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Announcements

• **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.

• **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 \$5-\$10 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@threeiverscap.org

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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?
Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

GoFundMe account set up for Kenyon resident

Hannah Mickelsen of Kenyon was involved in a car crash with a snowplow on County Road 24 east of West Concord on Thursday

February 6th about 7am. The roadway was icy and a light snowfall had accumulated overnight.

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Smokin' Silverback Relocates to Kasson



One of the Messenger's advertisers has moved from their location in Owatonna to Kasson this month.

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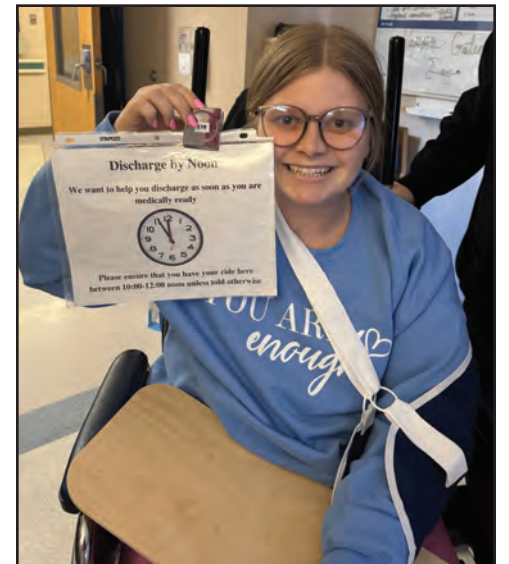
Chicken Wars update

In the last KW Messenger we ran an article on the ongoing discussion in Wanamingo. This is to clarify the status of raising chickens in the city of Kenyon.



According to the city council minutes of January 14, 2003, chickens and other farm animals were allowed in residential zoned districts until Ordinance No. 37 was adopted.

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Hannah Mickelsen

Vintage Snowmobile Show

By Cheri Roshon

Saturday, March 1st is the date set for the Annual Vintage Ride & Show, and it looks like there may even be snow on the ground this year!

The Wanamingo Firefighters put this together every year, snow on the ground or not. It will be at the fire department on Main Street in Wanamingo, with registration starting at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to bring their snowmobiles for others to swoon over. It doesn't matter what condition yours is in, just bring it to 95 Main Street, and get it registered! Old, new, ugly or sleek, let everybody have a peek! Also, bring your ATV's that are 1990 and older. There are several categories vying for the bragging rights in the categories, and the judging is held at 11 am.

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2024 show

Goodhue County Dairy Princess Candidates Sought

The Goodhue County Dairy Association is seeking candidates to participate in this year's dairy princess program. Dairy princesses serve as goodwill ambassadors for the dairy industry through appearances that help explain dairy farmers' passion for taking care of their animals and land while providing nutritious food for people locally and throughout the world. The princess banquet is scheduled for April 5th, 2025.

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"Open Our Eyes, Lord"

By Pastor Larry Grove
Hauge Free Lutheran Church
Kenyon

The past few months I have been sharing messages from the book of Mark. As I have been doing this, I marvel at all the people Jesus touched, all the issues He addressed, and all the miraculous things He did. Then it caused me to reflect on how we should respond and carry out our lives as believers in Christ.

Ephesians 3:20-21 tells us that the power and work of Jesus is still being manifested in the world today. It says, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

As we read through the Gospel texts and see all the wonderful works of Christ, it is remarkable that one man could effect so many people in so few years. But we must remember that He was God in the flesh.

John had a special relationship with Jesus and we can see in his writing of his Gospel account that he focused more on the deity of Jesus Christ rather than all of the miraculous things He did. But in the last verse of his book his words were written in the Message Translation as saying, "There are so many other things Jesus did. If they were all written down, each of them, one by one, I can't imagine a world big enough to hold such a library of books."

Jesus lived a life that was recorded for us in His Word and we are called to mirror that life as best we can by following His example and obeying His teachings. He has also given us so many promises in His Word and when He promises something, He will be true to His Word. But we can't stand on His promises if we don't know what they are. That takes diligently absorbing the scriptures and heartfelt trust in the God who inspired them.

When we study God's Word we will find the attributes of God's character. We will see that He is merciful and gracious. In His mercy God does not give us what we do deserve. In His grace God gives us what we do not deserve.

Psalms 145: speaks of God's mercy. It says, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy."

Ephesians 2:8 tells us of God's grace. These

words say, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

These are some other things we will find out about God.

He is Infinite- Without beginning and He has no end. (Rev. 22:13)

He is immutable- He never changes. (Malachi 3:6)

He is Self-Sufficient- He has no needs. (Acts 17:25)

He is Omnipotent- He is all powerful. (Ephesians 3:20)

He is Omniscient- He is all-knowing. (Isaiah 46:9-10)

He is Omnipresent- He is always everywhere. (Psalm 139:7-10)

He is Wise- He is full of wisdom. (Romans 11:33)

He is Faithful- He is unchangingly true. (II Timothy 2:13)

He is Good- He is full of goodwill. (Psalm 34:8)

He is Just- He is right and perfect in all He does. (Duet. 32:4)

He is Loving- He loves us unconditionally.

(John 4:7-8)

These are some of the attributes of God that will be promoted in His Word. Take time to read of them. Take time to internalize them. And take time to claim them as your own as you cry out to God in surrender and faith. In so doing you are adopted into His family and you are now the child of the King of all kings. When the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to these truths we will be forever changed. What a beautiful inheritance we have by doing this. The benefits are out of this world!!

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY Finish Well!

No one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel. — Deuteronomy 34:12

Moses remained committed to the Lord until the very end of his life. He was a child of God, a diligent leader of God's people, a prophet, and much more. Moses is described as a "man of God" and a "servant of the Lord" in the closing chapters of Deuteronomy. He knew who he was and whose he was. That makes a difference in one's life. Moses was faithful. Though he was certainly not perfect, Moses finished well.

When we think about finishing well, we realize it is not a last-minute commitment. We can stay focused even when we must take detours and alter our plans. When we fall, we get up with the Lord's help. When things do not go the way we thought they would, we cannot allow our feelings and thoughts to get in the way of doing God's will. We know we depend on the Lord in all things, and we stand firm in his strength.

When our time comes to leave our home on earth to go to our eternal home in heaven (unless Jesus returns before then), we want to say, "I have fought the good fight . . . I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). And we want to hear our Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21).

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, help me to be fully committed to doing your will until the very end of my life. May you be glorified! Amen.

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Engagement Announcement



Donna Honer and Matthew Bauer

Excited to share the wedding engagement of Donna Honer and Matthew Bauer. Local to Kenyon Minnesota. Matthew popped the question on their family beef farm, what a great way to start 2025!

Joan Ruth Musgjerd

Joan Ruth Musgjerd, 84, of Kenyon, passed away on February 14, 2025, at her home with her family by her side.

She was born August 27, 1939, in Faribault, Minnesota to Joseph and Ruth (Pierce) Finnesgard. Joan grew up in rural Nerstrand before moving into Town. She graduated from Kenyon High School and shortly after Joan was united in marriage to Obert Musgjerd on June 21, 1958, at Gol Lutheran Church. She worked for a short time at Federated Insurance before becoming a homemaker. After raising the family, Joan worked at Owens Fairway Foods, then as a school bus driver. She found her career at Foldcraft as a welder for 25 years before retiring in 2002.

Joan loved birds, horses, dogs and cats. She enjoyed crocheting prayer shawls, rosemary and other crafts. Joan and Obert enjoyed camping in the summer and wintering in Weslaco, Texas. Most of all Joan cherished

the time she spent with her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Catherine Whipple of Kenyon, Laurie (and David) Feltault of Minneapolis, Tom (and Leanne) Musgjerd of Elk River; grandchildren, Jacob Whipple, Johanna Whipple, Katie Fitzgerald, Peter Feltault, Nicole Feltault, Sarah Rotert, Owen Musgjerd, Cy Musgjerd, Joseph Musgjerd, Sheldon Musgjerd; 11 great-grandchildren with one more on the way; Siblings, Joseph Finnesgard, Sharon Kucera, Mark Finnesgard, Bruce Finnesgard, Brian Finnesgard.

She was preceded in death by her husband Obert Musgjerd, parents Joseph and Ruth Finnesgard, son Jason Musgjerd, son in law John Whipple, siblings Merlin Finnesgard, Donald Finnesgard, David Finnesgard.

Funeral services were held on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Vang Lutheran Church with a visitation starting one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at a later date, at the Little Cannon Cemetery in Nerstrand. Memorials are preferred to Vang Lutheran Church or Little Cannon Cemetery.

Holden Community Park Now Accepting Reservations



The Holden Community Park is now accepting reservations. This is a gathering place for families, community groups, celebrations, family and class reunions and meetings. The park is open from June 1 – September 30 and is located just west of the Holden Lutheran Church on Co Rd 30, Kenyon.

The park building is equipped with AC, refrigerator, stove, microwave and indoor bathrooms. Folding tables and chairs which are available for use within the facility. Picnic tables, playground equipment and a fire pit are also located just outside the back entrance. A prayer path also winds through the woods.

Please contact Peggy Kroenbach if you would like to reserve the building. (p_kronbach@yahoo.com, # 507/227-4992)



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Chicken Wars Update

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The request to allow chickens has come before the city council at least three times since 2003 (2015, 2020, and 2023), but has never been passed.

The current city code Section 530 is also attached below. Farm animals are allowed in agricultural zoned districts in city limits with the limitations listed. However, there is at least one parcel in city limits that was rezoned from residential to agriculture since 2015 that has stricter limitations than those listed in Section 530 of the city code.

Taken from the City Council minutes of January 14, 2003

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 37, Third Series:

Amending Zoning Districts that Allow Animals within the City of Kenyon

Thunhorst opened public meeting at 7:05p.m. Presently, horses, cows, and other non-domestic animals are allowed in the R-1 zones of the City. The Planning Commission gave their recommendation that this Ordinance be changed to only allow non-domestic

animals in Agricultural zoned districts.

Hearing no public objections, Mayor Thunhorst closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. Loftness motioned to adopt Ordinance 37, Third Series, to restrict non-domestic animals to Agricultural zoned districts. Sibley seconded motion. Adopted per roll call vote, 4-0-0.

Current Kenyon City Code
SECTION 530 – AGRICULTURAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

530.01. Agricultural operations. Subdivision 1. Existing farms. Agricultural uses in existence upon the effective date of this code are a permitted use where the operator can conduct a farming operation. However, all regulations contained in these performance standards apply to all changes of the farming operation that will cause all or part of the area to become more intensively used or more urban in character. Any structure exceeding \$500 in value to be erected on a farm requires a building permit and must conform to all requirements of the building code. The council may require any farm operator to secure a conditional use permit to expand or intensify said operations in the event of the following:

a) The farm is adjacent to or within 400 feet of any dwelling unit and may be detrimental to living conditions by creating safety hazards or by emitting noise, odor, vibrations or similar nuisances.

b) The farming operations are so intensive as to constitute an industrial type use consisting of the compounding, processing and packaging of products for wholesale or retail trade.

c) Any expansion which would increase the number of animal units on the operation or increase the total agricultural acreage by ten percent or more.

Subd. 2. Animals in the A district. The keeping of animals is permitted according to the following regulations. (Amended, Ord. 37, Third Series)

a) Dogs, cats, and other domestic animals customarily kept as pets are not subject to these regulations.

b) On lots less than two acres, only dogs, cats, and other domestic animals customarily

kept as pets are permitted.

c) On lots of two acres and over, the following types of animals shall be permitted at the following densities.

Animals Animal Type Per Acre
Equine (horses, mules, etc.) 1.0
Cattle 1.0

Pigs, swine 2.0

Sheep, goats, or similar 5.0

Large poultry (turkeys, ducks, etc.) 25.0

Small poultry (chickens, rabbits, etc) 50.0

Subd. 3. Animal feedlots. Animal feedlots are prohibited in all zoning districts.

Goodhue County Dairy Princess Candidates Sought

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A candidate must be a high school graduate by July 1, 2025 and not yet 24 years old by July 1, 2025. A candidate must be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident. She or her parents must be actively engaged in the production of milk for sale to a licensed plant during the current year. A candidate also qualifies if she or her parents are employed on a dairy farm in a dairy-related capacity, or if a sibling has taken over the home farm. Additionally, she would qualify if her or her family custom raise animals that will produce milk or lease animals in exchange for work on that farm.

The dairy princess program is sponsored by the county's dairy farmers in conjunction with Midwest Dairy's Minnesota Division and the dairy checkoff. Serving as a county dairy princess is also the first step toward potentially becoming Princess Kay of the Milky Way. Ten finalists will be selected at the May Leadership Event to compete for the Princess Kay title in August. At all levels of competition, contestants are judged on their communication skills, personality, enthusiasm for dairy promotion and general knowledge of the dairy industry.

For a complete rules and application form, contact Tiffany Betcher at goodhueada@gmail.com or 651-380-8874. Applications are due March 8th, 2025.

KENYON-WANAMINGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STUDENTS
of the
WEEK



NOBLE KNIGHTS OF THE WEEK FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Front Row: Jackson Falenschek, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Ella Rodriguez, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Kaylynne Westlund, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Thomas Thoreson, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers. Back Row: Cecelia Jandro, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan; Kendall Foss-Kennedy, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Isabella McGowan, Gr. 3, Mrs. Sandy Bohaty; Hudson Kruger, Gr. 4, Mrs. Chloe Gohman



NOBLE KNIGHTS OF THE WEEK FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Front Row: Oakley Langer, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Natalia Vargas, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Violet Burt, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Cooper Bauer, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Morgan Anfinson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs. Back Row: Julia Potvin, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan; Elijah Rodriguez, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Nova Christensen, Gr. 3, Mrs. Sandy Bohaty; Maverick Moechnig

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Oldies But Goodies

By Cheri Roshon

As I have been working on a few articles about the old towns in our area that have all but disappeared, I have been going through old books to find stories to tell, and I keep running across fun words we used to use "back in the day". I thought it would be fun to share some of them so you can have a chuckle, too!

Mergatroyd? Do you remember that word? I believe it was Snaggle Puss (In the cartoon) that used that word when he was exasperated, but I could be mistaken.....So, I will get my thinking cap on and see what else I can come up with.

(Would you believe the spell-checker did not recognize the word, Mergatroyd?)

Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she

was old ...But not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.

These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy!

Gee whillikers!

Jumping Jehoshaphat!

Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the way of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!", we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed as om-

nipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues, our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper.

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver

pills.

This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! Okidoki.

Of course it could all be considered "Monkey Business", but we may never know to which realm the words of yesteryear have gone to! Now it's time to go talk to my grand-kids and find out what new words and phrases have replaced all these words from the Good Old Days!

GoFundMe account set up for Kenyon resident

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The Dodge County Sheriff Department reports that a feed truck had slid into the ditch and a Dodge County snowplow truck had stopped at the scene and parked with flashing lights to assist with traffic control. Shortly afterward the Mickelsen vehicle approached and tried to avoid colliding with the snowplow but slid on the icy road and the driver's side of her Buick smashed into the rear of the snowplow and spun into the ditch. The West Concord Fire Department responded to the accident. She was extricated from the vehicle and airlifted by Mayo One to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester with serious injuries. The semi-truck driver and snowplow operator were not injured.

Hannah grew up in Cambridge, Minnesota and moved to Kenyon with her family in 2012. She graduated in 2018 and attended North Central University in Minneapolis. She

played college volleyball and graduated from NCU with a bachelor in Elementary Education. Hannah met her husband Luke in college and they were married in April of 2023. Hannah is a seventh-grade math teacher at Kasson-Mantorville School.

Hannah has multiple injuries including a fracture in her neck (C6), a few fractured ribs, fractured sternum, a clean break on her left arm near the elbow and small fractures throughout it. Her pelvis is fractured on both sides with the left side being the worst. She will be non-weight bearing for up to 12 weeks. She is left hand dominant and is unable to use her left arm and will be wheelchair bound requiring rigorous therapy to be able to walk again.

They do not plan to have a fund raiser but have the GoFundMe at Rally for Hannah's Healing Journey. Hannah welcomes visitors and loves the company of her friends, family and family to keep her spirits up.

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That's the Latest Underwear & Trees



By Emery Kleven

Emery is now a retired farm broadcaster after starting at KDHL in Faribault in 1987. He's a 1971 graduate of West Concord High School. You can view past columns at his website RoadFarming.com. You can email him at emery@roadfarming.com.

This is probably a guy thing but I don't like to throw out old underwear. If it still fits and the elastic still holds, I should be able to get another time to wear it before I finally have to let go. One pair in particular I've had a long time. Now I keep it clean but it has more holes than a golf course but it's just so darn comfortable. Now I think the reason I hate to get rid of it, besides the comfort factor, is that buying underwear is a real crapshoot...literally. And you can't buy just one. You have to buy the whole package which is usually 3 or 6. Costco I think it's 24. But they come all wrapped up in plastic so you can't really get a good feel of how they'll be. They don't let you try them on. I've even offered to go to the dressing room instead of right there in the aisle but I was told, NO, you can't try them on anywhere and you can't open the package.

I'm trying to replace one, not six of them but it's the marketing people who want to move volume. Shirts, yes you can buy just one and you can try it on. Not in the aisle though, I found out. You can buy one pair of blue jeans or a jacket or sweatshirt. But underwear, no deal. Socks come in large quantities. You have to buy two socks but they don't package them in one pair. Why I need 12 or 24 pairs of new socks, I don't know. And they wonder why men hate shopping.

Even beer, you can buy one but it's probably 64 ounces. Smaller cans you have to buy at least 6 or 12 or 24. Costco, I think you have to buy a keg. But guys don't mind shopping for beer. We're kind of funny that way but unfortunately, wives never send us out to buy beer. We have to think about it all on our own. But most guys are good at remembering. Broccoli, soup, crackers, bread, butter, oh you mean I was supposed to pick them up too? So then it's a second trip.

But I digress. I wanted to write a little about the picture of the aluminum Christmas tree. These were popular from about the mid 50's to the mid 60's. The Sears catalog sold a boatload of them back in the day. They kind of fell out of favor with American households in 1965, after the airing of 'A Charlie Brown Christmas'. People thought the aluminum trees looked too much like Charlie's sad looking Christmas tree, so by 1967 or so, the aluminum tree along with the colored wheel like you see in the picture, were relegated to basements, garage or estate sales or sold for 25 cents.

But if you are one of the lucky ones who hung onto your vintage aluminum tree, they are now coming back into favor. A quick look at E-Bay shows a wide variety of prices. But the original vintage trees can be worth \$400 to \$1000. The original box helps boost the asking price. In fact, it was a number of years ago, a rare 7 foot pink aluminum Christmas tree sold online for \$3600.

The West Concord Historical Society has two of these aluminum trees. One of them you see in the picture that was one display in the Heritage Room. There was a Wisconsin company, Aluminum Specialty Company, that made over a million of these trees. Back in the late 50's and early 60's, they retailed for about \$25. So you probably had to think twice if you really wanted to invest in one. And if you did, you hate the Charlie Brown Christmas show.

I'm hoping my leisure suit will come back like the aluminum trees and I can recoup my cost. It's coming up on 60 years old but I'm beginning to think that some things never do make a comeback. If you're interested in a leisure suit, it's only had one owner. It looks as good as the day I bought it, which come to think of it, that's not a good selling point. You can't destroy it. It's made of the same material as the stealth bomber is made of. It's very durable and long-lasting. I guess I should have invested in the aluminum Christmas tree.



Aluminum Christmas trees like the one from the WCHS, were all the rage from the mid 50's to the mid 60's.

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Why Youth Language is More Than Just Slang

By
University of MN Extension

For the last decade, Extension Educator Courtney Johnson has strived to stay connected with youth language. She recently listened to a teen-led conversation that made her feel—well—old! She had no idea what they were saying, and it got her thinking, "Why does youth language exist?" Here's what she found.

Youth language research highlights

Young people engaged in conversation outside a building.

There is a range of research on youth language, much of it occurring in the latter half of the 20th century.

Some of my favorite research comes from "Research on Youth-Language from Sociolinguistics: An International Handbook of the Science of Language and Society, Volume 2."

Sociolinguists — those who study the relationship between language and society — generally agree that adolescence is the life stage in which language change is most clearly visible.

According to linguist Penelope Eckert, "Adolescents are the linguistic movers and shakers, at least in western industrialized societies, and, as such, a prime source of information about linguistic change and the role of language in social practice."

Language use in adolescence is also discussed in terms of the structure of adolescent peer-groups and the communicative demands of peer-group interactions.

Virtually all studies of youth language draw on the notion of identity in order to explain why language varies during adolescence.

Youth language potentially linked to at least two aspects of development

As identified in the research, youth language plays a role both in a youth's peer groups (belonging) and within the self (identity).

Belonging

According to the Forum for Youth Investment, belonging means feeling like you can be your true self in a group or community. Both Gisela Konopka, a youth development pioneer, and Karen Pittman, president and CEO of the Forum for Youth Investment from 1998 to 2021, indicated that belonging is critical to healthy youth development.

Identity

Identity refers to our sense of who we are as individuals and as members of social groups. During adolescence, youth seek autonomy, particularly from parents, along with increased commitments to social aspects of identity and a greater need for connection with peers. However, as with all good research, there are conflicting ideas.

Research by Dr. Gordon Neufeld argues



that the breakdown of healthy attachment is to blame for youth building their identity through peers, and that it is not a natural part of development. His book, "Hold on to Your Kids," describes this argument and is worth checking out.

So, the next time you hear "no cap," "sus," "bussin'," "fire," "pressed" or "POV," you can

acknowledge that those words (or the act of creating and using them) may be supporting youth development and likely creating a generation of linguists. And if you are like me, you may also have to Google a few and feel a little old from time to time.

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Smokin' Silverback Relocates to Kasson

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The Smokin' Silverback is now located in the building originally occupied by Daniel's Restaurant for many years. The new venue is more than twice the size of their old building in Owatonna. Owner Ben Meyer is a Kenyon native and brings his expertise to serve the

best selection of smoked meats in the area. If you like delicious cuts of barbequed, flavorful meat, you will love the Smokin' Silverback. Just the aroma alone as you walk through the door is enough to make you hungry. There is smoked brisket, corned beef, pulled pork, pulled chicken, rib tips, smoked sausage and prime rib. Daily Lunches are served from 11am to 4pm. Tuesday is 3 tacos, chips and salsa. Wednesday is wings at \$8.00 a pound all day. Thursday is Venezuelan Chicken Arapas from 5pm to close. Friday is a rib dinner from 5pm to close. Saturday lunch is the Hangover Burger from 11am to 4pm and later in February there will be smoked prime rib from 5pm to close.

The menu includes sandwiches, burgers, ribs, wings, meat platters, nachos, loaded baked potatoes and loaded mac-n-cheese. The sides are beans, cole slaw, potato salad, corn bread, corn and fries. A wide variety of barbeque sauces is available in every heat setting you desire. There is a kid's menu for \$5.95 for the little ones.

The bar is planned to open in February and that venue has a capacity of 70 seats. They also are planning a breakfast menu with a 7am opening later in the winter.

The new location at 504 South Mantorville Avenue in Kasson seats 200 so you can always get a table. You will not leave hungry. They are open Monday thru Thursday 11am to 8pm, Friday and Saturday 11am to 9pm and will be opening on Sundays with a buffet style breakfast brunch planned later in the winter.

Check out their menu online at www.smokinsilverback.com or on Facebook. Their phone number is 507-634-7427(RIBS).



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Year of the Calendula: Beyond Beauty in Your Garden

By University of MN Extension

Each year, the National Garden Bureau highlights standout crops, and for 2025, Calendula, also known as pot marigold, takes the spotlight as an Annual of the Year. Loved for its vibrant blooms and versatility, this resilient flower is perfect for seasoned and new gardeners alike.

A bloom with history

Calendula's story is as colorful as its petals. Native to the Mediterranean, this cheerful flower has been celebrated for centuries. Ancient Egyptians admired its healing properties, while Romans introduced it across Europe, where it became a staple in gardens and kitchens. Dubbed "poor man's saffron," calendula petals can be used as a natural yellow dye or to flavor and color recipes.

How to grow calendula

Calendula thrives in cool weather, making

it ideal for early spring and fall planting. Follow these tips for success:

Planting basics

Direct sow seeds in early spring, even when light frosts are possible. Continue sowing every two to three weeks until early summer for a staggered fall bloom.

Starting indoors? Sow seeds in late winter.

Sow seeds 1/4 inch deep and cover completely; they require darkness to germinate.

After germination, place them under bright lights.

Space plants 6–18 inches apart for healthy growth. Pinch back young plants to encourage branching.

Care and maintenance

Provide full sun and well-drained soil, with a pH between 5.5 and 7.

Water regularly but avoid wetting leaves to prevent mildew.

Deadhead faded blooms to promote continuous flowering.

Why gardeners love calendula

Calendula's beauty comes with added benefits, making it a garden favorite:

Natural pest control: Planted near vegetables like tomatoes and beans, calendula attracts beneficial insects while keeping pests at bay.

Edible and delicious: Its petals add a peppery flavor and vibrant color to salads and soups.

Medicinal properties: Harvest flowers to dry for teas, soothing salves, or fragrant pot-



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A bloom for cool seasons

Calendula thrives in cool weather but may pause blooming during hot summers. Don't worry—it bounces back with vivid blooms as temperatures drop, bringing a burst of fall

color.

Whether you're brightening your garden, attracting pollinators, or exploring its edible and medicinal uses, calendula is a plant that truly gives back. Its rich history, ease of care, and versatility make it a must-have for any garden.

Shielding Woody Perennials: Protect Your Plants from Winter Woes

By University of MN Extension

Winter in Minnesota is tough—not just on us, but also on our trees and shrubs. Snow, ice, and road salt can really take a toll on woody perennials, leaving them bent, broken, or even dead by spring. But don't worry! You can help your plants make it through the cold months in good shape.

Snow and ice

Snow and ice can pile up on branches, bending or even snapping them under the weight. Evergreens and shrubs with multiple stems are especially vulnerable. Ice can also encase branches, making them brittle and prone to breaking. Here's how to help:

Sweep snow gently: Use a broom to lightly brush the snow from underneath the branches. Don't shake them—this can cause more harm than good.

Let ice melt naturally: Avoid spraying plants with water during freezing temperatures. If ice has already formed, don't try to break it off—it could damage the branches.

For extra protection, wrap delicate plants in burlap or tie branches together with soft ties to help them stay upright through heavy snowfalls.

Road salt

Road salt may keep sidewalks safe, but it's not so friendly to your plants. Salt can dry out roots, damage foliage, and leave toxic residues in the soil. If your woody perennials are near driveways, sidewalks, or roads, they're especially at risk. To minimize damage:

Go for salt alternatives: Use sand, sawdust, or calcium magnesium acetate instead of traditional rock salt for de-icing.

Set up barriers: Burlap screens or snow fences can block salt spray and runoff from reaching your plants.

Flush the soil in spring: After the snow melts, give the soil around your plants a deep watering to wash away any salt buildup.

Winter burn

Evergreens can suffer from winter burn when cold winds pull moisture from their leaves or needles faster than their roots can replace it. This can leave your plants browned and dried out—especially on the windward side. To prevent winter burn:

Water well in fall: Make sure your plants are well-hydrated before the ground freezes. Moisture in the soil helps them stay healthy through winter.

Apply mulch: A 2–3-inch layer of mulch around the base of your plants insulates the soil and protects their roots.

Create windbreaks: Burlap screens or hedges can shield your plants from cold, drying winds.

Spring recovery

Even if you've taken precautions, winter can leave its mark. In spring, inspect your plants for broken or damaged branches and prune as needed to encourage healthy regrowth. If salt has caused issues in the soil, amend it with compost to restore health and balance.

By taking these simple steps, you can protect your woody perennials from the harsh realities of winter. Not only will your plants thrive, but your landscape will also look great year-round. A little effort now goes a long way when it comes to keeping your garden healthy and beautiful!

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How and When to Start Your Seeds

By Robin Trott,
University of Minnesota Extension
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Serious gardeners who want to start large quantities of seeds will benefit from certain investments like artificial lights and heating pads. But for gardeners who are growing a small number of plants or just starting out, materials you already have on hand may suffice.

When should you get started?

Certain vegetables and flowers need a big head start to produce an edible crop during our short Minnesota growing season.

February is the optimal time to seed leeks, onions, and celery.

Early to mid-March is the best time to plant early season cold-tolerant plants like broccoli, cabbage, and head lettuce, and long-season heat-loving plants like peppers, okra, and eggplant.

If you just start tomatoes at home, you can wait until early April.

For a full list of flowers and vegetables and when to plant them indoors in Minnesota, check out Starting seeds indoors.

Direct seed vs. starting indoors

You might notice that a variety of garden vegetables like sweet corn, beans, squash, and

carrots are not on the list. There are a few reasons that it's better to direct seed some vegetables in the garden instead of starting them ahead of time.

For vegetables like carrots, radishes, or leaf lettuce, the sheer number of seeds you would have to start indoors to get a good harvest makes transplanting impractical from a space and time-saving perspective. For crops like carrots with a taproot, transplanting can restrict root development.

Some large-seeded vegetables like beans, peas, and corn grow very quickly since the seed has a lot of stored energy for the seedling. While these plants can be transplanted, direct-seeded crops in the garden often catch up with transplanted seedlings, making it impractical to start them indoors. They can also quickly outgrow their cells when planted indoors.

Cucurbits (squash, cucumbers) have very sensitive roots. While these crops can absolutely be transplanted, take great care to avoid disturbing the root system. Using soil blocks or pots made of peat or cow manure can help reduce transplant shock since seedlings are less likely to become root-bound in these types of pots.

Tools to help your plants grow

Starting seeds at home can be intimidating. It may feel like you need to spend hundreds on equipment, but there are great options for starting seeds using materials you may already have. In general, seeds need a few things to succeed.

Light

Once your seeds germinate, they'll need light to keep growing. In some cases, a very

bright, south-facing window will provide plenty of sunlight, but most gardeners will need to supply some amount of artificial lighting. Relying on the natural light from a window works best for seedlings that will only be indoors for a few weeks.

Plants like peppers that need a few months' head start will begin to stretch towards the light if they are not receiving the amount of light they need, which leads to skinny, weak stems. See Lighting for indoor plants and starting seeds to help you decide which types of grow lights are best for you.

Heat

Most seeds germinate faster in warm soil and grow more quickly. Seedlings growing in cool soils are more prone to damping off. So, how can you provide heat to your seedlings? Many gardeners purchase heat mats to place beneath their seedling trays. These mats vary in quality and price, from around \$10 for a mat that fits a single tray, to more like \$70 for a mat that accommodates 4-5 trays. Some seedling mats have temperature controls, but for the average gardener, a simple mat without temperature controls should be sufficient.

Or, if you have a warm spot in your home such as a shelf over a radiator or above baseboard heaters, simply place your seedlings there.

Humidity and water

Seedlings need humidity to germinate. There are a few options for providing humidity. Many garden stores sell domes that fit over the top of seedling trays. If you don't have a dome, try simply using a sheet of plastic wrap. In lieu of plastic, simply water your



seedlings often and avoid letting your soil dry out. However, once they've sprouted, it's important to remove some of the humidity in the atmosphere to prevent potential disease issues. Remove the dome or plastic from your seedling trays once most seedlings are emerging above the soil.

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In 2024, event organizers moved the festival date to June, sighting the fact that there are so many more events competing with the August date than there used to be.

The full line up of events and live music will be announced soon. Watch www.dennisondays.org for updates to the schedule.

Annual events include the Clutchmen Classic Car Show and Truck & Tractor Pull, Bingo, Pancake Breakfast, kids pedal pull, live music and more.

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Minnesota to Begin Testing Raw Cow Milk for H5N1

MDA and partners will begin sampling herds this week

Beginning the week of February 24, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), working with state government and industry partners, will begin sampling and testing raw cow's milk for the H5N1 flu virus to identify where the virus is present, monitor trends, and prevent its spread to unaffected dairy herds and poultry flocks around the state.

"H5N1 is an emerging disease in dairy cattle, and conducting disease surveillance supports the state's ability to effectively respond to outbreaks and limit the potential impact on the livestock and poultry industries, as well as on public health," said MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen.

There is no concern for the safety of the public milk supply, as all milk sold in stores is pasteurized to kill bacteria and viruses, and

pasteurization has been shown to effectively eliminate active H5N1 virus present in milk.

People and pets should not consume unpasteurized (raw) milk, raw milk cheeses, or raw or undercooked meat from animals with suspected or confirmed H5N1 virus infection. All raw dairy products may contain harmful bacteria, parasites, or viruses which can cause illness.

The MDA will order the testing of raw milk samples already collected from each of Minnesota's approximately 1,600 dairy farms on a monthly basis. These routinely collected bulk milk samples, which are taken before the pasteurization process, will be sub-sampled by industry labs and sent for H5N1 testing to the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (MVDL) at the University of Minnesota.

When a sample analysis shows the presence of influenza virus, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) will be notified to collect an additional verification sample to confirm the presence of the H5N1 virus on the identified farm. All non-negative samples will also be forwarded to the National Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, for further confirmation and genetic typing. The BAH will also initiate a farm quarantine and disease investigation.

Any farm where H5N1 is confirmed will be quarantined for a minimum of 30 days, during which no livestock, poultry, cats, manure, waste milk, or carcasses can leave the farm without a movement permit from the BAH.

Milk from healthy animals can still be sold for pasteurization, as usual.

Before lifting the quarantine, a farm must have three consecutive negative bulk milk

tank tests taken at least seven days apart, and complete management and biosecurity plans for preventing the spread of the virus. Case managers will help farms work through this process.

When H5N1 is confirmed in a herd, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) will request a list of people on the farm who were exposed to the infected herd. MDH workers will contact these individuals to give them the option to enroll in human health monitoring.

Human cases of H5N1 are rare, and to date no human cases have been found in Minnesota.

"Although we understand that people may be concerned about getting sick with H5N1, the risk to the general public remains low at this time," said Dr. Ruth Lynfield, state epidemiologist and medical director at MDH. "People most at risk are those who have direct contact with infected or potentially infected animals and their environments."

Symptoms of H5N1 in people can include red, itchy, watery eyes and/or cough, sore throat, and a fever.

This testing plan is part of the National Milk Testing Strategy announced in December by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS), which requires sampling and testing of all raw cow milk for H5N1.

The MDA is working with the federal agency on funding for the testing.



USDA-APHIS is providing financial support to help dairy producers enhance biosecurity on their farms and follow the necessary response protocols if H5N1 is confirmed in their herd.

Anyone with questions about the testing plan can contact the MDA at TestingMilk.MDA@state.mn.us or visit the MDA website for more information.

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Minnesota Grown Launches Expanded "Cream of the Crop" Contest

Farm to School contest celebrates educators serving local foods

Educators across the state are encouraged to participate in the 2025 Minnesota Grown Cream of the Crop Contest for Farm to School and Early Care. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), through its Minnesota Grown program, is proud to launch the second year of the contest, now expanded to recognize K-12 schools, early care centers, and family day cares that go above and beyond to serve and promote Minnesota-grown foods.

Those eligible can submit their application on the Minnesota Grown website. The contest opens on February 24 and educators have until April 11, 2025, to apply.

The highest-scoring entry in each of three categories will receive the Cream of the Crop Awards, with awards given for School District, Early Care Center, and Family Day Care of the Year. Alongside the top awards, participants will be acknowledged for their farm to school activities through three levels of Outstanding in the Field Honors: the Golden Drumstick, Silver Squash, and Bronze Berry.

"The Cream of the Crop contest is a great way to showcase the farm to school and early care efforts in Minnesota. It's the cherry on top for schools and early care providers who serve up fresh, local food that fuels students, and supports farmers," said Jayme Anderson, Farm to School and Early Care Consultant at the Minnesota Department of Education.

Past participants are eager to compete again. "Winning the Minnesota Grown District of the Year Contest in 2023 was a tremendous honor for the Prior Lake-Savage Area School's Child Nutrition Department, and reaffirmed our commitment to providing students with fresh, locally sourced food," said Krissy McIntyre, the district's Assistant Director of Child Nutrition Services. "We are deeply grateful to our local farmers and child nutrition team. Their hard work and partnership are the foundation of our Farm to School program."

The Minnesota Grown Cream of the Crop Awards are a partnership between Minnesota Grown and the Minnesota Farm to School Leadership Team. Educators can visit the MDA's Farm to School and Early Care Overview to find resources and ideas for exploring local food.

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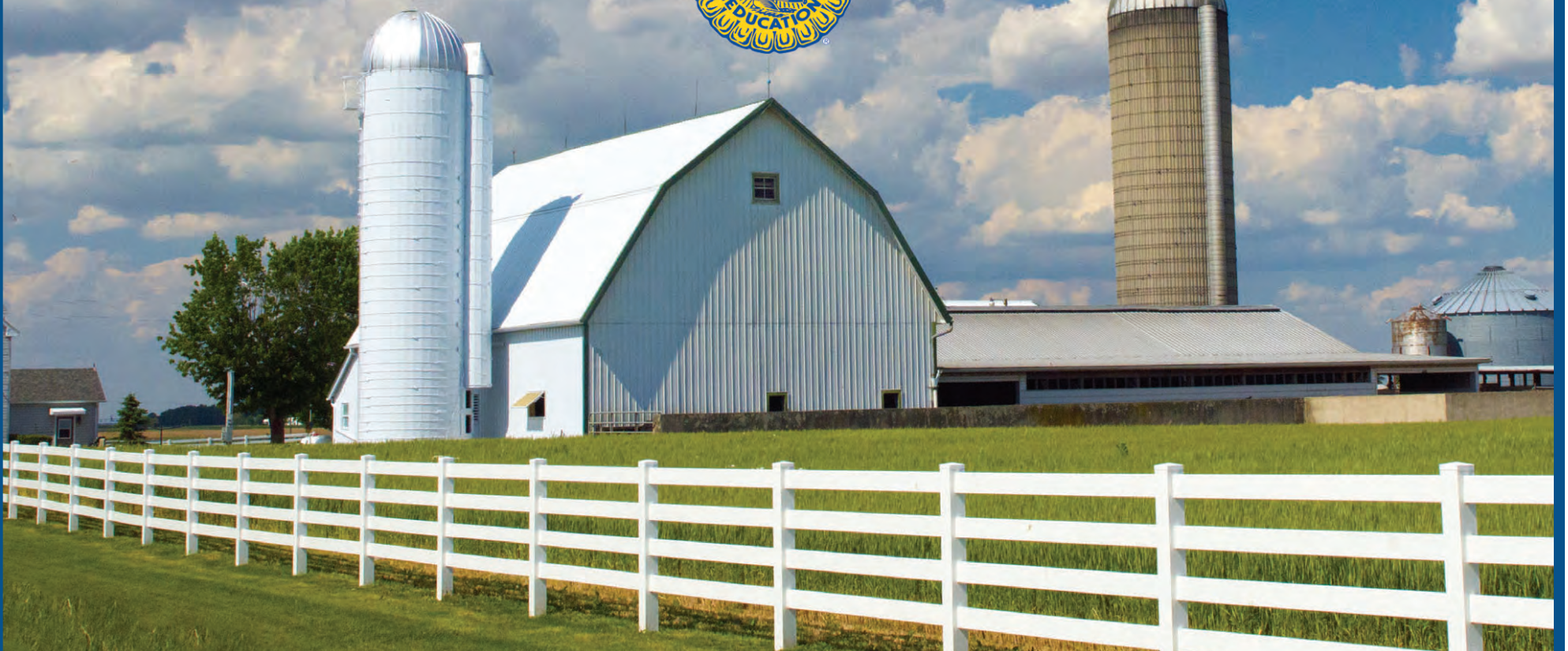
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