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Announcements

• **Annual Vang Lutheran Church Lute-fisk Dinner, Saturday, October 5th, beginning at 11 AM.** (see ad on page 3)

• **OPEN INVITATION:** All are welcome to breakfast, fellowship, bible study, and prayer time every Saturday morning at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. Breakfast and fellowship start at 8:00 am. Followed by a verse by verse bible study. Finishing with prayer time at 10:00 am. All are welcome (men, women, and children) each Saturday morning!! Any questions, please contact Loren Bauer: 507-450-6623.

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• **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.

Do you have an announcement?
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Benjamin Dierks' Eagle Scout Project Has Begun

By Cheri Roshon

What defines an Eagle Scout? Since 1911 when the Boy Scouts of America began, only

71st Bulldog Reunion

By Cheri Roshon

Well, every year about this time, I have the pleasure of attending the class of '53 reunion in Wanamingo.

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4% of the boys have earned this rank, after a lengthy review process, so it is a big deal! It is the highest ranking in the Boy Scouts of America.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges, 14 of which are mandatory for the award. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, which is an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that is the responsibility of the scout to plan, organize, lead and manage. Eagle Scouts are presented with a badge and a medal that visibly recognizes the accomplishment of the scout.

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Front row L-R: Freshman Olivia Vierling, Sophomore Sydney Ehrich, Junior Addy Lindell, Seniors Lydia Flotterud, Amber Lerfald, Allina Mendoza, Carmen Nerison, Vanessa Bartel, Destiny Torres. Back Row L-R: Freshman Eli Hedeon, Sophomore Caleb Edwards, Junior Brennan Flotterud, Seniors Jack Vierling, Gunner Kennedy, Charles Koncur, Knute Ronningen, Reed Sommers, Joe Mills and Foreign Exchange Students Ignacia Cancela, Rafal Dzedzic, and Daniel del Rio Duque

It's Homecoming!

By Cheri Roshon

Well, it is fall, and time again for the tradition of Homecoming in Kenyon/Wanamingo schools. There are a lot of activities to let you know about, and it looks like some fun is about to happen! But first, your history lesson.

Homecoming originated in 1910 when 2 University of Illinois students came up with the idea to urge the University's Council of Administration to sanction an annual "homecoming". This holiday would afford the alumni and students the opportunity to come into closer touch with each other. Current students and faculty would mingle with those who had come before them, creating camaraderie, and bond that could continue every year.

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Forgiveness Gives Freedom

To err is human to forgive divine...Most of us have experienced the relief of receiving forgiveness from someone we hurt. And as believers we have experienced the forgiveness of Jesus Christ for our sins. Sadly, we have times and people that we struggle to forgive; those that have sinned against us. There's a warning that deals with that in a pretty well-known passage in the Bible-the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 6:12-15, "and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation but rescue us from the evil one. 14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Pretty tough standard put into place by Jesus- Forgive as we have been forgiven- or you will not be forgiven.

It had been over 22 years since Joseph had seen his brothers. The Bible tells us that he was 30 years old when he stood before Pharaoh and was made the 'prime minister' over all Egypt. For thirteen years, after being sold into slavery, he spent time as a slave and a prisoner. All through no fault of his own. Now, before him stands the very ones that sold him into slavery and caused all his pain and the separation from his family. But, despite the pain that his brothers had caused him we see an amazing response to his brothers.

Instead of vengeance Joseph gives forgiveness. Did they deserve it? No. Yet Joseph knew God and he knew the hand of God. He also understood that no matter what happens to us in life "Everything works good for them who love the Lord". (Romans 8:28.) The bad in our lives may be caused by someone else but God always brings good. Not always as we think it should be or even when we think it should be. God redeems those bad things in our life and brings about something amazing-if we keep our faith and trust in Him. And that's where Satan will attack! He desires to

destroy anything good- especially our family.

We see it here in full force- Satan wanted to destroy the people of Israel and what better way than through envy and fear within the family of Jacob/Israel. If he could destroy Jacob's family- God's plan for the Messiah would have been stopped (in Satan's mind anyway.) Allowing bitterness and hatred into our family is a powerful tool of Satan. This often comes from unforgiveness. We have to

remember that "Conflict is inevitable, but combat is optional."

It is extremely important that within our families we learn to forgive one another. Sadly, there are people who carry around unforgiveness toward their parents or siblings for years. They are eaten up with unforgiveness which turns to hatred. If you or someone in your family has done something to hurt another person, your best recourse is forgiveness. Forgiveness can mend our

relationships- even those of our families. Forgiveness may even help win our relatives to the Lord.

We must learn to forgive.

- Forgive as you have been forgiven, "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Colossians 3:13.

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY What Things?

"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

— Luke 24:32

At a concert, the usher at the door looked so familiar to me. But I could not recall where or when I might have met him before. After a brief conversation with him, we recalled that years ago he had been our son's grade-8 teacher. We enjoyed sharing a few memories of that time in our lives.

I think the situation was slightly different as the two followers of Jesus walked along toward their home in Emmaus. They didn't recognize that they were talking with Jesus, even though they had seen him recently. Did he not look the same? Jesus asked questions and taught them about the Scriptures, but it wasn't till they sat and shared bread together that their eyes were opened to see him. What a wonderful feeling that must have been!

Then, after Jesus "disappeared from their sight," they joyfully made the long trip back to Jerusalem to share their story. They could not wait to share their experience. Their love for Jesus and the others was enough to propel them back to Jerusalem to share.

With a text message from my cell phone, we eagerly shared with our son that we had talked with his grade-8 teacher at the concert that night. And it was fun to share that with him.

Are we eager in a way like that to share with others about our times with Jesus?

Lord, thank you for moments when you meet with us in a fresh new way. Open our eyes and hearts to your work in our everyday lives, realizing you are closer than we might think. Amen.

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Forgiveness Gives Freedom

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• Forgive as often as necessary Back to Matthew 18:21-22, "Then Peter came to him

and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" 22 "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!

• Forgive unconditionally "Love keeps no record of being wronged." 1 Corinthians 13:5. Forgiveness is to forgive unconditionally. This is why we are told to forgive so many times.

Steps to forgiveness

• Decide to forgive

• Demonstrate forgiveness. This is more than just words and mere decisions this is

when we physically say we have forgiven.

• Depend on God to help you forgive

Joseph forgave his brothers. He determined that he would not be a prisoner of his past. And because he forgave, God made him to be fruitful in the land of Egypt. (Genesis 41:51-52.)

It is impossible to reach and stretch for the future when we're living in the pain of the past.

Being hurt by someone, particularly the ones you love and trust, can cause anger, sadness, confusion and other emotional wounds. If we dwell on situations, grudges filled with resentment, vengeance and hostility can take root. Jesus commanded us to forgive! "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us." The Lord's Prayer Matthew 6

You and I have mountains to be subdued, and victories to be won. Perhaps, someone

has offended you and today, God has convicted them, and they are coming to you to seek forgiveness. Please forgive them. God forgave you; please do the same for them!

Forgiveness brings freedom! It gives you freedom to love, to trust, and to become more like Jesus. When you hang onto unforgiveness you develop a hang-up that will bring you down and threaten to destroy you. Desire God's healing, His strength and power to forgive- He will give it to you. He will equip and empower you to forgive those that have hurt you.

Our best example is Jesus himself- if he can forgive those that put him on the cross- and if He is willing to forgive all that call upon His name- no matter what they have done or who they are- How can we do any less? Forgive- and you will be forgiven! Be free from the sin of unforgiveness. Forgiveness Gives Freedom!

Nerstrand United Methodist Church

Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 5th
10 am – 1:00 pm

*Home and holiday
décor/baskets*

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Hot beef Sandwiches
Potato Salad
Chicken and wild rice
soup
Pie/Cake

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Dine-In Returns to Vang Lutefisk Dinner

The annual Vang Lutheran Church Lutefisk dinner is on once again this year, with a few changes. This year, the event will be on Saturday, October 5th, beginning at 11 AM.

This year, the event will offer dine-in service again for the first time in several years after operating just takeout, which was initially started after COVID restrictions. The meal will be served buffet style.

Guests may make reservations ahead for seatings at 11 AM, 12 noon, 1 PM, and 4 PM. Continuous seating will start at 5 PM, with no reservations needed then.


Home and business delivery is also available, simply call 507-789-5186.

This is an annual fundraising event for the rural church.

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Saturday, October 5th
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It's Homecoming!

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School pride was enhanced with a football game, and a dance to follow. It is basically a time to reminisce about their time at their school, and celebrate a sense of community and school spirit. There was a vote as to who the Master of Ceremonies would be, and who would have the honor of being named King and Queen. This tradition carries on today, and I would think most of the schools in our country still carry on this celebration.

This year's Homecoming Dance for 9-12 will be Saturday, September 28th from 7 to 11

pm in the High School gym. On Monday, September 30th, the Coronation will take place at 7:00 pm, also in the gym, and there will be no fee to get in to the Coronation. Homecoming buttons will be for sale for \$3.00 at the coronation for the rest of the activities. There will be several events going on to celebrate Homecoming Week.. Beefcake Volleyball game will be played on Thursday morning Oct. 3 from 8:30 to 10:30 in the gym, and the Powderpuff Football game on Friday afternoon Oct. 4th at 1:45 pm on the football field. The Homecoming game will be played at 7:00 pm on Oct. 4th against Bethlehem Academy.

For more information on activities being held during Homecoming Week, please visit the Kenyon/Wanamingo high school facebook page, and be sure to come on out and show your school spirit!

K-W Homecoming 2024

Dress-Up Days:

- Monday: White Lies/Anything But a Backpack*
- Tuesday: Country vs. Country Club*
- Wednesday: Generations Day: Freshmen: Babies • Sophomores: Toddlers • Juniors: Parents • Seniors: Grandparents • Faculty: Students*
- Thursday: Class Color Day*
- Freshmen: Grey • Sophomores: White • Juniors: Black • Seniors: Neon*
- Faculty: Plaid/ Flannel/ Camouflage*
- Friday: School Spirit Day*
- Noon C-Lunch Activities: Monday: Leg Wrestling • Tuesday: Bingo • Wednesday: Sprite Chug • Thursday: Pie Eating Contest*

High School Homecoming Events:

Saturday, September 28th: Homecoming Dance for Grades 9 – 12 in Commons from 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Monday, September 30th: Coronation, 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 1st (Period 5, from 11:50 AM – 12:20 PM): Pepfest in the East Gym

Thursday, October 3rd (Periods 1 – 4 beginning at 8:40 AM)

- Beefcake in the East Gym
- Football vs. Volleyball Makeover Contest Before Championship Match

Friday, October 4th (Periods 5 – 8)

- C Lunch from 12:10 PM – 12:30 PM
- Family Feud in the Auditorium (12:30 PM)
- Powderpuff (1:40 PM)

Homecoming Button Discount

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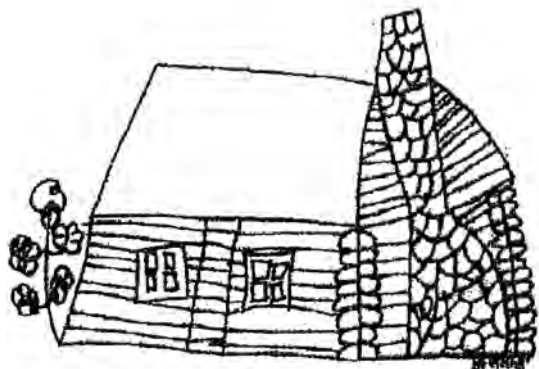
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Big Woods Run

An organized run through the Big Woods State Park is happening again this year! St John's United Church of Christ is once again planning the Big Woods Run, a race that takes runners through one of the best hardwood forests in southern Minnesota. Saturday, September 28, 2024 is the date to pull on your running shoes and enjoy this scenic trek. The Big Woods should be in prime color for the runners and spectators.



The schedule of events includes a half marathon, 10k, 5k and a kids 1k. The half marathon will take runners through beautiful wooded scenery with challenging hills. The 10k and 5k runners will enjoy a fairly flat wooded trail course. The half marathon and 10k races begin at 9:00am at St John's UCC, 19086 Jacobs Ave, Faribault. 5k runners will take a shuttle bus from the church to the starting line in the middle of the park. 5k runners must be on the bus no later than 8:40am. The kids k begins at 10:30 at the church. Runners can register online at www.finalstretch.com. Race day registration is 7:15am-8:45am at the church.

Proceeds from the Big Woods Run are donated to local charities. Over \$150,000 has been distributed in the years of the event!

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Application Deadline Extended for FEMA Individual Assistance

ST. PAUL –Homeowners and renters who suffered damage to their property from the severe storms and floods of June 16 -July 4 have additional time to apply for federal disaster assistance. FEMA has extended the application deadline to October 27, 2024, for survivors in the 21 Minnesota counties designated for Individual Assistance.

FEMA assistance may include funds for

temporary housing while you are unable to live in your home, such as rental assistance or reimbursement for hotel costs; funds to support the repair or replacement of your primary home, including privately-owned access routes, such as driveways, roads, or bridges; and funds for disaster-caused expenses and serious needs, such as repair or replacement of personal property and vehicles, funds for moving and storage, medical, dental, child care, funeral expenses, and other pre-approved miscellaneous items.

Disaster survivors who have not yet applied for FEMA assistance should apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA App on your phone, visit a Disaster Recovery Center or call 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service such as video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service when you apply.

For even more information about the disaster recovery operation in Minnesota visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4797.

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Benjamin Dierks' Eagle Scout Project Has Begun

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Benjamin Dierks has chosen a project that will help our small community by building a "Pollinator Garden" at the Wanamingo Com-

munity Gardens. As many of you are aware, pollinator numbers in the United States are decreasing. It is important for all of us to pitch in and do what we can to increase the population of bees, beetles, butterflies, flies, wasps, moths, and even mosquitos.

This is crucial to our survival as a species, because without our pollinators, we have no food. The causes of this decrease are pesticides used on our crops, habitat loss as we continue to destroy their habitat with developments, and diseases as the climate changes. So, what Benjamin is doing with this project is giving the bugs a place to thrive.

I asked him what caused this decision for his project? *(continued on page 7)*



West Concord Dance

Saturday, October 19th, 2024, 6:30 PM

**Old time polkas, schottisches and waltzes
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Benjamin Dierks' Eagle Scout Project Has Begun

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Benjamin is also a member of the Goodhue County 4H, in the yellow class, which is a leadership program across the United States. "We went to Morris, Mn to help the community build a pollinator garden with vegetables and flowers for their town. In 4H, we help

others with projects, and it is a lot of fun. I took a picture of their garden, surrounded by rocks with a tower of rocks in the middle, and felt it would be a great project for my Eagle Scout badge."

Benjamin's design is a triangle with rocks around the perimeter, and stepping stones going through the garden. There will be signs telling what the plants are, and how they help the environment. Benjamin's dad, Eric, added that they are going to try to put in the indigenous plants that thrive here. Eric has been studying the plants, too, through a Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer program through the University of Minnesota, so I know it will be a lovely plot of ground when they are done. They have been meeting with the Master Gardeners of Goodhue County to help them decide what the best pollinator plants



are for this area.

Today, September 14th, they broke ground, and laid out the triangle. They used the Community Garden's tiller to till the soil after removing the first layer of grass. Next week on the 21st, they are going to be laying out the perimeter of the garden with rocks they find, and are hoping some folks will come down to the gardens from noon to 4 pm to make

stepping stones and get involved with the project. It takes a community, Folks! Just give Eric a call at 507-321-1967 to let them know you will be there so they can have drinks and snacks ready for you! Good Luck on your project, Benjamin! We will continue to monitor the progress of the project, so stay tuned!



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71st BullDog Reunion

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No, I was not in the class, but my mother was, and many of the friends she graduated with, I knew as a child. I still love to visit with her friends, because I have known some of them my whole life, and many had kids my age that I went to school here with. It is not only fun to listen to the stories they tell, but I love hearing about what their kids are up to these days.

So, with a graduating class of 15 boys and 15 girls, this year we all met at The Spot, and were served by Dan himself. The classmates commented on how he took our orders without writing them down, and got them all right! Of course, many of the class of '53 are no longer with us, but I was surprised at how many of them are still living in this area. Although Dorothy and Dewey Thompson are the only ones still listing a Wanamingo address, several are still close enough to visit. Attending the reunion were Dorothy & Dewey Thompson from Wanamingo, Dexter & Janet Henschel from Albert Lea, Dolly Upsal from Goodhue, Wes & Sonia Larson from Byron, Carly Johanson from Rochester, Audrey Cordes from Zumbrota, and Carolyn Thompson from St. Paul. Absent were Joanie Ring from Zumbrota, Kathryn Wright from Prior Lake and Norlene Josephson from Goodhue.

The theme from the year of 1953 was "Greenhorns are We, From '53!" and one of these years, maybe I will remember to ask



Back row, left to right: Carol Johanson, Caroline Thompson, Audrey Cordes, Dorothy Thompson, Dolly Opsahl
Bottom row, left to right: Wesley Larson, Dexter Henschel, Dewey Thompson

someone what exactly that means!

I remember hearing stories when I was a child about the adventures the classmates had, both during school years and after. Sev-

eral of the girls ended up in Minneapolis, living together in a big rental house, and working at the Star and Tribune. In fact, my mom lived there with her friends, and that's where

she met my dad, in the house full of boys next door. So I for one am happy the girls moved to the big city and had some adventures before settling down! (continued on page 9)

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71st Bulldog Reunion

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However, I was banned from telling some of the stories, so you can just imagine how these freshly graduated kids from small town Wanamingo learned about the Big City of Minneapolis! The most fun question that was asked was if anyone had a recipe from the "old days" for Rommegrod. That is the real name for what was called "Mush", a delicacy served with sugar, cinnamon, and a dab of

butter in the middle! Guess what? I am the only one who still has the recipe! And I am going to share it with you and see if you are brave enough to try it!

Rommegrod

Boil 2 cups of water and 1 pound of butter. Boil 5 minutes and add 1 tsp. salt. Gradually sift in 1 cup of flour. Boil again and add 1 quart of scalded milk, and cook until smooth. When thickened, pour into bowls and add sugar and cinnamon, and put a dab of butter in a hole in the middle. Stir well, and enjoy!

Thanks to my Grandma Anna Carlson for leaving me that recipe!

Well, another year is in the books, and I am already looking forward to next year!

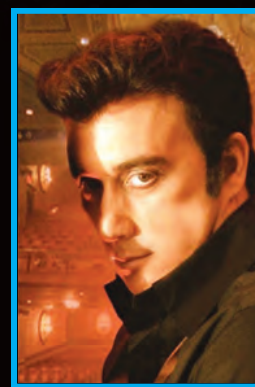


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Eligible projects must test and demonstrate on-farm practices that will benefit a broad range of farmers. Past grants have explored topics such as cover crops and crop rotation; conservation tillage; pest management techniques; input reduction strategies; and alter-

native energies such as wind, methane, and biomass.

The MDA will award approximately \$350,000 in this round of grant funding, and applicants may request up to \$50,000 per project. No cash match is required for requests below \$25,000. However, for requests between \$25,000 and \$50,000, applicants must provide a dollar-for-dollar match.

Projects must last two to three years, and grantees are asked to share what they learn through outreach efforts. Project updates are published annually in the MDA's Greenbook, which provides a summary of each project along with results, management tips, locations of previous projects, and other resources.

The AGRI Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant program will accept applications through 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024. To apply and read the full request for proposals (RFP), visit the grant webpage.

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Anhydrous Safety Key Goal for Farmers This Fall

The MDA offers safety tips for those maintaining equipment and applying and transporting NH3

Many farmers and custom applicators will soon apply anhydrous ammonia (NH3) after harvest. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised. Accidents involving NH3 have proven how dangerous and deadly the fertilizer can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) offers the following tips to farmers, fertilizer dealers, and custom applicators to safely field apply NH3.

Always wear NH3-rated goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

Be sure to have a clean and accessible emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons available.

Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections of transfer lines, treating them as if they always contain NH3.

Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3. Also, close, bleed, disconnect, and secure valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

Position equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining NH3 equipment, operating NH3 storage facilities, and transporting NH3.

Never assume NH3 lines are empty.

Always wear the required protective safety equipment.

Have access to safety water (NH3 storage facilities must have a minimum of one open

top container holding 150 gallons of clean, accessible water or an accessible emergency shower with a plumbed eyewash. A 5-gallon container of clean, accessible water must accompany NH3 nurse tanks).

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

If an accident or spill occurs, seek medical care if needed, immediately call 911, and then the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798.

You can find more safety, storage, and transportation information on the MDA's

website.

As a reminder, fall application of NH3 should happen after average soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler to help prevent nitrogen loss and ensure more nitrogen will be available for next season's crop.

View the MDA's interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.

Under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule, fall nitrogen fertilizer application is prohibited in vulnerable groundwater areas of Minnesota due to environmental concerns or risks. View a map of the vulnerable regions of the state.

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nesota pioneer in the food home-delivery market. Founded in Marshall, Minn., where it still maintains a headquarters, the company grew to a nationwide frozen food delivery leader with the country's largest fleet of freezer trucks.

Since its founding in 1952, Yelloh made high-quality frozen meals, foods, treats, and ice cream accessible to American homes by delivering products to neighborhood doorsteps with its fleet of iconic yellow trucks. The company set itself apart with the friendly, trusting relationships it built between customers and team members, some of which lasted for decades.

"It's with heavy hearts that we made the difficult decision to cease operations of Yelloh," said CEO Bernardo Santana. "We are thankful to our many loyal customers and hard-working employees for everything they have done to support us. I am deeply grateful for our employees' tireless and bold efforts, and our customers' dedication. It has been our utmost

pleasure and honor to serve our customers their favorite meals and frozen treats."

"As it is for the people of Yelloh, closing this company is a heartbreaking decision for me personally," said Michael Ziebell, Board Member, who was a 22-year veteran of the company holding leadership roles in the 1990s and early 2000s before returning recently as a Board member. "Our concern is now for our employees and caring for them as we all come to terms with the fact that this business – that served millions of families and provided a livelihood for thousands over the decades – has regrettably run its life cycle."

The company cited multiple insurmountable business challenges for the decision, including economic and market forces, as well as changing consumer lifestyles.

"The current Yelloh team has worked hard against external headwinds such as the nationwide staffing challenges and crushing food sup-

ply chain disruption caused by the pandemic," said Ziebell. "These challenges, combined with changing consumer lifestyles and competitive pressures that have been building for over 20 years, made success very difficult. Digital shopping has replaced the personal, at-the-door customer interaction that was the hallmark of the company."

Yelloh will wind down operations over the next two months, taking care of employees with notice and pay in accordance with the WARN Act. The last day products may be purchased via Yelloh trucks will be Friday, November 8.

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- Don't Rush - It may take an extra moment or two to walk down every step or double-check a piece of equipment. But that extra time may be a lifesaver. Don't cut corners when it comes to safety.
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Many drivers fail to physically turn on their headlights, which will also activate the rear taillights and marker lights. Some drivers as-

sume the sensors will activate all of the vehicle's lights in reduced visibilities, but that is not always the case.

We recommend what's called the 3-second-plus following distance rule. Watch the vehicle in front of you. When that vehicle passes an object such as a sign, pole, bridge, etc., count off three seconds. You should not arrive at that spot sooner than your count to three. If you do, you are following too close!

Also, you must add one second for every hazard that exists. Hazards include but are not limited to heavy traffic, rain, snow, fog, driving into the sun, etc. In some cases you might have to allow six, seven seconds (or even more) to be safe because of existing hazards.

We also recommend when driving in dense fog, heavy rain or snow to drive in the right

lane of a two lane roadway going in the same direction. In the event that a vehicle is traveling the wrong way, chances are that they will be in your left lane as they approach and pass by you.

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