 14.8 acres of commercially zoned vacant farmland along MN TH 60. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General only want to own a 1.5-acre parcel. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General propose 1.5 acres to Dollar General/Byzantine, Inc, 3 acres to the Department of Transportation, and 10.3 acres to the Wanamingo EDA. MSP Properties will perform a full survey of the property prior to closing. It is proposed that the Wanamingo EDA pay \$1.00 for the sale of the 10.3 acres. Holmes stated that he had concerns with street access to the property and want to make sure there is access off MN TH 60. Boulton stated that the developer would need to work with MNDOT regarding MN TH 60 access. Holmes stated that he and Boulton had met with an environmental engineer regarding the old 60 Stop location soil contamination. There are a few simple ways to mitigate the soil contamination. However, Dollar General does not wish to purchase and develop land that has any contamination issues that involve mitigation. Dollar General prefers land that has virgin soil that has never been dug up and disturbed. Kittelson asked what the City Zoning was for the Groth land along HWY 60. Boulton stated that the land was zoned C-2 Highway Commercial. Schaefer asked where in the Groth land did Dollar General think that they would utilize and develop the 1.5 acres. Boulton stated that Jabe Companies LLC and he envisioned the 1.5 acres being along HWY 60 and the West side of what would be Hill Avenue (extended). Schaefer stated that he was excited that Dollar General had found a suitable location and will be happy to have this type of commercial business (i.e., groceries and general items) in town again. Kittelson motioned to approve the concept development plan for Dollar General, as outlined in the Jabe Companies LLC March 7, 2023 letter, providing 10.3 acres to the Wanamingo EDA. Seconded by Schaefer. Approved 7-0-0.

Administrator Boulton provided an update on the Wanamingo Medical Center renovations. The Wanamingo EDA approved a lease with Reckitt/Mead Johnson & Company, LLC in September 2022. When the lease was signed the EDA had approved preliminary renovations to the two suites in the Medical Center which were completed and paid for by Reckitt/Mead Johnson. The EDA reviewed the building permit plans at the December 2022 meetings.

Reckitt/Mead Johnson is in the middle of renovating the Wanamingo Medical Center building. Reckitt has been in contact with City Staff and Heidi Smith about renovating a smaller space in the existing Suite 2 (currently leased by Reckitt/Mead Johnson) for roughly 400 square feet. The existing suite 2 is proposed to be shrunk to 732 square feet. Suite 3 (774 square feet) and Suite 4 (1,328 square feet) are proposed to be put together to make one suite – 2,102 square feet. Heidi Smith would move into new lease of new suite 2 (400 square feet) and the 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 estimated \$450 from Kennedy & Graven to update the lease agreements. The updates to the Heidi Smith and Reckitt Mead Johnson lease agreements will be presented to the Wanamingo EDA for consideration of approval at the April Wanamingo EDA board meeting.

Schaefer stated that the plan to move Heidi Smith into the front office with windows is wonderful for her. Holmes stated that the plan was great that the Wanamingo EDA will keep the same amount of monthly rent once the change is made to Heidi Smith and Reckitt/Mead Johnson's leases. Musselman asked when Olmsted Medical Clinic (OMC) planned to open back up the Wanamingo location. Kittelson stated that OMC didn't have the staffing to re-open right now and are working on hiring staff. Kittelson stated that the EDA has a fiduciary responsibility too, in operating the facility. Keeping Reckitt/Mead Johnson in the facility and happy is important to keep the facility operating in the black. Boulton stated that a cracked window had been turned into insurance and a quote had been obtained to repair front window at the Medical Facility by Red Wing Glass.

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, March 13, 2023 7:00 P.M.
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –
401 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes.

PRESENT: Council: Ryan Holmes, Stuart Ohr, Eric Dierks, Jeremiah Flotterud, and Rebecca Haugen

City Administrator: Michael Boulton

Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Melissa Meyers – Zumbrota News-Record, Larry VanDeWalker, Richard Turri, Todd Greseth – Goodhue County Commissioner, and Josh McGovern – Kenyon Leader.

ADOPT AGENDA: Haugen motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Ohr motioned, seconded by Dierks. Passed 5-0-0.

Mayor Holmes recognized former Wanamingo City Councilmember Larry VanDeWalker's sixteen (16) years of service on the Wanamingo City Council. A service plaque was given to Larry VanDeWalker on behalf of the City of Wanamingo. Holmes stated his appreciation for VanDeWalker's service to the City and acknowledged serving together for all sixteen (16) years. VanDeWalker said that he was proud of the progress and the positive direction of the City the past sixteen (16) years. VanDeWalker especially thanked Mayor Holmes and their continuous service together. VanDeWalker thanked Administrator Boulton who he, Mayor Holmes, and past Council have worked with to improve the financial situation of the City. VanDeWalker stated that Boulton's leadership in working with the Council has created a vision for the future of the City. VanDeWalker also thanked the hard work of the maintenance staff and deputy clerks that he has worked with over his Council tenure. VanDeWalker stated that the staff has had to adapt to and endure difficult past financial situations. VanDeWalker stated that a similar financial situation could arise again without vigilance, planning, and follow through by the Council and staff.

PRESENTERS:

A) Brad Kennedy reported on:

1) Plowed snow, moved snow from cul-de-sacs, and sanded the streets

2) Street Sweeper has been repaired and is serviced to start the season

3) Replaced forty-seven (47) water meters around town in the past month. Have additional appointments lined up for replacing later this week. Hoping to replace twenty-five (25) per month to complete the entire town in two years. Have roughly forty-eight (48) standard meters and endpoints on hand, to be installed. Only have three (3) larger sized meters left to install as part of the replacement process.

4) The F550 work truck chassis State bid order is planned to be placed in summer 2023 (June-August). The anticipated delivery would be in 2024. The 2023 State bid price is estimated at \$55,000. Working with Towmaster Truck Equipment and Crysteel Truck Equipment on prices for the accessories such as box, snow plow, wing, hydraulic controls, tool box, and other list items. Crysteel Truck Equipment put together an \$82,447 State Co-operative Pricing for the requested items. Crysteel stated that the order would be 390 days out to fulfill.

5) John Deere track skid loader is broken down. Blew main drive hydraulic motor. This filled the hydraulic system with metal filings. All of the parts and repairs are covered under the City lease and warranty. Not sure when the skid loader will be repaired and delivered back to the City. In the meantime, Midwest

Machinery has provided the City with another skid loader to use until ours is repaired.

6) One-ton Chevrolet pick-up is broken down. Was originally in for tune up that includes replacing spark plugs, wires, filter, distributor cap, rotor, lower intake gaskets, plenum, valve cover gaskets, water pump and thermostat. Soon after getting the pick-up back there were new engine noises. The pick-up is back at the shop with issues involving the cam shaft.

7) Prairie Ridge Estates basketball hoop and base that includes stainless steel mesh backboard - estimate of \$3,500

8) The Mingo View Drive and Downtown water towers are scheduled for removal by Iseler Demolition sometime in mid to late April.

9) The 950 Caterpillar Front End Payloader has been gradually losing power this winter. The plan is to collect and send oil samples into Zeigler in order to narrow down what could be causing the lose of power. Once determined what needs to be repaired it will be completed this summer. Ohr stated that a pressure test could also be completed to see if there are issues with converter, transmission, or compression.

10) Ford tractor clutch replaced and new fuel return line installed.

Boulton and Kennedy asked if the Council had concerns with the F550 chassis or accessories. The Council had no concerns with the truck pricing or accessories. Boulton stated that a formal resolution will be brought to the Council for consideration of approval at the April 10th City Council meeting. Kennedy and Boulton asked if there were any concerns on ordering the basketball hoop and base for the Prairie Ridge Estates Park. The Council had no concerns with the chosen basketball hoop and base.

B) David Jacobsen, Wanamingo City Attorney, reported on:

1) Provided a written 2022 summary of criminal and civil attorney services

2) City of Wanamingo pays \$1,050/month for prosecution services and \$600/month for civil work to Jacobsen Law Firm, P.A.

3) Law firm has been handling prosecution since 2011 and civil since 2014. Steve Jorstad, 'of counsel', handled prosecutions and civil (off and on) for the City since 1975. Jorstad and Mike Hero are both part-time. Has one paralegal, and one legal assistant.

4) AJ Lindell left Jacobsen Law Firm, P.A. in December 2022

5) Gave breakdown of Prosecuted Offenses within City of Wanamingo - 22 offenses (16 traffic and 6 community offenses). 17 of the 22 cases have been closed.

6) There were 72 hours dedicated towards prosecution for the City of Wanamingo in 2022

7) The City of Wanamingo received \$1,3810.78 in fine revenue after Goodhue County and State of MN received their shares of \$5,562.06 total fines.

8) Civil attorney work included: supported staff, reviewed Council packets, drafted ordinances (sewer changes and Driveway), easement work for 2022 water project, lot split/parcel combinations, variance requests, rezoning requests, personnel advice, WWTP policy updates, MPCA enforcement consultation, and provided advice to Council and Staff.

C) Richard Turri, Licensed WWTP Operator, reported on:

1) Has been licensed WWTP operator for the City of Wanamingo since 2011.

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2) Wanamingo WWTP is a class B facility. Need operator with at least a class B operator license, Richard Turri has a class A operator license. Ongoing training of 32 hours/three years and 6 hours training for biosolids applicator license.

3) Waste water treatment facility is running well due to maintenance staff dedicated time to repair and maintenance.

4) Facility is aging out. Items are rusting, falling apart, seizing up, and deteriorating. The Wanamingo WWTP needs to be replaced in the near future.

5) WWTP licensed operator completes monthly reports, advises maintenance staff on the operations of plant, and is a liaison with the MPCA and EPA.

6) Has intentions of retiring from full-time job in the next three years but will stick around to assist for a while after that.

Holmes expressed his appreciation in Turri taking on the role of waste water treatment plant operator. Holmes said that Turri has been a great asset in keeping the facility operating smoothly.

D) Todd Greseth, Goodhue County Commissioner, reported on:

1) The County has been working on State priorities at the Capitol

2) The Board has been working on recruiting and retaining staff in the County. The County has been conducting a wage study with hopes of keeping up with market trends.

Ohr asked about City Street project and when the County Road loop around the school was scheduled. Greseth stated that the curb/gutter work would be completed in 2023 while the asphalt work (reclaim/pave) was scheduled for 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION 23-015 = Approving Agreement to Amend Water Tower Lease Agreements by MN WiFi, Northfield WiFi, and LTD Broadband: Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Boulton asked what to charge MN WiFi for the monthly rent at the Fire Hall. Boulton stated that equipment will utilize \$6-\$8/month in electricity. Boulton had penciled in \$25/month while MN WiFi wished to see \$15/month. Dierks said split the cost at \$20/month. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-016 = Approving 2023 2nd Quarter Maintenance Work Plan: Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Ohr. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-017 = Certifying Delinquent Utility Bills and Other Services to the Goodhue County Auditor for Collection with 2024 Real Estate Taxes: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Boulton stated that the original certification list included four parcels. This twice a year process pushes those behind to get paid up. The list narrowed to one for certification. Mayor Holmes asked if anyone wished to contest the certifications. No input was given. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-018 = Approving a John Deere 331G Compact Track Skid Loader Lease and Service Agreement With Midwest Machinery Co: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Flotterud asked how many hours the City used on the first lease. Kennedy stated that the City used 180 of the contracted 200 hours. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-019 = Approving the Sale of Land and Development Agreement with Goodhue County Habitat For Humanity, INC.:

Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION 23-020 = Approving a Service and Rental Agreement with Quadient for the City of Wanamingo's Postage Meter: Ohr moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Flotterud suggested that the City look to emailed billings for those that prefer to save in printing and postage cost in the future. Boulton stated that this would require additional software upgrades. Boulton stated that the staff need to complete the water meter replacement program and the planned I.T. storage and security upgrade before taking on this additional project. Boulton suggested that emailed utility billing would be looked into this fall or winter. Passed 5-0-0.

Administrator Boulton provided a memo regarding Midwest Machinery additional water request. Midwest Machinery (John Deere) has a need for larger volume of water at their location. Midwest Machinery approached the City seeking written approval to install a new, deeper well. Midwest Machinery has obtained estimates for the new well of \$25,000-\$30,000. Midwest Machinery currently has a shallow (less than thirty feet) private well. Midwest Machinery is connected to City sewer by a force main that pumps sewage to West Avenue through Bill Hermann's pasture.

Goodhue County permits and inspects new and existing wells. Since Midwest Machinery is within the City of Wanamingo, Goodhue County requires written approval from the City for new wells before formal approval by Goodhue County. Wanamingo Code of Ordinances 53.04 (A) makes it unlawful to construct new private wells within the City (existing private wells are exempt). 53.04 (C) allow the City to determine expansion of City water system. Certain conditions, such as high costs or soil conditions, can make connecting to City water not feasible. There are currently no policies that define what specific conditions make connecting to City water not feasible.

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

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

include Midwest Machinery obtaining easements from Bill Hermann to install the lines over his property. Theobald has recommended that Midwest Machinery speak to a local contractor to verify costs and check on construction availability. Dierks stated the Midwest Machinery should hook up to City water rather than drill private well. Flotterud stated that Midwest should hook up to City water but that each well request should be compared against hooking up to City water with costs and other extenuating circumstances. Flotterud stated that large business users should differ from residential requests. Flotterud stated that the Council should be presented with the well and City water hook up estimates for each request. Ohr asked if the current Midwest Machinery sewer line was on a public easement. Boulton stated that the private sewer line was on a private easement through Bill Hermann's pasture. Boulton stated that Midwest Machinery would need to speak with the Hermann family to obtain any easement for a proposed water line. Boulton stated that the Council should discuss future growth needs on the West side of town along MN TH 60. Boulton stated that it may not be economically feasible to extend public water and sewer to this side of town, but the concept should be acknowledged. Ohr stated that there should be a plan to extend public water and sewer to this side of town, but that it is not feasible without demand. Kennedy stated that this area is too low to be serviced by gravity sewer lines and that it would require a lift and/or pumping system.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrator Boulton provided a letter from Jabe Companies LLC, who are representing Dollar General, regarding development. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General decided not to exercise the purchase agreement with Ag Partners regarding the former 60 Stop location at 677 3rd Avenue. Dollar General did not wish to address mitigation for environment contamination at the site, no matter the scale of the work. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General has a purchase price by Lew Growth for 14.8 acres of commercially zoned vacant farmland along MN TH 60. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General only want to own a 1.5-acre parcel. Jabe Companies LLC/Dollar General propose 1.5 acres to Dollar General/Byzantine, Inc, 3 acres to the Department of Transportation, and 10.3 acres to the Wanamingo EDA. MSP Properties will perform a full survey of the property prior to closing. It is proposed that the Wanamingo EDA pay \$1.00 for the sale of the 10.3 acres. Boulton stated that the EDA approved a motion regarding the concept plan proposed by Jabe Companies LLC. Flotterud stated that Dollar General would need MN TH 60 direct access. Holmes stated that he had concerns with street access to the property and want to make sure there is access off MN TH 60. Boulton stated that the developer would need to work with MNDOT regarding MN TH 60 access.

Administrator Boulton provided a North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District group update. The group continues to meet monthly. The group has continued to gather information and work with our lobbyist on strategy for obtaining State funding in order to feasibly move forward with a joint sanitary sewer plant and collections system. Prairie Island Indian Community has stepped up with support, including lobbying and obtaining DFL authors to the bills.

The Minnesota Senate and House \$47,700,000 (1/2 costs) capital requests for the

North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District have been introduced. The general fund cash request bills are HF 2179 and SF 1792. The G.O. Bond request bills are HF 2180 and SF 1793. The Cities lobbyist, Winthrop & Weinstein, have been lining up appointments with State House & Senate Capital Investment Committee Members.

Wanamingo City Administrator Michael Boulton joined Goodhue Mayor Ellen Anderson Buck, Goodhue Council member Patrice O'Reilly, Pine Island Mayor David Friese, Pine Island City Administrator Elizabeth Howard, Zumbrota City Council Member Bob Prigge, and Zumbrota City Administrator Brian Grudem at the 2023 League of Minnesota Cities Legislative Conference. The Legislative Conference was held at the Double Tree Hotel in downtown St. Paul. The conference included remarks from Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan (DFL), House Speaker Melissa Hortman (DFL), and Representative Jim Nash (R). There as an update on edible cannabis and how we may foresee Cities will be impacted if cannabis is made legal in Minnesota. The League of Minnesota Cities Intergovernmental Staff gave legislative updates on proposed legislation that effects Cities.

Conference attendees went to the capitol to speak with their legislators in the afternoon. The full North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District delegation spoke with Gene Pelowski (DFL - Winona) regarding the request. Representative Pelowski is a member of the House Capital investments committee. The Goodhue delegation met with Representative Pam Altendorf (R). The Zumbrota delegation met with Representative Steve Jacob. Wanamingo City Administrator Boulton met with Representative Daniels (R). The delegations were each hosted by their representative as guests at the House Republican caucus before the House adjourned. Wanamingo and Zumbrota delegates had previously had their representative obtain House Floor passes for session. Delegates were able to speak with Representative Dean Urdahl (R) in the House retiring room. Representative Urdahl is the ranking member on the House Capital Investments Committee. Finally, the Goodhue, Wanamingo, and Pine Island Members met with Senator Drazkowski (R) regarding the legislation and strategy moving forward to see the request included in bonding bill. A delegation of City representatives will continue to meet with members of the House and Senate Capital Investments committee members to explain about the project and make the case for the capital request.

The Wanamingo Fire Relief Association Vintage Snowmobile Ride, Chili Cook-Off, and Bean Bag Tournament went very well. Attendance was above normal due to having snow on the ground to complete the ride. This was the fourteenth annual vintage snowmobile event hosted by the Wanamingo Fire Relief Association. The Council chili did not place in the cook-off event but was well received. Boulton thanked Haugen for obtaining the hamburger donation for the City Council chili entry from Lorentz Meats.

*Next City Council meeting on 4/10/2023 at 7:00pm.

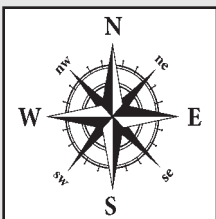
Adjourn: At 8:06 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Dierks and seconded by Haugen. Passed 5-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Boulton, City Administrator

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes St. Patrick's Day in Tennessee



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.

We live a short distance from Erin, Tennessee. This is a small town established in the mid 1800's by Irish immigrants. In the 1840's the Irish potato blight had destroyed the main food source on the Emerald Island and a quarter of the citizens of that country fled the starvation by getting on ships and sailing to America. One out of four perished on the four-week trip by sea, but it is estimated that upwards of two million Irish arrived in this country by the mid 1800's. Because the majority of the Irish had no money they were sold as indentured servants to finance the trip and treated as poorly as slaves. Many settled in eastern seacoast towns like Boston, while others traveled farther inland. They were not welcomed in the USA and met with a great deal of hostility where they settled. Poverty was rampant among the Irish immigrants as many businesses posting jobs would state "Irish need not apply."

In the 1850's a number of Irish had settled in Tennessee and named their town Erin, after a town in their homeland because the rivers and foggy hills reminded them of where they grew up. Most of them were railroad workers completing the line from Louisville, Kentucky to Memphis, Tennessee. The railroad was finished just two days before the Civil War began. Many Irish men joined the Confederate Army to fight against the Union forces. Their ill treatment by northerners made them sympathetic to the southern cause. Nathan Bedford's Third Cav-

alry was all Irish soldiers and the Second Tennessee Volunteer Infantry were called the Irish Regiment.

So, we jump forward a century and in 1963 the city of Erin held their first St. Patrick's Day celebration. There is a parade, a king and queen are crowned and lots of food is served along with a carnival on Main Street. The town swells by 10,000 people that weekend as people come to party. And March in Tennessee is fairly balmy compared to Minnesota.

My wife is Irish and she suggested we drive over for some authentic Irish food. I am always ready to eat and there was a live band playing on stage in the town square, so a great day was certain. There were forty food stands with something for everyone. We found a Boston themed food truck and I started with clam chowder. I wanted Lobster so my next entre was a buttered bun with Lobster. It looked like a Lobster hot dog. Imagine my surprise when the vendor told me it was \$28.00. That was the most expensive hot dog I have ever eaten.

Here is a little more history on St. Patrick's Day. Patrick was a British bloke born in England around 386 AD and kidnapped by pirates at the age of 16 and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped to France in 408 and became an ordained minister in 432. The Irish were a very violent, pagan people and Patrick felt led to return to the island as a missionary and convert them to Christianity. His work there continued until his death on March 17th of 461. So, the Irish patron saint, St. Patrick, is British and not Irish at all. Probably explains all the fightin' and drinkin' the Irish are known for.

We drove up to Nashville the next day to pick up a kitchen table and chairs for our house. On the way back we stopped at Outback for a steak. The hostess showed us to a table and my wife headed to the lady's room to freshen up. The waitress was Abby, a young and cheerful girl who showed up to take the drink order. I asked for ice water but told her I wasn't sure what my wife wanted as she was in the restroom but if Abby wanted, she could go and ask her. This is where my practical joke blew up in my face. Abby just walked through the door marked "Sheila's" and asked her. My wife came out and told me that the waitress showed up while she was washing her hands and asked what she wanted to drink. In retrospect it was kind of funny. And I had a steak and lobster with a baked potato and steamed broccoli for \$24.99. Sure beats a \$28.00 lobster hot dog.

A Minnesotan: Egg Hunt



By RosaLin Alcoser

No matter when Easter Sunday falls in the year there is one constant that we here in Minnesota can nearly always rely on, and that is that there will probably be either snow or mud.

As a child I can recall many Easters and hunting for Easter eggs both inside and outside. Generally as a rule if there's snow on the ground all egg hunting is done indoors, however, I don't recall mud ever stopping an outdoor egg hunt.

What I really can remember is doing the Easter Egg Hunt at church but I also can only remember doing it one year. I do it more than one time, probably but I don't recall ever hunting eggs more than once at church as a kid. Mainly due to the fact that I am not counting the many times I have helped with the egg hunt as a teenager and as an adult.

The egg hunt that I remember happened when I was about 6 or 7 years old. It must

have been a late Easter that year or just unusually nice that year; because I remember it being fairly dry outside and little to no snow. Either that or I was young enough to not remember the snow and mud.

I can recall running around with other children looking for eggs, getting candy out of them at the end, and not being allowed to find the golden prize egg since I was the pastor's kid. I did find it first however I could not pick it up and tried to point it out to literally anyone else.

The thing that I really remember about the egg hunt actually happened before the hunt even began. What really sticks in my memory is how my older sister hid the eggs for the toddlers and per-schoolers.

She would have been about 11 or 12 years old at the time and had been sent to hide the super easy to find eggs.

I can recall watching my sister climb part way up the hill in the field by the church where she had been sent to hide the eggs and dump the whole basket full down the hill. Causing the plastic eggs to roll down the hill into the field.

Once the eggs stopped rolling she pronounced her task done and went back into the building. To this day I feel that this was the best way that I have ever seen Easter Eggs be hidden.



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DNR Announces 2022 Deer Season Preliminary Harvest Results, CWD Management Findings

Hunters harvested about 170,000 deer during the 2022 deer hunting season, a lower total harvest than in recent years. Total harvest was down 7% compared to the 2021 season and 10% less than the five-year average deer harvest for Minnesota.

“Lower deer numbers in northern Minnesota and poor weather during opening weekend in some parts of the state likely contributed to lower firearms A season harvest,” said Barb Keller, DNR big game program leader. “Hunters struggled with rain and wind in some parts of the state during early November, but weather was better during later seasons including firearms B and muzzleloader seasons.”

The number of deer harvested during muzzleloader season was the highest reported since 2007 and was 10% higher than the 2021 season harvest. Archery season harvest was about 1% lower than the 2021 season. Most

archery season harvest occurred prior to the firearms season and peaked in late October and early November.

A final deer harvest report was available in March — past season harvest reports are available on the DNR website.

The release of the final 2022 season harvest results coincided with opportunities for public input. The DNR offered walk-in office hours at area wildlife offices across the state. Local wildlife managers were available to talk one-on-one with anyone about deer and other wildlife, hunting and habitat topics, specific topics that the DNR’s deer advisory committee should be aware of, or thoughts and feedback about deer population management. Those unable to attend office hours in-person were also able to share their thoughts through an online questionnaire. Written comments may be submitted to Barb Keller, Fish and Wildlife Division, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155. Comments will help inform season-setting decisions this spring for the 2023 fall deer hunting season.

CWD management

Chronic wasting disease remains a serious and persistent threat to Minnesota’s deer herd health, but sampling efforts revealed some good news — three consecutive years of disease surveillance in deer permit areas 157, 159, 213, 225 and 273 yielded no detections of the disease in wild deer. Consistent with the DNR’s CWD management plan, these zones were established due to the detection of CWD in captive deer facilities. Following

these three consecutive years of no detections in wild deer, successful hunters in these DPAs will no longer need to submit samples for testing.

“This is great news for deer and deer hunters,” said Erik Hildebrand, wildlife health program supervisor. “We greatly appreciate hunters’ help monitoring these areas over the past few years.”

CWD was detected in 26 hunter-harvested deer through the 2022 fall seasons. Of these, 73% were from the southeast, a region that continues to see persistent CWD infections in wild deer.

CWD was detected in two hunter-harvested bucks in DPA 184 in the Bemidji area. DPA 184 is part of a CWD surveillance zone established due to the detection of CWD in a captive deer facility and illegal dumping of infected captive deer carcasses on public land. After the discovery of this fall’s CWD detections in wild deer, the DNR held a late disease management hunt to learn more about the presence of CWD in the area. An additional 102 deer were harvested by hunters, with no additional CWD detected.

These results, along with the fact the two deer in which CWD was detected were both bucks, led to the DNR’s decision to not conduct targeted agency culling in DPA 184 this winter.

“We use targeted culling in areas within two miles of a known CWD detection in deer, particularly does,” Hildebrand said. “We know an adult doe has a smaller home range and a tight social group. If a doe has

CWD, the likelihood that her social group also has it is high. When we find a doe with CWD, that serves as anchor point for our culling efforts — we can apply it to very small, specific areas to fight the disease.”

Conversely, bucks have larger home ranges and detecting CWD in two bucks does not allow the DNR to establish an effective anchor point for a culling effort.

Culling efforts in the southeast started Jan. 23 and continued through late March. Targeted culling took place in the city of Grand Rapids (part of DPA 679) and the south metro (DPA 605) from Feb. 27 to March 10, focusing on locations where CWD has been detected in the past. All deer culled are processed and the venison is frozen until test results are received. Venison from deer with a not-detected result is distributed to cooperating landowners and those signed up through DNR’s Share the Harvest program.

Hunters and conservation partners are critical in helping control CWD and maintaining the health of Minnesota’s deer herd. The DNR would like to thank deer hunters, taxidermists, processors, tribal nations (Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth), and deer conservation partners (Minnesota Conservation Federation, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Bluffland Whitetails and Backcountry Hunters & Anglers) that helped collect or submit samples for testing.

For more information about deer hunting in Minnesota, visit the DNR deer hunting page. CWD information, test results and more can be found at the DNR CWD page.

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