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Valentine's Day

By Cheri Roshon

Warm blessings for this new turning of the year.

Contrary to what we are often taught, the passage into a new year is not meant to be a moment of striving or self-correction.



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2026 Precinct Caucuses

The 2026 precinct caucuses are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Precinct caucuses are meetings run by Minnesota's political parties. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and values (called party platforms). Statewide precinct caucuses take place on a specific date in even years as described above.

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Announcements

• **St. John's UCC, 19086 Jacobs Ave., Faribault - February 8, 2026 from 11:45am-2:00pm: Pancakes, sausages, coffee & juice. Plus, a must see - silent auction. Come and bring your sweet-heart. Free will donation.**

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Get Your Wild On!

By Cheri Roshon

Well, it's officially winter in Minnesota! This year, we can even boast a bit of snow to

Medallion Hunt & Hot Dish Cookoff Part of Annual Flake Out Festival in Dennison



The Dennison Lions Club is planning the 2026 Flake Out Festival & Winter Parade for Saturday, February 7th.

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go along with the subzero temperatures. And along with the fall and winter seasons comes the hunting season. And if it is hunting season, then the Minnesota tradition of wild game feeds is not far behind!

What is a wild game feed? Many non-profit organizations like Pheasants Forever, for example, use this tradition to raise money for their causes and activities that aren't covered by annual membership dues. In Minnesota, only non-profit organizations can hold wild game dinners. Meats can include Deer, elk, bear and wild boar. Wild game also consists of pheasant, duck, goose and wild turkey. Fishermen contribute salmon and trout. Only pure game can be received, not sausage or



ground venison. The game must obviously be legally hunted or fished. (continued on page 4)

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The Rice Soil and Water Conservation District has selected Alan and Andrew Meyer as the 2025 Outstanding Conservationist for Rice County.

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Cold Weather in Minnesota

We came home on Wednesday evening in the face of a bitter cold weather snap moving into Minnesota. A simple task of turning the furnace up suddenly exposed a serious flaw in the home heating system. The furnace would run for a couple minutes and shut down. I texted Matt Lindell and explained the symptoms and he said he would swing out the next morning. Thursday morning arrived with the house at 50 degrees and the bad news that the furnace had a cracked heat exchanger. I made the decision to purchase the new furnace with lifetime stainless steel heat exchanger warranty. When in Minnesota don't scrimp on furnace quality.

Friday morning at 8am the crew from Lindell Heating and Cooling were at the farm and removing the old furnace. Before noon the new furnace was installed and circulating warm air in the house.

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My Help Comes from the Lord!

By Pastor John Todor

"I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
who made heaven and earth." Psalm
121:1,2

Dear friend,
Where does your help come from when
things get tough? ... For example:

- When the moral values are in deep decline in America?
- When a relationship begins to splutter and fail?
- When your teenage son or daughter starts running with the wrong crowd?
- When a loved one dies?
- When you suffer a crisis of faith and find it hard to pray?

Issues like these are all too common. The question is: When things go awry and your world seems to be coming apart at the seams, where does your help come from?

The psalmist answers with a clear and certain voice: "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

If you don't get anything else from this short

article, please get this: If your help comes from anything or anyone else other than the Lord God Almighty, you're apt to be disappointed. Family, friends, business associates – even your pastor – are likely to let you down when you need them most. Only God is ultimately steadfast and dependable.

Tony Dungy, as most of you know, was the head coach of the Indianapolis Colts. He has a long-standing reputation for being a man of impeccable integrity and strong character.

Little did he know how his faith would be tested. The Colts were nearing the end of the 2005 season. They were 13-0 and had just come home from beating Jacksonville. The phone rang at 1:45 a.m. The nurse on the other end of the line informed him that his son, Jamie, had taken his own life. Dungy says, "The next several days were all a fog."

They flew to Tampa, where Jamie was enrolled in college and began making plans for his funeral. Dungy says, "Lauren and I

weren't sure how we'd get through this, but we recognized that we were going to have to cling to God's strength and love if we were going to have a chance."

He went on to say, "God doesn't promise that once we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior we'll be protected from harm and pain and stress. But He does promise that He'll be there to lean on during those times."

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Letting Go of the Old

You were taught . . . to put off your old self . . . and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

— Ephesians 4:22-24

I remember a season where I kept rehearsing past failures, clinging to shame like a heavy coat in summer. I knew God was calling me to move forward, but it felt safer to stay in the familiar—even if it was painful.

Ephesians 4:22-24 hits home here. Paul reminds us that the old self—the habits, thought patterns, and lies we've believed—must be put off. Like clothing that doesn't fit anymore, we're meant to take it off so that we can live in the freedom God offers.

Letting go isn't always a dramatic moment. Sometimes it's just quiet and deliberate. It includes choosing not to respond the way we used to. It means surrendering a mindset that has held us captive. It involves refusing to let guilt define us when grace is freely offered. We can't fully embrace the new if we are still clinging to the old.

What is God inviting you to release today? Whatever it is, trust that his grace is enough to carry you forward.

Dear Jesus, help me to release what no longer serves your purpose in my life. Give me strength to let go of the old and to step into the new with you. Amen.

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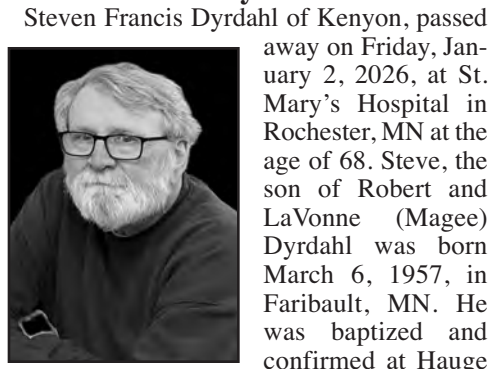
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Steven Francis Dyrdaahl



Steven Francis Dyrdaahl of Kenyon, passed away on Friday, January 2, 2026, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN at the age of 68. Steve, the son of Robert and LaVonne (Magee) Dyrdaahl was born March 6, 1957, in Faribault, MN. He was baptized and confirmed at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. He grew up in Moland and attended Kenyon Public Schools where he was active in football, wrestling, FFA and 4H. He graduated with the class of 1975 and was a two-time conference wrestling champion at weight class 145.

From a young age, Steve enjoyed tractors and after high school attended Wilmar Vocational School where he trained to be a diesel mechanic. He worked at Matejcek Implement Company in Faribault for 46 years and lived on the Dyrdaahl family farm in Moland for 38 years. He had a Harley Davidson and enjoyed several trips to Sturgis, SD. He was also grill-master and often gifted steaks for birthdays.

Steve married Chris (Hansen) of Faribault,

MN and together they raised his stepson Cole Hansen and had two sons, Sean and Cody. She passed away in 2006 after complications from a car accident. He later married Doreen (Evers) of Andover, MN.

Steve met his companion Stephanie Hardcastle of Landcaster, CA and they resided on the farm. He retired from Matejceks in 2024 and continued to give advice to owners of older tractors.

Steve is survived by companion, Stephanie Hardcastle, his children Sean Dyrdaahl and Cody Dyrdaahl both of Rochester and stepson Cole Hansen also of Rochester; mother LaVonne Dyrdaahl of Kenyon; siblings Rick Dyrdaahl, Scott Dyrdaahl and Ross Dyrdaahl, all of Kenyon, Jaye Dyrdaahl (Jenni) of Faribault and Heidi Carrozzella (Anthony) of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Makenna and Carsen Dyrdaahl of Rochester; aunts and uncles Mark and Carol Hegseth and Bobby and Linda Magee of Kenyon; and numerous cousins, nephews and niece.

He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Dyrdaahl, his sister Keri Dyrdaahl Smith, grandparents Frank and Myrtle Magee and Martin and Olianna Dyrdaahl.

Special thanks to Kenyon H.S. class of 1975 for their kindness and to Lynn (Cole) Clark for her visits and kindness.

A remembrance of life ceremony is planned for spring at The Old Stone Church with burial to follow.

Richard Hanson

Richard A. Hanson, age 95, of Kenyon, died Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at Mill City Senior Living, Faribault.

Memorial services will be held at the Nerstrand United Methodist Church on February 10, 2026, at 2 p.m. The Reverend Gary Liker will officiate.

Visitation will be for one hour before the service at the church. Interment will be at Meadow Ridge Memorial Park, Faribault, on February 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Arrangements are being completed by Boldt Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Faribault.

Richard August, the son of Robert Leonard and Myrtle Ann (Leider) Hanson was born at the family home on April 23, 1930. He graduated from Kenyon High School in 1949. On

September 5, 1953, Richard was united in marriage to Bonnie Belle Weber. Richard farmed with his father and later his brother, Gary, in Wheeling Township before continuing with his son, Craig, in Holden Township. He enjoyed woodworking, camping, tending to his yard, and spending winters in Florida with his wife. To many, Richard was known as Mr. Fix It, as his nephew, David, would say, "Richard Can Fix It!"

Survivors include his three children, Debbie (and Mike) Kerr, Vickie (and Mark R.) Schweisthal and Craig (and Jacki) Hanson; grandchildren, Peter Kerr, Krysie Kerr, Jon (and Heather) Kerr, Kori (and Ashley) Schweisthal, Kaela Schweisthal, Tony (and Laura) Hanson, and Jason Hanson; seven great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law, Barbara Hanson and Joan Weber; other relatives and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Myrtle; wife, Bonnie; siblings, Gary (and Marilyn) Hanson, Rita (and Elmer) Covert, Paul L. Hanson and Judy (and Lowell) Broin; and nephews, David Hanson and Greg Covert.

Visit boldtfuneralhome.com for information and guestbook.

Sharon E Buchta

Sharon "Shari" Buchta, 82, of Dennison, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born March 6, 1943, in Minneapolis, the daughter of Robert and Ethelwyn (Hussey) Kline. She was raised in Bloomington, Minnesota, quickly finding her love of the outdoors – spending countless hours swimming and fishing with her siblings, Charlie and Holly.

Shari was introduced to the love of her life, Larry Buchta, by her cousin. They were united in marriage on June 23, 1962, and together, were blessed with three daughters.

Shari moved to the farm shortly after marrying Larry and jumped right into the role of being a "farm partner". Her days were filled with the usual household chores and caring for her girls. As well as, picking rock, driving tractors, running coffee, lunch, and parts to Larry, and feeding the calves. She was happy

to do any farming duties as long as she could be outdoors and in the sunshine. Many of her summers were spent working at Lorence's Berry Farm in Northfield with her family.

Known to many as a motherly figure and to others as a dear friend, Shari had a remarkable way of making people feel welcomed and cared for, treating everyone as one of her own. She left lasting impressions wherever she went. In Shari's free time, she loved to play games such as Farkle, Yahtzee, Scrabble and many others. She also loved to listen to music, specifically, Elvis Presley. One of the biggest joys of her life was spending time with family, whether that was hosting holidays at the farm or enjoying time at Birch Lakes Resort in Wisconsin where they would have family trips for 20 years.

She is survived by her husband, Larry of Dennison, MN; daughters, Lisa (Todd) Bestul of Northfield, MN, Carrie (Rick) Pederson of Bloomington, and Brenda "Budda" Rose-Buchta of Faribault, MN; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Shari was reunited with her family and friends who have passed before her.

"God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you and whispered, 'Come With Me'. With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and saw you fade away, although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, you're now at peaceful rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best."

A celebration of Shari's life will take place at a later date in the spring/summer. Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon has been entrusted with arrangements.

My Help Comes from the Lord!

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I've never met Tony Dungy, but from reading his book, I've come to appreciate the strength of his character and the depth of his faith. And I feel confident that, if he were here today, he'd answer the question before us without a moment's hesitation: "You want to know where my help comes from? I'll tell you: My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

May the same be true of you and me, now and always!

God bless you all!

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.

• **Three Rivers Community Action is currently accepting new Meals On Wheels clients in the communities of Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Goodhue, Pine Island, Kenyon and Wanamingo.** Receive a hot meal delivered to your home by a volunteer at lunch time up to 5 days per week. To qualify you must be 60 or older, live within city limits, have limited mobility and/or are unable to prepare nutritious meals. The suggested donation is \$5-\$10 per meal. For more information on how to sign up for meals or to be a volunteer driver, please contact Dana Bergner at 507-421-6067 or dbergner@threeriverscap.org

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

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In the Andean traditions, it is honored as a time of shedding — of releasing what no longer belongs to us, so that life can reorganize itself in beauty.

Letting go is often far more effective than adding one more resolution or task to our lives — one we may carry for a few weeks, only to quietly set aside.

Just as the serpent releases its old skin, we are invited to let go of the habits, beliefs, and imprints that have gently but persistently shaped our health, our energy, and our vitality. It seems as if the world at large is heading toward division, not unity, and that affects the whole "being" that we are. A human being who was created to live in harmony with all creations, in peace and joy.

Ancient Andean prophecies speak of a time when humanity would be asked to step into a new way of being — one rooted in awareness, responsibility, and respect for the intelligence of the body, the Earth, and one another. Many of us feel this call now. Not because a calendar tells us to change, but because our bodies are asking us to remember how they were designed to heal. When something feels off in our lives, we often try to fix it in pieces.

If the body falters, we consult one specialist. If the mind struggles, another.

If meaning or purpose begins to unravel, we look somewhere else still.

This fragmented approach may manage symptoms — but it rarely restores wholeness.

True healing begins when we recognize that the body, brain, emotions, and spirit are not separate systems. They are one living conversation. And when that conversation returns to coherence, the body remembers how to regenerate.

Our bodies are miraculous, and yet we are not taught how to care for them properly. Taking time out for yourself is of the utmost importance. We have to feel the love for our "True Self" before we can truly love another. Basically, you can't give away what you don't have!

So, how do we do this? Time out is important! Whether you choose a walk in the woods, or a time and space for meditation, or just a cup of coffee with a friend, taking the

time to stop the busy-ness in life and regenerate your body, mind and spirit is critical to deny the negativity that builds up as we try to keep up with the Joneses by working more hours to make more money, to buy more things..... Stop, already! What is important is not how much we have, but how we show up in the world around us. People want to be remembered for the good things they said, did, or created, not for how big their home is, or what they drive.

In the spirit of accruing that sense of peace in your life and the lives of those around you, remember to take that time for yourself and do something to make you and others know that you are important, and that they are important to you. And like the serpent, shed the to-do list that keeps you on the merry go round and doesn't allow for the time to stop and smell the roses! In the spirit of getting you started on taking care of yourself, I want to remind you that I am here, doing massages to help you release the tension in your body, and start to feel great again! And there are others with different skills close by to nourish your body, teach you a new skill, sell you a new treasure that makes you smile, or go for a walk with you! Let this Valentine's Day be the day you remember how to love your Self!

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Other legalities include the donations that must be accompanied by a receipt with the names and addresses of the donor and the recipient.

Other pertinent information includes the license plate number of the vehicle used in the hunt and a description of the gift, including numbers and species.

Now, to the sportsman this is a big event, and takes a lot of organizing. The planning begins months in advance. Of the greatest importance is storing the meat properly until the event takes place. Since the wild game will not all be donated at the same time, it is important to know how and where the meat was held until donation. Wild game must always be cooked to a temperature of at least 165 degrees. Often, volunteers will cook up the wild game and incorporate it into traditional family recipes. Maybe it's Granny's Venison Stew, or a pheasant and creamy wild rice casserole.

Some people ask about chronic wasting disease in wild game. Here is what I found to address that question. Deer and elk can contract CWD, which is a fatal disease that affects the brain and nervous system of the animals. Abnormally shaped proteins called prions are the cause. Prions have never been found in muscle meat. There is no evidence that CWD can be transferred to humans. Nonetheless, for safety reasons, only boneless cuts of venison can be prepared. When the venison is processed, the backbone should never be split. Finally, it is important to keep wild game separate from other foods during preparation. The Minnesota Department of Health requires a written statement of sanitation procedures being used at the event. When all these rules and regulations are in place, the ones preparing the food can get their Minnesota Food Certification by completing an exam so they can safely prepare a luscious meal for you to enjoy.

Now that you know just how much goes into the planning for a Minnesota Wild Game Feed, the Wanamingo Sportsmen's Club would like to invite you to enjoy an evening of food and fun on February 7th. It is being held at the Zumbro Valley Landscape Building in the Industrial Park in Wanamingo. Admission is \$20.00. There will be activities, a raffle, and I'm sure a lot of tall tales being told! For more information, please call the Sportsman's club at (507) 272-7564. This year's raffle includes 20 prizes, from guns to grills, coolers to pizza ovens and more cool stuff! Raffle tickets are available for \$20.00 each, and you need not be present to win. The doors open at 5 pm, and dinner will be served at 6 pm. Come on down for some winter fun!



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Meyers Named 2025 Outstanding Conservationists for Rice County

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The Meyers were honored at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Convention this past December, along with other Outstanding Conservationist Award winners from across the state.

The Outstanding Conservationist Award recognizes individuals, conservation organizations, or others for outstanding

accomplishments in implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota's natural resources.

Alan and his son Andrew raise and milk dairy cattle on their farm, Richland Dairy, in the headwaters of the Zumbro River Watershed of southeastern Rice County. The farm has been in their family since 1946, when Alan's grandfather purchased the property.

Alan's dad began using conservation on the farm by installing terraces and grassed waterways. Alan and Andrew have continued implementing field conservation by maintaining these structures as well as installing additional sediment basins and reducing tillage on the farm.

The Meyer's crop rotation also contributes to healthy soils and conservation on the farm, as they grow corn, beans, cover crops, canning crops, and alfalfa. In 2013, the Meyers started planting cover crops and eventually realized that covers could provide excellent feed for their cattle. Each year they plant approximately 100 acres of cereal rye, which protects the soil from erosion after corn silage and canning crop harvesting. While they have utilized Rice SWCD cost share programs for some of the covers, most of the



Soybeans grow in cover crop stubble on the Alan and Andrew Meyer farm in rural Kenyon.

covers are planted on their own.

In 2018, tragedy struck when their farm was hit by a tornado. Through much work and resilience, they rebuilt their barns and continued the conservation plan for their farm. Using the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, last year they built a new ag waste pit that will store their manure for an entire year. This has allowed them to stop spreading

manure during the winter months, which is better for the environment. They also developed a nutrient management plan for their ag waste to efficiently utilize nutrients out in the field.

Finally, the Meyers have planted trees to establish a windbreak around their farm to reduce energy use and cost.

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Medallion Hunt & Hot Dish Cookoff Part of Annual Flake Out Festival in Dennison

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The club is holding a raffle in conjunction with the days events to raise funds to support Lions Clubs activities, support other area non-profit entities and those in need, which the club donates to and supports throughout the year.

A \$500 1st Prize, plus other cash and prizes will be given away.

Winner will be announced around 9 PM Saturday night at The Sapphire Lounge & Event Room in Dennison. (Need Not Be Present To Win).

Raffle tickets are available now, and can be purchased at Cattlemens Saloon, Dennison Depot, Fireside Lounge, Heritage Bank, or any Lions Club Member. They Make a Great Gift too!

New this year is the Medallion Hunt. Those wishing to participate can meet at City Hall at 11 AM for Rules and map info, and the

person that finds it receives a \$150.00 Prize

The Annual Lighted Parade will take place at 6:30 PM, and anyone can participate. A Cash Prize will be given to the best float.

Other returning favorites include Euchre at Fireside Saturday morning, with 100% Prize Payout. Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo at City Hall in the afternoon.

Returning this year, you can cook up your best HOT DISH recipe and bring it down to city hall for judging, with a cash prize for 1st

and 2nd place.

Red Neck Pool is something new on the event list, and a chance to win prizes from local sponsors. That will run twice during the day at Cattlemens Saloon. Live music from Bryan Anderson will be a part of the evening festivities at Cattlemens Saloon beginning at 7 PM

If you have any questions, contact Lion President Diane at 612-532-0268.



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11:00 AM Medallion Hunt - \$150 Cash Prize (Meet at City Hall for Rules and Map)

11:30 AM Complimentary Hot Chocolate Bar at City Hall

12:00 PM HOT DISH COOKOFF
\$5.00/entry. Tasters will pay \$5.00 to taste all entries/vote.
12:00 PM Bring Entry to City Hall • 12:30 PM-2:00 PM Tasting/Voting
2:30 PM Hot Dish Winner Announced (1st & 2nd Place Payout)
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2:45 PM Red Neck Pool "Round One" at Cattlemens Saloon

4:00 PM Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo at City Hall
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6:30 PM 12th Annual Denni Dazzle Parade \$200.00 Prize for Best Float!
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6:45 PM Red Neck Pool "Round Two" at Cattlemens Saloon

7:00 PM LIVE MUSIC Bryan Anderson at Cattlemen's Saloon

9:30 PM Raffle Winners Announced at Sapphire Cocktail Lounge & Event Center

Flake Out Festival Raffle Saturday, February 7
Buy a Raffle Ticket from any Lions Member, Fireside Lounge, Dennison Depot Gas Station, Cattlemen's Saloon or Heritage Bank in Dennison for \$5.00 for your chance to win!

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2026 Precinct Caucuses

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Contact parties for information about other meetings, including those in odd years.

Each political party runs their caucus meetings a little differently. Check with your political party if you have specific questions. Generally, there are three main activities at a caucus:

Choose volunteers who will organize political activities in the precinct. This could include maintaining contact lists, holding political meetings, and helping with campaign efforts.

Discuss issues and ideas for the party to support. You can present an issue or idea for the

party to support, called a resolution. If you convince other attendees to support your resolution, it will be taken to the next political convention. Eventually, your resolution could become part of the official party platform.

Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions. At future conventions, party delegates will endorse state and federal candidates, including for Governor. Political parties have different ways of choosing delegates at the precinct level caucus—contact your party for more information.

Five state executive offices are up for election in Minnesota in 2026: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor and one United States Senate seat. District 1 United States Congressional representative seat as well as District 19 and District 20 Minnesota state representative seats will be elected on November 3, 2026.

The Republican Party precinct caucus will be held at:
Wanamingo Community Room
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The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party precinct caucus will be held at:
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, The Planning Commission of Wanamingo Township has scheduled a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wanamingo Town Hall, 42930 County 8 Blvd, Wanamingo, MN 55983. The purpose of the hearing is to consider, hear from the public, and act to make recommendations to the Township Board regarding the addition of solar, wind and/or alternative energy to the township's ordinance along with any other ordinance concerns the public might have. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.
Tamra Berg, Clerk

Applications Open for Century and Sesquicentennial Farm Recognition in Minnesota

Applications are now open for the Minnesota Farm Bureau Sesquicentennial Farm program, honoring Minnesota families that have owned their farms for at least 150 years. The deadline to apply is March 2, 2026.

To qualify, the farm must:

Be at least 150 years old this year (2026) according to the abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings or other authentic land records. Please do not send originals or copies of records.

Demonstrate ownership by the applying family for 150 years or more. "Family" is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, first cousins and direct in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, daughter, son-in-law).

Have continuous ownership. Continuous residence on farm is not required.

Consist of 50 or more acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.

A commemorative certificate signed by the governor of Minnesota, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign. Recipients will be announced in April.

Applications are available at www.fbm.org. For more information, contact Pam Debele at pam.debele@fbmn.org or 651-768-2111.

Century Farm program applications are also open. Information is available online at mn-statefair.org or by calling 651-288-4417. Applications are due by March 2, 2026. Recipients will be announced in the spring. Previously recognized families should not reapply.

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Security State Bank of Wanamingo is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Alberts as Chief Credit Officer, effective January 5, 2026. Rob brings decades of experience in credit risk management, commercial lending, and banking operations, strengthening the bank's continued growth and commitment to high-quality service.

Rob previously served as Chief Credit Officer at First National Bank of Moose Lake, Moose Lake MN and as Associate Vice President of Consumer and Mortgage Lending at Reliance Bank, Faribault MN. With a banking career beginning in 1999, Rob has extensive experience in commercial lending, consumer and mortgage lending, credit risk management, portfolio oversight, and bank operations. Alberts also brings deep expertise in staff development and training, holding a master's degree in management. This addition allows the bank to strengthen its risk management framework and reinforce its long-term stability.

"What stood out most about Rob was his deep commitment to community banking and developing people," said Scott Peterson, President/CEO. "His leadership will help us maintain the strong credit standards our customers rely on while supporting the bank's growth. We are pleased to welcome Rob to our team and excited about the contributions he will make."

On joining Security State Bank of Wanamingo Alberts stated, "I am very excited to join the team at Security State Bank of Wanamingo and to be part of a true community bank that puts customers first. I was impressed by the Bank's deep commitment to local organizations and its dedication to building lasting customer relationships. As Chief Credit Officer, I look forward to strengthening our credit culture, supporting responsible growth, and ensuring we continue to be a trusted financial partner for our customers and community."

This appointment supports the bank's mission and long-term strategy. Security State Bank of Wanamingo is a growing, single-location community bank with a focus on agricultural and small business customers. The bank is committed to delivering tailored financial products that meet the unique needs of local farms, businesses, and families. By prioritizing long-term relationships and disciplined credit practices, the bank continues to strengthen its position as a trusted financial partner in the region.



About Security State Bank of Wanamingo

With over 100 years of providing financial services, Security State Bank of Wanamingo is a full-service commercial bank providing its expertise to the communities of Southeastern Minnesota. Security State Bank of Wanamingo has a long history of supporting local communities and continues to provide creative financial solutions to clients. The company has 12 employees and an asset size of \$104 million in 2025. Please visit <https://www.ssbwanamingo.com/> for more information.



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