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## Announcements

• 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. *(continued on page 3)*



## Community Meal

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Wanamingo Community Center

11:30-12:30



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## Friends of Wanamingo to Make Offer on Old School Building

A non-profit corporation has been formed by interested individuals in Wanamingo in-

### K- W Superintendent to Leave Position, Will Lead Kasson-Mantorville



#### Staff Reports

Kenyon-Wanamingo Superintendent Beth Giese accepted the position of Kasson-Mantorville Superintendent, beginning July 1, 2025.

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tent on purchasing and preserving the old Wanamingo School building.

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## The Town that Almost Was

By Cheri Roshon

The second town in my brief history of ghost towns in Goodhue County is Hader. When I was a child living in Wanamingo, Duane and Mary Ann Scharpen and their kids Rita and Brad lived in and ran the Hader Store. I have found out a lot about the town in my exploration for this story.

One history book by R.W. Meyer states, "In no other Goodhue County 'Ghost Town' is the disparity between intention and achievement more evident than in Hader".

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## Changes in Wanamingo restaurant and bar

The Spot in Wanamingo closed on Sunday April 6th. It is planned to reopen on Tuesday April 22nd as J.B.'s Tavern. They are expecting reduced hours to begin with as they work out staffing but plan to be open from 4pm to 10pm Tuesday thru Thursday, 11:30am to 1am Friday and Saturday, and 11:30am-8pm on Sundays. Check J.B.'s Tavern on Facebook for more information.



## Easter Brunch Menu

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## The Old Has Gone, The New Has Come

By Pastor Larry Grove,  
Hauge Lutheran Church, Kenyon

Easter is my favorite time of year. I am not a big fan of winter or the cold. So, when I see the grass turning green and the trees starting to bud out I get excited about the new life that surrounds us each spring.

That same excitement fills my heart when we go through the Lenten Season and it reaches a crescendo on Easter Sunday morning when we celebrate our risen Lord and Savior. The old way of sacrificial atonement for our sin was done away with by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. His love for us was so great and so deep that he found joy in laying down His life that we could have the hope of eternal life.

There are so many verses that tell of this wondrous sacrifice that I would like to share a thread of some of these meaningful words.

Romans 5:8 tells us of God's love for us.

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

I John 4:10 speaks of this love as well.

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

Jesus did away with the old covenant method of recompense for sinful behavior, which was repetitious blood sacrifices made at the temple.

Hebrews 9:20-22 tells us, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

In Matthew 5:17 Jesus gives us the answer to this conundrum. He became the 'one time' sacrifice by shedding His blood on our behalf. Jesus tells us, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

Jesus made all things new by becoming this new covenant, fulfilling the law of blood atonement required for forgiveness of sin. All that is required of us to receive that atone-

ment and forgiveness is to repent of our sins and believe in this finished work of Christ in our stead. This is called regeneration and when this takes place all things become new.

II Corinthians 5:17 illustrates this new beginning.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

I recently met with a Pastor of a church down the street from ours. We met to deter-

mine if there could be ways that we could more effectively minister to our people and the community by praying for each other and joining together to be most fruitful in our efforts. He made a statement that encouraged me and brought hope. The thought that God may be doing some new things filled my thoughts.

He said, "We need to find ways that this could work instead of looking for ways that it wouldn't."

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Studying God's Word is not just about gaining knowledge; it's about encountering God himself. Through Scripture we discover God's character, his promises, and his will for our lives. God's Word provides wisdom for decision-making, comfort in times of distress, and hope for the future.

The Bible reveals God's redemptive plan and his unfailing love for humanity. It teaches us how to live according to his principles and align our lives with his purposes. As we explore Scripture with an open heart and mind, we invite the Holy Spirit to speak to us, transforming our thoughts and renewing our minds.

I am grateful for being able to study God's Word. It has deepened my faith, strengthened my relationship with Jesus, and equipped me to serve others with compassion and grace. Each passage has been a source of encouragement, correction, and inspiration in my walk with God.

May God's Word be a lamp to illuminate your path and a constant source of wisdom and strength.

*Lord, may your Word guide and sustain us, leading us closer to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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April 19: 7p.m. Worship at WLC lead by Vicar Yvonne  
April 20 Easter Sunday: 7a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at WLC; 10:30a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at TLC  
April 23: No Communion  
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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.

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## The Old Has Gone, The New Has Come

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God is painting a picture of new beginnings in nature as each day we see new things that add to the beauty of spring.

He is also showing us the potential of new beginnings for those that yield their lives to Christ and purpose to live an existence that is pleasing to God and bears fruit for His kingdom.

May we take time this Easter to reflect on the finished work of Christ. He did not abol-

ish the requirement of blood for forgiveness of sin, but He fulfilled it by His loving sacrifice and shedding His blood on the cross of Calvary.

The message of this glorious gift should always be on our lips as we need to share this hope with those around us that need the confidence of eternal life.

Find ways that this could work and allow your ministry to be fruitful as God uses you for His glory!

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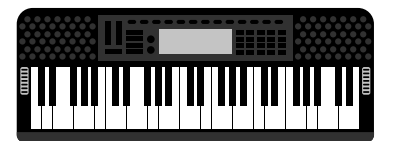
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## Holy Week

### Vang and Dennison Lutheran

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion – April 13th –  
9:00 at Vang, 10:30 at Dennison.  
Maundy Thursday – April 17th – 7:00 PM at Holden.  
Good Friday– April 18-7:00 PM Dale Lutheran Church.  
Easter Vigil Community service – April 19th-7:00 PM  
at Wannamingo Lutheran Church.  
Easter Sunday – April 20th – 9:00 AM at Vang,  
10:30 AM at Dennison.  
Easter Breakfast – April 20th – 8:00 AM at Vang.

### Wanamingo Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran

Palm Sunday, April 13: 9am Sunday School and Sacred Space;  
10am Worship at TLC  
Maundy Thursday, April 17:  
7pm Worship with Holy Communion at Trinity  
Good Friday, April 18: 7pm Worship at Trinity  
Saturday, April 19: 7pm Worship at WLC  
Sunday April 20th: 7am worship at Wanamingo Lutheran  
followed by Easter breakfast  
9am Easter Brunch at Trinity followed by 10:30am Worship

### Hauge Lutheran Church Kenyon

8am Easter morning service with breakfast following

### First Lutheran

Palm Sunday April 13 at 9:00am  
Maundy Thursday April 17at 6:30pm  
Easter Day April 20 at 9:00am

### Holden/Dale Lutheran Church

April 13th: Palm Sunday 9:00 am Worship at Holden,  
11:00 am Worship at Dale  
April 17th: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship at Holden  
April 18th: 7:00 pm Good Friday Community Worship at Vang Lutheran  
April 20th: 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship at Holden,  
10:00 am Easter Worship at Dale

### GOL Lutheran Church

April 17: Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:30 pm with a meal  
served beforehand at 5:30.  
April 18 Good Friday service will be hosted by  
Christ Lutheran in Faribault at 6:30 pm.  
April 20: Easter Sunday worship at 10:30 am.

### Kenyon United Methodist Church

April 17th – Holy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.  
April 20th - Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m. –  
followed by Fellowship Hour

### New Life Church Wanamingo

Good Friday Service at 6 pm  
Resurrection Sunday Service - Breakfast at 8:30 am  
followed by service at 10 a.m.  
All are Welcome to celebrate in the resurrection of our  
Lord and Savior, Jesus!



## Joyce (Schiefelbein) Benson

A Prayer Service for Joyce (Schiefelbein) Benson was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Oakcrest Funeral Services in Bancroft. Burial was at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Bancroft. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Joyce Ann, the daughter of Louis and Margaret (Carr) Behan, was born March 1, 1933, in Masonville, IA. After graduating from Winthrop High School in 1950, she worked in the office at Occo Feeds in Oelwein for two years.

In 1953, Joyce was united in marriage to Charles Schiefelbein, to this union they had two children. Joyce farmed with her husband near Oran for twelve years before they moved to Lakota. Joyce and Charles later divorced.

She worked at Telex Communications in Blue Earth, Minnesota, for over 30 years. Joyce married Sherman O. Benson in 2005, and the couple made their home in Kenyon, Minnesota. Together they enjoyed dancing, traveling, and bike riding. Sherman passed away in 2021.

Joyce was kind-hearted, good-natured, and had a great sense of humor. Her gentle spirit oozed warmth. She possessed a strong work ethic and worked hard to ensure that her family's needs were met. She enjoyed spending time with her family, holding grandchildren and great-grandchildren, socializing with friends, and dancing. Joyce would often listen to old country music, anything Patsy Cline. She loved gardening and flowers. Her favorite flowers were roses and zinnias. Having a sweet tooth was often satisfied by her family bringing her treats. Candy, homemade caramels, ice cream, and an annual coconut birthday cake were her favorite sweet treats. Joyce will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Joyce Ann (Schiefelbein) Benson surrounded by her family died on Friday, March 21, 2025, at Accura Health Center in Bancroft. She was 92.

Survivors include son, Greg (Donna) Schiefelbein of Buffalo Center; daughter, Deb (Brian) Shriver of West Des Moines; siblings,

Lillian (Clark) Madison of Independence, Marietta (Gerald) Grell of Anthem, Arizona, Pat (Candy) Behan of Cedar Rapids, Bill (Lea) Behan of Ft. Myers, Florida and Jerry (Dawn) Behan of Independence; She is also survived by Sherman's children, Juli (Mike) McCarlson of Webster, South Dakota, Judy (Tom) Tuura of Laurel, Nebraska, Craig Benson of Radcliff, Susan (Jon) Bartelt of Minnetonka, Minnesota; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Sherman, her first husband Charles, her parents, and her brother, Louis F. Behan.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the wonderful staff at Accura Health Care. Thank you to all who provided compassionate loving care with a personal touch, and who treated Joyce like family.

## Jose Maria Coelho Mascarenhas

Jose Maria Coelho Mascarenhas, age 81, of Kenyon, MN, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at his home following a brief illness.

Jose Maria, the son of John and Regina (Coelho) Mascarenhas, was born on

May 22, 1943, in Isla de Brava, Cape Verde, Portugal. He graduated from New Bedford High School, Massachusetts in 1962 then was drafted into the U.S. Army serving in the Korean DMZ. After his military service, Joe went to Radio, Electronic, and Television School in Boston. His work as an electrician brought Joe to Colorado where he met his wife, Gladys Frodin. They were married on August 13, 1974, in Golden, Colorado. Joe worked for 30 years as an electrician for Union Pacific Railroad in Denver, CO. He and Gladys also owned and operated a bar/restaurant "The Neighbors" in Colorado for four years. They lived in Colorado for 38 years before moving to Minnesota in 2012. Joe was talented with woodworking, would complete crossword puzzles and read scripture daily, and enjoyed playing his accordion, spending time with his family, and going to the casino. Most of all, Joe was known as a kind, caring person.

He is survived by his daughter, Wendy Sena (Michael) of Faribault, MN; step-children, Tim Evans (Diane) of Faribault, Peggy Gann (Hunter Smith) of Stockton, MO, Joe Evans (Carla) of Windsor, CO, Amy Nevis (David) of South Greenfield, MO, and Katy Mossberg of LaSalle, CO; 18 grandchildren; 39 great grandchildren; 11 great great grandchildren; brothers, John Mascarenhas of St. Cloud, FL, and Peter Mascarenhas of New Bedford, MA; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Mascarenhas; parents, John and Regina Mascarenhas; step-son, Michael Evans; step-daughter, Patsy Marx; and three sisters and two brothers.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 139 Mercy Drive, Faribault. Interment was at the St. Lawrence Cemetery in Faribault. Visitation was held on Wednesday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the church.

## Florence Sunderman

Florence Gloria Sunderman, 77, of Dennison, MN, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2025, after a long battle with cancer. Flo was born on February 22, 1948 in German township, Ohio. She grew up in the southwest area of Ohio with her loving family. She graduated from Miamisburg High School in 1966.

She married her beloved husband, Robert Lee Sunderman, on January 20, 1968. Robert and Flo raised their three young daughters in Covington, Ohio, and were active members of St. Johns Lutheran Church in Covington for many years. In 1985, the family moved to Minnesota, and made their home in rural Dennison. Florence was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Kenyon (Aspelund), MN.

Flo was a wonderful wife and mother. She prided herself on cooking delicious meals for her family, and sewing many special outfits for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Flo enjoyed adding an artistic flair to everything she did, from drawing lovely portraits, to painting many unique murals around her house. Flo also loved being

outdoors in the summer, working in her flower beds, tending to her apple and pear trees, canning, freezing, cooking, and baking scrumptious meals and desserts from the fruits and vegetables grown in her yard. She was an avid birdwatcher, loved animals (especially her dog Sherlock), nature, and country living. Most of all, Flo enjoyed spending time with her husband, daughters, and their families. She adored all six of her grandchildren, and her two great-grandchildren. Her family was her pride and joy.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert Sunderman, of rural Dennison; daughter Teresa (Kent) Kocher, of Bloomington, daughter Angela (Tom) Trelstad, of Wanamingo, and daughter Regina (John) Alle of Farmington. She is survived by her grandchildren: Erica (Jared) Castrellon, Linnea Kocher, Daniel Sholing, Alex Trelstad, Melanie Kocher, and Bethany Trelstad; and great-grandchildren Morgan and Nico. She is also survived by one sister, Sharon Callicoat, of Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Edna Recher, and siblings Molly Blessard, Marilyn Duncan, Donald Duncan, and Malcolm Duncan, all of Ohio.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 11, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Aspelund, 42957 Co. 1 Blvd, Kenyon, MN 55946. There will be a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Florence's service will be live streamed and may be viewed on her obituary page at [www.lundbergFuneral.com](http://www.lundbergFuneral.com), where online condolences are also welcome.

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# The Town that Almost Was

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To look at the town that once boasted 100 citizens, it would require a wild imagination to realize that Hader was originally intended to be the county seat.

The town was platted in June of 1857 and recorded on August 27th of that year. The plot was 122 blocks in size, and covered almost the entire Section 1 of Wanamingo Township. One block was reserved for the county courthouse. Another block for a city park, and a block for the town's Cemetery. Although the streets were never laid out, neither was any part of it vacated until Sievert O. Haugen who owned much of the east part of Section 1 did so with his portion in 1940.

On April 17 of 1857, a post office opened with Joshua C. Pierce as Postmaster. A string of short-lived postmasters followed. Some of the names I found were Samuel T. Babbitt, Shubael Wales, Thomas Hanson, Joseph T. Leet, John W. Jameson, Samuel Arnold, Thomas T. Cochran and Gustaff A. Ryden. There were 11 postmasters in all, in 22 years! After that, there were 4 postmasters in 24 years. It was settled by "the Yankees" from the New England states, but soon after was inhabited mostly by Norwegians immigrating from Norway.

However, Hader was known for a variety of stores and businesses. In 1872, the Gazetteer listed a general store operated by D. Collins, as well as 2 blacksmiths, a shoemaker, and a cabinet maker, a "watch tinker" named Hans P. Olson. Wm. H. Purdy ran a hotel, John Ryden, P.E. Dahl and H.O. Jaishow operated stores. B. Halvorson was a carpenter. Tom Storseth was a shoemaker. J.L.Goxal and Hans Harrison were blacksmiths, and Christian Hveem (from Aspelund) practiced medicine.

At the time, there were 60 inhabitants. Business was "brisk" according to a chronicle of the day. Two years later the population was

75, but only 1 store remained, operated by the firm of Rosvold & Holstad.

By 1884, the village reportedly had 100 residents. H.M. Hjermstad ran the feed mill. A lawyer named P.S. Aslakson had moved there. Blacksmiths came and went, but most of the business people stayed.

In 1889, Purdy left Hader and rented the hotel to C. Thompson. Three years later, E. Sweatland was proprietor after Purdy sold his farm and hotel to O.S. Haugen, father of Sievert O. Haugen.

In 1894, Holstad sold his store to the firm of Larson and Onsted. On July 21st, Joseph O. Onstad became postmaster. In that year, Hader was again booming, as they say.

Daniel Lindsay was proprietor of a general store in 1896, and there were 2 millinery shops. Early the next year a firm in Zumbrota, Erstad, Haugen & Co., built a new store east of Larson and Onstad's. Another store erected by Olaus Larson in "North Hader" was in operation until its conversion to a church in 1897. Reverend K.O. Lundberg and others conducted services in the "Nazareth" Church until 1915. It was torn down in 1918.

Hader's last postmaster was Ole T. Tiegen. He replaced Ohnstad as owner of the store on February 27th, 1899.

In 1900, there were 65 people living in Hader. Three blacksmiths (One was also a shoemaker), a furniture maker, and a hotel run by Sievert Haugen, in addition to the Larson and Tiegen store. Two years later, Edward Haller (from the store in North Hader) became Tiegen's partner, keeping the store in business until 1908.

Hader post office closed as a casualty of the RFD on October 31st, 1903. Businesses closed one by one, but the Haller store stayed in business. Joseph Tiller bought the store in 1920. On February 18, 1932, the store burned, and Tiller replaced it with a new 2 story brick building with a 24 by 36-foot store area. On August 18, 1945, the building exploded, killing the proprietor Edward Holt and his 15 year old daughter Helen in the blast. Rebuilt again in 1946, it continued to operate under Conrad Tiller and Ray Fredrickson until 1960, when it was purchased by Duane and Mary Ann Scharpen. They ran it until November 30th, 1972.

So, what were the reasons that Hader never made it as a county seat? First of all, there was no river near it to be used in manufacturing. Next, although it was on the route both from Red Wing to Faribault from east to west, and from Minneapolis to Dubuque, Iowa, north to south, they were never able to convince the railroad to be built nearby. The horse and riders that carried the mail always stayed at the hotel if they needed a rest, and were able to change out their horses on the route if need be. There was a noon meal served at the Hader Hotel. But when it came to a vote, Red Wing won the title of county seat, some saying by only 1 vote.

The Hader Store was a busy place, with weekly grocery deliveries to the rural farmers. The store also carried hardware, clothing and shoes. The deliveries began with a horse and wagon, and eventually converted to a truck. When they delivered the groceries to their patrons, they would buy eggs from the farms to then sell at the store. The store did not sell or serve alcohol, and were never open



on Sundays. The young men would come to play "Pedro", a game of dominoes, in the evenings. Sometimes they would bring musical instruments, and they actually started a concert band in 1889, organised and directed by Richard Dorn, altho another account on the history of Hader gives Hans Holstad the recognition of starting and directing the Hader Band.

Other business owners included Mrs. Andrew Fjerstad as a dressmaker in the upstairs of the Hader Store, Lorenze Moe was a carpenter and ran the feed mill. Gas was sold at the Hader Store for 12 cents a gallon, tax free. Anna Marta Satren had a rug weaving business in her home. Andrew Nelson owned a stone quarry and sold rock for barn basements.

Old time photographers Larsen and Sterhaug ran their business in Hader for a bit, out of their covered wagon. And then there was the Cheese Factory which was in business from 1920 to 1964, when the rules and regulations became too expensive to keep it run-

ning. When Highway 52 was built right through Hader, the engineers wanted to tear down the Cheese Factory, but when it was discovered that there were at least 3 graves left there when the Nazareth Church was torn down, it kept the highway workers from tearing it down. Although it looks a lot different now, the old factory is now a repair shop owned and operated by Darryl Logan.

There was a school of approximately 50 students in attendance for a time, and the teachers were Alma Haller and Mathilda Hjermstad.

The one thing I never found out was where the name Hader came from. I was told by more than one person I interviewed for this story that the common greeting for folks living there was "Hey, der!", and that's how Hader got it's name, but this author has her doubts about that!

I hope you have enjoyed reading a little about Hader, and were able to find some of your relatives in this story! Be well until next time!

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## And the Winners Are...

By Cheri Roshon

The Wanamingo Fire and Rescue wants to say thank you so much to everyone who came and participated in our Annual Vintage Ride & Show! Despite the lack of snow, it was a great day with 96 registered snowmobiles!! Below are the results!

1969 & OLDER RESTORED- Scott Logan ArcticCat Panther

1969 & OLDER UNRESTORED- Jacob Haugstad SnoJet Model 350

1970 to 1975 RESTORED- James Krubsack ArcticCat El Tigre 400

1970 to 1975 UNRESTORED- Larry Folkerts SnoJet Sabre Jet 650

1976 to 1984 RESTORED- Matt Maras ArcticCat El Tigre 5000

1976 to 1984 UNRESTORED- Tim Zelinske Yamaha 440 SRX

1980'S CLASSIC RESTORED- Scott Logan ArcticCat El Tigre 6000

1980'S CLASSIC UNRESTORED- Tim Zelinske Yamaha 440 SRX

1990'S CLASSIC RESTORED- Steve Guenther Polaroid Indy Ultra SP- 1996, 1997

1990'S CLASSIC UNRESTORED- Lee Resler Polaroid 800 Pro-X 2003, 2004

RACE RESTORED- Jame Krubsack ArcticCat 340 SNO Pro

RACE UNRESTORED- Greg Gernenez Rupp Magnum 440

CUSTOM- Brody Messner ArcticCat Asphalt Racer

MINI- Larry Holst SNO DART

1990 and Older ATV- Glen Steberg

PEOPLE'S CHOICE 1st- Charlie Canny Arctic Cat

PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2nd- Mitch Miller PLAYCAT

PEOPLE'S CHOICE 3rd- James Krubsack ArcticCat El Tigre 4000

CHIEF'S CHOICE 1st- Tom Besch Scorpion Bull Whip

CHIEF'S CHOICE 2nd- Monica Blegan Polaroid Indy 500 SP- 1992

CHIEF'S CHOICE 3rd- Grady Messner ArcticCat Kitty Cat

BEST OF SHOW FINALIST- Kevin Albers JET DYNAMICS Hornet

BEST OF SHOW FINALIST- Emerson Burke Polaroid RXL

BEST OF SHOW- Larry Folkerts SnoJet Sabre Jet 650

Congratulations to all of the winners & a HUGE thank you to everyone who traveled near and far with their sleds & ATVs!

And don't forget the ever popular Chili Contest! For \$10 you could eat as much chili and fixins as you desired!. This year's winners of the contest were Wanamingo Fire &

Rescue winning Flashover.... the best tasting HOT chili. Zumbrota Fire Department took

Ignition Point.....the best tasting MILD chili. And a big congratulations to the Kenyon Volunteer Fire Department for winning the Mutual Aid category for the best tasting chili and overall winner of the contest!

Even though this was the second year with no snow to take a ride, there were so many people in attendance, and it looked like everyone was having a great time. Eat, drink and be merry would have been a great theme, and there was a bean bag toss going on into the night. For a great hour long video of the event, go to the Wanamingo Fire & Rescue Facebook page and see all the sleds and ATV's that were registered, and pick your own winner! Great Job, everyone, and we hope to see you again next year!

## Riverside Rendezvous & History Festival

**Date/Times:** Saturday, May 10 and Sunday May 11, 2025 – 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** North Alexander Park, 1816 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021

Join the Rice County Historical Society for our first Riverside Rendezvous & History Festival on May 10 and 11, 2025 from 9-5 at North Alexander Park! This living history event is a chance to see the trades, tradition, and history of the 18th and 19th Century come alive before your eyes. Demonstrations include blacksmithing, leatherworking, candlemaking, and more. Musical acts include Hannah Flower, Curtis and Loretta, Skally Line, and the Roe Family Singers. Compete in special events like our Tomahawk Throwing Contest and Cane Pole Fishing Tournament, and see MN Jack Sparrow.

There will be food, fun, and games for the whole family!

Get your tickets online at [rhistory.org/rendezvous](http://rhistory.org/rendezvous), at the RCHS History Museum, or at the gates. Adults entry is \$10, Children 6+ are \$5, and a Family Pass is \$30. Moms get in free on Mother's Day!



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# Education

*Letter from the Superintendent*

## Investing in Early Childhood Education: A Pathway to Lifelong Success



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

Research consistently shows that early childhood education plays a vital role in shaping a child's future. From academic performance to social development, high-quality pre-K programs provide long-term

benefits that extend far beyond the classroom. Children who attend strong early learning programs tend to develop better literacy and math skills, show stronger social-emotional growth, and are more likely to graduate from high school. According to the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), proficiency in reading by third grade—often linked to pre-K participation—is a critical indicator of future academic success.

In Minnesota, legislative efforts have aimed to expand access to early education, particularly in underserved areas. However, funding is not universally available, and families often must seek support through programs like Pathways grants. At Kenyon-Wanamingo, we continue working to secure funding for families in need. As the state explores ways to expand early childhood education, the focus must be on both access and quality. Well-trained teachers, evidence-based curricula, and strong family engagement are essential to maximizing the impact of these programs.

The research is clear: investing in early childhood education is an investment in the future. By prioritizing pre-K programs today, communities can help build a stronger, more educated workforce for generations to come. To learn more about enrollment opportunities at Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools and our Early Childhood programs, call 507-789-7016.

## K- W Superintendent to Leave Position

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Giese has led the K-W District through the challenges of the SOD (statutory operating debt) right-sizing the school district to one facility in Kenyon, due to lower class sizes, which includes the Superintendent position being reduced potentially to half-time, which Giese recommended to the school board. Giese estimates savings of over \$700,000.00 by the consolidation of the sites to Kenyon. Giese became highly regarded in her position, and will be missed as she moves on, but her impact will help move the K-W District out of debt by 2027.

Giese started her career at Kasson-Mantorville in the 90's as a teacher, and will now lead the district. The Kenyon-Wanamingo School Board will begin the process to find Giese's replacement.

## KENYON-WANAMINGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS of the WEEK



**NOBLE KNIGHTS OF THE WEEK FOR MARCH 28, 2025**

Front Row: Cooper Decker, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Ruby Caron-Ross, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; William Cato, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Braeden Steinberg, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan. Back Row: Eleanor Johnson, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Lola Hernandez-Washington, Gr. 3, Mr. Joel Olson; Brayden Rapp, Gr. 4, Mrs. Chloe Gohman; Ezra Noerenberg, Gr. 4, Ms.



**NOBLE KNIGHTS OF THE WEEK FOR APRIL 4, 2025**

Front Row: Caleb Yunker, KG, Mrs. Katie Valek; Maverick Wrolson, Gr. 1, Mrs. Katie Benbrooks; Scarlett Baalson, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Neil Ellingsberg, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs. Back Row: Peyton Luedtke, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan; Jaxson Rueger, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Kain Wood, Gr. 3, Mr. Joel Olson; Jaxsyn Bauer, Gr. 4, Mrs. Chloe Gohman; Adrian Moreno, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing

## Friends of Wanamingo to Make Offer on Old School Building

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The original building was constructed in 1902 and served as the Wanamingo community through the Kenyon-Wanamingo consolidation in 1994. Most recently it has been utilized for the elementary grades. The Kenyon Wanamingo school board made the decision this year to close the Wanamingo facility and move all classes to the Kenyon building. The district plans to put the property up for sale in May. Fifteen persons from the Wanamingo community have formed the Friends of Wanamingo corporation to purchase the building and pursue ventures to utilize the complex to benefit citizens of the area.

Those involved range in age from 25 years old to those in their 70's. They all have the same goal. They desire to maintain the historical landmark, which has a special meaning to those who lived here and attended school in the building. They live in the Wanamingo area and wish to preserve the building and create an environment to benefit the community.

Some of their ideas are to open office spaces and a day care center within the building. The gymnasium is currently used four to five days a week and they wish to continue to make it available for many uses. The Kenyon-Wanamingo school district will also have access to the gym for basketball and volleyball practice and games if needed. Events like Granny Basketball, Men's Basketball and pickleball to name a few can use the venue year-round. They would look into renting out the commercial kitchen facilities for cottage industries and farmers market sellers who need a commercial kitchen for their products. The playground would remain available to all to enjoy. The parking lots would also be free for those using the swimming pool or activities at the gym. The Kenyon-Wanamingo school district would have permission to use the parking lot for baseball and softball games and practices. Coaches would also have access to the school building as needed. Classrooms and facilities would also be available to the Kenyon-Wanamingo school district if they needed it for pre-school, K-W Kids or any other needs.

This looks to be a positive alternative for the Kenyon-Wanamingo school district as they would get cash for the facility and it would still be accessible for use for school activities in the community. The non-profit foundation will operate the facility to utilize it in a manner that supports the strategic growth and economic vitality of the surrounding community. They look forward to working with the community and the Kenyon-Wanamingo school district to offer opportunities for all to create a valuable asset for students and residents in the area.

Contact Jack Beulke at jackbeulke@yahoo.com for more info.



## The Power of Camp: Transforming a Child's Life



By Samuel Smith  
Overnight and Marketing Director  
at Camp Victory

Each summer, thousands of children embark on an adventure that changes their lives forever—camp. Away from screens, school pressures, and the daily routines of home, camp provides an environment where kids can grow, explore, and thrive in ways that are simply not possible anywhere else. Whether it's a weeklong overnight experience or a summer of day camp, the impact of camp on a child's development is profound and lasting.

**Building Confidence and Independence**  
One of the most significant benefits of camping is the confidence it instills in children. At camp, kids are encouraged to try new things, from learning how to swim, tackling a ropes course or performing in front of their peers. These challenges push them outside of their comfort zones in a safe and supportive environment, leading to newfound self-assurance.

Independence is another invaluable skill developed at camp. Being away from home, even for a short period, teaches children how to manage responsibilities, make decisions, and take care of themselves. From organizing their belongings to navigating friendships and daily schedules, campers gain a sense of autonomy that fosters personal growth.

**Developing Social Skills and Friendships**  
In an age where children's interactions occur online, camp offers a rare opportunity for face-to-face socialization. Without the distraction of digital devices, campers engage in genuine conversations, learn conflict resolution, and develop deep, meaningful friendships. The bonds formed at camp often last a lifetime, as children share experiences and overcome challenges together, creating a sense of community and belonging.

Camp also encourages teamwork and collaboration. Whether it's working together to build a shelter, paddle a canoe, or perform a skit, campers learn the importance of cooperation, communication, and empathy. These skills are invaluable, not only during childhood but throughout life.

**Encouraging a Love for Nature and Adventure**  
Many children today have fewer opportunities to engage with nature. Camp reintroduces kids to the great outdoors, fostering an appreciation for the environment and a sense of adventure. From hiking and canoeing to stargazing and campfire storytelling, campers develop a connection to nature that is both refreshing and educational.

Outdoor play and adventure also contribute to physical well-being. Instead of being sedentary in front of screens, campers spend their days running, swimming, climbing, and exploring, promoting a healthy, active lifestyle. These experiences not only improve physical health but also enhance mental well-being by reducing stress and increasing happiness.

**Cultivating Resilience and Critical Thinking Skills**  
At camp, children inevitably face challenges—whether it's homesickness, learning a new skill, or navigating social dynamics. These obstacles teach resilience, as campers learn how to cope with setbacks and push through difficulties. Instead of relying on parents or teachers to solve problems for them, campers develop critical thinking skills and a growth mindset, understanding that failure is a steppingstone to success.

By overcoming small struggles at camp, children build the confidence to tackle bigger challenges in life. This resilience serves them well in school, friendships, and future careers, helping them adapt to new situations

and persevere through hardships.

**A Lasting Impact**  
The magic of camp extends far beyond the summer. The skills, friendships, and memories gained shape a child's future, instilling values of responsibility, perseverance, and kindness. Many former campers look back on their camp experiences as some of the best times of their lives that built character, inspired passion, and created a lifelong love for learning and adventure.

For parents wondering if camp is the right choice for their child, the answer is a resounding yes. Camp is more than just fun and games; it is a powerful, transformative experience that equips children with the tools they need to succeed in life. Whether they return year after year or only experience it once, the impact of camp is undeniable and everlasting. So, as summer approaches, consider giving your child the gift of camp. It's an investment in their happiness, growth, and future gift that truly lasts a lifetime.

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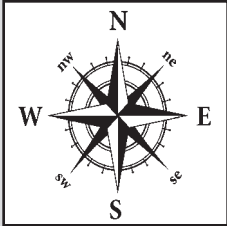
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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

### Hillbilly Dinner Show



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.*

Tennessee has all the social events of any big city, even in the backwoods. They may be a little crude but they still exist. Big Sandy is one of those places on the banks of the Kentucky Lake. It is a little rough around the edges but they do have a Barbeque place we like to visit. Kid Rock and Hank Williams Jr. like to eat there as well when they are in the area, so I guess that could tell you something. This Barbeque Shack is just that. A small cook shack with a large carport attached to keep off the rain or sun, and depending on the

day it might be both. The smoker is right beside the carport so the aroma of brisket and barbeque is quite delicious.

One of their specialties is a huge baked potato smothered in cheese and barbequed pork. It is a favorite of ours and quite a meal all by itself. We decided late one afternoon to make a run down there and enjoy the meal. We didn't know we would be treated to an impromptu side show with our meal.

When we pulled up, we were the only ones there, but seconds after we arrived a woman walked around the side of the cook shack. The Barbeque stand is right beside the local VFW and the owner frequents the bar there so if you show up and no one is cooking, they will soon appear.

It turned out that they were not open, but the woman worked there and had just stopped by to get something for herself. She offered to open up and serve us. She knew we were friends with the owner, but I think she would have done the same for anyone. She said it would just take 15 minutes to heat up the food and we would get our meal. That was where the evening took quite a turn.

She kept saying how this had been just a terrible day, the worst ever, and she was also exhibiting signs of some level of intoxication. As she was cooking, a guy who was her boyfriend, showed up and she asked him if she could make him a burger. He stormed off. We soon learned his role in the story. After she served our food, she sat down and regaled us with the day's events.

It seems she had driven her boyfriend up to the casino in Kentucky, early that morning. She dropped him off at the door and went to



park. She drove into the employee parking lot and promptly ran out of gas. She went looking for gas, while the casino security went looking for the person who parked in the restricted area. Her boyfriend came looking for her when he had burned through his gambling funds. She tried begging fuel off everyone she met, to no avail. With security threatening them for parking in an off-limits zone, they finally got some gas from a guy mowing the grounds.

Off they went for home with him mad and her in tears. Along the way she turned into a Tennessee Watershed restricted area, by her account to show the boyfriend some construction site along the river. She didn't see the NO TRESPASSING signs. Along comes the TWA officer and threatens to arrest them

for entering a restricted area. Sure enough, when she tries to start the car, it was out of gas again. Lesson Two is don't gamble away your gas money.

So, the guy heads out hiking looking for gas again while she takes her dog down under the bridge. At that point she learned that her next mistake was going into a restricted area after just being warned prior to not trespass again. The boyfriend finally procured another can of fuel and they arrived back at Big Sandy. This one-person play ended with another day shot and one player mad and the other in tears. As we sat for half an hour listening to the sad tale, I couldn't help thinking that less alcohol and more common sense would have been very beneficial to these two actors. But the burgers and the hot potato salad were pretty good.

## GRANNY BASKETBALL

### APRIL 12, 2025

**Kenyon-Wanamingo Elementary (in Wanamingo)**

9am	LaCrosse Does vs Faribault Hot Shots
10:15am	Viroqua Driftless Dribblers vs Wanamingo Bulldogs
Noon	LaCrosse Does vs Wanamingo Bulldogs
1:15pm	Viroqua Driftless Dribblers vs Faribault Hot Shots

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## A Minnesotan: Eggs



By RosaLin Alcoser

make a two toned egg.

Not that it always worked the way I meant it to. Since I also remember many times when the egg would fall off the wire and into the second color. Which did still make a two toned egg, just never in the way that I had meant it to.

The Easter when I was seven years-old is still the most amount of Easter eggs that I've ever seen; outside of large scale egg hunts of course. It was 2003 and eggs were just a little over one dollar that year.

My mother got us three dozen eggs to dye. Then two of her friends also bought and dyed a combined four more dozen. None of which was done in a coordinated attempt. It was the year of seven dozen Easter eggs.

I was in childhood heaven. We had so many eggs to find that year. It was also the only year, in my memory, that my older sister did not insite that the eggs had to be hidden three and four more times. Mostly because that was also the year that my mom's friend's then 25 year-old son hid them without remembering where he hid them. Nor thinking about where a 12 and seven year-old were not allowed to go on the property and without any regard for how hard he hid them.

Making the year of seven dozen eggs also the year that we did not find all of the eggs on Easter. Which meant that year we were still finding them until after the Fourth of July.

Back in my day, eggs were so cheap we could dye them without eating them; or throw them at people's houses. Along with similar phrases are all things that I have recently said while being mad about the price of eggs while at the store. While I never threw an egg at anyone's house in my youth, I have dyed my fair share of eggs.

I have many fond memories of watching the little dye tablets dissolve in the vinegar. Taking a little clear wax crayon to draw designs on some of my eggs before dipping them into the colors. Sometimes carefully dipping one end of the egg into one color, before carefully turning it on my wire to dip it into a different color. Just to

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Judy's 7777\*\*

Submitted by Bob Duncan: scribed@aol.com

A lady friend of many years died of cancer. Every Thursday I'd relieve her husband, sit by her sofa and we talked. She told me she had no fear because she knew she would be with God. I wanted to write something as a memorial. This is it. She was too weak to read it asking me to. When I finished she said, "I like it." At her request the family reprinted it into a hand-out pamphlet at her funeral Easter Sunday, 2006.

Judy's First Conversation with God

God Hi Judy. Have a coffee mug!

Judy Who are you?

God God.

Judy Is that your real name?

God I'm called many names.

Judy If this is heaven, it's just as I dreamed it would be.

God "The plans of the heart belong to man..." Proverbs 16.1.

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Judy Is there a hell?

God As you choose.

Judy Is there a nothing?

God Nothing does not exist.

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Judy How old are you?

God Same as you.

Judy Why do people die?

God All living organisms have a shelf life.

God Next? Give me a hard one.

Judy Okay. Are you married?

God Was my only begotten son born out of wedlock?

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Judy Why am I here?

God Your record shows that other than the pack of Wrigley's Spearmint you stole in the third grade, you were honest. You made things more better. You lied only when the truth would hurt someone. Your love was pure, never strayed.

Judy I listened to that little voice in the pit of my stomach.

Judy Why are you laughing?

God That little voice was from your soul.

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Judy How can eternity be continuous?

God It's a circle.

Judy Did your divine hand write the Bible?

God What do you think?

Judy Which religion is the best?

God Sunshine or rain, pick one.

Judy Why are there so many?

God Faith, belief and acceptance are free to everyone.

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Judy I think you're taking the 5th.

God Not at all. Concepts of heavens and the spirit worlds are custom made by their owners, free will, and held dear... streets paved with gold?, chandeliers imported from Italy? "Answers about the ethereal are the same for all peoples,"as they hope them to be.

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God Here, look in the mirror.

Judy It's you and me.

God "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you." 1 Corinthians 6:19

God You believed in me and helped others without asking anything in return. Except for one itty-bitty difference, we are one in the same.

Judy Do I get another coffee mug?

God One per customer.

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God The soul is born here, in the sight of God. In the mantle of Man, it fulfills its destiny, returns home, leaving behind its temporary earthly form as a forever reminder of its one-time presence.

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Judy Why all the bad stuff?

God Free will.

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Judy You make all of this sound so simple.

God It is. Man makes it complicated. Too many cooks ruin the stew.

God Bottom line, Judy..."Omne quod creditis, fuit, est et in aeternum erit"

God "All is as ye believe...was...is...and forever will be."

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God So, look around. I understand your old friends have a welcome home party waiting in the wings. Speaking of wings, you must see our remodeled wings kiosk. We have the traditional flappy-flappy ones with seven new colors, including a soft and delicate pastel. The fixed wing wings are for soaring only. Blaze orange. Locator beacon.

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Judy One last question. Earlier you said that You and I are the same except for one itty-bitty difference. What is it?

I ♥ JUDY

"I'm the one who gives out the coffee mugs."

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## That's the Latest Radio



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.*

I've mentioned how I got interested in radio when I had to do a report in Mr. Bob Doyle's Social Studies class in 9th grade. The assignment was to write a paper on some occupation. We were allowed to choose any occupation. I told my classmate Louie Loosbrock during a study hall session that I had no idea what I was going to write about. Louie thought for a second and he goes: 'How 'bout disc jockey?' I go yes, that's what I'll write about. And that's where the spark started the fire. Little did I know that assignment led me to a career in radio. I followed up after high school by going to radio school, Brown Institute, in Minneapolis.

Over the years, I met several people in radio or former radio people who also got their start at Brown. When I lived and worked in Nebraska, I would interview U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel, who later was Secretary of Defense. We got talking and it turned out that he also was a graduate of Brown Institute. Hagel had a great voice and could have been another Tom Brokaw but he took a government job. That was a good choice on his part. Later when I was in Washington D.C. with



**During Cheers night in Sioux City, Emery went as postal worker Cliff Kleven, actually Claven. Emery also got to throw out the first pitch as his radio station was the sponsor of Cheers night. A San Diego Padres scout in the stands said he would have put his radar gun on his pitch, but it didn't register such a slow pitch.**

the Nebraska Corn Growers Association, we were doing some Capitol Hill visits and Hagel's office was one of our stops. Chuck saw me and remembered our connection of being 'Brownies' and when I asked if we could do a short interview he took me into a side room where we probably did a 10 to 12 minute interview.

Then he walked out and met with the corn growers who had been waiting in his office for him to show up. I stood in the back of the room while they talked to him about their concerns and then he had to leave. Some of the corn growers asked if I was going to get an interview with him. I told them I already did an interview, that's why he was late to your meeting. Well that cost me the first round of beers later that night.

I never thought that a farm kid from Minnesota would be able to meet and talk with so many influential people. Leaders from the



**This picture from USDA headquarters was taken in 2003. Front row l to r: Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, Ag Secretary Ann Veneman, Farm Broadcaster Ron Hayes. Back row l to r: Emery Kleven, Tom Brand, Jeff Nalley**



**This picture from 1994 at the Woodbury County, Iowa County Fair is Emery Kleven interviewing Country singer LeRoy Van Dyke**

agriculture sector to the government sector from townships all the way to the White House. I also got to meet and interview some in the entertainment sector with most of those in the country music industry. There was Alan Jackson, Lee Greenwood, LeRoy Van Dyke and Kenny Rogers, just to drop a few names.

One of the pictures with this column shows a couple of government leaders that I got to know and interview. Ann Veneman was Secretary of Agriculture during my 3 years as a national officer in the National Association of Farm Broadcasting (NAFB). Tom Ridge, former Governor of Pennsylvania, was the nation's first Secretary of Homeland Security during this time. One of the real highlights which I've written about before was to be one of the few farm broadcasters back in 2000 to be invited to the White House to take part in an East Room meeting about trade relations with China. In the receiving line after the meeting, I got to meet and shake hands with 3 Presidents, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford. Here was this nerdy farm kid

from little old West Concord, meeting Presidents in the White House. Talk about a fish out of water...that was me!

4 years later, I invited Gerald Ford's son Steve to come and speak at our NAFB annual meeting in Kansas City. We stayed in touch for a few years after that. Steve, in his younger days, was a professional horse trainer and he was tutored in rodeo bronc riding by Casey Tibbs. Tibbs, if you are not familiar, was from Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and was a 9 time World Champion. The Casey Tibbs Museum, which I've been to, is in Fort Pierre. Tibbs was also an actor appearing in a few movies.

I was a good friend with fellow farm broadcaster Cliff Mitchell from Albany, Minnesota. Cliff, along with his radio work, was an auctioneer and was a rodeo guy when he was young. His claim to fame was that one time in a rodeo competition; he defeated Casey Tibbs, which almost never happened.

So kids, if you're reading this, do your Social Studies homework, you never know what it might lead to. I know I didn't.

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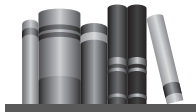
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## Dangers of Popular Weight Loss Medications



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

The recent popularity of weight loss medications like Ozempic and Wegovy, originally developed as treatments for diabetes, has sparked both intrigue and concern. These drugs, which belong to a group of medications called GLP-1 receptor agonists, have been hailed by some as quick fixes for weight loss, despite providing modest results. Their rise to global fame has even led to shortages, leaving diabetics without access to essential medications. But beyond their limited weight-loss benefits lies a troubling narrative of side effects, risks, and misplaced dependency.

Using these drugs comes with a range of unpleasant and serious health risks. While research has shown that GLP-1 receptor agonists can reduce conditions such as seizures and substance addiction, they simultaneously increase the risk for 19 other health issues. These include gastrointestinal disorders, fainting, kidney problems, thyroid cancer, and acute pancreatitis. Common and immediate side effects like nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain further make their use a challenging trade-off for users. The question arises—are the risks truly worth the rewards?

Many are quick to buy into the “magic pill” mentality, which promises effortless weight loss, but what we’re seeing is a cycle fed by two powerful industries. Pharmaceutical giants such as Novo Nordisk, Ozempic’s manufacturer, raked in \$40.6 billion in revenue, capitalizing on a society heavily reliant on ultra-processed food and quick-fix solutions. This cycle perpetuates unhealthy habits, rather than encouraging individuals to address the root causes of their weight issues. A truly sustainable and health-focused solution lies not in bypassing the hard work but in shifting focus to the basics—improving diet, avoiding harmful oils, and nurturing gut and mitochondrial health.

Weight loss is a complicated, personal, and emotional challenge for many people. It’s tempting to take the easier route when promised shortcuts like these, but the risks associated with weight loss drugs raise an important question about priorities. Supporting overall health through conscious, informed choices might take more time and patience, but the rewards extend far beyond the number on a scale—they’re a commitment to your long-term well-being. If you’re struggling, remember that real, lasting health comes from focusing on the bigger picture, not quick fixes.

**The Anti-Aging Vitamin You Most Likely Do Not Know About:** If you’ve never given Vitamin K2 much thought, don’t worry—you’re in good company. To be honest, I overlooked it myself for years. But once I discovered its amazing health benefits, especially for the heart and bones, I knew I had to share it with others. This unsung nutritional hero plays a critical role in keeping your body running smoothly, working behind the scenes in ways we often take for granted.

One of the most impressive things about Vitamin K2 is how it protects your heart. It acts as a kind of traffic controller for calcium, guiding it into your bones where it belongs, instead of letting it build up in your arteries. Left unchecked, this calcium build-up, known as vascular calcification, can lead to stiff arteries and even an increased risk of heart disease. But Vitamin K2 steps in to keep things in balance. And the science backs this up—studies show that higher levels of Vitamin K2 are linked to significantly lower risks of peripheral artery disease, Type 2 diabetes, and high blood pressure. Those numbers don’t lie, and honestly, it makes you stop and think about just how powerful this little nutrient is.

Beyond the heart, Vitamin K2 is a champion for your bones. It activates proteins that bind calcium to your bones, helping keep them strong and resilient. If you’re like me and occasionally wince when someone takes a spill, thinking about how fragile bones can be, you’ll appreciate how Vitamin K2 works to stave off fractures and conditions like osteoporosis. It’s like giving your bones a protective layer of strength to better handle whatever life throws at them.

And here’s where the dynamic duo of Vitamin D3 and Vitamin K2 truly shines. While Vitamin D3 makes sure your body absorbs all that calcium goodness, Vitamin K2 steps in to play traffic controller, directing the calcium to where it really belongs—your bones and teeth. Without Vitamin K2, that calcium could end up lingering in places it shouldn’t, like your arteries or other soft tissues, which can lead to some pretty serious issues down the line. This perfect partnership not only strengthens your bones but also lends a helping hand to keeping your heart in tip-top shape. It’s amazing how much a little coordination can do for our overall health.

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Adding Vitamin K2 to your life doesn’t have to be complicated. You can find it in foods like aged cheeses, fermented dishes like natto, egg yolks, and grass-fed dairy or beef. These are such simple, delicious ways to fuel your body with something it really needs. Ever since I started paying closer attention to Vitamin K2, I’ve felt a sense of assurance knowing I’m doing something proactive for my heart and bones. It doesn’t have to be a grand overhaul—just small, mindful choices can add up to a big difference over time. Your body will absolutely thank you.

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The benefits of regular chiropractic care for active individuals are vast. It can enhance performance by correcting imbalances, improving mobility, and engaging muscles properly for more powerful lifts. Additionally, chiropractic adjustments play a crucial role in preventing injuries by ensuring that your joints, muscles, and ligaments work together effectively. Athletes often find their recovery time is reduced as adjustments stimulate blood flow and decrease inflammation, helping you bounce quickly from challenging gym sessions. On top of that, it provides a non-invasive solution for managing pain, addressing its root causes rather than masking it with medication.

If you’re passionate about your workouts and want to optimize every aspect of your training, chiropractic care could be an essential addition to your fitness routine. From improving posture and unlocking the potential for gains to enabling pain-free movement and faster recovery, the advantages are substantial. Whether you’re crushing personal records in powerlifting, perfecting poses in bodybuilding, or pushing yourself to the limit in CrossFit, chiropractic care can help you stay on top of your game and continue reaching new levels of performance. Don’t wait for an injury—take proactive steps to support your body and elevate your training.

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## Osteoporosis



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS  
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You and I are very dependent on our bones to hold us up and to keep us going. Your muscles are important too, but those muscles are only helpful if they have a bone that they can move. We can take our bones for granted. The bones have held you up for decades, so why should you be concerned? Osteoporosis is a weakening of the bones from the inside out. In the same way that you might think about termites in the framework of the house, your bone framework could be slowly “eaten” way and you don’t even know it.

Bone is made of protein fibers called collagen which are coated with mineral deposits of calcium, magnesium, boron, strontium, and other trace minerals. These protein fibers and mineral deposits will change and adapt to the stress and work that you go through each working day. The more stress and work that you put on the bones, the more the bones will

reshape and strengthen to be able to handle the stress being applied. Your bones are constantly being remodeled. Just as a building contractor can go through a house and remodel the structure by taking down some walls and building up other walls, your bones are constantly being remodeled to adapt to your living conditions. This constant remodeling of bone means that you have an entirely different bone about every seven years.

This remodeling is not easy work. There are specific cells (osteoclasts) that break down old bone material and other cells (osteoblasts) that put on the new bone material. So if the bones are constantly being remodeled then why does Osteoporosis happen? Great question.

Osteoporosis happens when the cells that break down bone material are doing more work than the bones that build up bone material. When everything is working in balance, the old bone material is being recycled as fast as the new bone material is being built in. But there are conditions that can increase break down of bone and slow down the build up of new bone material. Here are some lifestyle practices that contribute to a decrease in new bone material:

Acidosis – a condition of eating foods that promote an acid reaction in the body without eating foods that cancel the acid reaction. If you have ever taken TUMS or Roloids for heartburn you are familiar with using this calcium tablet to reduce the acid in the stomach. Some of the foods we eat produce an acid reaction and your body will call on the calcium reserves in the bone to help neutral-

ize the acid reaction. Soda pop, white sugar, bread, beef, chicken, and hard cheeses are examples of foods that create an acid reaction. Some of these are healthy sources of nutrients, but we need to balance these foods with other foods that will neutralize the acid. Spinach, cucumbers, green beans, carrots, lettuce, green tea, and avocados are examples of foods that will neutralize the acid reaction. In other words, every plate at mealtime should have some vegetables to help balance the digestion so your body does not need to take more calcium from the bones.

Vegetable Oils – Corn oil and soybean oil are very high in omega 6 fatty acids. While your body does need some Omega 6, Americans tend to get five times as much as they need. Most of this excess comes from deep fried foods, chips, and commercial salad dressings. Make an intentional shift to extra virgin olive oil, flaxseed oil, butter, and coconut oil to reduce your intake of Omega 6 fatty acids.

Vitamin D deficiency – Vitamin D is an essential nutrient that stimulates the body to absorb more calcium. Living in the northern states, obtaining Vitamin D through sun tanning is not an option. To check for a deficiency, you can ask for a simple blood test to evaluate how much Vitamin D your body has. For building bone tissue, the recommendation is a measure of 60 – 80 ng / ml of Vitamin D. This level of Vitamin D will help to ensure your body is absorbing the calcium you are getting in your food.

Vitamin K2 deficiency – Vitamin K2 is an important nutrient that activates the transport

of calcium to the bone tissue. Frequently, someone may start taking a calcium supplement for their bones but the calcium will not get to their bones if Vitamin K2 is not present. Calcification of arteries and muscle tissue can happen when calcium is not delivered to the bone. You can find Vitamin D and K2 together in some supplements.

For more information on preventing or reversing Osteoporosis, you can check out the book, “Healthy Bones, Healthy You” by Lara Pizzorno. This book is a great resource to address the causes and remedies for osteopenia and osteoporosis.

Join me on Saturday, May 10, 2025 for the Northfield Holistic Health Summit. The theme this year is “Healthy Nerves, Healthy Brain.” Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeff Kotulski presenting “Mind Games” – addressing cognitive health as we age. Nine additional speakers and multiple vendors will be part of the day. Tickets are \$45, which includes a healthy lunch catered by Café Shawn. More information is available at <https://www.nutritionproportion.net/health-summit2025>

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How to  
Protect Yourself  
from Identity  
Theft Scams



By Jim Miller

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I am very concerned about Elon Musk and the so-called DOGE team getting access to my Social Security number and personal financial information through their government office raids. What can I personally do to help protect myself from this identity theft mess? — Worried Senior

Dear Worried,  
It's a great question! I've been hearing from many older readers around the country that are deeply troubled by the news that the Elon Musk-led Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) has been granted access to millions of Americans' Social Security records that include highly sensitive personal information.

The major concern among data privacy experts is what could happen if your Social Security number, bank account information or tax records somehow gets leaked or breached in all the data shuffling. If your information gets in the wrong hands it could lead to identity theft, which means scammers could use your personal information to open credit card accounts, bank accounts, telephone service accounts, and make major purchases – all in your name.

If you're concerned about the privacy of your personal information, the best way to protect yourself is to put a "fraud alert," or better yet a "credit freeze" on your credit file.

A fraud alert is a notification placed on your

credit report that signals to potential creditors to take extra steps to verify your identity before extending credit in your name. While a credit freeze completely restricts access to your credit report, essentially preventing anyone from opening new accounts in your name without your explicit authorization.

A credit freeze provides much stronger protection than a fraud alert, but there is a drawback. When you freeze your credit, you won't be able to open new credit cards or get a new loan while the freeze is in place. It does not, however, prevent you from using the credit cards you already have open.

If you do need to get a new credit card or some type of loan, you can always lift the freeze on your account until you get the card or loan approved, and then refreeze it.

You'll also be happy to know that a credit freeze is completely free to put in place and lift, as are fraud alerts. And neither action will affect your credit score.

FRAUD ALERT SET-UP

To set up a fraud alert, you'll need to con-

tact one of the three major credit reporting bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – either by phone, online or by mail. You only need to contact one of these agencies, and they will notify the other two. Here's the phone and website contact information for each of the three bureaus.

Equifax: 800-685-1111 or  
Equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

Experian: 888-397-3742 or  
Experian.com/help

TransUnion: 888-909-8872 or  
TransUnion.com/credit-help

If you haven't been a victim of identity theft, you'll need to set up an "initial fraud alert," which lasts for one year, although you can renew it for additional one-year periods.

CREDIT FREEZE SET-UP

To set up a credit freeze you'll need to contact each of the three previously listed credit reporting bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. A credit freeze lasts until you unfreeze it.



But remember, before you apply for new credit card or loan, you'll need to temporarily lift the security freeze by following the procedures from each of the credit reporting bureaus where you placed the freeze.

If, however, you don't want to set up a fraud alert or credit freeze, you can still keep an eye on your credit file by reviewing your credit report regularly. You can get a free credit report each week from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion by going to AnnualCreditReport.com.

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule 2025		
Tuesday, May 6	Kenyon Goodhue Co. Shop 1005 Hwy 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 20	Wanamingo Casey's - Hwy. 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, June 24	Zumbrota Park-N-Ride Parking lot	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 8	Pine Island Pine Island High School	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 15	Goodhue Community Center	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 29	Cannon Falls Lake Byllesby Park	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

COMPLETE HHW INFO ONLINE: [goodhuecountymn.gov](http://goodhuecountymn.gov)  
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We will NO LONGER be collecting Fluorescent Bulbs at the Hazardous Waste Collections. The Goodhue County Recycling Center accepts fluorescent bulbs Monday-Friday, year-round. We are very sorry for the inconvenience.

A Household Hazardous Waste drop-off is available at the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing, from the first Monday in May through the last Friday in October. Hours of operation for the drop-off will be Monday through Friday (except holidays), from 8am until 3pm. Please utilize the drop-off as much as possible in order to prevent large crowds at the collection events listed above. There is a 10 gallon per person per day limit at the Red Wing drop-off. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center is located at 3745 Highway 61 N in Red Wing (across Highway 61 from the Red Wing Shoe Factory).

For safety, place waste products in a box when transporting  
Questions? Call the HHW Hotline: (651) 385-3107  
We will no longer collect Fluorescent Bulbs at the HHW Collections

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Do's and Don'ts	
DO BRING:	DO NOT BRING:
<b>Paint/Stain/Thinner Etc.-</b> Bring unusable paint products to the collection.	<b>Business or Agricultural Hazardous Wastes-</b> Business wastes will be refused. Businesses should contact the Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at 507-328-7078.
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<b>Automotive Products-</b> Bad gas, cleaners, anti-freeze, fuels, grease, lead-acid batteries.	<b>Prescription Drugs-</b> Contact: Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center 651-385-3155
<b>Household Products-</b> Drain opener, strong cleaners, spot removers, adhesives, acids & bases.	<b>Empty Containers-</b> If a container is empty and dry, it is no longer hazardous. Recycle or dispose of in trash.
<b>Exotic Batteries-</b> Ni-Cad rechargeable, Button, Lithium, Mercury, other unusual batteries.	<b>Fluorescent Tubes-</b> Bring them to the Goodhue County Recycling Center.
<b>Mercury Devices-</b> Thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches.	<b>Non-Hazardous Products-</b> Soaps, regular light bulbs, broken glass or ceramics, recyclables, trash.
<b>Aerosol Cans-</b> Partial or plugged pressurized spray cans of all types. Empty, depressurized cans can be disposed of in trash.	<b>Waste Oil, Oil Filters-</b> Engine oils and filters can be recycled through local sources.
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## Private Woodland Owners Help Grow Minnesota's Forest Inventory

The Minnesota DNR has reached nearly 1,000 participants but there is still room for more.

Last January, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources launched a new enrollment program for private woodland owners to participate in the forest inventory program, aimed at developing a broader understanding of Minnesota's forests across all landscapes. Minnesotans responded enthusiastically, with more than 800 private landowners signing up within six months, but more are needed to help complete the work. **Areas of greatest need include Otter Tail, Todd, Clearwater, Kittson, Winona, Houston, Fillmore, and Goodhue counties.**

"We want to thank all the woodland owners who have participated in our forest inventory program so far," said Keb Guralski, DNR forestry inventory scientist. "This data helps us understand the structure and composition of our forests and how they are changing and

provides clues about their overall health." The information can be used to reduce wildfire risk, improve forest management, and plan for the long-term health and resilience of woodlands across the landscape.

This data has already been collected on all of Minnesota's public lands. With nearly half of the state's woodlands privately owned, private woodland owners are a vital part of creating an accurate picture of Minnesota's forests. Hundreds more plots are needed to create a robust inventory representing all of Minnesota.

Participants will work with professional foresters and receive high-resolution maps and a report detailing the information collected on their woods, all at no cost. This information can help participants better understand their woodlands and guide forest management decisions to improve wildlife habitat, trails, or timber on their property.

Landowners with at least two acres of forested property can visit the DNR website to learn more and enroll. Priority will be given to areas that currently have fewer landowner enrollments. Signing up does not guarantee the land will be selected for data collection.

Funding for the program includes dollars from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

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## To the Editor: A Confusion of Spirit The Democrat Party

Whatever happened to the Minnesota that I grew up in as a boy? Whatever happened to the state that once claimed to be Minnesota Nice? From this evangelical Christian's perspective, the word that best describes it is confusion. And according to I Corinthians 14:33 (KJV), "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints."

Six months ago, we watched as Governor Tim Walz walked across the national stage like he was the main character in some low budget Hollywood movie. Pointing his fingers to the sky as if he knew God; pounding his chest like he was someone's hero; and claiming a military rank that he did not earn, he is now back trying to make people believe that he is the hope of his party. Sadly, you do not have to look very hard to see that our governor is, according to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, a misfit. Let us take a look at his party.

They are the party of profanity, the party of fear mongers, and the party of death through abortion. They have become a sanctuary state, a killing field for the unborn, and they want you to believe that they have the best interests of your children and the nuclear family at heart. You are looking at the difference between good and evil. Read on....

They are the party of mutilation through transgender altering surgery. According to an article written in Imprimis entitled, Inside the Transgender Empire, by Hillsdale College's Distinguished Fellow, Christian F. Rufo, "Their radical ideology is now at the forefront of the movement to destroy the family and remake society. What else could explain the insane enthusiasm of its proponents for pushing young children down the trans-identity rabbit hole?" Next time you get a letter from the Mayo Clinic asking for donations, perhaps you could ask them why; why have they turned their backs on our children and become members of the "woke" culture?

They are the party of godlessness who sit next to you in church and, yet, they are mockers of the Word of God. These are the Joe Bidens of the world who claim they are devote believers and, yet, they are lost souls. Today they are found in many walks of life; tomorrow they will be in Hell. It is what happens to those who thumb their nose at the

teachings of the Bible. In the end, they will be left behind.

Finally, they are the party that screams foul when they are caught in lies; the party of Klobuchar, Smith, Craig, McCollum, Omar, Phillips, and thousands of others who have no business being in positions of authority. As a matter of fact, they are dangerous when it comes to human life. I pray you will not return them to office when their terms are complete.

Ladies and gentlemen, I cannot make you see something that your heart cannot understand. However, I can pray that you come to your senses before it is too late. In the meantime, I would challenge you to find a congregation that believes in the infallible word of God and talk with them. Just remember, the thief came to Jesus Christ at the Cross. If you miss your chance before you die, there will be no second chance for you. While this may not be the Democrat Party's way of thinking, it is Biblical. When all is said and done, who do you trust with your salvation? Dr. James Russell Lehman  
Kenyon MN

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## A Time To Get Real Serious KW Public Schools

Now that Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools has worked its way through another Superintendent of Schools, I would like to take a look at where we find ourselves today. Sadly, we are actually worse off than when the current superintendent first came to town. With our statutory operating debt almost doubling under her administration (i.e., -17% before recent cuts were made); with no appreciable improvement in overall student achievement, college readiness, and the kind of disruptive behavior that has become the standard at KWHS, we find ourselves swimming up stream....again.

As I look back on my many years with Jim Neuman, Superintendent of Schools, for the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School District, I would venture to say that statutory operating debt would have been a naughty word to him.

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While there are incidents whereby a school district can get into financial straights unknowingly (i.e., Byron Public Schools), what happened at Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools was a matter of oversights. You see, this entire fiasco was driven by a series of substandard superintendents and ineffective school boards who had no idea how to run a quality school district. In the end, they became so indifferent to criticism and outside input that they refused to listen to people who could have helped them with their problems. Now, after 36 years, we find ourselves starting all over....again.

In the coming weeks and months, people like Paul Clauson and his department will have to pick up the pieces in order to make two educational environments into a single place of learning. Starting with the cosmetics that are found in every school district, he will turn it over to those educators who have been hired to make it all work in our classrooms. But here-in lies the problem from a purely educational standpoint; here-in is where the learning starts to get real serious; here-in is the reason that our parents and grandparents must remain vigilant at all times. You see, if Governor Tim Walz and Education Minnesota have their way, it is only going to get worse for our children and grandchildren. Read on....

According to the American Experiment (i.e., Minnesota's Leading Conservative Voice), the recently amended Standards of Effectiveness by Governor Tim Walz's Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board will be requiring all Minnesota teachers looking to be licensed through the state –

regardless of where they teach – to demonstrate in their teacher preparation program coursework how they will “foster an environment that insures student identities” including gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation are “affirmed and incorporated into a learning environment.” Needless to say, the governor, along with the PELSB and the teachers' union, will not only be coming after our children and grandchildren, but they will be coming for our Christian teachers' religious liberties at the same time.

So what is the point? I find it threefold. First, it is time to put an end to the kind of leadership that has taken us from one of the top school districts in Minnesota to one that no longer competes with school districts like Byron, Kasson-Mantorville, and Zumbrota-Mazeppa. I blame this partly on the building principals who need to be in the classrooms observing and supporting the staff on a regular basis. Moreover, they need to know the curriculum and how it is being taught. Second, it is time for the school board to get real serious about the kind of superintendents they hire. Beginning with the person who drove us into SOD to the one who was an unmitigated disaster for three years (i.e., he made more than \$500,000.00 during his tenure), we cannot afford another ineffective leader. And third, we need school boards that can see the big picture. Just remember, if not for a recent petition, we would have had a two site model under Mrs. Giese until the 2027-2028 school year. It is time to get real serious!

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## Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol



**Question:** My vehicle was recently involved with a crash with another vehicle. I had car seat inside but no child was present at the time of the crash. I am wondering if the car seat would still need to be replaced. My auto insurance company didn't want to replace it. Is there some state statute on this?

**Answer:** I did some checking with a Child Passenger Safety Technician and was advised there is no specific statute regarding car seat replacement after a crash from a state perspective. However, if the car seat manufacturer recommends replacement after a crash, that guidance should be followed. The insurance company may request documentation from the car seat manufacturer to support the claim. The replacement recommendation is not contingent on whether the child was in the seat at the time of the crash.

Child passenger safety technicians are trained to tell parents that if a car seat or booster seat has been in a crash, replacement is dependent on the severity of the crash, as well as the car seat or booster seat manufacturer's guidelines for the seats.

Some manufacturers require replacement after a crash of any severity. After a minor crash, replacement recommendations vary by car seat manufacturer. Car seats and booster seats always need to be replaced after a moderate or severe crash. Caregivers should contact the car seat or booster seat manufacturer with any questions about if the seat should be replaced after a crash.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has established the following criteria for assessing minor crash severity:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/car-seats-and->

booster-seats/car-seat-use-after-crash

What defines a minor crash?

A minor crash is one in which ALL of the following apply:

- The vehicle was able to be driven away from the crash site.
- The vehicle door nearest the car seat was not damaged.
- None of the passengers in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the crash.
- If the vehicle has air bags, the air bags did not deploy during the crash; and
- There is no visible damage to the car seat.

NEVER use a car seat that has been involved in a moderate to severe crash. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.

**Question:** I am in the process of restoring a classic car. I have a question regarding windshield wipers. Do I have to install them on my ride? I am concerned they will take away from the aesthetics. Everything from how they look on the windshield to the motor under the hood that operates them. I thought I would check with you.

**Answer:** Yes, you must have working windshield wipers on your vehicle. Minnesota law says the windshield on every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield. The device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle.

Speaking of windshield wipers, a reminder that anytime your visibility is reduced due to rain, snow, sleet, hail, smoke, fog or other conditions that your headlights and taillights must be on.

**Question:** I have a new driver in the house. We were having some discussion on where a person needs to stop when coming to a stop sign and other situations. Can you please write about that? Thanks!

**Answer:** Congratulation on the new driver. Here is what a person needs to know when it comes to stopping your vehicle.

Stop Signs:

- Come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- If there is a marked stop line, stop before the line.
- If there is a pedestrian crosswalk, stop before entering the crosswalk.
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists, and traffic before proceeding.

Obstructed View:

- If your view of the intersection is ob-

structed, be prepared to stop again for traffic or pedestrians in your path.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and always drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson — Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or reach him at, [Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us](mailto:Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us))



## TOO MANY DRIVERS DISTRACTED BY OLD HABITS, SEND A DANGEROUS MESSAGE

### Drive Smart: Extra Distracted Driving Enforcement on Minnesota Roads April 1-30

Distracted driving takes away hopes, dreams and lives across Minnesota and can leave people with serious injuries that tragically affect their day-to-day living.

With distracted driving still claiming lives and causing life-changing injuries in our state, we all need a reminder about the dangers of not paying attention behind the wheel. That's why Minnesota law enforcement agencies and traffic safety partners across the state will be participating in a month-long distracted driving extra enforcement and awareness campaign starting April 1.

Law Enforcement will take part in extra enforcement that runs through April 30 and is coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). No one intends to seriously injure or kill someone by driving distracted. But good intentions don't prevent crashes — smart choices do!

One of the most persistent driving myths is thinking we can multitask behind the wheel. Distractions of any kind are potentially deadly. There's visual distraction like looking away from the road. There's physical distraction like taking your hands off the wheel to do something else. There's cognitive distraction like being lost in thought. And there's the combination of all of these like texting while driving.

Distracted driving contributes to an average of 29 deaths and 146 serious, life-changing injuries a year on the road (2019-2023).

#### Distracted Driving is Dangerous Driving

Distracted Driving	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatalities	34	32	27	22	33	148
Serious Injuries	153	161	154	126	136	730

- Almost 30,000 crashes were distracted driving-related from 2019-2023 (preliminary), contributing to one in 11 crashes in Minnesota.

- In 2023, distracted driving contributed to 136 serious injuries and 33 deaths (preliminary).

- Distracted driving contributes to 9 percent of crashes in Minnesota.

#### Hands-Free is the Law

The hands-free cell phone use law means drivers can't hold their phone in their hand. Accessing or posting on social media, streaming videos, checking that box score or Googling information on a device while driving are against the law in Minnesota, even in hands-free mode.

#### Distracted Driving Consequences

- Hands-free cell phone law: The law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone. Remember, hands-free is not necessarily distraction-free.

- \$100 or more including court fees for a first offense.
- \$300 or more including court fees for a second and/or subsequent offense.
- If you injure or kill someone while violating the hands-free law, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or homicide.

#### Drive Smart and Join Minnesotans Driving Distracted-Free

- Cell phones — Park the phone by putting it down, activating the "Do Not Disturb" feature, silencing notifications, turning it off, placing it out of reach or going hands-free.
- Music and other controls — Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.
- Navigation — Map out the destination and enter the GPS route in advance.
- Eating and drinking — Avoid messy foods and secure drinks.
- Children — Teach children the importance of good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.
- Passengers — Speak up to stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver's attention off the road.

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**CITY OF WANAMINGO  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2025 7:00 P.M.  
Wanamingo City Council Chambers –  
401 Main Street  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Holmes.  
**PRESENT:** Council: Ryan Holmes, Eric Dierks, and Rebecca Haugen  
City Administrator: Michael Boulton  
Deputy Clerk: Karen Masters  
**ABSENT:** Council: Jeremiah Flotterud & Stuart Ohr  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Brad Kennedy, Beth Haas – Zumbrota News-Record, Lizzie Cooper – Kenyon Leader, Jason Grant, Alicia Grant, and Todd Greseth – Goodhue County Commissioner.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Haugen motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Dierks motioned, seconded by Haugen. Passed 3-0-0.

**PRESENTERS:**  
A) Brad Kennedy reported on:  
1) Placed barricades entering the Emerald Valley II Addition. When the ground thaws, it turns muddy. Vehicles have gotten stuck in past years along the undeveloped road. People like to drive through the mud and leave large ruts that are difficult to dry out.  
2) Trimmed trees on 3rd Avenue  
3) Historic Log Cabin flagpole – sanded, primed and painted pole. Reinstalled pole with new pulleys, rope, and flag.  
4) Started sewer jetting - the entire community sanitary sewer main system is scheduled to be jetted in 2025. The jetting in Prairie Ridge Estates helped to identify several man-holes with gravel deposits from 2023 rehab project. The gravel was removed during the jetting.  
5) Plowed snow after March 5th large snow event  
6) The well-house project is not yet complete. There are a few punch list items that need to be completed. There are electrical control issues that automatic systems need to trouble shoot at well number three.  
B) Todd Greseth, Goodhue County Commissioner, reported on:  
1) A delegation from the County will be at the State Capitol on Wednesday. A delegation was at the capital for County Canvassing Day two weeks ago.  
2) Counties are concerned with State level mandates, both passed last session and new recommendations from the Governor, that are shifting the cost burden from the State onto County taxpayers.  
3) Working to change laws passed last session to undo some of the mandates.  
4) Have been lobbying for North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District capital request. It is important to four Cities in the County and Prairie Island Indian Community.  
Boulton asked if the County would be willing to provide a letter of support for the Federal Community Project Funding request. Greseth said that he would work with County Administrator Scott Arneson on putting together a letter of support for the Federal request. Holmes thanked Greseth for attending the meeting and working on the request letter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**RESOLUTION:**

**David Jacobsen, Jacobsen Law Firm, P.A. - Wanamingo City Attorney:**  
1) Provided a written 2024 summary of criminal attorney services  
2) City of Wanamingo pays \$1,200/month for prosecution services and \$600/month for civil work to Jacobsen Law Firm, P.A.  
3) Law firm has been handling prosecution since 2011 and civil since 2014. Currently has one attorney (Daivd), one semi-retired attorney (Mike Hero), has two full-time paralegals (Suzy Bergquist, and Shelley Klemensen), and one contract paralegal (Michele Viken).  
4) Gave breakdown of Prosecuted Offenses within City of Wanamingo - 25 offenses (13 traffic and 12 community offenses). 16 of the 25 cases have been closed.  
5) There were 75.3 hours dedicated towards prosecution for the City of Wanamingo in 2024  
6) The City of Wanamingo received \$2,016.02 in fine revenue after Goodhue County and State of MN received their shares of total fines.  
7) Civil attorney work included: supported staff, reviewed Council packets, drafted ordinances (Trees, Sump Pump, and Cannabis), lot split/parcel combinations, personnel advice, Employee Safe & Sick Time policy change review, Cannabis Delegation and Registration Agreement consultation, Solid Waste and Recycling RFP/contract, advice on surplus equipment sales, building permit enforcement, and provided advice to Council and Staff.  
**25-016 = Approving On-Sale Liquor License for Jake’s Hometown Liquor, Jason Grant:** Haugen moved to approve, seconded by Dierks. Jason Grant stated that he thought Wanamingo could use a second bar. Grant stated that he intends to have a basic bar at the location. Grant stated that the bar would be located on the north end of the current off-sale liquor store, utilizing the north door entrance. Grant stated that if approved, he intends to be open 8:00AM-10:00PM Monday – Saturdays. Grant said Sundays would be closed for cleaning and time off for staff. Grant stated that he would have a food truck located outside the bar for patrons. Passed 3-0-0.  
**25-017 = Approving Support for a North Zumbro Sanitary Sewer District Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility G.O. Bonding Bill Request:** Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Boulton stated that the capital request is for \$44.8 million. The \$44.8 million is half of the costs minus the \$10 million received in 2023 from the State. The total project costs, with inflation, is \$109.6 million. Boulton stated that a Federal Community Funding Project request will be submitted to Congressman Finstad’s, Senator Klobuchar, and Senator Smith’s office later this week. Passed 3-0-0.  
**25-018 = Approving 2025 2nd Quarter Maintenance Work Plan:** Haugen moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.  
**25-019 = Certifying Delinquent Utility Bills and Other Services to the Goodhue County Auditor for Collection with 2026 Real Estate Taxes:** Dierks moved to approve, Seconded by Haugen. Boulton stated that one of the parcel owners had made a \$300 payment, which is reflective in the revised resolution and certification form. This

twice a year process pushes those behind to get paid up. Mayor Holmes asked if anyone wished to contest the certifications. No input was given. Passed 3-0-0.  
**25-020 = Approving a John Deere 331P Compact Track Skid Loader Lease and Service Agreement With Midwest Machinery Co:** Haugen moved to approve, Seconded by Dierks. Holmes stated that the proposed lease price had increased from \$6,500/year to \$12,800/year (or \$6,300). Boulton stated that the proposed lease was for five years, 200/hours per year. Haugen asked if a quote had been obtained from RDO. Kennedy stated that he had reached out to several skid loader companies, including RDO, JCB, and Ziegler regarding lease options and lease to own options for price. Kennedy stated that he had only heard back from Ziegler (Caterpillar). Ziegler’s best lease option was a two-year \$17,500/year lease. Kennedy stated that it might be advantageous to lease/purchase a skid loader at government pricing, use for five years, and then sell a used skid loader with 800 hours on it for a good price, and start over. Haugen moved to table the resolution until the April Wanamingo City Council meeting, seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.  
**OLD BUSINESS:**  
\*Special City Council meeting on 3/17/2025 – Deputy Clerk Interviews at 7:00PM  
\*Audit Committee will have a meeting to go over in-depth audit at 1:30PM on March 31st at Wanamingo City Hall.  
\*Next City Council meeting on 4/14/2025 at 7:00pm.  
Adjourn: At 7:30PM a motion to adjourn was made by Haugen and seconded by Dierks. Passed 3-0-0.  
Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor  
Attest:  
Michael Boulton, City Administrator

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**CITY OF WANAMINGO  
City Council Special Meeting  
Monday, March 17, 2025 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, Cheri Rochon – Wanamingo Messenger, Patrick Michener – SEMMCHA, Lauren Congdon, Laurie Musselman, and Kelly Sandoval.  
**ADOPT AGENDA:** Haugen motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dierks. Passed 4-0-0.  
**PRESENTERS:** None  
**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**RESOLUTION:**  
**Public Hearing – Mayor Holmes opened the Small Cities Development Program Grant Application public hearing at 7:01PM.** Patrick Michener of SEMMCHRA stated that the public hearing is part of the Small Cities Development Program (SCDP) Grant Citizen Participation Plan. The preliminary Wanamingo application scored the highest ranking, which should mean funding for spring 2026. This is an owner-occupied home rehab program. The grant application request is for \$345,000 from the State while local matching includes \$10,000 from the County and \$5,000 from the City. The program is a seven-year forgivable loan to the homeowner. There is a component of historic preservation which will include historic review of each property that applies to ensuring that they are not on the Historic Registry. The preliminary application was submitted in November 2024, the application is in April 2025, the grant award notice is in Fall 2025, and the funds will be made available in spring 2026. Flotterud asked if building permits would be required for the work. Michener stated that licensed contractors will competitively bid projects and be required to obtain building permits for this grant. Haugen asked if there would be another letter sent out to residents to encourage participation/applications. Michener stated that another survey will be sent out to residents regarding participation/applications. Michener stated that if Council members were inclined to take part in the application that would be considered a conflict of interest. Council members wishing to apply for these funds can’t vote and should abstain. Roshon asked who could apply and if there were restrictions. Michener stated that there are mainly income restrictions. Michener stated that the income restrictions are 80% of the average income.  
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## WANAMINGO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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In Wanamingo this would be roughly \$56,000 for an individual and \$64,000 for a two-person adult household. No Additional Public Comments Offered. Mayor Holmes closed the public hearing at 7:07PM.

**25-021 = Approving City of Wanamingo DEED Small Cities Development Grant Program Application:** Dierks moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Boulton explained that the public hearing and resolution were added to the Council in order to meet the early April application deadline. Boulton said that the City did not have an active SAM.gov identification number in time to meet the 10-day public hearing notice to be included in the March 10th City Council meeting agenda. Passed 4-0-0.

**25-022 = Approving Professional Service Agreement with WHKS for the purposes of conducting engineering design for Plant and Plans of Prairie Ridge Estates 5th Addition:** Flotterud moved to approve, seconded by Haugen. Boulton stated that Jessup DeCook wishes to develop Prairie Ridge Estates Outlot C into a cul-de-sac named Prairie Ridge 5th Addition. Boulton stated that the item was originally included in the March 10th City Council agenda but was removed because the developer had not provided final approval to move forward. A discussion with City staff took place on March 11th in which the developer wished to move forward. WHKS had concerns with scheduling if consideration of approval did not take place until April 14th. The item was added to the March

special meeting agenda so that the project could move forward in 2025. Boulton stated that the City would hire WHKS to work on behalf of the City, but also conduct work for the developer. This is a small, proposed project where there were original concept plans but the area never went through the plat process and final plans were not completed or approved. The developer will reimburse the City all costs for the engineering. The total engineering cost is \$65,200 (\$40,200 for survey, platting, and preliminary/final design work while \$25,000 for construction administration and observation). Jessup Decook has provided a written intention to reimburse the City for the costs incurred. Boulton stated that the City is working with Kennedy & Graven Law Firm on a formal development agreement with Prairie Land Development LLC (Jessup DeCook). The Council will review the agreements and consider for approval at a future City Council meeting. Flotterud asked how many lots would be included in this development. Boulton said the development was roughly three and a half acres and will include eleven lots. Passed 4-0-0.

### Deputy Clerk Position:

Personnel Committee made the recommendation to the City Council to interview three finalists for the position: Lauren Congdon of Zumbrota, Laurie Musselman of Wanamingo, and Kelly Sandoval of Zumbrota.

Ten total applicants applied and four were selected to be interviewed by the Council with one candidate dropping out before the interviews.

Council conducted interviews with Lauren Congdon, Laurie Musselman, and Kelly Sandoval

Council had discussions about the candidates' interviews, resumes, strengths, and weaknesses compared to the Deputy Clerk job description and Council expectations.

Council set pay of \$27.00/hour and benefits according to the Wanamingo Personnel Policy for the position. The pay range is \$23.29/hour-\$29.37/hour. The position will be a full-time, 40-hour/week job.

Flotterud moved to offer Deputy Clerk position to Laurie Musselman at a wage rate of \$27.00/hour (if turned down offer the position to Kelly Sandoval at \$27.00/hour), seconded by Haugen. Passed 4-0-0. A formal resolution regarding the hire will be considered at the next City Council Meeting.

Administrator Boulton will make calls offering Laurie Musselman the position and explaining to Kelly Sandoval that she will not directly get the position but may be offered if Laurie Musselman does not take the position.

### OLD BUSINESS:

\*Audit Committee will have a meeting to go over in-depth audit at 1:30PM on March 31st at Wanamingo City Hall.

\*Next City Council meeting on 4/14/2025 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: At 9:31PM a motion to adjourn was made by Haugen and seconded by Flotterud. Passed 4-0-0.

Signed: Ryan Holmes, Mayor

Attest:

Michael Boulton, City Administrator

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## KENYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 11, 2025

Kenyon City Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council Meeting was duly held in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on the 11th day of March 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mary Bailey.

The following members were present: Council Members Kim Helgeson, Lee Sjolander, Mary Bailey, and Elana Brunner

Absent: Mayor Don Kirchmann  
Also, present: City Administrator Scott Lehner, Administrative Assistant Holli Gudknecht, Engineer Derek Olinger, Police Chief Jeff Sjoblom, Liquor Store Manager Matt Bartel, City Attorney Scott Riggs, Public Works Supervisor Wayne Ehrich, Officer Brian Homeier, John Lee, Josh Johnson, Lizzie Cooper-Kenyon Leader

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CITIZEN COMMENT ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Sjolander seconded by Helgeson to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0-0.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Helgeson second by Brunner to approve the amended Consent Agenda, which includes:

Payment of check numbers, 76920 through 77013; 5347E through 5382E

Minutes and Appointments  
On-Sale Liquor License Renewal-  
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## KENYON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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### On-Sale Liquor License Renewal- Cahill Bistro & Bar

Motion carried 4-0-0.

### PRESENTATIONS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECOGNITIONS/PROLAMATIONS ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

**KMU Process Update:** Administrator Lehner stated he is still working on the new KMU process. He has reviewed the contracts and organizational chart with Attorney Riggs. Next, the preliminary process with go to the personnel committee. Then it will be presented to the KMU Commission and employees. The plan is to have the process finalized and back to the council in April.

**Audit Update:** The auditors were here on February 20 and 21. Everything went well. Lehner is looking at some of the recommendations from the auditors.

**House Hunt:** Lehner stated that he has made an offer on a house in the area. Hopefully, he will be moving soon.

### ENGINEERING

#### 2025 Street and Utility Improvements

Engineer Olinger stated that the design work for the 2025 street and utility project is complete and ready to advertise for bids. Bolton & Menk will be working on getting permit approvals. Conversations have been started with property owners along Langford Avenue regarding easements. The plan is to have bids reviewed in April, the project awarded in May, and construction to begin in June.

Resolution 2025-11: Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids 2025 Street and Utility Improvements

Motion by Bailey seconded by Helgeson to adopt Resolution 2025-11. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### 2025 Chip Seal Project

Engineer Olinger reviewed the city's preventative maintenance project for 2025. For the last several years, preventative maintenance projects have been intentionally under-sized in order to complete a larger chip sealing project this year. The proposed 2025 project is estimated to cost between \$80,000-\$90,000.

Motion by Sjolander seconded by Bailey to direct the City Engineer to collect quotes for

the 2025 chip seal project. Motion carried 4-0-0.

### LEGAL OLD BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

#### 2025 Agreement with Luis Tellez – Taco Express

Administrator Lehner reviewed the history of Taco Express's rental of the grassy lot next to the Municipal Liquor Store. He expressed concerns about the perception of the city renting space to a food vendor for a minimal fee when there are several other food businesses in town that own their lots and pay taxes. He noted that the Liquor Store is also considering making some improvements to their patio area that would involve the Taco Express location. He recommended discontinuing the agreement with Luis Tellez to lease a location on city property.

Motion by Helgeson seconded by Sjolander to follow staff recommendation to not renew the city agreement with Taco Express. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### Resolution 2025-10 Accepting Kenyon Fire Relief Association Donations to the City of Kenyon

Motion by Helgeson seconded by Bailey to adopt Resolution 2025-10 accepting donations of \$10,000.00 from the Kenyon Fire Relief Association to the fire truck fund. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### Police Department Update Hiring Process

Chief Sjolander reported that the full-time police officer position has been posted on the

city's website and on the POST Board hiring page. The closing date is April 1.

#### Change in Coverage Hours

Chief Sjolander stated that the night patrol hours have been changed. This will be cost savings for the city and provide more coverage with fewer on-call hours.

#### Liquor Store Update

##### 641 2nd Street – NAPA Building

Manager Bartel stated he is exploring options for the former NAPA building that is owned by the liquor store. He would like to convert it into an off sale with a separate entrance.

Motion by Bailey seconded by Brunner to give approval to Manager Bartel to start the process of expansion of the Muni into the NAPA building. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### Cannabis Sales

Manager Bartel stated he is considering offering THC drinks and gummies on the off-sale side of the Muni. Many public and private stores are benefiting from the sale of drinks and gummies.

Motion by Brunner seconded by Bailey to authorize Manager Bartel to move forward with registering to sell THC products. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### Insulating Office for Sound Control

Administrator Lehner stated that there is no insulation in the internal walls of city hall. Conversations can be heard through the walls even when the doors are closed. He is recommending the walls of the administrator's office, and the conference room would be insulated with spray foam insulation.

Motion by Sjolander seconded by Helge-

son to accept the insulation quote from Reichel Insulation for \$2,500.00. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### Lot Combination – 1 Langford Avenue

Scot Bowen is seeking approval to combine two lots located on 1 Langford Avenue. The parcels are zoned C-2 General Commercial. The lot combination would qualify as a minor lot combination under the City Code.

#### Resolution 2025-12: Granting Approval of a Lot Combination for Scot Bowen

Motion by Bailey seconded by Brunner to table this resolution and direct Engineer Olinger to talk to Scot Bowen about easements, etc. Motion carried 4-0-0.

#### Schedule for Upcoming Meetings

KMU Meeting: Tuesday, March 25th @ 4:00 p.m.

EDA Meeting: Tuesday, March 25th @ 8 a.m.

City Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th @ 7 p.m.


### COUNCIL AND STAFF GENERAL COMMENTS

Council Member Helgeson wanted residents to be aware of their surroundings with the warmer weather bringing more people out walking and biking.

Council Member Brunner thanked KMU and Public Works for all they did during the snowstorm last week.

Motion by Helgeson seconded by Bailey to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Holli Gudknecht, Deputy City Clerk  
Mary Bailey, Acting Mayor



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1. Troublesome child
2. Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
3. Olympic cast-out
4. Smack
5. Anatomical sac
6. Overthrow by argument
7. Marketing creations
8. Wild onion
9. Clever tactic
10. Spanish sea
12. Evening party
13. See-through
14. \*Eggs+milk+sugar
19. Old \_\_\_\_\_, or unpopped popcorn kernels
22. Be, singular past tense
23. Uses a fishing reel
24. Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
25. Round openings
26. Cabbage, in France
27. "The House at Pooh Corner" author
28. African chieftain
29. Ancient Greeks' harps
32. Socket counterpart
33. Bar bill
36. \*Filo dough+nuts+honey
38. Book opener
40. Uniting conjunction
41. Robin Hood in Disney's "Robin Hood" (2 words)
44. Keys
46. Mecca to Medina exodus
48. Type of lily
49. Happily ever when?
50. \*Make Alaska
51. Gossamer
53. Vinegar or lemon juice, to a chef
54. Communicated
55. James Bond's "For Your Eyes \_\_\_\_\_"
56. Asian cuisine pan
57. Astern

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