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Second Time Around



By Cheri Roshon

Today as I was wandering around Kasson, I noticed the Unique Junque sign on the old City Hall Building, and to my delight, it was open! So, there was no choice than to go inside and see what delights awaited me. No choice, because I am a "thrifter". It doesn't matter to me that things were used or worn by another human, what matters is the history of the items, and the purpose for which they are intended.

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Announcements

• The United Methodist Church of Dodge Center at 20 First Street NE offers a dine in and carry out meal from 5:00-6:00pm the third Wednesday of each month.

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Larger Than Life Celebrates Seventh Year

Saturday, June 27th was the unveiling for the "Larger Than Life" exhibition in the Riverside Park in Mantorville. This year the

The Messenger Find and Dine Game

Every week there will be an image hidden within the pages of the Messenger. During the month of July, it will be a firecracker.

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artist participation grew from twenty-seven artists in 2025 to thirty-seven displaying their handiwork. A warm sunny day made the event an enjoyable one as the guests walked around the park and gazed on the new artwork while visiting with the artists. Each artist had an interesting story behind the portrait. Some were paintings and others photography selections, but each was a unique perspective with a special subject related to the artist's experience.

The Kasson-Mantorville Lion's Club was



Bench Dedication at Old Kasson School Building



Dee Tollefson with daughters
Beth and Mary

Monday July 6th, there was a dedication of two park benches in front of the old Kasson School building in honor of Jon and Dee Tollefson for their efforts to help preserve the old building. The two benches each have a plaque with the names engraved on them. The Kasson Alliance for Restoration, (KARE) hosted the ceremony with a brief speech and a poem remembering Jon. Jon Tollefson graduated from Kasson High School in 1948 and spent his life with the family business in town. KM Telecom recently celebrated 125 years in business. Jon served on the KARE board and also was very active in the restoration of the 1895 Water Tower.

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selling burgers and hot dogs, chips and water, while Mrs. Patty's Sweet Treats sold ice cream treats. There were many crafter's with tents displaying gift items for sale around the park as well. A local musical trio performed on the stage starting at noon. This year one could buy a raffle ticket for a dollar to win a chance at an artist's original creation at the end of the day.

The artwork on the four foot by eight foot weather proof panels will remain on display through August for all to enjoy. So, stop by when you are in Mantorville and enjoy a stroll through the park to take a look at the many exhibits there. While in town take the time to patronize some of the local shops and businesses as well.

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Committing to the Battle: Judges & Evangelism

By Pastor Johannes Marsland

The Book of Judges reveals a recurring divine pattern: people who embrace ungodliness caused oppression to flourish in the land resulting in suffering that leads to repentance, and requires the people to war to reestablish righteousness in the land. This pattern calls believers to fervent evangelism for the generation that refuses to contend for souls and resist idolatry suffers oppression; while the generation that ardently engages in the battle for the heart of a nation leaves an inheritance of peace to its children.

The book of Judges begins with an incomplete conquest of an idolatrous land. God commanded His people to completely drive out the wicked inhabitants of Canaan completely. Under Joshua's leadership, Israel possessed the land but were unable to completely conquer it. This was the Lord's plan. He intentionally left some of the conquest for the next generation in order to teach warfare to the upcoming generation and test their obedience (Judges 3:2-4). God did not desire a generation with weak faith so He left them battles to fight and wickedness to overcome.

Unfortunately, the next generation did not war but compromised, allowing intermarriage with pagan people that led to idolatry. "The Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord" (Judges 3:7), serving Baal and Asherah. This spiritual compromise invited

judgment. Two Canaanite kings rose and oppressed the Jews for eight years. In desperation, they cried out. God raised Othniel, Caleb's nephew, who defeated the oppressors. "Then the land had peace for forty years" (Judges 3:11).

Then the cycle repeated. Israel again turned to idolatry and the Moabites arose and oppressed them for eighteen years. Notice this is approximately how long it takes to raise a generation. God raised a deliverer—Ehud, the left-handed Benjamite, who courageously assassinated King Eglon of Moab in a daring act and led Israel to victory. The land then enjoyed peace for eighty years (Judges 3:30). Eighty years might seem to be a contradiction to the 40-year cycle except for an obscure verse describing Shamgar who's only recorded accomplishment was slaying 600 Philistines with an oxgoad (3:31). Though often overlooked, Shamgar appears to have zealously resisted the advance of wickedness during a time of peace, before idolatry was allowed to flourish. His efforts caused peace to endure unbroken for 80 years instead of forty. Oh that we all would have the zeal of Shamgar in times of peace, being vigilant and fervent to maintain the righteousness of society that fosters peace and prosperity.

Later, Jabin of Canaan and his general Sisera oppressed Israel for twenty years with iron chariots. Deborah, the prophetess and judge, and Barak mobilized the people. God routed the enemy, and "the land had peace for forty years" (Judges 5:31). Gideon faced Midianite hordes that devastated the land. Despite initial fear, he obeyed God's call, de-

feated the enemy with 300 men, and brought forty years of peace (Judges 8:28).

This 40-year rhythm is no coincidence. Forty years is about how long it takes for one generation to grow old while another reaches maturity. Whenever God's people faithfully reclaimed the land from wickedness, they experienced rest, blessing, and stability. Under faithful leaders, idolatry was confronted, evil was restrained, and society enjoyed shalom (contented peace). But compromise always restarted the spiral into bondage. The pattern warns and encourages: half-hearted faith leads to defeat; wholehearted obedience brings generation blessing.

Today, the spiritual parallel is unmistakable. Our "land"—hearts, families, communities, and nations—faces occupation by darkness: secularism, moral decay, and the false gods of materialism, pleasure, and self. Like ancient Israel, the Church often compromises rather than advances. Souls remain captive. Yet the same God who raised judges raises evangelists. Committing ourselves to evangelism means fervent prayer and bold action to win souls for Jesus and spread the Good News of the Kingdom.

Prayer is the cry that moves heaven. Israel cried out in oppression; we must cry out in intercession. Fervent, persistent prayer aligns us with God's heart for the lost. Pair it with action. Like Othniel and Ehud, step forward despite personal weakness. Like Deborah, mobilize others. Like Gideon, trust God's strategy over human strength. Evangelism is part of spiritual warfare—sharing the Gospel,

making disciples, confronting lies with truth. Every soul won displaces darkness and establishes Kingdom peace in a life.

This commitment yields generational fruit. Just as Israel's deliverance brought decades of rest, consistent evangelism can transform neighborhoods and nations. One generation faithful in taking ground can secure blessing for the next—until compromise returns.

Evangelism extends beyond personal witness to societal spheres. We must also evangelize governmental systems. The "land" includes the public square. Believers should run for local office, serve on school boards, participate in city councils, and engage politics as salt and light. Wicked policies oppress; righteous governance fosters freedom and prosperity. Judges delivered Israel spiritually, politically, and culturally. Today, Spirit-filled Christians in government can defend justice, protect the innocent, and create space for revival. Neglecting this sphere hands territory to the enemy.

Complacency is tantamount to surrender. The harvest is plentiful, but laborers are few. Commit today: Pray fervently. Act boldly. Win souls. Disciple nations. Run for office if called. Take the land from wickedness as the judges did. The same God who granted forty years of peace stands ready to empower a new generation of deliverers. The Kingdom advances through those who fully commit. Will you answer the call? The peace of generations depends on it.

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Sunday 11am

Area Church Directory

The Fragility of the Powerful

No sooner are [rulers] planted . . . no sooner do they take root . . . than he blows on them and they wither; and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. — Isaiah 40:24

The powerful people of this world tend to think they are strong and mighty, but they are fragile. They think they have the control of history in their hands, but they do not. Their stability is provisional. Their strength is temporary. Their wealth is volatile.

Their fragility contrasts with the omnipotence of God. Their instability contrasts with the eternity of God. Political rulers are fragile and temporary, but God is all-powerful and permanent. Scripture says people "are like a breath; their days are like a fleeting shadow" (Psalm 144:4), but God is unshakably the same "from everlasting to everlasting" (Psalm 90:2).

God controls the nations. He raises up kingdoms and overthrows them. He gives politicians and other leaders positions of power and takes them down. Compared to the Lord, rulers on the earth are barely planted and rooted before they wither. All it takes is a breath from the Almighty to blow them away like chaff.

Rulers who try to defy God do not prevail. The arrogant may try to stand against the righteous God, but they will only be swept away.

Put your trust in God, our only true refuge and strength!

Almighty God, teach us not to trust in fragile human power but in your eternal strength. Humble the proud and uphold the faithful, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Margaret "Marge" Mary Ryg

Margaret "Marge" Mary Ryg of West Concord, passed away on Monday, June 29, 2026, at Mayo Clinic Campus in Rochester after losing a battle to cancer. Marge was born on October 9, 1934, to Fred and Frances (Pester) Spinler and attended country school in Merton Township.

She was united in marriage to Nels "Johnny" Ryg on June 4, 1955, at St. Edwards Church in Richland Township, Faribault and shared 53 years together. They made their home in West Concord where they raised three daughters and a son.

Marge was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in West Concord, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in West Concord, and also a member of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary in Kenyon for many years.

Marge had a small daycare in her home for a number of years and also worked at canning co. in Kenyon, before purchasing Gladys Cafe in West Concord and later selling to Al and Rita Gilbert in 1977. She then started Ryg Upholstery shop at her home and finally retired at the age of 88. Her hobbies included sewing, gardening, reading, crocheting, cooking and baking. She shared her baked goods with neighbors and family.

Marge is survived by daughters, Karen

(Randy) Franko of Dodge Center, Vicki (James) Pirkel of Faribault, Barbara (Russ) Pettit of Farmington, and son, Wayne (Connie) Ryg of Owatonna; sister, Mildred Ehrich of Owatonna; brother, Tom (Ruth) Spinler of New Prague; as well as eight grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Johnny; siblings, Lucille, Lawrence, Frannie, and Jake; brothers-in-law, Julius and Wayne; sister-in-law, Julie; and Johnny's parents and siblings.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the doctors and nurses at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Mayo Clinic Hospice, and Fairview Care Center.

A funeral service was held at 11 am on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Michaelson Funeral Home in West Concord with a visitation from 10 am until the time of service. Interment was at St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery with reception to follow at the West Concord American Legion.

Loren Scripture

Loren Scripture, 90, passed away peacefully on September 16, 2025, at St. Marys Hospital, following complications of Guillain-Barré syndrome.

Loren was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. To many, he was affectionately known as

"Uncle Bud." His kindness, quick wit, and unwavering love for his family defined his life, and he had a remarkable way of making everyone feel welcome and valued.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Janice, and their daughter, Helen. Loren is lovingly remembered by his children, Glenda (Tom) Evans, Raena Scripture, and Tammy (Dan) Hester; grandchildren Thomas Evans (Meghan), Hillary Diede (Dane), Andrea Kordaris-Corkill (Jason), William Kordaris (Heather), and Alissa Hester; and 11

great-grandchildren, who were his greatest joy.

Earlier this year, Loren's family and friends gathered to celebrate his 90th birthday on May 4. The day was filled with laughter, stories, and cherished memories - a true reflection of the love he inspired throughout his life.

Loren's legacy of warmth, humor, and generosity will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.

The Messenger Find and Dine Game

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Bench Dedication at Old Kasson School Building

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KARE does have a wall of honor planned in the old School Building to thank those who have donated to the preservation of the building. The building now is on the Minnesota Register of Historic places along with the old stone water tower built in 1895. There is a fundraiser for the 1918 Kasson School Building planned on Saturday, September 19th at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in the Beer Garden building from 5 to 8pm. It will be a wine, beer, whiskey and chocolate tasting including a silent auction. There will be also be appetizers and music by Neon Arrival. Tickets available at Mantorville Square or you can call 507-259-1775 or 651-380-1246.

The Old Kasson School building was built after the original one burned to the ground in 1917. It caught fire after ignited by some kids playing with fireworks. The New school was designed by Nels S. Jacobson Jr. of Owatonna. It was built during 1917 to 1918 and was put into use on December 5, 1918. The school building served as the only school in Kasson until 1958 when the district merged with Mantorville and it became the Elementary School Building. It was used until 2005, when the city acquired the building. In 2006 the city looked into converting the property into a city hall and police station. After the referendum failed it was to be demolished, only to be spared, when the KARE was formed and sued to halt the city from razing the structure. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 6, 2007. It has been considered for use as apartments, a library and a community center but not approved.

In 2011 a developer proposed the site for a senior housing project but the plan failed from insufficient funding and citizen interest prevailed and in 2014 the building was sold for \$240,000 to a limited partnership with KARE as the general partner. Forty people donated \$90,000 toward purchasing the building. Two more attempts to develop as a senior housing failed for lack of funding. A Legacy Grant was secured for \$87,000 to repair the terra cotta and bricks on the face of the building and completed in 2025. They are currently looking for a roofing grant to fix the leaky roofs on the building.

ODE TO JON TOLLEFSON

We gather together on this special day,
To celebrate and honor in our humbling way,
A man known as Jon, a stabling force.
Who gave it his all without any remorse.
His words good as gold on that you could

depend.

His devotion to God, to family and to friend.

A remarkable man devoted to his community,

His service to his country, his love of its history.

He loved this old building, the contributions it had made.

In the education of many children from first to twelfth grade.

Remembering his forefathers who had lived here before.

Who knew the value of education and a good school to explore.

Recalling the fact that this school was first of its kind.

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Second Time Around

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Many things I purchase in "Thrift Stores" or Antique shops are built to last, unlike their modern counterparts, which seem to last a short while and fall apart so they have to be replaced. Good for the supplier, bad for the person who purchases said items. In any case, in I went.

Inside there were several people browsing

the plethora of items beautifully displayed, and while I was there, more than one person was buying merchandise. This is a good thing! I have noticed in my job promoting businesses that this current economy is a bit down, shall we say. So, I am looking around with only \$3.00 in my pocket, sure I will have to come back when I have more cash on me, when I see a beautiful antique duster hanging by the cash register, with a \$3.00 tag on it! Whaaat? It was just waiting for me to come in and purchase it. This is a duster that women wear, not dust the furniture with, by the way! In the process of trying to stop myself from spending the money I had in my pocket, destined for the Chocolate Shoppe in Mantorville, I met Diane O'Brien, the owner of this new favorite place I was in. She was busy caring for her customers, but I would not be

deterred from writing this article so that the rest of you can also discover this treasure at 122 West Main Street, and their soon to be "sister" store which will be opening soon in the Dibble Building. Truly, there are so many interesting and fun items in these stores, you should probably plan a day or two just to see all the items displayed. Diane has 5 vendors in the shop that keep the inventory fresh, and she has been serving this community for 20 years.

In our conversation, I asked her if she grew up in Kasson, or just moved here. She replied that she was here until age 14, but felt the need to come back to "save Main Street". I asked her what that meant, and she said there were so many great things about Kasson to save, and she wanted to be a part of it. She tried investing in the old school building, but the partner doing the "restoration" was less

than legitimate. Diane already owned the historic Eureka Hotel, long ago converted to apartments, and turned her attention to restoring that instead, but continues to support the quest on finding an appropriate developer for the old school. She is also the founder of KARE, which is the group responsible for getting the Historic Kasson Public School on the National Registry. I wish her the best in saving more classics in her hometown!

If you wish to take me up on this invitation to browse what history has left for us, the store hours are Monday... closed, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday noon to 6 pm, Friday 11 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. For inquiries, you may call Diane at (507) 696-6769. I truly hope you will check this one out, and I am certain you will be able to find a treasure or two yourself. I hope to see you there. I know I will be back!

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LEGAL NOTICE

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING JUNE 9, 2026 STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE COUNTY OF DODGE MANTORVILLE, MN

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
The following actions were approved:
* Agenda as presented.

- * The following Consent Agenda items: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4.
- * Signatures to resolution #2026-20 – Formation of Dodge County Community Health Board.
- * Signatures to resolution #2026-21 – Interim Dodge County CHB Resolution Authorizing “Agent of the Board”.
- * Payment of the following bills:
 - 01 Revenue Fund \$ 146,297.53
 - 13 Road and Bridge Fund \$ 154,659.86
 - 16 Environmental Quality

Fund \$ 99,414.63
Total \$ 400,372.02
* The following personnel actions: A.1, B.1, C.1, D.1.
* Signatures to resolution #2026-22 – Pull-Tabs Gambling Permit(s).
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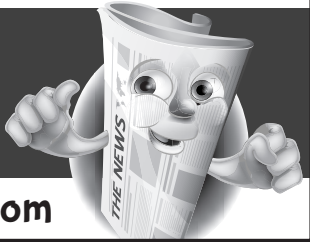
CITY OF DODGE CENTER SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of Dodge Center to interested citizens. The complete financial statements may be examined at the City Hall, 35 E Main Street. Questions about this report should be directed to Mr. Lee Mattson, City Administrator at (507) 374-2575.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS (GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS)

	TOTAL 2025	TOTAL 2024	Percent Increase (Decrease)
REVENUES			
General Property Taxes	\$ 2,495,451	\$ 2,261,578	10.34%
Tax Increments	\$ 173,693	\$ 91,982	88.83%
Special Assessments	\$ 211,061	\$ 212,882	-0.86%
Licenses and Permits	\$ 55,842	\$ 30,310	84.24%
Fines and Forfeits	\$ 10,950	\$ 12,137	-9.78%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 1,361,592	\$ 5,242,423	-74.03%
Charges for Services	\$ 67,434	\$ 71,480	-5.66%
Investment Income	\$ 179,976	\$ 194,098	-7.28%
Rents and Royalties	\$ 87,683	\$ 67,820	29.29%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 111,005	\$ 115,962	-4.27%
Total Revenues	\$ 4,754,687	\$ 8,300,672	-42.72%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 665,831	\$ 603,021	10.42%
Public Safety	\$ 473,781	\$ 475,668	-0.40%
Street and Highways	\$ 378,703	\$ 425,134	-10.92%
Culture and Recreation	\$ 536,470	\$ 558,973	-4.03%
Airport Operations	\$ 92,287	\$ 103,911	-11.19%
Economic Development	\$ 36,345	\$ 248,813	-85.39%
Debt Service	\$ 427,416	\$ 433,690	-1.45%
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,323,263	\$ 4,608,048	-49.58%
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,934,096	\$ 7,457,258	-33.83%
Total Long-Term Indebtedness	\$ 6,542,076	\$ 5,539,211	18.10%
General Fund and Special Revenue Funds Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 3,449,443	\$ 3,379,732	2.06%

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City of Dodge Center, Minnesota					
Proprietary Fund Statement of Net Position December 31, 2025 With Comparative Totals for December 31, 2024					
Assets	Business-type activities - enterprise funds				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Ambulance Fund	Totals	
				2025	2024
Current assets:					
Cash and investments	\$ 412,250	\$ -	\$ 600,883	\$ 1,013,133	\$ 1,046,639
Accounts receivable	64,300	65,644	517,977	647,921	756,547
Inventory of supplies	-	-	18,798	18,798	15,184
Due from other governments	18,902	18,517	-	37,419	27,978
Prepaid items	6,555	12,718	19,339	38,612	44,263
Total current assets	502,007	96,879	1,156,997	1,755,883	1,890,611
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital assets:					
Nondepreciable	229,242	1,294,669	-	1,523,911	146,212
Depreciable	7,363,196	7,233,206	1,185,681	15,782,083	15,561,585
Less: accumulated depreciation	(3,383,798)	(4,015,877)	(382,960)	(7,782,635)	(7,515,697)
Net capital assets	4,208,640	4,511,998	802,721	9,523,359	8,192,100
Total assets	4,710,647	4,608,877	1,959,718	11,279,242	10,082,711
Deferred outflows of resources:					
Deferred outflows from pension activity	9,059	15,114	26,302	50,475	58,149
Liabilities					
Current liabilities:					
Current maturities of bonds payable	254,500	187,500	-	442,000	369,000
Due to other funds	-	389,918	-	389,918	-
Accounts payable	257	119,784	23,333	143,374	112,175
Accrued interest payable	12,572	8,488	-	21,060	22,204
Accrued compensated absences	7,793	4,192	13,172	25,157	32,384
Accrued liabilities	-	-	800	800	800
Total current liabilities	275,122	709,882	37,305	1,022,309	536,563
Noncurrent liabilities:					
Bonds payable, net of current maturities	1,419,800	1,182,200	-	2,602,000	2,280,000
Net pension liability	37,864	63,175	109,940	210,979	251,127
Total liabilities	1,732,786	1,955,257	147,245	3,835,288	3,067,690
Deferred inflows of resources:					
Deferred inflows from pension activity	28,290	47,203	82,145	157,638	187,527
Net position					
Net investment in capital assets	2,534,340	3,142,298	802,721	6,479,359	5,543,100
Unrestricted	424,290	(520,767)	953,909	857,432	1,342,543
Total net position	\$ 2,958,630	\$ 2,621,531	\$ 1,756,630	\$ 7,336,791	\$ 6,885,643

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in and save the day! With an uproarious set of characters, including a female pirate queen, grizzled old prospector, German doctor, and former gambling addict, come help the newspaper reporter Scoop O'Mally get the all facts straight!

Meet the cast/crew

- Reed as Lotta Luck - Owner of the Shiver Valley Hotel
- Dewey DeWitz as Scoop O'Mally - Eager newspaper man
- Drew Adams as Rod Enreel - A man with a plan or two (or twenty-six)
- Savannah Potter as Paige Turner - Loves Rod almost as much as her romance novels
- Allison Rautmann as Heidi Claire Sanders - Always sees the bright side of things
- Cameron Harris as Colonel Sanders - Owner of Shiver Valley Ranch
- Aaron Avlon as Max Bid - Auctioneer
- Cheryl Frarck as Gail Bid - Max's mother
- Knox Goundry as Marshall Law - Territorial marshal
- Jessica Hukee as Orin Gold - Prospector searching for the treasure
- Alexis Swintek as Burlap Bonnie - Ex-pirate queen
- Emilie Pentico as Dr. Ophelia Payne - German doctor
- Ryan Harvey as the pianist
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City of Dodge Center, Minnesota					
Proprietary Fund					
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position					
Year Ended December 31, 2025					
With Comparative Totals for December 31, 2024					
	Business-type activities - enterprise funds				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Ambulance Fund	Totals	
				2025	2024
Operating revenues					
Service charges	\$ 618,920	\$ 686,275	\$ 2,389,559	\$ 3,694,754	\$ 3,490,928
Contract adjustments	-	-	(1,280,105)	(1,280,105)	(1,083,385)
Net operating revenues	618,920	686,275	1,109,454	2,414,649	2,407,543
Operating expenses					
Employee services	114,038	181,719	461,180	756,937	718,817
Employee benefits and retirement	30,995	49,622	83,323	163,940	165,497
Pension adjustment	(11,175)	(4,629)	(78,945)	(94,749)	26,145
Materials and supplies	35,314	27,857	68,799	131,970	161,076
Professional fees	17,036	53,061	15,885	85,982	201,025
Insurance	12,695	23,801	35,974	72,470	77,605
Telephone	-	1,582	3,850	5,432	7,036
Utilities	38,317	59,830	7,426	105,573	95,827
Contractual services	-	-	51,012	51,012	38,595
Repairs and maintenance	36,474	55,249	11,723	103,446	102,852
Depreciation	179,388	158,828	79,473	417,689	381,613
Uncollectible accounts and charges-offs	-	-	314,753	314,753	169,091
Other services and charges	31,371	20,920	39,006	91,297	82,164
Total operating expenses	484,453	627,840	1,093,459	2,205,752	2,227,343
Operating income	134,467	58,435	15,995	208,897	180,200
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)					
Interest expense	(33,928)	(19,105)	-	(53,033)	(49,614)
Contributions and other	-	-	58,420	58,420	51,546
Investment income	23,625	17,982	15,302	56,909	54,466
Grants	-	-	33,822	33,822	168,985
Gain on sale of property and equipment	-	-	3,697	3,697	250
Other revenue	21,983	13,119	30,944	66,046	48,287
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	11,680	11,996	142,185	165,861	273,920
Income before transfers and capital contributions	146,147	70,431	158,180	374,758	454,120
Capital contributions	-	-	28,890	28,890	-
Transfers in	-	-	47,500	47,500	101,538
Change in net position	146,147	70,431	234,570	451,148	555,658
Net position - beginning	2,812,483	2,551,100	1,522,060	6,885,643	6,329,985
Net position - ending	\$2,958,630	\$2,621,531	\$ 1,756,630	\$ 7,336,791	\$ 6,885,643

City of Dodge Center, Minnesota					
Proprietary Fund					
Statement of Cash Flows					
Year Ended December 31, 2025					
With Comparative Totals for December 31, 2024					
	Business-type activities - enterprise funds				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Ambulance Fund	Totals	
				2025	2024
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash received from customers	\$622,564	\$ 686,721	\$ 889,796	\$2,199,081	\$ 2,028,919
Cash payments to suppliers	(172,600)	(193,126)	(215,834)	(581,560)	(741,587)
Cash payments to employees or on their behalf	(141,896)	(229,845)	(556,363)	(928,104)	(851,930)
Net cash provided by operating activities	308,068	263,750	117,599	689,417	435,402
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities					
Contributions and other	21,983	13,119	155,773	190,875	269,068
Transfers in (out), net	-	-	47,500	47,500	101,538
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	21,983	13,119	203,273	238,375	370,606
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities					
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(218,547)	(1,178,116)	(352,285)	(1,748,948)	(106,595)
Proceeds of long-term debt	343,800	420,200	-	764,000	-
Principal paid on bonds	(220,500)	(148,500)	-	(369,000)	(361,000)
Interest paid on bonds	(35,033)	(19,144)	-	(54,177)	(52,715)
Due to/from other funds	-	389,918	-	389,918	-
Advance to/from other funds	-	-	-	-	28,390
Net cash (used in) capital and related financing activities	(130,280)	(535,642)	(352,285)	(1,018,207)	(491,920)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Investment earnings received	23,625	17,982	15,302	56,909	54,466
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	223,396	(240,791)	(16,111)	(33,506)	368,554
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	188,854	240,791	616,994	1,046,639	678,085
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$412,250	\$ -	\$ 600,883	\$ 1,013,133	\$ 1,046,639
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities					
	Business-type activities - enterprise funds				
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Ambulance Fund	Totals	
				2025	2024
Operating income	\$134,467	\$ 58,435	\$ 15,995	\$ 208,897	\$ 180,200
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation	179,388	158,828	79,473	417,689	381,613
Change in net pension liability	(6,517)	(1,933)	(53,913)	(62,363)	(6,239)
(Increase) decrease in:					
Accounts receivable	8,411	5,120	95,095	108,626	(181,832)
Due from other governments	(4,767)	(4,674)	-	(9,441)	(27,701)
Prepaid items	831	1,998	2,822	5,651	(3,789)
Inventory	-	-	(3,614)	(3,614)	(1,406)
Increase (decrease) in:					
Accounts payable	(6,882)	44,480	(6,399)	31,199	62,172
Accrued liabilities	3,137	1,496	(11,860)	(7,227)	32,384
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$308,068	\$ 263,750	\$ 117,599	\$ 689,417	\$ 435,402



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