



PRSRST STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT #2
Dennison, MN 55018

Postal Customer
ECRWSS

Wanamingo Messenger™

DECEMBER, 2023

Volume 22 • Issue 1 • \$1.00

The Commercial Club Needs YOU!

By Cheri Roshon

Living in small town rural America is truly a treat. It doesn't take long to meet your neighbors, because everyone is curious, and kind. At least that's the way I have found it to be. *(continued on page 15)*

Announcements

• **Three Rivers Community Action is currently accepting new Meals On Wheels clients in the communities of Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Goodhue, Pine Island, Kenyon and Wanamingo.** Receive a hot meal delivered to your home by a volunteer at lunch time up to 5 days per week. To qualify you must be 60 or older, live within city limits, have limited mobility and/or are unable to prepare nutritious meals. The suggested donation is \$4.50 per meal. For more information on how to sign up for meals or to be a volunteer driver, please contact Dana Bergner at 507-421-6067 or dbergner@threeriverscap.org

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

• **Hiawathaland Transit:** Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit threeriverscap.org for more information.

End of an Era

By Cheri Roshon

It is truly the end of an era as Barney Nesselth steps away from his 10 years of owning JB's Tavern. New owners Dan and Randi Romo are excited to be taking the reins, keeping some of the old favorites, and adding their unique touch as they begin a new chapter in a Wanamingo icon that began in 1909. The Tavern, as it was first named, has changed hands a few times, each time adding upgrades to make it even more than it was before, and this time will be no different. Dan and Randi have already added a pizza menu, and about 18 appetizers to the menu,

while keeping the good ol' burgers and fries we all love. There is more to come, but my lips are sealed until the January issue of the Messenger, so be sure to "stay tuned" for more changes!

About a month ago, Dan asked Barney if he was going to have a "going away" party, and Barney didn't think so. After a bit of coercion, and some more thought, Barney decided to throw a party to thank all his loyal customers and friends for 10 years of support in the venue he began with Justin Nesselth and Angie Anderson. Justin moved to California

(continued on page 10)



Minnesota Country Music Salute CD Raises Funds for Military Families

2023 marks the final Minnesota country music salute CD which was created to raise funds for the Minnesota Military Family Foundation and Minnesota wheels of honor. Bob FM radio, with broadcast signals across southern and central Minnesota started this project 10 years ago, and this will be the final CD in the series. You may go to the Bob FM radio website and order a CD, or locally you can pick it up at the Fireside Lounge and Supper Club in Dennison Minnesota. 100% of the proceeds are given to the Minnesota Military Family Foundation and the Minnesota Wheels of Honor, and Tribute To The Troops.

Ten years ago, Neil Freeman, General Manager and long time on air voice of Bob FM radio, came up with the idea of tying together two groups that the regional station supported.

The homegrown musical artists of Minnesota and the military member support organizations.

(continued on page 3)

Winter Sand and Salt Project



By Cheri Roshon

Today I had the pleasure of meeting with our City Administrator Michael Boulton, and our Public Works Director Brad Kennedy to chat about the new Sand and Salt shed located just east of the Public Works Building on Highway 60. I asked Michael to give me a run down on what's happening this year.

The City of Wanamingo has been working on upgrading the process for snow and ice removal as the budget has allowed. Growth in the City, aging/too small equip-

ment, and residents demand for quicker snow removal have created a need for upgrades. The upgrades include both equipment, material, and storage. In 2023 the City constructed a new salt sand shed, leased a larger skid loader, and purchased a new v-plow attachment for the skid loader. These upgrades allow for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the snow removal process.

(continued on page 14)

Merry Christmas!

The holidays are our favorite time of year because it gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude and let each of you know just how very much we value your generous support.

We look forward to seeing you, soon!

Revland Alignment

641 Main St., WANAMINGO • 507-824-2710
www.revlandalignment.com

To Our Neighbors at Christmas

May the beauty of the season bring warmth and light to your home.

SVIGGUM INSURANCE AGENCY

Jim Sviggum, Agent • Adam Dicke, Agent

MEDICARE • AUTO • HOME • FARM • CROP
BUSINESS • LIFE • HEALTH

507-824-5105 • Cell 651-380-6080
133 Main Street • PO Box 54, Wanamingo, MN 55983
Email: agent@svigguminsurance.com

GREETINGS

of the Season

Christmas: "Season of Hope"



By Colin Rueter

Hope is a powerful topic. In C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, there is a scene where Mr. Tumnus, a fawn in Narnia, is lamenting to Lucy Pevensie about the fact that due to a terrible curse, Narnia endures an everlasting winter but they never have Christmas. In fact, there is no celebrating of any kind. Every day is the same—cold, dark, and desperate. "It is winter in Narnia," said Mr. Tumnus, "and has been for ever so long.... always winter, but never Christmas." Later, all the children hear sleigh bells. It is the driver of a sleigh who is a giant of a man dressed all in red and white. It is Father Christmas! He declares, "I have broken through at last. [the White Witch] has kept me out for a long time, but her magic is weakening. Aslan is on the move! A merry Christmas! Long live the true King!" Hope is coming for Narnia!

The hope that I speak of, that Lewis shows us as Aslan in the story, is a person! Hope is Emmanuel, God with us! Hope is not wishful thinking in positive change, but recognizing that the God who created all things came to this place of perpetual winter to shine His light and give us perpetual, living hope through His Son. We were cold, helpless, and lifeless, so God came in the flesh, born of a virgin, sinless throughout His whole life, giving His life as a ransom for many, and being raised from the dead so that all who believe

in Him would not perish but have eternal life. Our hope is living because Jesus lives today and we celebrate this Christmas season with a hope that does not disappoint.

I want to close by bringing us to a specific passage that is not common to Christmas. The Apostle Peter wrote a letter to a people who are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ. He writes a common greeting in verse 1 & 2, reminding them that they were chosen by God, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father. 1 Peter 1:20 says that Christ Himself was foreknown by the Father in the same way. God didn't just know about us; He knew us—personally—and He chose us, even while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). We are chosen through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit to set us apart for God, making us people God can call holy and His children. We fulfill our purpose in God choosing us as His children when we obey Christ. Here is our text this Christmas from 1 Peter 1:3-9, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you

love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." Peter reminds us that God is to be praised because He has caused us to be born anew to a living hope, real hope through Jesus Christ, and that the temporal world now cannot overcome that hope. Though trials may come, they test our faith and refine it so that it is revealed as genuine, real, and active in our life. Though we do not see Jesus, we know and love Him, therefore we obey and faithfully walk with Him. Light momentary affliction today prepares for us the glory when we see Jesus' face to face and our joy is full.

Do you have the sense some days, like those Pevensie children shivering and confused in a cold land, that despair clouds your hope? You are not alone. Many people cringe at the mere thought of another pain or trial, others rise to the occasion, most are somewhere in between. Friends, Christmas is a season of hope, even though with everything going on in our world today we are tempted to despair. Peter's encouragement is one of perseverance in faith because God is with us. It isn't enough for us to simply get up every morning and trudge through each day nor paste a smile on our faces and ignore troubles. C.S. Lewis brilliantly wrote *The Chronicles* allegory soon after the World War, a time of despair for many and time of needed reflection on true hope. It seems that a story like this is needed again and again to awaken our hearts to see the world as it is, always winter, and yet give hope to our hearts that it

won't stay this way – Christmas is coming, Aslan is on the move, Hope is here. Come to Jesus this Christmas and know Hope. May He help us to reflect on the hope He brings through the written word that we would know Him better this Christmas season. So onward! It is in the darkest times that our collective light shines brightest for the world to see and by grace praise our Father in heaven. Merry Christmas and hold fast Christian. Behold, the King is coming soon!

Friends, this season can bring a plethora of emotions, including loneliness, sadness, and anxiety, even with the hope that Jesus brings. Therefore, if you have questions, need prayer, a word of encouragement, or a cup of coffee, please contact me via my personal email: niloc1214@gmail.com

Traxler Law PLLC

traxlerlaw.com

Ann Traxler Attorney

PRACTICE AREAS

- Wills, Trusts, & Estates
- Farm and Business Transition Planning
- General Practice
- Probate

4359 Cty. 11 Blvd.
Kenyon, MN 55945
507-405-0420
ann@traxlerlaw.com

Business & Subscription Office
P.O. Box 125, Dennison, MN 55018

E-MAIL
hometownmessenger@gmail.com

PHONE OR TEXT 507-649-3327
FAX 507-645-9878

www.wanamingomn.com

**For advertising information call
Terry at 507-951-7417 or
email:
hometownmessenger@gmail.com**

Published monthly by Mainstreet Publishing Minnesota, Inc.
©2023 Wanamingo Messenger. All rights reserved.

NEW LIFE CHURCH

Colin Rueter, Pastor • 525 Beverly St., Wanamingo
507-824-3019
10am Worship Service
6:30pm Wednesday Family Ministry Night
www.nlcwanamingo.org

TRINITY LUTHERAN

301 2nd Avenue, Wanamingo • 824-2155
December 10: 10:30a.m. Worship at WLC;
9:00a.m. Sunday School at WLC
December 13: Confirmation Class 5:00-6:30p.m. 7th & 8th at WLC
December 17: 10:30a.m. Worship at WLC;
WTLC Sunday School Program at WLC
No 9am service at TLC; Community Meal
December 20: Confirmation Class 5:00-6:30p.m. 7th & 8th
December 24: 4:00p.m. Worship at WLC; 5:30p.m. Worship at TLC
No Sunday School; No morning Worship
December 27: No Confirmation Class
December 31: 10:30a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at WLC
*No Sunday School

WANAMINGO LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

130 West 3rd St., Wanamingo • 824-2457
www.TrinityWanamingo.org
December 10: 10:30a.m. Worship; 9:00a.m. Sunday School at WLC
December 13: Confirmation Class 5:00-6:30p.m. 7th & 8th
December 17: 10:30a.m. Worship; WTLC Sunday School Program
No 9am service at TLC; Community Meal
December 20: Confirmation Class 5:00-6:30p.m. 7th & 8th
December 24: 4:00p.m. Worship at WLC; 5:30p.m. Worship at TLC
No Sunday School; No morning Worship
December 27: No Confirmation Class
December 31: 10:30a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
*No Sunday School

HOLDEN/DALE CHURCH

Pastor Dustin Haider • 507-789-6677
Email: holdendalesecretary@gmail.com
Worship schedule found at: www.holdenlutheranchurch.org
Holden/Dale Facebook

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Glory of Jesus

They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. — Mark 15:27

When we think of the glory of God, we probably have something like Isaiah 6 in mind. The prophet Isaiah had a vision of God in a heavenly temple, "high and exalted, seated on a throne." Seraphim (fiery creatures with wings) were flying about, singing, "The whole earth is full of his glory." And the temple trembled and shook (Isaiah 6:1-4).

That's glory. Glory is big. Glory is high. Glory is powerful. No doubt that's what James and John have in mind when they ask to sit on either side of Jesus in his glory. They want the best seats in the house. They want to be where the action is. They want to be where power resides. They have no idea what they're talking about. Because Jesus is on a long mission that will redefine glory. Glory will not describe an untouchable God so high up as to be invisible, except in a vision. No. Glory will now describe God in human flesh, lifted a few feet off the ground and nailed to a cross. Glory will now describe the God available to be touched, to be spat upon, to be mocked. This is what it means for God to be human. And this is how glory is redefined when God becomes a suffering servant.

"We have seen his glory," John says (John 1:14).

Jesus, we praise you for your glory. It's a glory that overturns our expectations. Thank you for setting them right-side up. Amen.

LANDS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

David Krinke, Pastor
16640 Hwy. 60 Blvd. • www.landslutheran.com
Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. at Everson Park

MINNEOLA LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Pastor Hannah Bergstrom de Leon
13628 Co. 50 Blvd., Goodhue • 824-2685
Summer Worship 9:30a.m.

ASPELUND EMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Rob Edwards, Pastor • 429 County 1 Blvd, Kenyon
507-824-2307
www.emmanuelafcl.org
9:00a.m. Sunday School; 10:00a.m. Coffee Time
10:30a.m. Worship Service

STORDAHL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

Pastor Kathleen Lowery
15049 Cty. 12 Blvd., Zumbrota • 732-5711
Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship

GOSPEL OF LIFE FAMILY CHURCH

Pastor Steven G. Roberts
www.gospeloflifechurch.org
2010 Jefferson Rd, Northfield • Sunday 10:30a.m.
507-259-2644
Wanamingo - Wednesday 7:00p.m.

Lovey Nesseth

Lovey Nesseth was born on December 15, 1938, and passed away peacefully at St. Marys Hospital in Rochester, MN surrounded by her family on Friday, November, 10, 2023, at the age of 84. Lovey was born in the Moland area of Kenyon, MN, to Harold and Cora (Shelstad) Bjugan.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Darrell Nesseth; her three sons, Leo Nesseth of Zumbrota, Micky (Betty) Nesseth of

Wanamingo, and Barney (Laura) Nesseth of Zumbrota; her grandchildren, Jynnylee Nesseth, Jason Nesseth, and Alec Nesseth; and many great-grandchildren. Other family that called her grandma include Gwen Bildersback, Jesse Stock, Randi Priem, Cassie Robinson, Josh Wetzstein, Jessica Wetzstein and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Cora Bjugan; her sister, Marie Schaefer; her brother, Harland Bjugan; her granddaughter, Rachel Nesseth; and her grandson, Anthony Schweich.

In her spare time, she enjoyed baking and decorating cakes. She made many wedding cakes, birthday, anniversary cakes, and I would guess that pretty much everyone has

eaten a piece of one of her cakes at some point in the last 50 years. She was a very kind person, she was always doing things for others, always putting them first and taking care of other people. She was a very selfless woman. She was also known as a fantastic cook, everyone always wanted to come eat at her house. If there were visitors, she would always be trying to feed them something she had made. Lovey was also a very hardworking woman, she milked cows for many years. After the cows were sold, she worked at Malt-O-Meal in Northfield, Maple Island in Wanamingo, and lastly, she was a cook at the Kenyon Sunset Home in Kenyon, MN. She

was always the first one to help with anything.

A special thank you to Betty Nesseth and Sandy Doehling for all the time they spent with her these last few years during her health battles.

Memorial service was at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 2023, at Holden Lutheran Church. Visitation was from 4 until 8 p.m. on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at the Mahn Family Funeral Homes, Larson Chapel in Zumbrota and for one hour prior to the service at church on Monday. Burial was in the church cemetery.

MERRY
Christmas

**Customers like you give us
a reason to celebrate!**

With gratitude in our hearts, we wish you
and yours a wonderful holiday season.

HUSQVARNA® ST 224

- 2 stage thrower
- 24" width
- Adjustable handle
- Power steering

\$1099⁹⁹



DECKER POWER & EQUIPMENT

810 3rd Avenue, Wanamingo • 507-824-2421



ZUMBRO VALLEY
LANDSCAPING & SNOW

**FULL SERVICE
LANDSCAPING**

Residential & Commercial

Plus! Hydro Seeding
Sodding - Finish Grading
Retaining Walls

JESSE STEBERG
Wanamingo
507-824-2021
www.zvlinc.com

CD Raises Funds for Military Families

(continued from page 1)

By creating a compilation CD to sell across Minnesota the project was a success. With the help of many sponsors, artists and listeners who went out to purchase these CD's over the years, the station has donated over \$235,000 so far to the Minnesota Military Family Foundation Minnesota Wheels of Honor and Tribute to the Troops. Freeman noted, "this will be the last year we produce the CD, as people consume music in many different ways now, but we look forward to extending our support in the future to these fine organizations in other ways. Further information can be found on the station website at www.mybobcountry.com

Milo Peterson Ford Co.

Make Your Christmas with a Ford

	<p>2021 FORD F-350 SUPER DUTY SRW LARIAT</p>		<p>2021 FORD EXPLORER XLT</p>		<p>2021 FORD EDGE SEL</p>		<p>2022 FORD F-150 LARIAT 4WD</p>	
<p>4WD, crew cab, 6.75' box, 61,388 miles, white, power stroke 6.7 L V-8 turbo diesel #23133U</p>	<p><i>Holiday Special</i> \$63,999 </p>	<p>4WD, 24,602 miles, rapid red metallic, 2.3L ecoboost #23170U</p>	<p><i>Holiday Special</i> \$35,480 </p>	<p>AWD, 10,663 miles, red metallic, 2.0L ecoboost turbocharged #23160U</p>	<p><i>Holiday Special</i> \$30,999 </p>	<p>Supercrew, 5.5' box, 39,515 miles, white metallic, 5.0L V-8 #23147U</p>	<p><i>Holiday Special</i> \$52,999 </p>	
	<p>2022 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM AWD</p>		<p>2021 FORD BRONCO WILDTRACK</p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Cold Weather Car Care</h3> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>At Milo Peterson Ford Co., our highly qualified technicians are here to provide exceptional service in a timely manner. From oil changes to transmission replacements, we are dedicated to maintaining top tier customer service, for both new and pre-owned car buyers! Allow our staff to demonstrate our commitment to excellence.</i></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Call our service department to schedule your maintenance needs.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Open Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5pm.</p>				
<p>25,388 miles, star white metallic, ecoboost 2.0L turbocharged #23189U</p>	<p><i>Holiday Special</i> \$30,840 </p>	<p>4 door, advanced 4x4, 18,527 miles, cactus gray, 2.7L ecoboost V-6 #23121U</p>	<p><i>Holiday Special</i> \$58,999 </p>	<h1 style="margin: 0;">SEE OUR COMPLETE INVENTORY AT WWW.MILOPETERSONFORD.NET</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">3020 457th Street Way, Kenyon • 507-789-6113 • SALES HOURS: M-T-Th 7:30a.m.-8p.m.; W-F 7:30a.m.-6p.m.; Sat. 8a.m.-4p.m.</p>				

Letter from the Superintendent

Prioritizing Mental Health



By Beth Giese MA, Ed.S
Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools
District Superintendent

In recent years, the spotlight on mental health has grown increasingly brighter, and for good reason. Kenyon-Wanamingo schools and across the state of Minnesota, the recognition of mental health's paramount importance has become a cornerstone of education.

Kenyon-Wanamingo, mirroring statewide initiatives, has placed a heightened emphasis on mental health within its curriculum. The

rationale behind this focus lies in recognizing the pivotal role mental well-being plays in shaping a student's academic success, social interactions, and overall well-being. By acknowledging the interconnectedness of mental health and academic performance, schools have realized the need for fostering a supportive and nurturing environment that prioritizes students' emotional welfare.

With all the things going on in the world, mental health is more than just something people talk about now. It's a big deal for how schools teach and take care of students. Kenyon-Wanamingo is working hard to make sure students feel good mentally, not just for school but for everything else in life.

The commitment to mental health in schools isn't just a trend; it's a fundamental shift. If parents have noticed any signs or concerns about your child's mental health, such as changes in behavior, mood swings, withdrawal from activities, or difficulty coping with everyday stressors, please know that we are here to help. We have social workers in all buildings, as well as guidance counselors to help at the HS/MS. It's important to address these issues promptly to ensure your teen receives the necessary support.

An additional resource: The 988 Lifeline is a service that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Wishing You Miles of Happiness This Holiday Season

Wherever this holiday takes you, we wish you happiness along the way.

We welcome the opportunity to be of service.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas!



BAKER TIRE SERVICE

AUTO, FARM AND TRUCK TIRES

11361 Hwy 60 Blvd., Wanamingo, MN 55983 • 824-2264

MERRY
Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
From All of Us At

GMI INSURANCE

507-824-2121
200 Main Street, Wanamingo

Todd Greseth
Goodhue County District 3 Commissioner

ONLY 14" SIZED PIZZA AVAILABLE

ADDITIONAL SIZES TO COME IN FUTURE

THE SPOT

SPORTS PUB AND GRILL

PIZZA

ONLINE ORDER
Scan QR Code

POPPIN' PEPPERONI \$15.50
Fresh Mozzarella, Poppin' Pepperoni

ITALIAN STALLION SAUSAGE \$15.50
Fresh Mozzarella, Italian Stallion Sausage

SWEET AND SPICY HAWAIIAN \$16.25
Fresh Mozzarella, Sweet pineapple, Canadian Bacon, Jalapeno

THE SUPREME \$19.75
Pepperoni, Sausage, Fresh Mozzarella, Red Onion, Mushroom, Green Pepper, Green Olive, Black Olive

GOLIATH! - (COME HUNGRY!) \$24.00
Pepperoni, Bacon, Italian sausage, Canadian Bacon, Fresh mozzarella, Onion, Green Pepper, Red Onion, Mushroom, Green olive, Black Olive, Extra Cheese, Jalapenos

MEAT SWEATS \$19.99
Poppin' Pepperoni, Sausage, Beef, Canadian Bacon, Crispy Bacon

CUSTOM PIZZA BUILD 14.00

TOPPING LIST \$1.75 EACH

Pepperoni	Green Olives	Banana Pepper
Sausage	Black Olives	Mushroom
Canadian Bacon	Red Onion	Jalapenos
Bacon Bits	Green Pepper	Pineapple
Extra Cheese		

Hours

Monday 5-8pm

Tuesday 430-8pm

Wednesday 430-8pm

Thursday 430-8pm

Friday 430-9pm

Saturday 430-9pm

Sunday 11am-8pm

112 MAIN STREET, WANAMINGO

507-824-2100 CALL FOR TAKEOUT

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Make Hometown Liquor Your One Stop for Holiday Celebrating

Jake's
HOMETOWN LIQUOR
OFF SALE

751 3rd Avenue, Wanamingo
8:00am-10:00pm Monday-Saturday;
11:00am-6:00pm Sunday
507-824-4030
jakeshometownliquor@gmail.com



K-W Noble Knights of the Week for November 10, 2023

Front Row: Rose Burginger, KG, Ms. Madi Andrist; Marshall Jensen, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Caden Fortsch, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Wyatt Caron, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Liza VanDeWalker, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers. Back Row: Warner Hendrickson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Jaxson Rueger, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan; Sabin Varanelli, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Lily Knott, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Alaria Hunt, Gr. 4, Mrs. Chloe Gohman; Arely Cortez, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing



K-W Noble Knights of the Week for November 21, 2023

Front Row: Kaylyne Westlund, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Peyton Luedtke, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Camilla Ortega, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Jaxson Cline, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Back Row: Mira McNeal, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan; Henry Skillestad, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Jack Priebe, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Hannah Edwards, Gr. 4, Ms. Chloe Gohman; Haddie Breyer, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing

Congratulations!

MERRY Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Held Bus Service

Proudly Transporting Our Area Children

621 2nd St., Kenyon • 507-789-6151



K-W Noble Knights of the Week for December 1, 2023

Front Row: Layla Amundson, KG, Ms. Madi Andrist; Nora Callahan, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Scott Hogy, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Brecken McCabe, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Haddie Schwering, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers. Back Row: Hugh Ellingsberg, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs; Julian Ramirez, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan; Alaska Rongve, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Brinley Murdick, Gr. 3, Ms. Sandy Sahl; Wyatt Intlekofer, Gr. 4, Mrs. Chloe Gohman; Ben Keller, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing

DO YOU HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Kenyon-Wanamingo School District Celebrates Outstanding Educators: Donkers, Ashland, Boyum and Bartholome Named Teachers of the Year

The Kenyon-Wanamingo School District is proud to announce the recognition of our exceptional educators, Tony Donkers, Val Ashland, Nicole Boyum and Whitney Bartholome as Teachers of the Year. This prestigious honor reflects their unwavering dedication to fostering a love for learning, inspiring students, and contributing significantly to the educational community.

Tony Donkers, a first-grade teacher at Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary, has demonstrated exemplary commitment to his students' academic and personal growth. His innovative teaching methods and genuine passion for education create an engaging and supportive classroom environment. Mr. Donkers goes above and beyond to ensure that each student feels valued and understood, fostering a love for learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Val Ashland, an esteemed third grade edu-

cator at Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary, has been a pillar of inspiration for both students and colleagues alike. Ms. Ashland's dynamic teaching style and compassionate approach to education make her a beloved figure in the school community. Her dedication to creating a positive learning environment has had a profound impact on students, instilling a sense of confidence and curiosity that extends far beyond the classroom.

Nicole Boyum, 5/6 math teacher at Kenyon-Wanamingo Middle School, has created a classroom environment for students that is safe, comfortable, and an excellent place for students to learn. Her calming presence and excellent classroom management skills lead to a high level of student engagement. She works hard to differentiate her curriculum to meet the needs of all students. She incorporates a good balance of tried-and-true instructional methods along with using the latest technology resources.

Whitney Bartholome, K-W High School Counselor, is an excellent resource and support for students and staff in so many different ways. Some of her work includes building student schedules, helping new students transition, teaching HS Prep class, college and career planning, helping students with college applications and scholarships, and supporting students with academic needs. She is always an easy person to talk with who is willing to listen and help all students and staff!

The Teacher of the Year award is a testament to the exceptional contributions to



Tony Donkers



Val Ashland



Nicole Boyum



Whitney Bartholome

Kenyon-Wanamingo School District. Superintendent Beth Giese states, "the commitment to educational excellence and the well-being of their students is truly commendable. We are so honored to have these fine educators on our team". Colleagues and

administration were impressed by their innovative teaching methods, dedication to professional development, and the positive impact they had on the lives of those they teach.

Merry Christmas

Thanks so much for your business at the holidays and all year.

TRAXLER
POWER & EQUIPMENT

502 Huseth St., Kenyon
507-789-6321

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we gear up for another Christmas, we're happy and grateful to be celebrating it with the customers and friends who have made our year so special. We appreciate your trust in us, and we're proud to serve this community.

Best Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

River Road Repair
(507) 824-2479

11365 Hwy. 60 Blvd.
PO Box 25
Wanamingo, MN 55983
Email: riverroadrepair1@gmail.com

We've Got Your Family's Back

Personalized insurance solutions to protect your family's future and security, no matter what.

VASA-SPRING GARDEN
TRADITION SINCE 1860
MUTUAL INSURANCE

COMMUNITY GROWN INSURANCE
...you're covered!

GRINNELL MUTUAL
Trust in Tomorrow.

Sviggum Agency
133 Main Street
Wanamingo
Phone: 507-824-5105
Email: agent@svigguminsurance.com

Kalass Agency
242 Main Street
Zumbrota
Phone: 507-732-7614
Email: kalassagency@kalassagency.com

Goodhue County 4-H Dairy Judging Team places 1st in Nation

(continued from page 1)

They also took first place honors at World Dairy Expo on October 1st, 2023 - edging out Missouri 4-H by nine points. Goodhue County 4-H member Natalie Clemenson tallied three top-five breed finishes en route to winning the placings portion of the contest. Clemenson also became the high individual of the contest with an average of 47.7 on the day's 10 classes and five sets of reasons. Minnesota was the high team in placings as well. In addition to Clemenson, Evelyn Scheffler won Jerseys and finishing fourth in Holsteins to be the third individual in placings. She finished in third overall. The team was completed by Calvin Benrud and Caryn Miklas and coached by Tony Scheffler, Maizie Scheffler, and Emily Mollenhauer.

As a result of winning the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, the team has been invited to participate in two international judging competitions during the summer of 2024: the Royal Highland Show in Scotland and the Clonmel Agricultural Show in Ireland.

The Goodhue County 4-H Dairy Judging



L-R: Coach Maizie Scheffler, Coach Tony Scheffler, Evelyn Scheffler, Calvin Benrud, Natalie Clemenson, Caryn Miklas, Coach Emily Mollenhauer

Team is part of the county dairy project, which consists of about 40 members. Goodhue County has one of the largest and most successful 4-H dairy judging programs in the state. Our teams are coached by volunteer dairy project leaders from Goodhue County. Older team members also serve as mentors to younger youth.

Dairy judging involves evaluating and ranking classes of dairy animals on trait characteristics. Each class consists of four animals of the same age and breed. Youth are given 15 minutes to judge each class and to take notes to give an impromptu speech, or reasons, to defend their placing. They are given 20 minutes to prepare their reasons

which must be memorized.

4-H youth practice dairy judging 1-2 times per week in the summer months. Contests are held at county fairs and the state fair which enable youth to further develop their judging skills. Youth are ranked on individual score and their scores are also combined with those of their teammates (4 on a team).

Dairy judging programs are an excellent way for youth involved in 4-H to develop valuable life skills such as critical thinking, organization, decision making, time management, and public speaking. Participating in dairy judging helps youth to build self-confidence, work as a team, and learn from as well as teach others.

WM

Wanamingo Mutual
Insurance Co.

est. 1876

- Homeowners
- Farm
- Workmen's Comp
- Inland Marine
- Auto
- Commercial

Office open in Wanamingo
Monday through Friday

507-824-2912

HOPE CREAMERY
BUTTER AVAILABLE
AT PARKSIDE!

Local has become an important part of consumer's food choices. People like to know where their food is coming from and how is it produced. Hope Creamery fits that profile very well. Our butter is made using an age old process.

Vat pasteurization, and small batch quantities are churned fresh every week.



The Hope Creamery
makes butter the old
fashioned way and you
can tell the difference.

Parkside General Store
~ Gas & Groceries ~

"The Little Store with More!"

ATM AVAILABLE
Mon.-Fri. 6am-8pm; Sat.-Sun. 7am-7pm
SUMMER HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 6am-8pm
Sat.-Sun. 7am-8pm
230 Main St, Nerstrand
507-332-8626
parksidenerstrand@gmail.com

Down on the Farm/ Up at the Cabin Adventures in Real Estate: How Not to Buy a Farm

By Claudia Vanderborght

“Stay home and dork around...”

Well, you can't do that living in a four-bedroom, split-level home on one-half acre in a typical Farmington neighborhood. Adventures require new locations and new experiences -- and Monica and Claudia have adventure flowing through their veins.

Monica was an experienced home buyer, having already bought and sold several suburban homes. Shopping for and buying rural real estate was different, and a farm -- where she could stay home and dork around -- was yet more challenging. First, Monica had to figure out the what, where, when, and why of the real estate purchase.

What:

Four bedrooms? (Renting out a room or two certainly helps pay the mortgage ... Monica had done that before.)

Split-entry / walk out. (Monica had added kitchens to two other homes, essentially converting them into duplexes. A separate entrance would be nice.)

Not a "nice" or "perfect" home. (Beige carpeting, like in the Eagan townhouse, would be a disaster on a farm.) Dogs, grandchildren, muddy boots ... a pretty home was not important.

20 acres (probably out of her price range) with pasture land, rolling hills, and some trees. All wishful thinking. But wishing isn't all that bad.

45 minutes from Apple Valley and east of 35W. (Eliminates driving into the sun on the morning and evening commute, and it wouldn't be too far for friends and family to visit.)

Some kind of outbuilding.

When:

No immediate rush. (Monica had already sold her home and had been sleeping on an air mattress in her dad's Apple Valley townhouse for several months.)

Why:

Monica had never tried farming before. It sounded like fun!! She would have plenty of reasons to stay home and dork around!

Wish list in hand, Monica and her good friend Norm started looking at rural homes and small farms. Each and every time Monica found a good candidate and put in an offer, the place had already been sold. Arghh!

Finally, Monica found a lovely rural home in Wastedo: it needed some work and a garage, but it had been on the market for some time and it met many of the criteria on the wish list. An offer was made and accepted. Jubilation!!

Unfortunately, the jubilation did not last long. First, the owner refused to schedule the required home inspection. Then, she canceled all appointments -- usually at the last minute. The owner wouldn't answer phone calls from Monica or any realtors. Monica tried stopping by the house, but no one would

answer the door. This was crazy!!! (Remember the When? Time was quickly running out as school would begin in three months and Monica did not want to start the new school year sleeping on the air mattress). Besides, an agreement had been signed. What was the problem?

Monica would not give up (stubborn German heritage) and left several notes. These were answered with a Temporary Restraining Order for harassment. Monica did some research and discovered that the owner was most likely in default and -- trying to stall the bank's attempt at foreclosure -- had put the house up for sale and accepted an offer, never intending to honor that agreement.

Now Monica was angry. She had lost months of opportunity time and still had no home, nor any current prospects. (Don't make a German angry.) First, Monica called the bank's loan department and reported the attempted fraud. Then, she filed a claim for Breach of Contract in Small Claims Court. The judge noted that his court was not the place for this type of case, but still sided with Monica and awarded her the earnest money plus an extra thousand dollars.

But house hunting was becoming less and less fun.

Then she found a 20-acre property in Wanamingo township that had just dropped its price. But that's a story for next time.

Teddy Bear Puppies for Sale

Family raised
Havanese, wormed,
vaccinated, 1 yr.
health guarantee

507-951-7417



Here's Where To Buy Your Minnesota Country Salute CD Buy the FINAL Minnesota Country Salute CD

Once again the net proceeds from this years Minnesota Country Salute CD will go to the Minnesota Military Family Foundation and Minnesota Wheels of Honor. Starting Veteran's Day you'll be able buy your copy at any one of these locations and make sure the service men and women and first responders of Minnesota have the support they need.

CD Available at:



37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
Open Wednesday-Thursday 11:00am-8:30pm (Bar Open Later), Friday-Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm (Bar Open Later), Sunday 9:00am-8:00pm (Bar Open Later)
507-645-9992 • www.firesidelounge.net



MMFF
Minnesota Military
Family Foundation
Serving
Military Families



About the Minnesota Country Salute CD Project:

A decade ago while sitting on his porch, Neil Freeman came up with the idea of tying together two groups that BOB FM supports. The Homegrown artists of Minnesota and the military member support organizations.

By creating a compilation CD to sell across Minnesota, he nailed it. With the help of many sponsors and listeners who went out and purchased these CDs over the years, BOB FM has donated over \$235,000 to the Minnesota Military Family Foundation, Minnesota Wheels of Honor, and Tribute to the Troops.

If you or your business would like to help further this mission, or help distribute the CD, please contact Neil Freeman, neil@mybobcountry.com.



BOB
TOTAL COUNTRY
105.5 • 106.1 • 107.5
St. Cloud Twin Cities Faribault

End of an Era

(continued from page 1)

in 2017, and Angie opened another restaurant with Barney this past June, so when Dan and Randi approached him with a desire to own the bar/restaurant, a deal was signed, sealed and delivered, and as of December 1st, it is beginning anew!

Dan wanted to thank Barney for everything he does for Wanamingo, and the surrounding communities. I want to touch on a few of the myriad of things Barney has been involved in over the years. A man of vision, he dabbled in retail with a Dollar Store and a grocery store. He was County Commissioner for awhile. He started Hometown Liquor, which he sold about a year ago, and it's now Jake's

Liquor.

Barney served free meals to the fire department, and had appreciation meals served on various occasions. He is heavily involved in the Kenyon/Wanamingo School system for fundraisers and various activities. He is also a big promoter for fund raising activities for the community. He was an active member of the Commercial Club, and loved doing the planning for the 4th of July activities.

His wife Laura told Dan that Barney loved to put on bean bag tournaments, and that he had as much fun as the people who came out to play! She said he always wanted to use local businesses for whatever he was doing, from Wanamingo, Zumbrota, Pine Island and Kenyon. He is always thinking up something new, and loves to dream big and turn his ideas into reality. He liked hiring locals to work in his businesses, and gave so many people the opportunity to work in their hometown. (Even my uncle Bobby bartended at JB's on his 80th birthday!)

Some of the words used by his friends to de-

scribe Barney are Fearless, Generous, Fun, Hardworking, and in the words of the late Bobby Carlson, "Neseth Good!" Thanks, Barney, for all you have done, and all you will do for the people in this area. We wish

you all the luck in the next journey in your life, and know we will still see you around, and most likely be amazed at what you will come up with next!

"Glory to the Newborn King!"

With gratitude in our hearts,
glory to God and Merry Christmas to all!

D&S Banner, Sign & Print

113 Forest Street, Kenyon, MN 55946 • 507-789-4611
dandsbannersignandprint.com

Stop in to see our great Christmas gift ideas!



Christmas in Wanamingo

Thursday, December 07, 2023

Treats at Businesses

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Industrial Park & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Main Street

Drawings for Mingo Bucks

1st prize: \$100.00



2nd Prize: \$50.00



3rd Prize: \$25.00

MUST bring in a non-perishable food item or cash donation and receive a card at any business.

MUST have 10 different business stamps to qualify for the drawing. Place it in the drawing box at the bank by 7:00 pm
(Drawing held the following day)

Visit with Santa

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at SEMA 11555 Hwy 60 Blvd Wanamingo, MN

Games & food included!

Salvation Army Donation

Sponsored by Lions Club

'Tis the Season of Giving!



PLAZA MORENA
CAMPESTRE GRILL

DINING ROOM
Open 7 Days a Week
11:00am-10:00pm

5% OFF MEAL PURCHASE
Expires December 31, 2023
Does not include alcohol.
Not valid with any other offer.

160 26th St NE, Owatonna
507-413-0819
www.plazamorena.com

623
BAR AND GRILL

MEAT RAFFLES Sundays at 4PM
BINGO Tuesdays at 6PM

Dennison Lions Club Charitable Gambling Permit #2762

E-TABS, PULL TABS EVERYDAY!
FOOD SPECIALS!

Watch Our Facebook Page for Updates!
- ON/OFF SALE -

Main Street, Dennison • Phone 607-782-9361

Bar Open Daily Mon.-Sat. at 11 AM; Sun. at 1 PM

Current Kitchen Hours:
Sun.-Tues. 12:00 PM-7:00 PM, Wed. & Thurs. 12 PM AM-8:00 PM
Fri. & Sat. 12:00 PM-9:00 PM

Take a Short Drive
Delicious

10 TAP BEERS!
4 SEASON PATIO!

The Fireside

DAILY FEATURES
WEDNESDAY Enjoy Our Jumbo Wings Specials!
BBQ Rib Dinner - 1/2 or Full Rack (begins at 4:00p.m.)
THURSDAY \$3.50 All Taps, Domestic Bottles, Rail Drinks!
Taco Specials! Fajita Specials! 16oz. Margarita Special
FINALLY FRIDAY All You Can Eat Fish Dinner
SATURDAY Hand Battered Jumbo Shrimp or Slow Roasted Prime Rib
SUNDAY Enjoy Our Sunday Breakfast Beginning at 9a.m.

Plan Your Holiday Parties Today

37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11:00 AM-9:30 PM
Friday & Saturday 11:00 AM-9:30 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Bar Open Later

RESERVATIONS STRONGLY SUGGESTED. CALL 507-645-9992.
www.firesidelounge.net

Center Restaurant
30 Main Street
Dodge Center, MN 55927

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Generous portions, friendly service and
delicious homestyle cooking anytime!

10% OFF with this ad
Good Monday-Friday. Expires December 31, 2023.

TRY OUR DAILY SPECIALS! BREAKFAST SERVED ALL DAY!

Hours: Sunday-Thursday 7am-3pm
Friday-Saturday 7am-8pm
507-633-3333

House Smoked BBQ Food,
Cold Drinks
and
LIVE MUSIC!

Watch our Facebook Page Daily
Specials & Weekend Entertainment!

Check Out Our Website!
RBAR-RANDOLPH.BIZ
Great Way to Keep Up on All Our Live Events!

THE R BAR

4354 292nd St E, Randolph
507-646-0107
rbar.randolph@gmail.com
Monday 3:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday 11:00am-1:00am
Friday & Saturday 11:00am-1:00am
Sunday 11:00am-9:00pm

AREA DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

GIVE THE GIFT OF CHOICE
WITH
TOREY'S GIFT CARDS!

TOREY'S RESTAURANT & BAR GIFT CARD

Purchase \$100 IN GIFT CARDS
and
Get An Extra \$15 FOR FREE!

COUNT ON TOREY'S
FOR AMAZING EVENT CATERING
Banquet Hall, Seating Up to 300
Full Bar • Full Restroom Facilities • Complete Catering Services

TOREY'S
Restaurant & Bar

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 11:00am-8:00pm
Friday 11:00am-9:00pm • Saturday 3:00pm-9:00pm ; Sunday Closed
208 North Cedar, Owatonna • 507-455-9260

TOREYS.NET

Join Our **REWARDS CLUB** EARN POINTS FOR EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE!

SANDWICHES • BURGERS
BBQ

THE SMOKIN' SILVERBACK

1832 South Cedar Owatonna MN
507-214-0701
Monday-Thursday 11am-9pm
Friday-Saturday 11am-10pm
Sunday 11am-7pm

Great Food • Strong Coffee
Daily Lunch Specials • Delicious Desserts

Area 57
COFFEE & FE

Where Good Coffee and Good Friends Meet!

M-F 7:30am to 7:30pm
Sat. 7am to 2pm; Closed Sundays

125 Main Street, Wanamingo, MN
507-824-2969

TOREY'S
Restaurant & Bar

TOREY'S IS ENHANCING YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE
Come check out our expanded menu,
extensive drink selection and new renovations.

MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY 11:00AM-8:00PM
FRIDAY 11:00AM-9:00PM • SATURDAY 3:00PM-9:00PM • SUNDAY CLOSED

TOREYS.NET

BOOK YOUR FALL AND WINTER EVENTS
Banquet Hall, Seating Up to 300
Full Bar • Full Restroom Facilities • Complete Catering Services
208 North Cedar, Owatonna
507-455-9260

East Wind
東風 Buffet

15% OFF
Wednesday, Thursday
with ad

10% OFF
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
with ad

MENU OR BUFFET

Hours:
Monday: 11am-10pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wed.-Sun.: 11am-10pm

Cannot be used with other offers.
507-451-9666

1015 W. Frontage Rd., Suite 103, Owatonna • South of Lowe's
Dine In Only • Expires December 31, 2023

TAMMY'S
PLACE
Restaurant & Bar
Kasson, MN

DRINKS • APPETIZERS
SANDWICHES • BURGERS
SALADS • WRAPS • DESSERTS

DAILY SPECIALS

Closed Mon., Tues-Thurs 11am-9pm, Fri-Sat 11am-10pm
Sun 11am-8pm

111 West Main Street, Kasson, MN
507-634-3133

BREAKFAST,
LUNCH, DINNER

BURGERS
ESPRESSO
HOTDISH
ICE CREAM

Try our daily specials!

ANGIE'S
Restaurant

635 2nd Street, Kenyon
Hours:
Tues.-Sat. 7am to 8pm
Sunday 8am to 1pm
Closed Mondays
507-789-1100

Olivia's
FAMILY RESTAURANT

Family Fare at Great Prices

Breakfast
Daily Specials
Weekend Breakfast
Buffet

10% OFF with this ad
Good Monday-Friday. One coupon per meal.
Expires December 31, 2023

Hours: **Sunday-Wednesday 6:00am-3:00pm**
Thursday-Saturday 6:00am-8:00pm

1160 Frontage Road, Owatonna • 507-444-4000



Business Link

- Bellechester • Castle Rock • Claremont • Dennison • Dodge Center • Dundas • Goodhue • Hampton • Kenyon • Mazeppa • Nerstrand • Randolph • Wanamingo • West Concord • Zumbro Falls •

ERA Gillespie
REAL ESTATE REAL ESTATE

Todd Utpadel
REALTOR®
122 N Cedar, Owatonna, MN 55060

Cell 507-358-8213
Office 507-451-7488
Fax 507-451-0393

Todd@erahome.com
ERAGillespie.com

*Each ERA® Office is independently Owned and Operated



KAHN Tile Supply LLC

Schaeffler
SPECIALIZED LUBRICANTS

AGRO POWER

Bruce Freerksen
(507) 273-9110
brucewithschaefferoil@gmail.com
West Concord, MN

BAKER'S TIRE SERVICE
507-824-2264
11361 Hwy. 60 Blvd
Wanamingo

AG TIRES

GOODYEAR FARM TIRES

CERTIFIED FARM TIRE DEALER

SIFT (SAVE IT FROM TRASH) THRIFT STORE
26 RED WING AVE Kenyon, MN

Hours: Thur & Fri 12 to 8pm,
Saturday 9am to 5pm

DOUG AND MARY KLATT
www.sift4you.com
Call us today! 507.259.2386

LODERMEIER'S
STEEL & WOOD FRAME BUILDINGS

- Machinery Storage
- Commercial
- Livestock Buildings
- Garages

38241 County 6 Blvd, Goodhue
651-923-4441
Lodermeiers.net

No-Reserve Online Only Grain Facility & Equipment

MARING AUCTION LLC
We Sell the Earth & Everything On It.

River Country CO-OP Has Decided To Liquidate Their Entire Hastings, MN Grain Facility At Public Auction.

Auction Location: 15460 180th St E, Hastings, MN 55033

Bidding Opens on Monday November 27, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. BIDDING STARTS CLOSING:

Friday, December 15, 2023 • 10:00 a.m. COMPLETE DETAILS & BIDDING AT:
www.marinauction.com

INSPECTION DATES:
November 30 & December 1 • 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday & Friday December 7 & 8 • 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday December 14, • 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BUYERS MUST REMOVE GRAIN FACILITY ITEMS BY AUGUST 1, 2024
Bidders/Buyers Must Check-In To Main Office Prior To Viewing Items & Wear Hi-Vis Onsite

2017 Grain Handler Dryer, Grain Legs, Conveyors, Distribution Head & Tubes

2017 Grain Handler 2414 Grain Dryer, DM 510 Dryer Control, Temp Monitoring System, LP Gas, 6 Fans with 20HP 3 Phase Motor, 460 Volt, 200AMP, 60Hz, Good Condition; 2017 Grain Handler 55' Grain Leg, 5500 Bushel Per Hour, 15HP 3 Phase Drive Motor, 24" Head Pulley, Watch Dog Controller, 17"x13" Trunk; 2017 Grain Handler 135' Grain Leg, Wet Corn Leg, 10,000 Bushel Per Hour, 36" Head Pulley, 60HP 3 Phase Drive Motor With Soft Start, 18"x14" Trunk; 2017 Grain Handler 120' Dry Corn Grain Leg, 5500 Bushel Per Hour, 25HP 3 Phase Drive Motor, 24" Head Pulley, 17"x13" Trunk; 10'X10'X120' Support Leg Tower, Installed 2017, Leg Head Platform, Distribution Platform, Switch Back Stairs; 2018 Grain Handler Model 145 100' Operational Length Drag Line Overhead Conveyor With Catwalk And Support Towers, 114' Overall Conveyor Length, 5000 Bushel Per Hour, 15HP 3 Phase Motor, 150' Of Catwalk, Including 3 Support Towers; 2017 Grain Handler Model 145 Drag Line Conveyor, 55' Long, 5000 Bushel Per Hour, 7.5HP 3 Phase Drive; 2017 Grain Handler 10' Drag Line Conveyor, 5000 Bushel Per Hour, 3 Phase Motor; 2017 Grain Handler 15' Drag Line Conveyor In Pit, 15HP 3 Phase Motor, 10,000 Bushel Per Hour; 2017 Rapat Distributor 10 Duct Double 16" With Electric Swing-Flo, All Electric Controls; (9) Distribution Tubes, 14" & 12" Diameter, From 95' to 47'

(7) Grain Bins, Overhead Fill Station, Wet Holding Bin, Grain Pit, Aeration Fans

Chicago Grain Bin, 48' Diameter, 22 Rings, 32" Rings, 89,724 Bushel Capacity, (2) Cadwell Centrifugal Aeration Fans, Side Draw With Stair and Platform, 10" Vertical Unload Auger; Chicago Grain Bin, 48' Diameter, 18 Rings, 32" Rings, 73,856 Bushel Capacity, 2 Roof Vents, (2) Aeration Fans, 10" U-Trough Unload With 7.5HP 3 Phase Motor, Side Draw With Platform & Stairs; (3) Chicago Grain Bins, 48' Diameter, 10 Rings, 32" Rings, 43,275 Bushel Capacity, Roof Vents, (2) Aeration Fans, 10" Unload; Herd King Grain Bin, 32' Diameter, 16 Rings, 30" Tall Rings, 25,126 Bushel Capacity; 34,715 Capacity Grain Bin, 32' Diameter, (5) 8' Rings; Cone Bottom Wet Holding Bin, 24' Diameter, 18 Ring, 20,200 Bushel Capacity, Stiffened, Ladder With 2 Access Doors; Overhead Fill Station With (2) 14' 7 Ring Hopper Bins With 16' wide by 30' long by 18' tall Metal Structure With Platforms and Ladder, Hopper Bins Are 2,984 Bushel Capacity; (2) 2016 Sukup Centrifugal Aeration Fans, 460Volt 10HP 3 Phase Motor, 1750 W/C, Good Condition

2002 Bulk Feed Trailer, 2002 Hopper Trailer, Swing Hopper Auger, Fertilizer Tender, Chassis Trailer

2002 Sudenga Bulk Feed Trailer, 40', Aluminum Body, 8 Compartment, Front Unload With 28' Discharge Auger, Hyd. Controls; 2002 Wilson Commander DWH-5010 Hopper Bottom Grain Trailer, 42'x66"x96", Roll Tarp, Ag Hoppers, Belt Openers, 11R24.5 Tires, Steel Rims, Spring Ride; Westfield MK130-71 Swing Hopper Grain Auger, Hydraulic Lift, 540PTO; B&B Tri-Axle Chassis Semi Trailer, Tandem Axle With Air Pusher Axle, Spring Ride, Air Brakes; Wilmar 16 Ton Double Compartment Fertilizer Tender, Side Shooter, Hydraulic Controls, Roll Tarp; Stainless Steel 30' Double Belt Conveyor, Electric Motor, On Transport; Stainless Steel 10' Jump Belt Conveyor, Electric Motor

REMOVAL DATES & REQUIREMENTS:
Buyer will have until August 1, 2024, to remove items. The cost of getting item(s) loaded, removed or down from current location is solely the buyer's responsibility. All items must be removed by a licensed and insured crane operator or rigging company. Please have the paperwork sent to River Country CO-OP or the Auction Company. River Country CO-OP will need to approve all companies or individuals who will be removing overhead or grain bins. Buyers will be given contact information to River Country CO-OP following the end of the auction for this. We suggest you use Brad Smith of Marquette Grain Systems for removal and loading. He is the one who installed all grain equipment and is willing to coordinate crane service to lower items and loading for all buyers.

River Country Co-Op
—SELLERS—
www.marinauction.com

MARING AUCTION LLC
PO Box 37, Kenyon, MN 55946
507-789-5421 • 800-801-4502
Matt Maring Lic# 25-28
Kevin Maring Lic# 25-70
Adam Engen Lic# 25-93
Andrew Hamilton Lic# 50-128

PLACE YOUR AD ON THIS PAGE
Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com
or Call Terry at 507-951-7417

UPCOMING AUCTIONS

LIVE & ONLINE VERY LARGE FARM ESTATE AUCTION FOR LAWRENCE SCHWEICH ESTATE, L&B SCHWEICH PROPERTIES L.L.P.

December 7, 20239:30 AM Northfield, MN
John Deere 9520K 4WD, (2) Case IH 380 RowTrac MFWD, Case IH 420 4WD, John Deere 5046R, Case IH 165 Pump, Case IH 120C, JD 4440, JD 4020, Case IH 9250 Combine, Corn & Bean Head, Case IH 2000 Series 24 Row 30" Planter, Case IH 500T Drill, John Deere 455 Drill, Case IH 255 Field Cultivator, John Deere 2730 Ripper, Cat D4K Dozer, Cat 320C Excavator, Lion Dirt Scraper, ILC Boomlift, Lull Telelift, Bobcat E35 Excavator, 2011 Mack 613 Day Cab, 2021 Impre Grain Trailer, Mac End Dump, Westfield Augers, Brent V788 Grain Cart, Schaben Applicator, VRX Grain Vac, Grain Trucks, Lawn Mowers, UTV's, Vehicles, Gator, Flashed Trailers

December 11, 2023 Owatonna, MN
Beautiful 3 Bedroom Rambler Country Home On A Nice Half Acre Lot Just Outside Of Owatonna, MN On Hard Surface Road, 2,100sq. ft. Move In Ready Home. One Owner 1950 Ford Custom 2 Door, Frame Off Restoration, 2015 Cadillac SRX4 SUV, Lawn & Garden Equipment, Woodworking & Metal Working Tools, Air Compressor, Modern & Antique Furniture, Glassware, Antiques, Collectibles, Household Items
Bidding Begins:Dec. 2, 2023 Starts Closing.....Dec. 11 2023

December 15, 2023 Hastings, MN
Grain Handler CH2414 LP Grain Dryer, (3) Grain Legs, (7) Grain Bins With Full Floors, Wet Holding Bin, Overhead Lead Bins, Distribution Heads, Distributions Tubes, Conveyors, Augers, All Items To Be Removed By August 1, 2024, 2002 Cornhusker Grain Trailer, Westfield MK130-71 Auger, Wilmar Fertilizer Tender, B&B Semi Trailer Chassis
Bidding Begins: .. Nov. 27, 2023 Starts Closing.....Dec. 15 2023

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION FOR TUPY ESTATE
December 11, 2023 Owatonna, MN

MARING AUCTION LLC
We Sell the Earth & Everything On It.
Complete List of All Our Auctions found at www.marinauction.com
Thinking of Having an Auction? Call Us Today!
800-801-4502



Business Link

PLACE YOUR AD ON THIS PAGE

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com
or Call Terry at 507-951-7417

All Your Printing & Sign Needs

D&S Banner, Sign & Print

All Your Printing and Sign Needs

In House Graphic Design

Large Format Graphics for Vehicles and Trailers

Installation services

113 Forest Street, Kenyon, MN 55946
507-789-4611

dandsbannersignandprint.com



Best Fertilizer for Land is of the Owner

Ron Sheridan
since 1944
service is on the house



www.drssquarefoot.com

651-246-4146

Rapp Land Surveying, Inc.

David G. Rapp

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

GPS Technology and Engineering Services Available

45967 Hwy. 56 Blvd. Kenyon, MN 55946

Cell: 612-532-1263

email:

dgr881@gmail.com



Tatge Jewelry

Awards By Tatge

Since 1975

625 2nd Street, Kenyon, MN
(507) 789-6522

LIVE & ONLINE EXCEPTIONAL FARM MACHINERY ESTATE AUCTION



We Sell the Earth & Everything On It.

Auction Location: 8433 320th St W, Northfield, MN 55057

Thursday, December 7, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

COMPLETE CATALOG & BIDDING AT:

www.maringauction.com

ONE OF THE LARGEST ONE OWNER FARM MACHINERY AUCTIONS IN THE MIDWEST

JOHN DEERE 9520R



'19 JD 9520R 4WD, 710 Hrs, PS, Rear Weights, PTO, 6 Hyd., Hi Flow Hyd., Deluxe Cab, Starfire 6000, 4600 CommandCenter

CASE IH 9250

COMBINE AND HEADS



'21 CIH 9250 RWD Combine, Front Tracks, AFS Connect, 185 Sep/275 Engine Hrs, Field Tracker, Long Double Folding Auger, Pro 700, Deluxe Cab, Camera, Power Plus CVT; '21 CIH 4412 12R30" Folding Corn Head, Field Tracker, Chopping; '22 Case IH 3162 Series II 35" Draper Head, Crary Air Reel, Field Tracker; Stud King 38" & Stomper Stud 36" Head Trailers

CASE IH 420, (2) CASE IH 380 ROWTRAC,

CASE IH PUMA & 120C

'18 CIH Steiger 420 4WD, 605 Hrs, R46, Deluxe Cab, PS, Pro 700, PTO, 6 Hyd., High-Cap Hyd. Pump; '19 CIH Magnum 380 MFWD Rowtrac, CVT, 486 Hrs, CVT, Nav, R38 Front Duals, 25" Tracks, 3pt., PTO, 6 Hyd., Hi Flow, Pro 700, Deluxe Cab; '18 CIH Magnum 380 CVT Rowtrac, 1406 Hrs, R38 Front Duals, 25" Tracks, 6 Hyd., Hi Flow, PTO, Nav, 700 Display; '20 CIH Puma 165 MFWD, 490 Hrs, Deluxe Cab, ECO CVT, 3 Hyd., PTO, 3pt., Weights, 480/80R42; '18 CIH 120C Farmall MFWD, 353 Hrs, Deluxe Cab, 2 Door, 12/12 Trans, 3pt., 2 Hyd., PTO, L630 Hyd. Loader, Joystick, Weights

CASE IH 2150 PLANTER & 500T ARS,

JD 1560, TENDER, ROW CROP CULT.

'18 CIH 2150, 24R30", Center Fill, Liquid Fert., Down Force, Markers, One Owner; '19 CIH Precision Disk 500T Air Seeder, 40", 10" Spacings, Center Fill, One Owner; JD 1560, 15" x 7.5", Grass Seeder, Low Acres; Kinze 2600, 12R30", Liquid, Corn & Bean; WilRich 12R30" Row Crop Cult., Like New; Hitch Doc SC 2200 Seed Tender, 2 Box

CASE IH 335 VT & 255 TIGER MATE,

JOHN DEERE 2730, SCHABEN SIDE DRESSER

'20 CIH 335 VT Disc, 31", 7.5" Spacings, Basket, Command Leveling; '19 CIH 255 Tiger Mate FC, 40", Harrow, Basket; '18 JD 2730, 9 Shank, Disc Levelers, Harrow; '21 Schaben Side Dresser, 1000 Gal., 16R30"; (2) DMI 2500 5 Shank Rippers, Levelers; Wilrich 2800 FC, 18.5"; '15 RiteWay FFS 42.5" Roller; L&D 1000 Gal. Water Wagon; 900 Gal Water Wagon, Tandem Axle

TRACK GRAIN CART, AUGERS AND GRAVITY BOXES

'21 Unverferth Extreme 1319 Track Grain Cart, Scale; Brent 782 Grain Cart, Tarp; (2) EZ Trail Wagons, Model 3400; Harvest 550 Bu. Wagon, Tarp; J&M 350-20 Wagon, Poly Auger; Nu-Bilt 200 Gravity Box; REM VRX Grain Vac, Flex & Rigid Pipe; Farm King 10" Jump Auger; Westfield MK130-111 & MK100-91 Swing Hopper Augers; Buhler Farm King 10"x70" Swing Hopper; Westfield 8"x51" Swing Hopper; Harvest International A10"x32" Swing Hopper; Harvest International T10"x32" Auger; Westfield WR80-41 Auger; Convey-All T-C28 Belt Conveyor

MACK SEMIS, GRAIN TRAILERS, DROP DECK, END DUMP, GRAIN TRUCKS

'12 Mack Pinnacle CXU613, Day Cab, MP8, Auto, 556,600 Miles; '11 Mack Pinnacle CXU613, Day Cab, MP8, Auto, Wet Kit, 10,260 Miles; '00 Sterling Grain Truck, 3126 Cat, Auto, 16" Steel Box, 195,800 Miles; '75 GMC 6500, V8, 5x2 Sp., 16" Steel Box; '24 Timpte Super Hopper Trl, 42"x66"x96", Electric Tarp; '06 Mac End Dump, Tri Axle, 34"x62", Liner; '08 Tow Master T-40 Deck Over Flatbed, Tandem Axle, 32"; '04 Jet Hopper Trl, 42"x60"x96", Tarp, Air Ride; '15 Felling Semi Step Deck, 44", 5" Dove Tail; '01 PJ Flatbed Trl, 21"x83" Tilt Bed

CAT DOZERS & EXCAVATOR, LULL 644, MANLIFT, LEON SCRAPER, CASE SKID LOADER, CONTRACTOR TRUCKS

Cat D5M LPG Dozer, 2218 Hrs, Cab, 6 Way Blade, 10'5"; Cat D4K LPG Dozer, 1706 Hrs, 10' 6 Way Blade, Cab; Cat 320 CL Excavator, 9120 Hrs, 39" Bucket, Hyd. Thumb; Leon 1000 A Series Pull Type Scraper; '11 JLG 600AT Manlift, 3719 Hrs, 60' Max; '03 Lull 644E42, 2561 Hrs, 6000 Lb. Cap.; '05 IH 4300 Truck, 16' Contractors Box, DT466, 197,3347 Miles, Auto.; '00 Sterling Truck, 3126 Cat, Auto, 16' Contractor's Box, 279,147 Miles; Case 40XT Skid Loader, 1822 Hrs; '21 Top Cat Hyd. Tree Sheer; Virmig; Tree Grabber, Model HSBP-132 Folding Snowplow Blade, 72" Rotor Tiller; Flex Finger Tumbling Rock Picker; Bobcat 18" Post Hole Auger; Bobcat SGX60 Stump Grinder; Sidney Mfg. Hyd. Tree Sheer; 16'x4' Man Basket; 62" Grapple Fork

JOHN DEERE 4440, IHC, JD, OLIVER FORD COLLECTOR TRACTORS

'79 JD 4440, 1910 Hrs, PS, 2nd Owner; 1966 JD 4020 Dsl, PS, Older Restoration; IHC 766 Dsl, 9283 Hrs, Fenders; Farmall 460, Fast Hitch; IHC 666, WF Fenders, TA; Farmall M & H; Oliver Super 77, Professionally Restored; Farmall Cub, 1 Row Cult.; Ford Golden Jubilee, Professionally Restored

HOBBY FARM EQUIPMENT, JD 6620 TITAN COMBINE, HEADS

JD 6620 Titan II, 2586 Hrs, Chopper/Spreader; JD 643 Corn Head, 6R30"; JD 920 Bean Head; Unverferth & EZ Trail 20" Head Trailers; JD HX15 Bat Wing Mower; CIH 900 Cyclo Planter, 6R30"; JD 400 Rotary Hoe, 15"; Buhler Farm King 8" Blade; JD 3x16's Plow; IH 2x14's Plow; IH 1 Bottom Plow; King Cutter 5" Blade; Buhler Finishing Mower, 6"; JD 12" Spring Tooth Digger; Frontier 6" Box Blade

1939 FORD F1 PICKUP, MERCEDES, UTVs, FUEL TANKS

'39 Ford F1 Pickup, Flat Head V8, Restored; '92 Mercedes 500 SEL, V8, Loaded; 2022 Argo Avenger Amphibious 8x8; '11 JD Gator, 825i, 2x4, 1485 Hrs; '17 JD Gator, 6x4, 136.6 Hrs; '16 Honda TRX250 Recon ATV; 1000 & 500 Gal. Dsl Tank, Elec. Pump; 550 Gal Fuel Tank, Trailer, 12V

INSPECTION DATES:

Friday December 1, 2023 - Auction Date from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Daily, No Exceptions

Lawrence N Schweich

— ESTATE —

L&B Schweich Properties L.P., Sellers



MARING AUCTION, LLC.
PO Box 37, Kenyon, MN 55946
507-789-5421 • 800-801-4502
Matt Maring Lic# 25-28
Kevin Maring Lic# 25-70
Adam Engen Lic# 25-93
Andrew Hamilton Lic# 50-128



Terms: Cash, Check, Credit Card, 3% Handling Fee On Cards, All Sales Final, All Sales Selling As Is, All Sales Must Be Paid For In Full At Payment And Pickup Time. 10% Buyers Fee Applies To All Sales.



Steel, Farm Machinery, Car Bodies, Aluminum, Copper, Batteries, Appliances, E-Scrap

55976 State Hwy. 56, West Concord

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

June-October

Open Saturdays 9:00 to 11:30am

507-527-2408

www.ldrecovery.com



- Tires
- Wheel alignments
- Steering & suspension
- Brake repair
- A/C maintenance
- Batteries

641 S Main Wanamingo
507-824-2710

DODGE COUNTY LAND TITLE COMPANY



- * Over 40 Years Experience
- * Residential
- * Farm
- * Commercial

Use Dodge County Land Title Company for your next real estate transaction or loan closing.

38 W Main Street, Dodge Center, MN
Ph: 507-633-6355
Email: dclandtitle@kmtel.com

fw

Flat Water Futures, LLC

Grain and Livestock Hedging

Todd Ryan

651-764-5590

tryan@flatwaterfutures.com

Goodhue, MN
Branch Office

KAHN Tile Supply LLC



Bruce Freerksen

(507) 273-9110

brucewithschaefferoil@gmail.com

West Concord, MN

J & M Refrigeration

- Commercial Refrigeration
- Heating
- Air Conditioning
- Walk In Freezers & Coolers
- Bulk Tanks
- Ag Equipment A/C Service

24 YEARS EXPERIENCE!

Goodhue

651-923-3562

Winter Sand and Salt Project

(continued from page 1)

The new salt sand shed replaced a concrete block, dirt floor, and a wood framed roof. The dirt floor allowed salt-sand to be exposed to ground elements and washing into street. The short roof height did not allow for adequate clearance to load and unload salt/sand. This made loading even more difficult while already dealing with the elements. The old structure had limited capacity, which lead to frequent requests for refills.

Area Cities are migrating away from spreading only salt-sand mixture. Most area cities also spread direct salt. Wanamingo wants to have a salt option to spread on the road for melting ice. The salt/sand option works better for traction. The City ordered 75 tons of salt through Cargill as part the MNDOT cooperative purchasing for the 2023-2024 winter. The City also receives salt/sand mixture from Goodhue County on an as needed basis in return for snow removal on County Road 63 around the school. The salt and salt/sand mixtures needed to be stored on the concrete.

The City Council was presented the concept plan at the June 2023 meeting while the final plans were approved at the July 2023 meet-

ing. The new salt sand shed was constructed late summer. B & N Construction installed a 24' x 30' heavy floating slab type foundation, 10" thick 6' high walls on three sides, and a 4' x 25' apron between the structure and curb. Jason Bauer Construction and the City maintenance staff constructed the 6' sidewalls and engineered rafters, and steel siding and roof. The total cost to construct the building was \$30,231.32. The salt/sand shed construction costs are being paid out of the Storm Water Fund.

The new street salt-sand and sand shed will be a savings on maintenance staff time with unloading and loading. The new shed will allow for additional storage and rely less on deliveries on demand during winter. The salt mixture should be more efficient with keeping intersections melted than the salt/sand combination, reducing ice buildups. Utilizing less salt/sand will be better for the environment by not having so much salt/sand go down the storm drains. It will keep more sand off the streets in the spring requiring less street sweeping and cleaning out of storm lines.

The City has ordered a new Ford 550 chassis truck with stainless steel box with hoist, 5/8" pull plate hauling system, hydraulics & controls, light bars and strobes, toolbox, front snow plow, and snow plow wing. The Ford 550 chassis has a State bid price of \$61,230.40 while the accessories have a State bid price of \$82,447. The total cost of the snow plow will be \$143,677.40. The snow plow will be paid for with levy dollars in 2024 that are no longer dedicated toward bond payments that were fully repaid in

2023. The new plow truck is expected to be delivered and ready before 2024-2025 winter season.

The City hopes that the equipment upgrades, use of alternative material, and increased material storage allows the maintenance staff to be more efficient and effective with snow removal in the future.

I asked Michael, "As the City Administrator, one of your jobs is the budget. Was this project waiting for the levy dollars to be paid up before adding another project, or was it a lucky coincidence? Either way, there will be no fees added to the taxpayers, right?" Michael replied "The City of Wanamingo is working on capital planning years in advance. This is not always easy because priorities change from year to year. However, the City knows when bond payments are completed or can add to the next year's capital budget. The City can either take what

would have been the yearly bond payments and/or additional capital budget for current capital needs, save multiple years for capital purchases, or take on new debt for the next capital purchase or improvement."

I then talked to Brad Kennedy about the reasons he saw a need for this project. "It will be a much faster and safer way to keep the streets clean. The size of the old building was inadequate for the equipment we use, and we needed a concrete floor and partial walls as an upgrade for storing sand and salt. There will be less ground contamination, and less product waste. The new equipment will result in faster snow removal, and safer roads for our residents."

Well, there you have it! An idea brought up by Public Works, and approved by your City Council to make your winter driving safer. Thanks for the good job!

Our advertisers appreciate your business!

Tell them you saw their ad in the Wanamingo Messenger





JOY TO THE WORLD

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:11

From our family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



Area 57 COFFEE Cafe **Where Good Coffee and Good Friends Meet!**

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:00am-7:30pm & Sat. 7:00am-2:00pm
125 Main Street, Wanamingo
507-824-2969



Trimmed With A Wish

Thanks for shaping our year with so many delightful memories and friendships!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

All the Buzz

~ Full Service Hair Salon ~

Jamie Sommer Owner/Stylist

224 Main St., Wanamingo
Mon. by Appointment; Tues.-Fri. 9am-5pm; Sat. 9am-Noon

507-824-2381

DON'T LET HEARING PROBLEMS SLOW YOU DOWN!



FREE Hearing Exam	FREE Consultation	FREE 2 Week Trial	HUGE Selection (In-Ear & Behind Ear)	BLUETOOTH Models available (Phone & TV)
-----------------------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------------	--	---

Call today for your FREE, No Pressure, No Obligation Consultation

Advantage Care Hearing Center

Jayne Bongers Owner/MN Certified

507-412-9813 • advantagehearingcenter.com

ZUMBROTA: 1605 Main St, Suite 200 • CANNON FALLS: 100 South 4th St.
FARIBAULT: 1575 NW 20th St

The Commercial Club Needs YOU!

(continued from page 1)

Admittedly, I am a curious person, so I enjoy meeting anyone who happens across my path, and my job is writing about and promoting the people and business in the towns I write for.

Today I went to visit Beth Smith at Wanamingo Mutual Insurance. Beth is an integral part of the Commercial Club here in Wanamingo, and was brimming with information about the Club.

Basically, the Club was formed to promote local businesses, conjure up fun events for the locals to enjoy, and promote things like city wide garage sales, parades, and such. The 4 events they put on each year are Christmas in Wanamingo, Syttende Mai, Halloween, and 4th of July. The CC gets together once a month for a lunch meeting at JB's Tavern to determine what is needed for putting on each event. The public is always welcome to attend, and to come up with new ideas to make these events fun for everyone. They welcome your input, and you don't even have to join the club to have your ideas

heard. The more ideas, the better it will be! If you do decide to join in the fun, yearly dues are \$75.00, and goes to help promote and pay for what goes into each event. Many members pay their dues and leave it at that, while others are on the board of directors, and are the worker bees to bring the fun to you! Either way is a win, because if you have a business you would like to promote, this is the place to do so.

The board members who put all these events together for your enjoyment are Beth Smith, Tina Leininger, Todd Greseth and Michael Boulton. The Security State Bank sends a delegate to the lunch meeting, and Dan Romo has recently joined as well. Other local businesses donate money and pay the annual fees to help sponsor the events and participate during the events as well. As I said earlier, the meeting is open to anyone who cares to come. You can ask questions, learn about the upcoming events, add your ideas, or volunteer to help with all that goes into making the magic happen! If you are a business in Wanamingo or the surrounding towns, you can promote yourself by having a float in the 4th of July parade! There is no cost to be in the parade, and it is a great form of advertising.

The Commercial Club works with the Fire Department and the Lions Club for certain events. The Commercial club pays for things like meeting Santa Claus, food vendors, bouncy houses, games and donates money towards the fireworks. They pay for the bands that play for certain events, and the free hot dogs and chips at the Halloween event. Every year, a different business is the Host for the

free food and mans the tables to keep those hot dogs coming! This year it was Security State Bank, last year Reckitt, and the year before, 24 Hour Fitness. So, are you beginning to see the golden opportunities that come with getting involved with your community events?

This year's Christmas in Wanamingo will be held on Thursday, December 7th. Local businesses will be handing out treats at the Industrial Park from 4 to 5 pm, and at their businesses from 5 to 7 pm. There will be drawings for local gift certificates that you can spend at any participating business. First prize is \$100.00, 2nd prize is \$50.00, and 3rd prize is \$25.00. You will pick up a card to have stamped by each business you visit and give a donation of cash or a non-perishable food item to get the initial card. When you have collected 10 stamps (or more), you will go to the bank and deposit your entry in the drawing box before 7 pm. The drawing for the lucky winners will be on Friday the 8th. And don't forget to visit with Santa at the Midwest Machinery (AKA - SEMA) building at 11555 Highway 60 Boulevard!

If you would like more information about the Commercial Club and what they do, want to join up as a member, decide to attend a lunch meeting, or just feel like volunteering for the many jobs that need to be done, please reach out to Beth at 507-824-2912, or chat with one of the other members. This is a great way to meet other business owners, promote your business, or just have some fun socializing with your community members. Happy Holidays to all from the Messenger staff!!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Our sincerest thanks to all of the people we have been privileged to serve this year.

Milo Peterson Ford Co.

COME SEE OUR COMPLETE INVENTORY AT WWW.MILOPETERSONFORD.NET

3020 457th Street Way, Kenyon • 507-789-6113

SALES HOURS: M-T-Th 7:30a.m.-8p.m.; W-F 7:30a.m.-6p.m.; Sat. 8a.m.-4p.m.

Giving a Voice to Rural Entrepreneurs



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

As a fifth generation southern Minnesotan, I like to say that I “bleed rural.” Not only have I lived here my entire life, but I have had the great fortune of serving rural Minnesota throughout my career – first during my time in the U.S. Congress, and now as president and CEO of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF).

Living in rural Minnesota comes with many benefits that have tied me to this place for so long. Even in the relatively larger cities of our region, like Owatonna where I live, there is a neighborly feel – I like that I can stop by the grocery store or

the local brewery and run into people I know. We’re surrounded by natural beauty – from bluffs to lakes – and the cost of living is much lower than in larger cities.

In fact, a 2020 report from the Center for Rural Policy and Development found that wages in rural Minnesota can go further in meeting the cost of living compared to the seven-county metro area.

Despite the many benefits of living here, there are challenges, too, and it can feel like the “rural voice” is diminished or misunderstood. The Rural Voice, a statewide series supported by SMIF, three other Minnesota Initiative Foundations, Compeer Financial and Otto Bremer Trust, was created to act as a town hall style forum for community members to discuss and be heard about topics that are top of mind to those living in Greater Minnesota: workforce, health care, mental health, social isolation and business development. Hosted by Kari Miller from Minnesota Public Radio, the most recent Rural Voice event was held at Schell’s Brewery in New Ulm about what it takes to build a business in rural Minnesota.

One of the things that we heard in this meeting is that rural entrepreneurs need mentors, financial resources, education and networks to support growth. Fortunately, SMIF, in addition to our partners at the Small Business Administration, SCORE and the Small Business Development Centers, Region Nine Development Commission and local chambers of commerce (to name a few) are well-positioned to help entrepreneurs in all of

those areas, either through our own programming or as a connector to our partners. At SMIF, we offer lending and equity opportunities, technical assistance and peer networks, supporting nearly 1,000 entrepreneurs annually.

Another thing that stood out to me during this session was the number of young people who either decided to stay in rural Minnesota or moved here. For some, work from home opportunities have allowed them to live where they want to live instead of where their work is located. For others, like Tristan Blue, owner of Big Hitter Games in Lafayette, rural living has drawn them to the region to start businesses. Tristan shared that his desire to be closer to his family brought him from Minneapolis and Milwaukee to the Mankato area in 2014.

When the pandemic began, he began reevaluating his career (he had been working in the service and construction industries while also performing as a musician). Tristan used the time as an opportunity to explore his childhood dream of creating video games which eventually turned into a business. Due to the online accessibility of partnerships for indie game developers, Tristan found rural Minnesota an easy place to locate his business. When he and his wife had their first child in 2021, they were ready to buy a home and were motivated to move to Lafayette due to the affordability, proximity to his wife’s job in St. Peter, the geography and history of the area, and the small town experience for raising a family. This is one example of many en-

trepreneurs moving to the region that I have heard in recent years.

I was also struck by the number of newer businesses that draw tourists to rural Minnesota – breweries, distilleries, wineries. Those types of businesses, combined with the natural beauty of our region, and our charming downtowns, can culminate in an economic boost for small towns. According to Explore Minnesota Tourism’s Leisure and Hospitality Industry report, our 20-county southern Minnesota region generated \$2.7 billion in gross sales and \$93 million in state sales tax in 2021, supporting 28,000 private sector jobs. At SMIF, we have seen the success of tourism businesses through many of our loan clients – from Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm in Waseca to Black Frost Distilling in New Ulm. I’m convinced that the more people who visit here, the more people who will want to move here.

Whether you move here to start a business, or are an entrepreneur already living in southern Minnesota, SMIF is here to play a supporting role. Entrepreneurs are going to keep our corner of the state vibrant – they will create the jobs of the future. Personally, there is no place I would rather be than in rural Minnesota.

You can listen to a recording of the Rural Voice event at mprnews.org.

Christmas Memories from the Past

Larry is 87 years old and grew up in a family of six kids, four boys and two girls. They lived in Rochester and his dad worked at the Mayo Clinic. He recalls how his dad rode his bike to work at the clinic every day and they didn't own a car until the family purchased a new 1955 Plymouth.

When Larry was young the family would celebrate Christmas by opening gifts on Christmas eve. One of the gifts he received as a young man was a wrist watch, which he considered about the greatest thing on earth. Another gift he recalls from his youth was a pair of cowboy boots.

His birthday also fell in December, an event that kind of got lost in the excitement of the holiday.

On Christmas day there was always dinner with the family consisting of turkey and dressing. His grandparents were from Ireland. After Larry got older, he played the dollar drop game with the kids, where they tried to catch a crisp new dollar bill before it hit the floor. A few years ago he asked if they were too old to play the game, but they wanted to keep up the tradition so he procures some new money from the bank for the occasion.

Larry lived at Ryan's Bay in Lake Zumbro for over fifty years and used to drive the ski boat and pickup boat as well as serve as the announcer for the water ski performances on the lake.

Mary is 95 years old and grew up on a farm in western Minnesota. She remembers the Christmas programs at the country school and churches when she was young were more about Jesus' birthday than Santa Claus. They consisted of Christmas songs and recitations the kids memorized. She can recall playing an angel in one of the pageants. There was a man dressed as Santa who gave each kid a bag of candy at the school program.

As the oldest of seven kids, Mary helped a

lot with the cooking at Christmas time. Family would come over for the Christmas meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes and cranberry salad. One specialty was her dad's favorite treat from old England. He would steam plum pudding with raisins and currants for four hours and then make a sweet sauce that was poured hot over the pudding. The memories of the meals with the family was more important than the gifts.

For fun they would ski behind the pickup on country roads. The kids took turns with the one pair of skis and had to remember to throw the rope over the mailboxes as they passed by. After the lakes froze they would ski behind the pickup on the flat surface as there were no hills to be found where they grew up.

When Mary went to nursing college in Chicago her parents mailed her a Christmas dinner in dry ice one year. She cooked it and shared it with her nurse friends who were all far away from their homes over the holidays.

Jean is 94 years old and grew up on a farm with her twin sister and one brother. The family endured lean years but her parents always made it a special day for the kids and managed to have some toys for gifts along with clothes and games. She recalls a baby doll for a gift one year.

The family would go to church on Christmas eve and then on Christmas morning would wake to open gifts. The Christmas meal included ham, pork roast, potatoes, chocolate milk and pies. Activities were always playing games as a family. They included Yahtzee and card games like Old Maid. One of her favorite treats was the chocolate cake her mom would bake.

Arletta is 89 years old and grew up living in town with her five brothers and sisters. She remembers going to church on Christmas eve and the next day all her uncles, aunts and cousins went to grandmother's house for a big meal. There would be 30 to 40 all packed in the house together. Her grandmother cooked on a wood stove and served turkey, dressing, cranberry bread and apple pie. There would also be homemade ice cream in the afternoon.

Presents were pajamas and books for the

girls and toy car, trucks and farm machinery for the boys. Her favorite was a handmade doll with a china face.

After the noon meal the adults would sit around the table and play 500 while the kids headed outside to slide down the nearest hill on sleds and toboggans.

Bev is 94 years old and was an only child growing up in town during the Great Depression era. Christmas was a big event at her parent's house and her mother baked all sorts of wonderful holiday foods. She got to open her gifts Christmas eve and her favorite gifts as a child were dolls and a doll buggy.

She especially remembers school and church Christmas programs where each child would memorize a piece to be recited in front of the parents.



Christmas day they would get in the car and drive to a relative's farm for a big meal and afterwards she played outside with her cousins.

FREE FOOD FOR YOU!

This special offer available December 7-23!

Purchase \$50.00 in Gift Certificates, Receive a \$10.00 Bonus Certificate*
Purchase \$100.00 in Gift Certificates, Receive \$20.00 in Bonus Certificates*
Purchase \$250.00 in Gift Certificates, Receive \$50.00 in Bonus Certificates*

*Bonus Certificates are valid January and February 2024. Not valid with other discounts or offers.

Fall & Winter Kitchen Hours

Open Wednesday-Thursday 11:00am-8:30pm *(Bar Open Later)*
 Friday-Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm *(Bar Open Later)*
 Sunday 9:00am-8:00pm *(Bar Open Later)*

SUNDAY SUPPER IS BACK! Featuring Pasta Sunday!

Reservations Strongly Suggested. Call 507-645-9992 or email: firesideloungedennison@gmail.com

Open Wednesday-Thursday 11:00am-8:30pm *(Bar Open Later)*
 Friday-Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm *(Bar Open Later)*
 Sunday 9:00am-8:00pm *(Bar Open Later)*
 37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN
 507-645-9992 • www.firesidelounge.net



Steel, Farm Machinery, Car Bodies, Aluminum, Copper, Batteries, Appliances, E-Scrap

55976 State Hwy. 56, West Concord

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm • June-October Open Saturdays 9:00 to 11:30am

507-527-2408 | www.ldrecycling.com

Little Free Pantry Installed in Wanamingo

*“Give what you can, take
what you need”*

The Trinity and Wanamingo Lutheran Church Education Board is a recipient of a grant from the newly established Wanamingo Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund. Using the funds, they built and installed Wanamingo’s first “Little Free Pantry”. This pantry, located outside of Trinity Lutheran Church on 2nd Ave in Wanamingo, will be stocked with non perishable food and personal care items. The Wanamingo Firefighters Relief Association has also dedicated funds to ensure the pantry is stocked with useable items. With this resource, our congregations hope to provide immediate help to people in our community. Please join us and “Give what you can, take what you need”



Photo by Jess Stahman 11/12/23

Front Row Left to Right: Nova Richardson, Lukas Mort, Otis McBroom, Virgil McBroom, Abby Stahman, Lyric Meyer, Mattie Engen, Henry Stoppel

Row 2: Will Amundson, Thomas Thoreson, Liza VanDeWalker, Sam Wood, Oliver Stoppel, Korbin Lodermier

Row 3: Paisley Ryan, Amelia Baker, Luke Stahman, Mason Stoppel, Brooklyn Mort, Sadie Engen.

E-mail your engagement,
marriage or
birth announcement to
the Wanamingo
Messenger

hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Capital CONSTRUCTION

Residential & Multi-Family Contractor

Roofing | Siding | Gutters | Windows



Free Inspections

952.222.4004

www.CapitalMN.com



Do You Have a Story Idea?

Email:

hometownmessenger@gmail.com



MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

IN SHOP REPAIR

FARM MACHINERY, DAIRY EQUIPMENT, FENCING & MORE

- Insured -

Call anytime 507-581-1798

J S WELDING LLC

JOSHUA SANDBERG

47763 Hwy. 57 Blvd., Wanamingo



A Strong Immune System



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

As we move into the winter months, there is a steady increase in colds and flu reported throughout the country. This yearly cycle of illness has become almost routine to the point that many expect to get sick and just believe it is an unavoidable fact of human existence. However, another amazing fact about human existence is the complex immune system existing in each one of us. Your immune system is the built-in defense process that works to keep you alive. Without this immune system, you would not be alive today. This system is constantly guarding against germs and invaders that want to take advantage of you. We need to become more aware of how this immune system works and how to support the important work it does.

White blood cells are the “troops” on the front line of your immune system. There are

many types of white blood cells, just like there are different branches of the military. Each type of white blood cell does a specific job to protect your body. Just like our military men and women, these white blood cells need food to be able to keep doing their job well. When specific nutrients get limited, then the white blood cells will not be able to complete the job well. To keep your front line “troops” in top condition for the winter season, you need to make sure these cells are getting the nutrients they need.

Some of the key nutrients include:

VITAMIN C – one of the least expensive vitamins on the market and an essential nutrient to help the white blood cells eliminate bacteria and germs. Early in the COVID pandemic Vitamin C in high doses was identified as a helpful nutrient to reduce symptoms. Intravenous Vitamin C was used in hospitals to help reverse the downward health spiral of many patients. Best food sources of Vitamin C include: Bell peppers, broccoli, kiwi, whole oranges, and strawberries. Vitamin C chewable tablets with bioflavonoids will be a higher quality choice for supplement. I do not recommend orange juice because the high sugar content of the juice will make the white blood cells sluggish.

VITAMIN D – is a fat-soluble vitamin essential for balanced cell activity. This vitamin is able to enter the nucleus of the cell to

turn on and off important processes. We learned from the pandemic that those individuals who had 30 ng/ml or higher of Vitamin D in their blood did not need to go into the Intensive Care of the hospital for COVID treatment. Sources of Vitamin D include: Cod Liver Oil, Goose liver, salmon, sardines, and whole eggs. The whole food choices listed are preferred to any fortified food source. More resources on Vitamin D are available at www.grassrootshealth.net.

ZINC – is an essential mineral for a strong immune system. Current descriptions of virus infections suggest that a virus takes over a cell and forces it to replicate more virus particles. The COVID virus is described to produce excess spike proteins which begin to cause damage in the body. Zinc helps to stop this replication process before it gets out of control. Zinc is also essential for constructing the proteins that will fight against bacteria. Best food sources for zinc include: Beef, lamb, lentils, pepitas, and cashews. A zinc tablet of 15 mg / day is another way to supplement if you do not eat these food sources regularly.

While sugar is known as an energy source, it does not help the immune cells to get more work done. A 1973 study observed that when white blood cells were exposed to glucose sugar they slowed down and remained sluggish for up to 5 hours. The same study observed the cells were most actively attacking

bacteria when there had been no sugar around for 24-36 hours. As you move into the holiday season, be attentive to how frequently treats are consumed and pay attention to your body signals. A glass of water will help your immune system more than another candy.

You only get one body in this lifetime. Make sure you take good care of it and do not wear it out sooner than necessary.

I can help you make healthy changes for 2024 with a personal food plan to generate health and improved quality of life. Contact me today to discuss your health goals for the new year.

Dr. Noel Aldrich, P.O. Box 167, Northfield, MN 55057

or send an email to: nutritionproportion@gmail.com

If you would prefer to meet for a personal consultation, you can contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

Peanut Brittle

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup white syrup
- 1/8 tsp salt - mix and cook 4 minutes in high
- Add 1 cup raw peanuts - cook 4 minutes on high
- Then add 1 tsp butter
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp soda
- Put in buttered 9" x 13" cake pan

Peanut Clusters

- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- (1) 12 ounce bag semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup whole dry roasted peanuts

Melt peanut butter and chips, stir in nuts. Chill and refrigerate.

Local Life
Be a Part of It!

From local businesses and services, dining, entertainment, events, activities, school news, city news, and more.

The Messenger delivers information and inspiration you need to live *Local Life* better!

For advertising information call Terry at 507-951-7417 or email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Wanamingo Messenger
www.wanamingomn.com

GOODHUE COUNTY LOCAL HVAC EXPERTS SINCE 1991

LINDELL
Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

- Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling Experts
- Furnace, Boiler, Air Conditioner, Heat Pumps, Ductless Mini-Splits
- Affordable, Professional Repairs, and Replacements
- Professional Air Duct Cleaning & Sanitization
- Repair & Replace Water Heaters

Trusted throughout Goodhue County for Over 30 Years!

Call Matt Lindell Today!
507-263-3419
www.lindellheating.com

HAVE A VERY MERRY
Christmas
HOLIDAY
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

KNOTT MACHINE AND REPAIR LLC

Knott Machine and Repair LLC
19 Main St,
Wanamingo, MN
(507) 421-2891
knottmachine@gmail.com

OLMSTED MEDICAL CENTER

217 Main Street, Suite B
507.824.2217
Open Monday through Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm (closed from Noon to 1:00pm)
olmstedmedicalcenter.org

Dannielle M. Zielkie APRN, CNP

Peter R. Brehmer APRN, DNP

Unlocking Harmony: Embracing the 3rd Universal Law in Everyday Living



By Susan Hinrichsen
CHC, CLC, MC
susiecoaches@gmail.com

In a world filled with chaos and constant motion, the search for balance and harmony becomes a universal pursuit. Many turn to ancient wisdom and spiritual principles for guidance, and one such guiding light is the 3rd Universal Law. Rooted in the belief that energy flows where attention goes, this law offers a profound path to finding equilibrium in our lives.

Understanding the 3rd Universal Law

The 3rd Universal Law, often expressed as

"Energy Flows Where Attention Goes," is a fundamental principle that underscores the interconnectedness of our thoughts and experiences. It suggests that the focus of our attention shapes the energy around us and, in turn, influences the outcomes we manifest in our lives.

Implementing the Practice

1. Mindful Awareness:

Start by becoming aware of your thoughts and emotions. The practice of mindfulness allows you to observe your mental landscape without judgment. Take note of where your attention naturally gravitates.

2. Positive Affirmations:

Consciously direct your attention toward positive affirmations. By repeating uplifting statements, you channel your energy into constructive pathways, fostering a more positive and harmonious environment.

3. Visualization Techniques:

Visualization is a powerful tool in implementing the 3rd Universal Law. Envision your goals and desires with clarity. Picture the life you wish to lead, and as you do, you're actively directing energy toward the realization of those dreams.

4. Gratitude Practice:

Shift your focus towards gratitude. Acknowledge and appreciate the positive aspects of your life. Gratitude not only redirects your attention but also attracts more of what you're thankful for.

The Role of Life Coaching

While implementing the 3rd Universal Law into your life may seem straightforward, many individuals find value in the guidance of a life coach. These professionals specialize in helping individuals navigate the journey of self-discovery and personal transformation. A life coach can provide personalized strategies, accountability, and support as you work to redirect your energy and cultivate a more harmonious existence.

Life coaching sessions often involve discussions about your goals, challenges, and the specific areas of your life where you want to apply the principles of the 3rd Universal Law. Through this collaborative process, you gain insights, develop actionable plans, and receive encouragement to stay on course.

In essence, a life coach serves as a trusted ally on your path to unlocking the full poten-

tial of the 3rd Universal Law, guiding you toward a life that reflects your deepest desires and aspirations. Whether you're seeking clarity in your career, improvements in relationships, or enhanced overall well-being, a life coach can provide valuable support on your journey to intentional living.

The Call to Action

As we navigate the complexities of modern existence, the 3rd Universal Law stands as a beacon of hope—a reminder that we possess the power to shape our reality through the focus of our attention. By integrating this law into our daily lives, with the additional support of a life coach, we embark on a journey of self-discovery and transformation, unlocking the doors to a more harmonious and fulfilling existence.



We are more than just a flower store!

Gifts • Cards & More for All Occasions

ORDER TODAY! CALL 507-789-5700

**Roses, Mixed Arrangements,
Flower Bunches and More!**



524 Second St, Kenyon
507-789-5700
marysrusticrose@outlook.com
marysrusticrose.com



Season's Greetings!

All of us at
Mainstreet Publishing,
publishers of the
Wanamingo Messenger
thank you for your
readership and support.

Wanamingo
Messenger

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

**CITY OF WANAMINGO
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2023 7:00 P.M.
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –
401 Main Street
Wanamingo, MN**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holmes.

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

City Administrator: Michael Boulton

Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters

ABSENT: Council: Stuart Ohr

ALSO PRESENT: Brad Kennedy, Beth Haas – Zumbrota News Record, Goodhue County Deputy Cory Krause, and Beth Giese – Kenyon-Wanamingo School Superintendent.

ADOPT AGENDA: Dierks motioned to adopt the agenda while removing Resolution 23-072 from agenda, seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Haugen motioned, seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that along with the North Zumbro Sanitary Joint Powers minutes the House Capital Investments Committee stopped in Zumbrota for a presentation on October 25th for the construction dollars request of the project. Boulton stated that the presentation went well, the legislators were interactive in the presentation, and the legislators were supportive of the project request. Boulton stated that the Senate Capital Investments Committee is scheduled to stop in Zumbrota November 30th for a project capital request presentation. Passed 4-0-0.

PRESENTERS:

Brad Kennedy reported on:

Hauled and land applied fifty loads of biosolids from the WWTP. The south digester was completely clean out. Two full dumpsters of rags were removed from the bottom of the south digester.

Made makeshift repairs to one of the steel walls in the south digester that had separated from the outside concrete wall.

The WWTP operations process running better than the last three months after tanks cleaned out and stocked with a couple of loads of activated sludge with new bugs.

Durst Outdoors completed the roughly 2,650 square feet of asphalt patching on previous three water leak repairs.

Graded out boulevard and seeded locations where water leak repairs were completed. Graded out and seeded Nelson Drive storm water retention pond area.

Swimming pool fence base plate repairs completed.

Riverside Park winterized – water turned off/drained, volleyball nets taken down, and screen shelter doors screwed shut.

Trimmed landscaping and removed leaves at City Hall/Community Center and at Riverside Park

Compost pile sorted into two piles; one for additional composting and the other to be land applied. The piled will be moved, a spreader will be rented, and compost spread once the repairs are completed to the City dump truck.

Manhole casting in Prairie Ridge was reset by Floorcoat Midwest. Floorcoat Midwest came back to Wanamingo to reset this manhole after the asphalt was replaced. This

completes the thirty-six manhole castings reset project of 2023.

Continuing to remove trees along the south side of 440th Street. The City staff have removed the smaller trees. Schumacher Excavating will be removing larger trees within the ditch right-of-way.

River Road Repair is still working on City dump truck. The truck has been down since a small engine fire occurred August 22nd. Additional parts have been ordered. Brian Gudknecht hopes to get the dump truck running in the very near future. Until up and running the City does not have a way to salt/sand the streets. Once it is running the sorted portion of the compost pile needs to be hauled out and spread.

Automatic Systems has installed a fan in the control box at the water tower. This is a work around to overheating in the control box on a number of new towers with similar control boxes.

Leaf vacuum has been out getting leaves sucked off the streets on multiple occasions.

Cory Krause – Goodhue County Deputy Sheriff reported on:

Attending the Wanamingo City Council meeting to see if there are any concerns that need to be addressed around town

If there are concerns you can reach out to Patrol Major Mychal Johnson or Community Liaison Officer Jenny Hofschulte

Boulton stated that the City will be sending over additional community events so that there is sheriff presence at the events. Holmes thanked deputy Krause for attending the meeting and appreciates the continued outreach to Wanamingo.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION:

23-068 = Re-Establishing the Polling Precinct and Precinct Location for the City of Wanamingo: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

23-069 = Approving the Renewal of Agreement with Goodhue County for Building Inspection and Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the Agreement: Haugen moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

23-070 = Approving Proposed Updates to the Wanamingo Personnel Policy: Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Flotterud. Boulton stated that the proposed changes include adding Juneteenth to the observed holiday list along with increasing the health insurance dependent premium City share from \$350/month to \$450/month. Passed 4-0-0.

23-071 = Approving the Combination of Tax Parcels: Flotterud moved to approve, Seconded by Haugen. Boulton stated the Riverview Services had requested to join parcel number 70.145.0012 (Lot 1, Block 1) and 70.145.0011 (Lot 1, Block 1) in the Cenex II Addition. Boulton stated that staff had no easements or public improvements concerns. Passed 4-0-0.

23-072 = Certifying Curb Stop Repair and Restoration Costs to Goodhue County Auditor-Treasurer for Collection with Real Estate Taxes in 2024: Item removed from Agenda for consideration because of payment prior to City Council meeting.

Administrator Boulton provided a memo on KW School District utility bill concerns. The

Kenyon-Wanamingo School District No. 2172 has voiced concerns regarding the water and sewer debt service along with storm sewer portions of the monthly utility bill (Account #2008.00). The monthly water debt service/base rate bill is \$625.00 while the monthly sewer debt service/base rate bill is \$550.00 and the storm sewer monthly fee is \$87.50. These three charges are twenty-five times the rate of a regular monthly charge. Monthly charges are \$25 for water debt service/base rate, \$22 for sewer debt service/base rate, and \$3.50 for storm sewer for 2023. The 2024 rates are recommended to be \$26 for water and \$28 for sewer with storm sewer unchanged.

The monthly rate formula has been in place since the City installed water meters in 2002. The monthly billing has been in place for over twenty years. It has been assumed that there was a valid reasoning for the higher monthly rates when they were initiated. City staff had conversations with school staff and building construction consultants in 2018/2019 when the school addition was constructed regarding the high water usage and significant monthly bills. No changes were discussed.

City staff researched possible reasons why the three-monthly charges were set twenty-five times the rate of a regular monthly charge. Staff combed through hard copy and electronic records without success. There were hypotheses of the higher rate being set to cover the large water meters. This was put to rest when records were found that the school district paid for the meters. Another hypothesis that the higher rate had been placed on similar to how apartments are charged for base rates. However, these are individual living units being billed and there were no other units being billed similarly. Current City staff reached out to previous City staff and previous Council members to see if anyone remembered why the Kenyon-Wanamingo School District billing was set up the way it was. No one knew why or remembered the reasoning for the higher rate of billing.

City staff have researched what are communities charge for debt service/base rate charges for schools and other large users. Most of the communities charge a single debt service/base rate charge while the others do not have a debt service/base rate charge. School staff wished to see the monthly rates better in line with the City charges to other customers. School staff do not wish to go back to past billing to make corrective adjustments. Kenyon-Wanamingo School District has two water meters, one for high flow and one for low flow readings. City staff recommend billing based off the two meters with a two-times debt service/base rate (\$50/month water and \$44/month – 2023 rates) for both water and sewer and one debt service charge. The City has considered and may consider in the future higher charges for water/sewer/storm sewer for larger users.

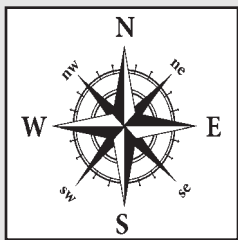
Holmes tried to talk to as many past Council members and City staff as he could and could not find the reason for the higher base rates. Flotterud stated that the higher billing was odd and that this predates any elected to appointed officials for the City. Holmes was curious why no one has said anything about

the billing for over twenty years. Kennedy stated that it could have been set up as a higher rate before water meters due to the large number of users and not changed when meters were installed. Holmes stated that if the base rates and storm water rates were reduced it could save the school money moving forward. Giese stated that she was thankful for all the effort put in by Holmes and the staff to look into the billing history and reasoning. Giese stated that her focus was to lower the rate moving forward. Giese's last district had seven buildings with a lower collective utility bill than the Wanamingo location. Giese stated that the Wanamingo location utilizes significantly more water than the Kenyon location. Giese stated that the Kenyon location should utilize more water than the Wanamingo location because of additional students and sports activities. Giese stated that the KW School Board has requested to look into the past two years' worth of bills for either a credit or limiting rate increases moving forward. Giese stated that she wishes to continue the great relationship with City of Wanamingo and appreciates the City paying for the water at the baseball fields. Kennedy stated the KW Schools have a high flow/low flow meter, which is two meters in one. Kennedy stated the KW Schools have been consistently a top five water user in Wanamingo. Kennedy stated that the school has a continuous usage of four gallons per minute with 1,442 gallons per day usage. Kennedy stated that KW School staff could sign up to monitor water usage by going to helpeyeonwater.com. KW School can enter in their account number and get set up to monitor usage. Giese stated that the high utility bill and usage had been brought to her attention because the district had recently completed a free energy efficiency audit of both sites. Additional corrective changes at the school should result in utility savings for the district moving forward. Giese appreciates Administrator Boulton's willingness to attend the KW Schools Board Meeting on November 20th. Boulton asked that any questions be sent over in writing ahead of the meeting so that information can be gathered and brought to the meeting. Giese stated that she would ask the board members for any additional questions.

Mayor Holmes said that there was a valid reason to charge the higher rates in the past. Holmes stated that the City staff could not find documented records of the valid reasoning. Holmes stated that the City is willing to change the billing moving forward with the November 2023 billing as recommended by staff. Holmes stated that this change does not mean that there was an incorrect billing in the past twenty-two years. Holmes stated that any past billing valid reasons will be discontinued moving forward. Holmes recommended that no past adjustments would be considered due to twenty-two-year consistent billing by the City and payments by ISD 2172. Boulton stated that the City Attorney stated that the school district would have a very weak legal case to recover funds from past billings due to the lengthy billing/payment schedule. Boulton stated that the City and School District have to work together

(continued on page 21)

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes My Childhood Christmas



By Terry Campbell

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

The first Christmas I can remember as a child was 1964. I was seven years old. I had the same interests as any second-grade boy. The toy machinery was the best. When my dad went to the implement dealer for parts I would stand at the toy display and wish. As a typical farm boy I was mesmerized by tractors. We had toy trucks, tractors and all sorts of farm implements and attachments to play with. Couldn't wait to grow up and actually drive them for real.

There is one reason that 1964 stands out in my memory though. Lots of fun things happened before that, but November 3rd, 1964 changed me forever. I always thought my dad was invincible. I remember him carrying huge bags of feed on his shoulder around the farm. He was strong and a farmer. Sort of Superman. It was election day 1964. My dad farmed and worked construction. Not just any construction, but with bulldozers. Caterpillar tractor D-8 dozers. They moved dirt, buried boulder, made roads and dams, pushed over trees and anything else that they wanted. Not only that but my dad flew a helicopter as well. From West Concord to the western part of Minnesota and from job site to job site every day.

But November 3rd was election day and my dad was going to fly back home and take my mom to the Milton Town Hall where they would vote that evening. It was foggy that evening and my dad decided to land at the

Owatonna Airport and get a ride home instead. The altimeter on a helicopter tells you the altitude above sea level. It doesn't tell you about tall trees though. And there was a very tall tree between him and the Owatonna Airport.

I remember my mom sitting us four kids down on the sofa and telling us that our dad had been in a bad accident. She was driving to the Owatonna hospital. My grandma was there to watch us. KDHL radio reported on the accident. They got my dad's name right, but all the neighbors heard that he had been killed in the crash. He survived but was in a body cast for over a month and got out of the hospital in December. My mom had to drive him and he got around on crutches.

Before Christmas my parents decided the family was going to spend the holidays down south. We opened our Christmas presents a week early and headed south. This was before Disney World. There was just sandy beaches and alligators in Florida. But away we went. It was the first time I had been out of Minnesota. We learned how to ride for 1,500 miles with four kids in the back seat of a Chevrolet Impala. My mom would make sandwiches and we ate elbow to elbow with our brothers and sisters. No McDonalds back in those days for us.

I had never seen a Christmas without snow. I didn't think they would decorate for Christmas in Florida. I just figured it was alligators and flamingos and sunny beaches. But there was Santa Claus, reindeer and fake snow. We made fun of them, we knew what snow was and were glad to be away from it.

It was worth it. I was with my family and we were on an adventure together, and I was glad we were all there. I didn't think too deeply about the turn of events until much later. My dad nearly lost everything he had in life and decided to take the next chance to do things together. He had a wife and four kids and he wanted to enjoy doing things together. It became an annual event. We bugged out of Minnesota and headed to Florida every Christmas after that one. And we gladly traded our snow and cold Christmases for a couple weeks in Florida. My dad made it another twenty Christmases to enjoy with the family. And for me, memories with your family are much better than gifts. Have a Merry Christmas.

Sugared Nuts

Serves 24-30
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup water
5 tablespoons White Karo Syrup
8 large marshmallows
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 quart walnuts
Food coloring

Mix sugar, water and syrup, cook to little more than soft ball stage, 240 degrees.

Add marshmallows, stir in until melted. Add vanilla and food coloring and nuts. Stir until it begins to sugar. Pour out onto wax paper lined tray and separate with fork. Allow to cool.

A Minnesotan: Christmas Games



By RosaLin Alcoser

Christmas is a magical time of the year and in Minnesota one of the few times that no one is really upset by the snow. Including my transplanted hispanic family from the south.

We absolutely love Christmas and for our traditions Christmas starts on December 24 with Christmas Eve and goes until January 6th on Three Kings Day. For us this whole time frame is Christmas.

My family will often play games at Christmas ranging from board games to more intricate puzzles. For most families a puzzle would have a beautiful Christmas scenery or a fun character on it. However, for my family it's a list of clues and riddles that someone has to figure out in order to find their present.

In full disclosure I am usually one of the

family members given the puzzle and to this day have yet to solve one. The game normally ends when they give up on me solving the puzzle or I find the item by searching for it alone.

When I make a game for one of them though it goes a little bit differently and is usually just a game for myself. Christmas 2019 was one of the years that I did this. At the time my father had decided that he could only hang his coats on a brown hanger and everyone had to use a white or blue hanger. Only he could use the brown ones.

So being the good daughter that I am, I systemically took all of the brown hangers out of the coat closet. Every time he left the house, if I was home I would grab the hanger, replace it with a new one, and hide the brown one under his bed.

He knew that it was me and could not find where I had been hiding the hangers. It drove him absolutely nuts for the about week and a half that I did this.

Until one evening right in the middle of Christmas I moved the hangers. The next morning he comes to breakfast to find all of his brown hangers dangling above the table from the chandelier.

This was probably one of the best games I've ever played during Christmas and was also the reason my mother started having me go into work earlier.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

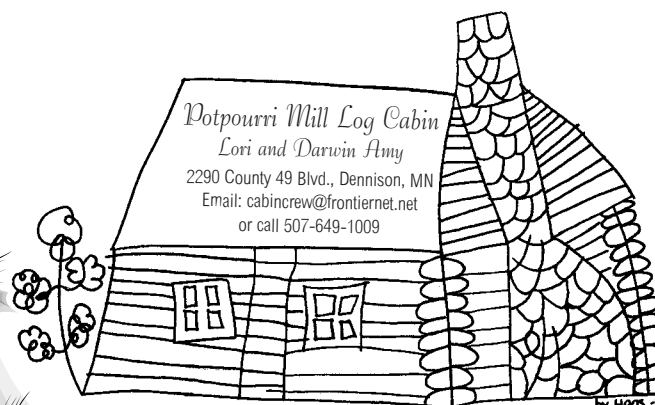
Holly Thyme Craft Show

Saturdays: November 25, December 2, 9

Sundays: November 26, December 3, 10

Hours: 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Take a drive in the country and shop in our log cabin filled with crafts and antiques!





MERRY CHRISTMAS

and Happy New Year!

The holiday season is here, and we can't think of a better time to share our warmest wishes to all of our friends and neighbors who make this community a wonderful place.

We appreciate you, and your loyal support!

We will be closed December 25 and January 1 so our employees can celebrate the holidays with their families.

Official drop site for Toys for Tots through December 11th.



Help us support our local food shelf, All Seasons, during the holiday season - non-perishable food donations will be accepted through December 15th.

 **SSB Wanamingo**

"Ask about our Kasasa accounts"

232 Main Street, Wanamingo, MN 55983

(507) 824-2265

ssbwanamingo.com

