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Another successful Town & Country Days!

The 22nd version of Kerkhoven Town & Country Days was pulled off without a hitch this past weekend, aided by wonderful weather. Always a big hit is the Saturday parade, evidenced above by the crowd of onlookers and hopeful children. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos of the fun.

## Tangled golf development web dividing family, community

by Cormac Dodd

When 35 folks filed into the Lake Andrew Township Hall last week Tuesday, some were shoring up opposition. Others awaited answers on the scope of the development intended for the quietude of their region -- a destination golf course on the Minnesota prairie -- in these remote, scenic hills.

Tepetonka Club LLC will not open its gates to limited access until 2024, if a course is chiseled out of the land at all, and almost never can developers be beholden to strict plans so early in the game.

Township hall meetings are not usually high-attendance affairs, but a palatial development project has come into focus in the New London-Spicer area, one stoking both excitement and fear.

Nor was this a public forum. It was a session where the Tepetonka Club could explain their impacts of the proposed development on nearby roads -- minimal, in their telling -- the very subject township boards deal with most directly. Still, members of the public hoped their questions might go answered, their concerns addressed. Not so.

As the address hit its 15 minute mark, locals turned more and more against the proposal that would bring a moneyed few from outside the community for games of golf on an expanse of land that may not be, in a character, a great place to put a golf course. Tepetonka Club believe they have proceeded soundly. Both parties believe they are on the right side of the white-hot ordeal.

The of collision of perspectives takes place at the intersection of a century farm, an embattled legal dilemma between three siblings, and the alluring possibility of destination golf in a tale of developers and those who will not sell.

Mark Haugejorde first toured the 187 acres of CRP farmland in question in May of last year, mesmerized by the beauty of the landscape, the prized native prairie grassland seven miles from the hall at which he appeared more than a year later.

He envisioned a fairway, a run astride a Shakopee Creek that surges in size during spring months. His specialty: golf courses... shaping their design to complement topography. To put it plainly in a case where nothing is simple, Tepetonka a Club is an ambitious development proposal to the tune of \$20 million seeking to bring luxury golf to the Minnesota prairie, specifically amongst the groves of two-leaf grasses blanket-ing steep changes in elevation.

And Tepetonka fits into wider trends within the world of golf: These would be the scattering of luxury courses that wear rugged looks and make use of undulating native habit for runs and tee-offs in reflection of the televised play on the Scottish heathland. Destination golf courses began to crop up around the country 25 years ago. Many premier fairways are coastal but these -- found in Wisconsin's ancient glacial lakes, found in Nebraska's sand hills -- are not.

A legal battle runs contemporaneous to Tepetonka's plans for the clubhouse. Two of the siblings who own the land agreed to sell what they would have recognized growing up as a thriving dairy farm. One,



Laurie and Dean Thorson say they were left out of the family decision to sell farm which has been in Dean's family name for better than a century. They are trying to stop the development of Tepetonka Club.

the youngest of Thorsons and the one whose son still lives on the site, refuses. Dean Thorson has managed Cedar Hills Family Farm since 1987, mowing noxious weeds.

In lockstep with the 18 holes would come new channels for mon-

ey to flow into the local economy trough, proponents of the Tepetonka Club say. At least 60 seasonal jobs would come as a local windfall.

Haugejorde has worked with some of the most familiar names in

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Shakopee Creek meanders through the Lake Andrew acreage where a developer wants to build an exclusive 'destination golf course.'

## Fun Days are this weekend in Pennock

Pennock 'Fun Days' kick off this Friday and run to Sunday.

The organizers have again put together a full slate of events for young and old. See their ad in this week's issue for full details, but following are highlights of the activities planned.

- Sidewalk chalk art contest at 3 p.m.
- St. Johns Lutheran hog roast at 5:30 p.m.
- Classic car cruise 5:30-8 p.m.
- Antique tractor cruise 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Beer garden 5:15-9 p.m.
- Bean bag tournament 6:30 p.m.
- Junior royalty coronation

- 6:30 p.m.
- Free ice cream sundaes 7 p.m.
- Succulent planting 7 p.m.
- Kids' coins scavenger hunt 7:15 p.m.
- Antique tractor parade 7:30 p.m.
- Fire Department demonstration 7:45 p.m.

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Friday

## Monson Lake Opry Festival returns

by Cormac Dodd

the sprawling farmland.



The hydraulic overhead door of what was once a hog barn opens, rising to form a roof over a stage where the musicians hang steel pedal in the air and look out on

The Monson Lake Opry Festival returns for its second year September 10, with shows jogging from 1 p.m. to well into the night, according to the billing.

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# Ted Here.....

Try to imagine people living along Fifth Avenue, standing around a pen in Central Park, watching a cow to see where she pooped. I mean, I never saw an episode of 'Friends' where that happened, or 'Seinfeld.' Maybe? But I doubt it.

Fun is what you make it, and in Rural America a good turn at cow pie bingo provided a bit of humor and anticipation for those who had bets on which square the deposit would be made. That was part of our town celebration last weekend, just one of several homemade fun activities that define Americana.

There were also the non-stop kiddie rides in a train made up of plastic barrels on wheels pulled around the park by a riding lawn mower; the pedal tractor pull; the dunk tank; and other competitions such as basketball, volleyball and running.

Particularly sophisticated? No. But you also didn't get a headache just trying to analyze what was happening.

Just look. Heck, close your eyes and just listen. The pure sounds of people gathering together, laughing and talking about life's less stressful moments was all around you.

There were no loud political debates or divides at Saturday's events. Instead it was 'how you doing?' 'what are the kids up to?' 'great day for a celebration.' For a few hours at least, this kind of gathering -- for those willing to participate and put aside any other kind of attitudes -- it was a testament that we really are one people, and like brothers who fight all the time until someone else threatens one of them, we can pull together to just be family.

Oh heck, we're going to get back to our bickering, for sure. And that's okay to a certain extent. It keeps us on our toes, it adds diversity of opinions to ponder and it gives opportunities for compromise and teamwork. It paints our society in colors rather than a monotonous beige. The trick some of us still have to learn is to accept that we don't all need to think alike, and that we all have that right to agree or not. It doesn't erase the humanity of the individual.

So back to 'Central Perk' where Rachel and Chandler are talking about their upcoming weekend plans. "Oh, Pavarotti is in town and I was able to score a ticket from my boss to hear him perform Turnadot," said Rachel.

"Yeah, I'm heading to see the Yankees play the Sox," replied Chandler.

Just then Monica and Joey plopped down on the couch next to them, deep in conversation. "Darn it Joey... so close. One more square over and that cow would have defecated me rent for next month"

"Well, I know what you mean, Monica. I was hoping to impress my date with dinner at the Rainbow Room with that dough but all I had left after cow pie bingo was enough for a couple of 'dogs at Nathan's.'"

The door flies open, and George comes in with Jerry right behind him. "One square! One square, Jerry! What is it... why does life always crap on me?"

Then, as Kramer is seen in the background skipping by the window happily counting a fistful of cash, Jerry responds:

"I 'dunno George. I just don't know."

## OTHER VOICES

### The keys to living well

by Tom Purcell

Comedian Carl Reiner was good at living well — and he lived well until the age of 98.

I recently watched his 2017 HBO documentary, "If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast."

It introduces viewers to several people who are flourishing in their 90s — running races at 100, doing yoga at 98, playing the piano professionally at 100 — and it really does inspire people of all ages to get off their duff and take life by the horns.

Average life expectancy has taken a hit in the past few years due to COVID which claimed 1 million Americans, and opioid overdoses, which claimed 100,000 in 2021, reports Fortune.

It's particularly heartbreaking that so many of the opioid deaths were young people, who had their whole lives still before them.

What a loss of human potential.

Despite recent life-expectancy setbacks, however, the truth is, technological innovation will continue to extend our lifespans.

According to the World Fu-

ture Society, advances in nanotechnology and cell and gene manipulation may eventually keep humans alive for 120 to 500 years.

I have zero desire to live 500 years, but after watching Reiner's wonderful documentary, I am inspired to dive into life with more passion and gusto right now, at age 60.

Living well and living an active life has nothing to do with age, but with the decisions we make every single day.

And choosing to live with greater vitality is not so hard to do.

Reiner says the key to having vitality in your life is to do something that makes you eager to get out of bed every morning.

In his case it was writing. He wrote a book every year in his 90s. He found a way to share his legendary humor with the rest of us.

I am finally embracing such wisdom.

I wake now at 6 a.m. and once I get my lovable lab, Thurber, situated, I go to a writer's nook I created in an unused bedroom and work on a new dog-related blog and a book about my first year as a

new dog dad (www.ThurbersTail.com).

Such simple writing brings me tremendous joy and gives me a burst of energy to manage the often stressful communications consulting work I do for corporate clients during the rest of my working day.

Reiner's documentary says that another key to vitality is to keep moving. Get up. Get out. Meet friends. Make eye contact.

We are social animals and eye contact, conversation and a hearty laugh shared with friends are the foundations of vitality.

If there is something you've always wanted to do, there's no time like the present, so get off your butt and do it.

Reiner explains how his wife Estelle didn't start her jazz singing career until she turned 60. She recorded seven albums and performed in jazz clubs until she passed away at the age of 94.

It's easy to let unpleasant current events — inflation, recession, political bickering — weigh our spirits down.

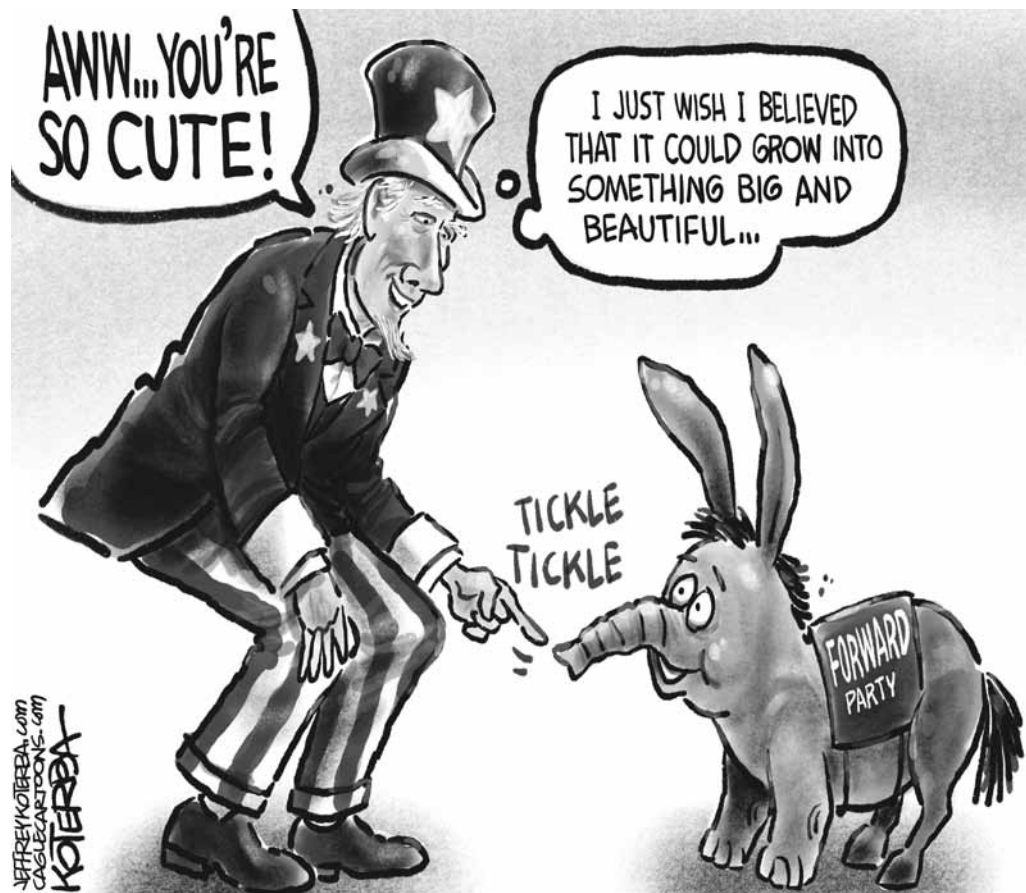
It's important to follow what is happening in our government and exercise our right to vote.

But what is even more important is that we choose to live fully doing something meaningful and doing something we love every single day, no matter how old we are.

We become better sons and brothers and neighbors and citizens that way — to the benefit of us all.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Fischbach sold her soul

To the Editor;

In my opinion, when Michelle Fischbach voted not to certify President Biden is proof that she sold her soul to Trump and the devil. When will people realize that in some ways she's a traitor to being a representative for the

7th District in Minnesota?

It's too bad that people can't see the truth. Trump and his cronies like Michelle Fischbach wanted to overthrow America's Democracy. I would never trust her.

Gerald Goblirsch  
Kerkhoven

### Who votes for Democrats?

To the Editor;

Anyone who sees what's happening to this country and still votes Democrat is truly disturbed. They are the same people who believe Biden got 81 million legitimate votes.

David Lien  
Murdock

## OTHER VOICES

### Here's how broken Washington really is

by John L. Micek

In an ideal world, the landmark compromise on climate change, Medicare, and energy spending that Senate Democrats announced at the end of last week would barely require a second glance.

That's not to diminish the magnitude of the agreement that Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer struck with the chamber's Dr. No, West Virginia's Joe Manchin. The Democrats-only deal that averts a Republican filibuster will have a transformative effect on efforts to fight climate change.

But such is the state of the Senate these days, and our politics in general, that it's breaking news that two guys who belong to the same party, and who largely believe in the same things, managed to strike a deal on stuff they largely agree on already.

The deal is a badly needed win for both congressional Democrats, who are looking to hold — and possibly expand — their majorities on Capitol Hill, and for President Joe Biden, whose administration has been taking on water for much of the last year after scoring some pretty significant early wins.

The spending package will be "the most important investment — not hyperbole — the most important investment we've ever made in our energy security and developing cost-saving and job-creating, clean-energy solutions for the future," said Biden, who endorsed the deal and called for its approval. "Big deal."

A big deal, indeed. But as a new poll makes clear, American voters would rather see more of this kind of cooperation from their leaders, and not less.

With the midterm elections just about 100 days away, U.S. voters are expressing a higher level of concern than ever over the level of polarization in the country, according to the In-

stitute of Politics and Public Civility at Georgetown University.

Two-thirds of the poll's 1,000 registered voter respondents said they were more likely to vote for a candidate who was willing to compromise with others, as opposed to a candidate who consistently fought for his or her values.

But how do you get to yes at a time when both partisan divides and intra-party disagreements are the two biggest impediments to progress?

There's a case to be made that, post-Jan. 6, the gaps separating broad swathes of the Big Two parties are as deep and as unbridgeable as they've been since the run-up to the Civil War. Republicans still trying to downplay the violence or rationalize it away significantly narrows the possibility of the kind of across-the-aisle cooperation that voters say they want to see from their elected leaders.

Fire-breathing tactics by some progressives also are a problem, and they have managed to convince voters in the country's vast middle that the party that once vigorously defended the working class no longer cares about them.

That goes some distance toward explaining the increased tribalism in our politics, and our culture more broadly. Broad majorities of the poll's respondents said they and their friends share the same political beliefs, vote for the same candidates, and are members of the same political party. The same holds true for memberships in the same religious groups; ethnic identities, and economic classes, the poll found.

That kind of homogeneity, in short, makes compromise nearly impossible.

Speaking to MSNBC about the results, Mo Elleithe, the veteran Democratic operative who founded and now serves as the executive director of the Georgetown institute, said the intra-party squabbles that have

hobbled Biden's agenda and tanked his approval ratings also are a turnoff for voters.

"People don't want to see the ideological fighting, they want to see the results," Elleithe told MSNBC's 'Morning Joe,' program. "If they can get back to that more often, I think, maybe, if the past is prologue, you will start to see a change in the numbers."

A big part of closing that gap requires reframing both the narrative of our politics, and the way that it's covered in the press, both of which are too often conflict-focused. Both are to the detriment of the underreported and far less glamorous grunt work that gets bills over the goal line.

More coverage, for instance, of the congressional Problem Solvers Caucus, a bipartisan body that actively works for broad-based agreement on vexing policy issues, instead of the dumpster fire du jour, could ease those concerns about polarization.

That's not to say that government officials should get a hall pass, or that undemocratic and illegal efforts to topple elections should not be confronted, but for our system to work, there has to be that middle ground.

Sure, it's not great TV. But it would yield something better: A strong and vigorous democracy that's sharp-elbowed when needed, but still solves problems, and leaves no American behind.

That's American democracy at its best.

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# THREE BUNS and a Hurricane®

BY ALISON NELSON



I have concluded that my children must have some manner of deficiency, or disability . . . every one of them has it. It can't be hereditary because Jesse or I do not have this. They are completely incapable of taking off socks right side out. Every single sock, and there are a lot of them passing through the laundry there, is fully inside out when I sort clothes. Even with extra reminders, demonstrations (including physically taking socks off them myself, so they can see how easy and possible it is), explaining that inside out socks do not get clean, etc., nothing changes.

When we get to the end of the week and it's time to tackle the laundry, I sort it all into piles, including a new extra one of all the inside out socks. The kids are then called to turn them right. So far that task does not move them to do it right the first time, but with most therapies and cures it is a marathon, not a sprint.

and the other two are close behind, I'm sure. Even though I imagined my boys would be bigger than me eventually, it happened too soon.

Last week I had observed that the triplets were all losing teeth. While that was noteworthy, that they each had lost a couple, it continued. All three of the boys lost another tooth, for a total of nine lost in just a couple of weeks. Weirder yet, all three boys lost the same three teeth.

While born within two minutes of each other under identical circumstances, it has been fascinating and eye opening to watch them each develop at his own pace and in his own direction. We are reminded constantly that they may be triplets, but they are individuals.

And then, they do something creepy like each lose the same three teeth within several days.

I am a diehard recycler. If I have a recyclable item (bottle of pop, that kind of thing) that I finish somewhere and there's no recycling bin, I take it home to put in our bin. It pains me to throw it away; a small thing we can all do.

We're using almost all

earth-friendly disposables at our ice cream stand, Sweets. The shake and malt cups are biodegradable plastic, the red and white straws are paper, the bowls are made of sugarcane, and the napkins are made with recycled fibers. The only thing I have not been able to find is long spoons for getting the last bit of a malt or float.

Anyway, that all goes in the actual garbage and hopefully does its thing in the landfill. There is a big garbage can with a hinged lid on it, and three big city dumpsters not far from that. We have also set up a recycling bin on site, for bottled water and craft soda cans. It's blue, has the recycling symbol on it, and a sign that says that bin is for cans and bottles only. There is a lid on that with can and bottle-sized holes in the top to encourage only those items be deposited.

However, every time I empty the bin, there is also garbage in it. It's right next to the other bins. I'm glad they didn't throw it on the ground, don't get me wrong. Mostly I'm curious how else we can encourage people to recycle. Are they not familiar with the renowned symbol? Just don't care? Also, do these people recycle at home? Inquiring minds want to know!

## Kelly (Fosso) Rodenberg buried at Ole Mamre Lutheran Cemetery

Kelly (Fosso) Rodenberg, age 55, of New London, formerly of Pennock, died peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, July 25, at Glen Oaks Care Center in New London after a 3 1/2 year battle with brain cancer.

Her memorial service was held Saturday at Mamrelund Lutheran Church in Pennock. Interment was at Old Mamre Lutheran Cemetery, a beautiful space across from Church Lake Farm, that Kelly enjoyed trimming for years. Memorials are preferred to CentraCare Rice Hospice or CaringBridge.

Kelly was born on September 3, 1966, in Willmar, the daughter of Dean and Helen (Nelson) Fosso. Kelly grew up on farms near Raymond and Pennock, allowing her to attend both Raymond schools and Willmar High School, where she was voted friendliest classmate of her 1985 graduating class.

Kelly enjoyed an administrative career at W.R. Malcekar Company for 22 years. Her favorite early duties were whenever she was able to pitch in with chores around the family farm.

On September 24, 2010, she married Robert Rodenberg. When of able body, Kelly and Bob's favorite pastime was biking. It was time they treasured together, enjoying many local trails and beautiful scenic paths, as many summers were planned around Minnesota's organized rides. Her heart never beamed brighter than the many times Bob stopped along the trail to open up his bike supply kit and help a stranded peddler.

Following her brain tumor diagnosis in 2018, Kelly continued to find her calling by writing three books with the use of only a right hand: 'There's Something Going on Upstairs,' 'There's Something Going on in the Kitchen' and 'There's Something Going on at the Farm.' Kelly grew passionate about her disease by speaking at many long-term care facilities, libraries and churches prior to Covid. Initially being a caregiver to her husband, she had now turned patient. Bob and Kelly's journey has been highlighted within Mayo Clinic and numerous other local and national publications.



She is survived by her loving and caregiver husband of 11 years, Bob; brothers, Lonnie (Penny) Fosso and Ryan (Sarah) Fosso; sisters-in-law, Roxie (Tim) Ross and Linda (Bill) Davis; stepchildren, Lauren (Andrew) Blaisdell and Danny Rodenberg; two bonus grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Also surviving are her aunts and uncles: Lois Nelson, Bobby and Lorraine Nelson, Ralph and Betty Nelson, Doug and Barb Nelson, Jim and Kathy Peterson; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dean and Helen Fosso; uncles, Kenny Nelson and Ronnie Nelson; and nephew, Grady Fosso.



## Jenny Ackerson and Mike Haglund announce their engagement

Jenny Ackerson, formerly of the New London-Spicer community, and Mike Haglund of Kerkhoven are happy to announce their engagement. Ackerson is employed by the West Fargo Hockey Association. Haglund farms east of Kerkhoven and is employed

by Randy Pothen Farm. A summer 2023 wedding is planned. Ackerson is the daughter of Jeff and Shirley Ackerson and the late Connie Ackerson. Haglund is the son of the late Wally and Hilde Haglund.

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## News in Brevity

Madison Gelhar of DeGraff, a senior at the College of Continuing and Professional Studies, and James Cook, a sophomore at the College of Liberal Arts, have been named to the 2022 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

**During the early morning hours of this Tuesday, the Swift County Jail had an in-custody death. The individual who died was a male age 45. He had been ar-**

**rested Monday for DUI by the Benson Police. This individual was originally from Bismarck, ND. This is currently under investigation by the BCA of Minnesota.**

A virtual veterans town hall meeting focused on improving VA health care services and programs is scheduled on August 9, 2022, at 2 p.m., for veterans served by the Montevideo VA Clinic and the St. Cloud VA

## Pennock Fun Days

(Continued from page 1)

- Saturday**
- Parade at 11 a.m.
- Pennock Fire Department dinner 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Antique tractor pull noon
- Mamrelund Lutheran donuts, pie and ice cream noon-5 p.m.
- Craft vendors noon-5 p.m.
- Kids activities - 1-5 p.m.
- Bean bag tournament 1 p.m.
- Beer garden 7 p.m.-midnight
- Street dance featuring 'Shirts & Skins' 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
- Sunday**
- ACT Parish outdoor community service 8:30 a.m.
- Boy Scouts waffle breakfast 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Pennock Fun Days

A Community With Pride

**Wednesday, August 3rd Pennock Fun Days Kick Off**

11:00- 1:00 Customer Appreciation Lunch (hotdogs, chips and lemonade) at Heritage Bank and Pioneer Heritage Insurance.

**Friday, August 5th**

3:00 Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest (Judging Starts at 5:30)

5:30 St. John's Lutheran Church's Hog Roast, \$8- Pork, bun, coleslaw, chips and pop.

5:30-8:00 Classic Car Cruise In Sponsored by Quisberg Collision & Glass

5:30-7:30 Antique Tractor Cruise In Display Sponsored by Haug Implement

5:15-9:00 Beer Garden

6:30 Bean Bag Tournament \$20 (Ages 13 and up, sign up at 6:15 or preregister at the Pit Stop, Cash Payout)

6:30 Junior Royalty Coronation (ages 4-9) NEW AGE CATEGORY!

7:00 Ice Cream Sundae's—FREE

7:00 Succulent Planting \$30 sign up prior to event

7:15 Coin Scavenger Hunt (Ages 2-10)

7:20 Car, tractor and chalk art awards announced.

7:30 Antique Tractor Parade

7:45 Fire Department Demo

**Saturday, August 6th**

11:00 Parade

11:00 Slukka Concessions (mini donuts and funnel cakes)

**11:30-2:00 Pennock Fire Department's Lunch: hamburgers, hotdogs, sweet corn or beans**

12:00-5:00 Mamrelund Church Women will be baking donuts and serving pie & ice cream at the church.

12:00-5:00 Craft and Misc. Vendors

12:45 Wristband sales begin. \$10

1:00 Bean Bag Tournament, 13 & up, \$20 per team, sign up begins at 12:30 or preregister at the Pit Stop Cash Payout

1:00 Maya's Taco's selling snow cones, Taco's start at 4

12:00 Lion's Antique Tractor Pull at Konsterlie Field behind Community Center. Weigh in starts at 9:30 a.m., \$20.00 per pull. Age group: any antique tractors 40 and older.

Classes: 4 mph thru 7,500 lb., 6 mph 8500-12,500. (trophy for top 3 per class)

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2:00 Kid's Pedal Pull sponsored by Heritage Bank NA & Pioneer Heritage Insurance LLC (1:30 Registration)

2:00-5:00 Axe Throwing— 3 tries for \$5. Sponsored by Joe's Auto Repair

2:30 Minute to Win it Games for 8-12 year olds.

4:00 Scavenger Hunt game and Hulu Hoop Contest

5:30-7:30 Lion's Bingo

7:30 Newlywed/Not So Newlywed Game

**8:30-12:30 Street Dance, FREE ADMISSION, featuring: Shirts and Skins sponsored by Pit Stop**

7:00-12:00 JCI Senate Beer Garden

Schedule is tentative and subject to change.

**Sunday, August 7th**

8:30ACT Parish Outdoor Community Worship Service

10:00-1:00 Boy Scouts Waffle Breakfast

More details on events on our facebook page: Pennock Fun Days

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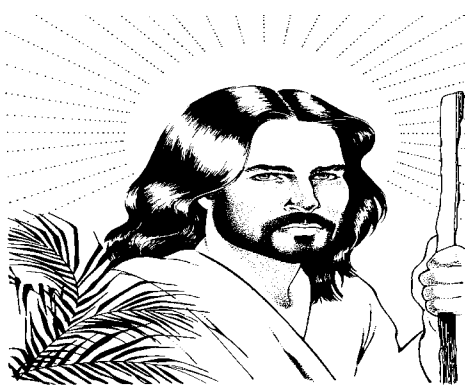
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Fr. Jeremy Kucera

**Sunday:**  
10:30 am Mass

### Covenant

**SALEM COVENANT CHURCH**  
Rural Pennock  
Pastor Jonathan Wilson and Don Ruffenach,  
Director of Youth & Children's Ministry  
saalemcovpennock.org

**Sunday:**  
9:30 AM Worship/  
Communion with Ron Johnson  
10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship  
**Wednesday:**  
6:30 PM Bible Study at Steve & Jan Toledo's

### Evangelical Free

**KERKHOVEN EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
Joshua Hamm, Pastor  
Nathan Kveene, Youth Pastor

**Wednesday:**  
6:30PM Youth Bonfire  
7PM CE Brd. Mtg.  
**Thursday:**  
7PM Exec. Brd. Mtg.  
**Saturday:**  
6:30AM Men's Bible Study

### Sunday:

8:30AM Prayer  
9AM Communion  
**Wednesday:**  
8PM Youth Grp. VB @ Park

### Lutheran

**BUFFALO LAKE LUTHERAN, BETHESDA LUTHERAN PARISH**

Pastor Jennifer Thul  
**Thursday:**  
9:30 Bethesda Esther Circle quilting

**Sunday:**  
8:30 am Outdoor Joint ACT Parish Worship at Pennock Community Center under the tent and installation of pastors  
**Monday-Thursday:**  
ACT VBS at Hope  
5-6pm supper  
6-8:30 VBS  
**Tuesday:**  
C&C at Bethesda  
9am Food  
9:30am Bible study

**KERKHOVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Michael Buller

**Sunday:**  
9:00 am Worship/communion  
Twins baseball game, bus leaves immediately after worship  
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
**Thursday:**  
NAPS food distribution  
**Wednesday:**  
7:00 pm Church council

**MAMRELUND & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

Pastor Jennifer Thul  
**Sunday:**  
8:30am ACT Parish Joint Outdoor Service at the Pennock Community Center with installation of new pastors Jennifer & Daryl Thul  
**Monday -Thursday (August 11):**  
ACT Parish VBS at Hope  
5:00-6:00pm Supper  
6:00-8:30pm VBS  
**Thursday (August 11):**  
7:00pm VBS Program

**SUNBURG FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Rural Sunburg

Rev. Ron Knutson, Pastor  
**Sunday:**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School/  
Adult Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship

### NOTICE TO ALL CHURCH SECRETARIES:

The Banner prints church schedules as a free service. We MUST have all church notes in the Banner office by **NOON Friday** to make it into the next issue.

## Funeral for Beverly Johnson to be held Thursday at Hope Lutheran

Beverly Jean Johnson, 87, of Murdock, died Friday, July 29th at Prairie Sr. Cottage in Willmar. Her funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday at Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday at the church and continue one hour prior to her service. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery in Kerkhoven. Memorials are preferred to Carris Health Hospice.

Beverly was born April 13, 1935, to Martin and Rosella (Stai) Grove in Kerkhoven. She was baptized and later confirmed at West Lake Lutheran Church. She grew up on her parents' farm where she helped raise her younger sister. At an early age, Beverly started singing with her sisters, they were known as the "Grove Girls," and enjoyed singing anywhere they could. Beverly attended District 22

Country School before graduating from Kerkhoven High School in 1953. She continued her education at St. Cloud State and also Concordia.

On September 22, 1956, Beverly was united in marriage to Donald Johnson at West Lake Lutheran Church. They rented a farm in Kerkhoven, before Donald bought their farm in Sunburg without Beverly knowing! They were members of Kerkhoven Lutheran Church before joining Hope Lutheran Church. Beverly was an active member and enjoyed singing in the choir and also being the choir director. Beverly also enjoyed taking pictures and videos, dancing with Don, and teaching piano lessons. Over the years she taught 75 young adults how to play the piano. She was a loving wife, mom, grandma and friend.

Beverly is survived by her



husband, Donald; children: Rodney (special friend Missy) Johnson of Kerkhoven, Rita (Jay) Howell of Peoria, AZ, Brad Johnson of Meza, AZ, and Jill (Wayne) Smith of Atwater; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and siblings: Vonnice (Dave) Velin of Shoreview, WA, Sharon Brown of New London, and Barb Henry of Maricova, AZ.

## Milton Thorseth memorial service held Tuesday at Bethesda Lutheran

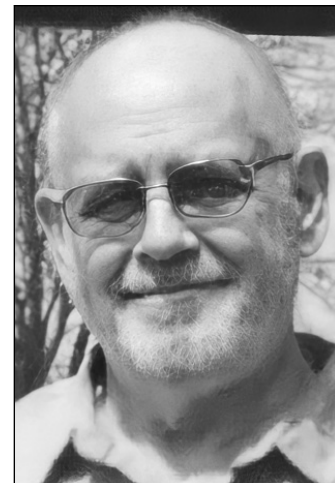
Milton Arthur Thorseth, 73, of Murdock, died on Saturday, July 23, at the St. Cloud Hospital. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, August 9, at 2:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church of rural Murdock. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Bethesda on Monday, and will continue Tuesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Milton was born on March 10, 1949 at the hospital in Benson, the son of Kermit and Blanche Thorseth of rural Murdock. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethesda Lutheran Church where he was a lifelong member. He at-

tended school in Murdock and graduated from Murdock High School in 1967. He attended University of Minnesota-Morris where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Milton worked for Sterner Lighting in Winsted, MN, and later for Dura Supreme in Howard Lake, MN, until his retirement. He enjoyed tennis, golf, volleyball, reading and fantasy football. He loved visiting with friends and relatives.

He is survived by his brother Ron Thorseth of Murdock; nieces Brenna Russo and Shareen Stommes; nephews Michael Thorseth, Matthew Thorseth, and Troy Kraemer;



and many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents Kermit and Blanche, and his brother Kenneth.

## Nuvillo Bjork buried at Monson Lake

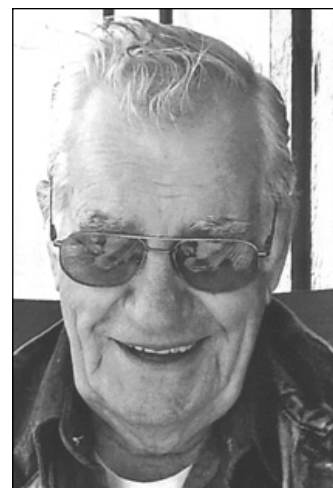
Nuvillo G. Bjork, age 94, of Sunburg, died Wednesday, July 20, at the Marion Manor in Sunburg. A celebration of life service was held Saturday at Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg. Interment was at Monson Lake Lutheran Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Belgrade VFW Post.

Nuvillo was born January 9, 1928, in Minneapolis to Walfred and Lydia Bjork. He lived in Minneapolis until he was three, and that is when he moved with his family to the farm in Sunburg. August Johnson became Nuvillo's caretaker when he was seven years old. Nuvillo attended District 17 country school and worked with August on the farm until he was drafted into World War II. By the time he enlisted, the war was over, so he worked several odd jobs until he left to serve in the Korean War in November 1950. He served his country in the 24th Infantry of the Army, attained rank of

master sergeant and was honorably discharged 1952.

Nuvillo married Jane Fossen on February 17, 1953, in Elk Point, South Dakota. They moved in with August and took over and bought the farm from August when he was no longer able to do the work. Nuvillo grew corn and beans, had dairy and beef cattle and pigs. He worked very hard and loved the work he did on the farm. He enjoyed spending time at Norway Lake, and he and Jane were able to take several trips once they retired from farming in early 1990s. Nuvillo and Jane were able to live on the farm until June of this year. He enjoyed watching the garden grow and the many visits from family each week.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Bjork; four children: Nancy (Jim) Feldman, Ronnie (Connie) Bjork, Dawn Bjork-Pedersen, Darin (Jenny) Bjork, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchil-



dren; five step-grandchildren and one step-great grandchild; besides many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Duane and Arlen Bjork; three sisters, Lois Burnson, Neola Simenson and Evonne Leason; nephews Carol Burnson and Doug Bjork; and a great-granddaughter, Avery Feldman.

## Paul Douglas "Doug" Glesne buried at West Norway Lake

Paul Douglas "Doug" Glesne, age 83 of Sunburg, died on Sunday, July 24, at Carris Health - Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar. Funeral services were held Saturday at Hope Lutheran Church in Sunburg. Burial was at the West Norway Lake Cemetery.

Doug was born on November 13, 1938, in Willmar to Clarence and Thelma (Rime) Glesne. He was baptized and confirmed at the West Norway Lake Lutheran Church. Doug attended country school at District 29 in Norway Lake Township, rural Sunburg. He continued his education at the Brooten High School and graduated from the Morris Ag School in Morris, which is currently the University of Minnesota Morris. He joined the Minnesota National Guard and served eight years. During that time he began farming with his father and his uncle Reuben Glesne, which became his lifelong career.

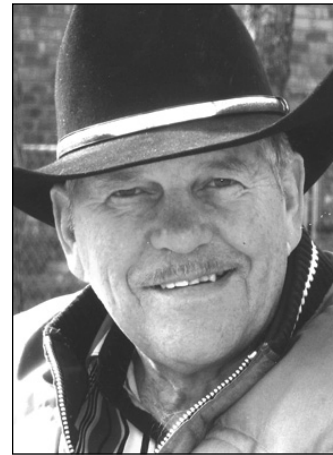
On July 1, 1961, he married LaVonne Kosse. To this union four children were born. They were later divorced. In 2000 Doug met Ardis Knight which started a lifelong companionship. He was an active, life-long member of Hope Lutheran Church where he served on the church council, cemetery board, usher and took part in the annual lutefisk dinner. He was also a member of the New London American Legion, NRA, American Quarter Horse Association, American Coon Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Crow River Riders Saddle Club.

Doug spent many summer Sundays competing in western events at horse shows and rac-

ing horses at the local county fairs. One of his pastimes was raising Chesapeake Bay Retrievers in which he took pride in sending them all over the United States. Another pastime was coon hunting with his sons and grandsons and showing how it was done with his many local friends. Some of his favorite times were the annual corn roasts with family and friends at Glesne Lake.

Doug's real passion was working with cattle and farming alongside his father Clarence and son Kent and grandson Aaren. One of his favorite times was the spring and fall cattle drives, moving the cattle from home to pastures and then pastures to home with the horses, him being in the lead. In later years he enjoyed counting the cows and checking fences on his four-wheeler. He was an avid fur trapper, duck hunter, deer hunter and fisherman. His annual "vacation" was spent at deer camp at Comstock Lake and Spider Lake in Northern Minnesota with family and close friends. He made several trips to Colorado elk hunting and had hopes of going one more time. While he always had a passion for country music and dancing, he found his love for singing while he and Ardy wintered in South Texas. He participated in Karaoke any chance he could and started singing in church. A proud moment for him was being asked to sing at his granddaughter's wedding.

Doug's Norwegian Heritage was very important to him and was evident in his noticeable accent and fluent ability to speak Norwegian. The University of Oslo made a video of him and several



others in the Sunburg area while they were here studying the Norwegian language spoken by the local residents. He was thrilled while visiting Norway to be recognized by the local residents there that had seen the video. Doug took most pride in his family: children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also, his sister, nephew and nieces. He greatly missed his grandson Aaren Glesne.

Doug is survived by his loving companion Ardis Knight; daughter Sheila (Dean) Rasmusson, son Keith, son Kent (special friend Trisha Martinell) and daughter Dawn (Eric) Daniel; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; sister Marilyn Young; one nephew and four nieces, several great-nephews, great-nieces and cousins. He is also survived by Ardis's children, Brian, Kevin (Nancy), Brad (Nicole) and her grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Thelma, Grandson Aaren Alan Glesne and Brother-in-law Dale Young.

# Congratulations!



Kerkhoven's New Town & Country Days Royalty:  
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Princess Ava Muller - right  
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# Gift of the gods

by Alma Contreras Lopez

Mezcal is one of the few drinks in the world where the entire production process is still considered completely handmade. For its elaboration, part of wild or semi-cultivated agaves take between seven and 10 years to harvest.

Beyond being a spirit distillate, mezcal is a noble industry that has curbed migration in Oaxacan municipalities, according to the Oaxacan government.

It is said that entire families have returned from working in the picking of tomatoes and grapes in the United States, to plant the espadín, tobalá and coyote agave on their own land, to later drill their leaves and extract the unique elixir, considered the most world's perfect: mezcal.

In Oaxaca, this drink has been distilled for five generations. Each drop of mezcal represents hard work that includes sowing, cutting, grinding, cooking and double distilling. In addition, according to the Oaxaca Ministry of Economy, 16,000 people depend directly on this activity and 48,000 indirectly.

Previously, this drink was not valued as it is today, but today the drink has acquired an added value since 1994, when Oaxaca obtained the Denomination of Origin Mezcal.

Mezcal is an industry that grows year after year. Due to its quality, it is compared to the best whiskeys in the world. Oaxaca has the largest variety

of agaves and the distillation can be ancestral: in a clay pot, or artisanal in a copper still.

This gourmet and cosmopolitan distillate that is found on the menus of the best restaurants, offered to pair with exotic dishes, has reached the farthest corners of the world thanks to the large amount of mezcal that is exported and that reaches 64 countries, the United States being the main buyer.

Oaxaca is the quintessential producer of this ancient drink, a profitable industry that the Ministry of Economy promotes through various marketing platforms such as the Mezcal Fair and the International Mezcal Forum.

This year, after two years of absence, the mezcal fair was held during the celebrations of the maximum Oaxacan festival, the Guelaguetza, so that locals and foreigners can enjoy this unique distillate, considered a gift from the gods for Oaxaca.

The broadcasts of special programs about the Mezcal Fair, the different agaves, the story behind each bottle, among other topics, can be seen through the Facebook Live platforms at the Mezcal Oaxaca Fair or videos on YouTube.

At the mezcal fair you can try the different presentations and flavors. Best of all, if you go to Oaxaca, you don't have to go during the mezcal fair to taste this gift from the gods. In the public markets there are establishments that will gladly

invite you to try the delicious mezcal.

**Word of the week:** a couple  
Spanish: un par  
Pronunciation: oon pah-r

*C o m - m e n t s or story ideas? Alma Contreras can be reached at [almagbym@hotmail.com](mailto:almagbym@hotmail.com)*



Alma Contreras Lopez

# Regalo de los dioses

por Alma Contreras Lopez

El mezcal es una de las pocas bebidas en el mundo donde todo el proceso de elaboración aún se considera totalmente artesanal. Para su elaboración se parte de agaves silvestres o semi-cultivados que tardan entre 7 a 10 años para su cosecha

Más allá de ser un destilado espirituoso, el mezcal es una noble industria que ha frenado

la migración en los municipios oaxaqueños, según el gobierno Oaxaqueño.

Se dice que familias enteras han retornado de trabajar en la pizca de tomate y uva en Estados Unidos, para sembrar en sus propias tierras el agave espadín, tobalá y el coyote, para luego perforar sus pencas y extraer el elixir único, considerado el alcohol más perfecto del mundo: el mezcal.

En Oaxaca, esta bebida se destila desde cinco generaciones atrás. Cada gota de mezcal representa un arduo trabajo que incluye siembra, corta, molienda, cocción y doble destilado; además, de acuerdo con la Secretaría de Economía de Oaxaca, de esta actividad dependen 16 mil personas de manera directa y 48 mil de manera indirecta.

Anteriormente, esta bebida no se valoraba como ocurre en la actualidad, pero hoy en día la bebida ha adquirido un valor agregado desde 1994, cuando Oaxaca obtuvo la Denominación de Origen Mezcal.

El mezcal es una industria que crece año con año. Por su calidad, se compara con los mejores whiskeys del mundo. Oaxaca cuenta con la mayor variedad de agaves y la destilación puede ser ancestral: en olla de barro, o artesanal: en alambique de cobre.

Este destilado gourmet y cosmopolita que se encuentra en las cartas de los mejores restaurantes, ofrecido para maridar platillos exóticos, ha llegado a los rincones más lejanos del mundo gracias a la

elevada cantidad de mezcal que se exporta y que llega a 64 países, siendo Estados Unidos el principal comprador.

Oaxaca es el productor por excelencia de esta bebida milenaria, una industria rentable que la Secretaría de Economía promueve a través de diversas plataformas de comercialización como la Feria del Mezcal y el Foro Internacional del Mezcal.

Este año, después de dos años de ausencia, la feria del mezcal se llevó a cabo durante los festejos de la máxima fiesta Oaxaqueña, la Guelaguetza, para que los propios y extranjeros disfruten de este destilado único, considerado un regalo de los dioses para Oaxaca.

Las transmisiones de programas especiales sobre la Feria del Mezcal, los distintos agaves, la historia que hay detrás de cada botella, entre otros temas pueden verse a través de las plataformas de Facebook Live en Feria Mezcal Oaxaca o videos en YouTube.

En la feria del mezcal se pueden probar las diferentes presentaciones y sabores. Lo mejor de todo es que si usted va a Oaxaca, no es necesario que valla durante la feria del mezcal para que deguste de este regalo de los dioses. Pues en los mercados hay establecimientos que con mucho gusto le invitaran a probar el delicioso mezcal.

**Palabra de la semana:** un par/una pareja  
Inglés: a couple  
Pronunciación: a-cápol



## 25 years ago... August 1997



Desiree Jorgenson

### KMS high school music student chosen for MMEA All-State Music Group

Desiree Jorgenson has been selected for membership in Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Women's Choir for the 1997/1998

school year. Her director at KMS High School is Sally Peterson.

Jorgenson was one of 534 students selected from over 2500 who auditioned this spring for a position in one of the six MMEA All-State organizations. The choir students are attending a summer camp August 4-9 being held at Winona State University. The students participating will have the opportunity to work with some of the finest conductors and music educators in the country as well as meeting outstanding music students from all across the state of Minnesota. In addition, the students will gather in February in Minneapolis where they will be a part of a major performing group at Orchestra Hall during the Minnesota Music Educators Association Clinic.

The All-State program is

an on going activity of the MMEA which works to promote music education through the state at all educational levels.

## 50 years ago... August 1972

**Kerk Babe Ruthers win tourney**  
KERKHOVEN'S Babe Ruth baseball team won a six team tourney at New London Monday.

The local nine downed Brooten 1-0; Belgrade 7-4; and Murdock 12-6.

Playing for Kerk were Ted Almen, John Hauge, Randy Johnson, Mike Swanson, Dan Johnson, Don Broberg, Paul Brenner, Wes Jensen and Rod Tornquist.

Mike Swanson was the winning pitcher against Belgrade and Murdock and Randy Johnson won against Brooten, who was a heavy favorite to take the tourney.

Other teams competing were Atwater and Raymond.

Coach Barney Lilly reminds players and parents that all uniforms and equipment must be washed and returned to his house as soon as possible. Lilly expressed his thanks to all boys who participated, their parents and to the village who provided the funds and made the summer baseball program a success.

### Storm cuts power; electrocutes birds

ABOUT 1 1/2 inches more of rain fell here during the night Sunday during an elec-



**Honored riders**  
These three Kerkhoven trailriders were honored at the Ortonville ride this past weekend. Bubs Marquardt, left, was the oldest rider in camp while Cur-

tis and Charlotte Johnson were the oldest couple.  
--photo courtesy of The Ortonville Independent

trical storm.

Lightning blew a fuse in Otter Tail Power company's transformer here and power was out at 4 a.m. for about 25 minutes.

Hundreds of dead sparrows literally covered highway 12 near Kerkhoven Farmers Elevator. Apparently they were

electrocuted by lightning.

## 75 years ago... August 1947

**MILTON GULSVIG WEDDING SET**  
Invitations have been received to the wedding of Miss

Arline Willa Jean Liebelt to Milton G. Gulsvig which will take place at eight o'clock Sunday evening August 3, at the First Lutheran church in Harvey N. D. The Rev. Stuart Gulsvig will officiate at his brother's wedding.

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## COWGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Grand Prize winner of the Cow Pie Bingo on Saturday, July 30th: Sue Timmons - \$1,000!! The udder \$100 winners were: Kris Wagner, Pat & Mike Botzek, Terri Barrett, Pete Johnson, Tiffany Collins, Cherrie Stielow, Eldon Hauge and Melanie Wirth. Thank you to the community for your participation and support of Kerkhoven Lutheran Church!

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**Board of Education**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, August 8, 2022**  
**7:30 PM**  
**KMS High School**  
**302 North 15th Street**  
**Kerkhoven, MN 56252**

### AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve meeting agenda
3. Public comment
4. Approve minutes
5. Approve bills and electronic funds payments
6. Project Oversight Committee report
7. Strategic School Planning report
8. Update: MN Student Data Privacy Law 2022
9. Personnel: transfers, appointments and resignations
10. Policy revisions
11. Summer 2022 Buildings and Grounds project updates
12. MSBA Summer Seminar
13. Superintendent's report
14. Other reports
15. Adjourn

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*Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333*

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### NOTICE OF PILLSBURY TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Electors of Pillsbury Township: Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held at the Kerkhoven Civic Center, 208 N. 10th St., on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at which time the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

Federal Office: U. S. Representative District 7

State Offices: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and Attorney General

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Swift County Highway Department will be holding a Public Hearing regarding their proposed Five-Year County Road System Improvement Program. The Hearing will be held during the regular County Board Meeting, located at the County Courthouse - 301 14th St N, Benson, MN - on August 16th 2022 @ 9:30 am.

### Section 00 1113 Advertisement for Bids

**Chippewa & Swift Joint County Ditch No. 9**

**Bid Package #4**

**Chippewa & Swift Joint County Drainage Authority**

**Kragero & Big Bend Townships, Minnesota**

**ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 15-18675**

#### 1. General Notice

Chippewa & Swift Joint County Drainage Authority (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

ISG (the Engineer) Project No. **15-18675**

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by ISG (the Engineer) electronically through QuestCDN until August 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM local time. At that time the Bids received will be posted publicly online.

The project includes the following major categories of Work:

1. Open ditch cleaning with spoil removal through wetland/cattail marsh areas.
2. The installation and removal of construction mats used for access.
3. Hauling of spoil out of wetland areas and leveling in offsite upland areas.

#### 2. Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:

Quest Construction Data Network (QuestCDN)

www.questcdn.com

The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 8264022. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Bidding Documents may only be purchased for download online at the designated website for a fee of \$15.00.

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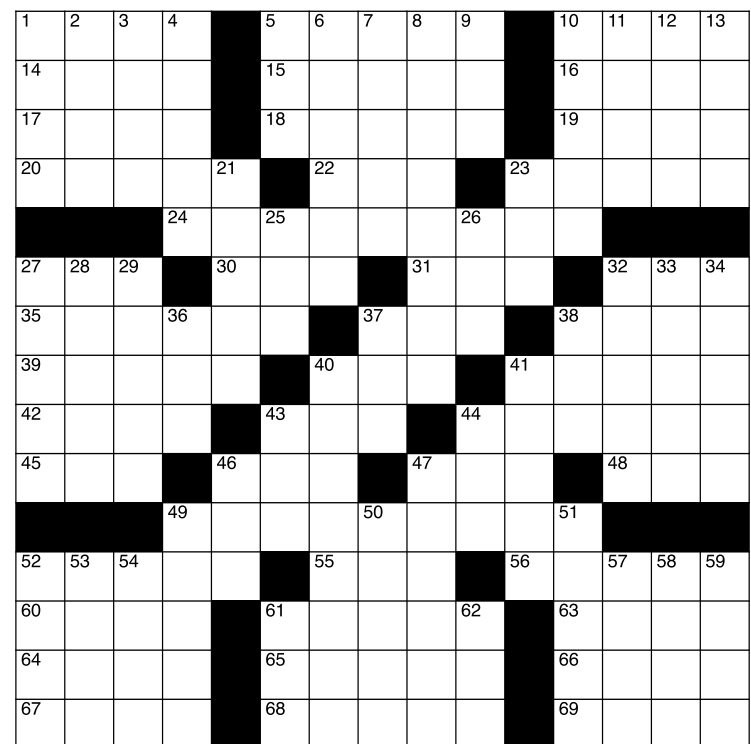
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James and Chris Schroeffer pose alongside some of the organically-raised steer they produce on Sandy Plains Farm in rural Belgrade. - Photo by Brett Blocker, Lakes Area Review



# FARM NEWS & VIEWS

from Extension Agents and others in Agriculture

## MDA partnerships assist transitioning farmers: Support available for beginning, exiting farmers

Farmers in Minnesota looking to enter or exit farming have two new resources available, through a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Minnesota Dairy Initiative (MDI).

Both can work with farmers to put together "kitchen table" on-farm teams to help farmers navigate their way through farm transition and succession planning.

Areas such as property law, property transfer, establishment and dissolution of partnerships, leases and other contracts, accounting, lending,

psychological or spiritual support, and other types of support are available.

The MFBF team can work with all Minnesota farmers, regardless of membership status with the Farm Bureau. Contact Paul Lanoue at 651-768-2100 or paul.lanoue@fbmn.org for more information.

Minnesota dairy farmers can work with the MDI. Contact Emily Mollenhauer (651) 764-0309 or emmollenhauer@gmail.com for more information.

This service is available on a first-come, first-served basis until funding for the fiscal year runs out. Assistance is provided until farmers are comfortable continuing on their own.

Minnesota farmers can also use the MDA's FarmLink program at any time to connect farmers looking to exit farming with prospective buyers or renters looking to enter farming, and experienced farmers with beginning farmers.

## Belgrade's organic farmers 'stick to their roots'

by Brett Blocker

Amid an increasingly centralized agricultural marketplace, one local organic farm remains a holdout, challenging short-term profits for long-term sustainability.

For the non-farmer, Tuesday's storms spoke of rolled-up windows and cancelled plans. For the Schroeffer brothers: a sense of relief.

"Right now, mother nature's thrown us a drought," says James, gesturing toward a flowing aerator while weaving through a herd of cattle. In a typical season the farm, by this time, would be using a rotational grazing system, with the surrounding pasture split into separate paddocks in which the cattle can be herded. "This year, we've had to break our regular schedule because of little rain - there's not enough growth right now, so we're supplement-feeding them," he says. "But we're watering a cover crop where the cattle can graze in about 40 days, when it's established enough."

"Nothing does the best all the time, so we do a bit of everything. For us, it's about trying to have something green living on the land year-round, and utilize it to its full advantage." The goal, he says, is to add a diverse range of cover crops as a means of increasing soil and animal health. It's just one of the many ways this local farm is utilizing natural methods in the production of beef and crops.

Located in rural Belgrade, Sandy Plains Farm is a partnership between James and Chris Schroeffer and Richard Mueller. Together, they raise about 100 calves a year (finishing out with about 100 steer per year), with roughly 500 acres of crop ground and 350-450 acres of pasture, depending on the season.

While the farm produces a variety of organically-raised crops from annual forages to edible grains, its primary focus over the last seven years has been organic beef.

Along with natural forage and cover crops, Sandy Plains takes extensive care to reduce negative impacts to the environment, as well as to the health of humans and animals alike. For its efforts, the farm earned distinction as Kandiyohi County Soil and Water Conservation District's "Outstanding Conservationist of

the Year" in 2020.

In its citation, the district pointed to the farm's use of effective and responsible nutrient and water management, which includes regular plant tissue testing to determine the individual needs of each crop, and ensuring efficiency of fertilizer and water use.

Regular rotation of cattle among different paddocks helps ensure maximum forage growth and less weed pressure, resulting in a reduced need for artificial weed control, the district adds.

Additional conservation efforts include natural field windbreaks and buffer strips, protecting soil from erosion and improving the water quality of the Crow River.

Further, the farm's environmental work extends past the property itself. Recently, Sandy Plains partnered with federal and state wildlife agencies and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to install and maintain wildlife food plots on public lands, which benefits domestic cattle and wild animals alike. This partnership includes using the farm's cattle to periodically graze in grassland habitats as a means of weed control.

Simply put, when a portion of state or federal wildlife habitat becomes overgrown by an invasive species, such as brome grass, these non-native varieties choke out natural vegetation. As an alternative to chemical herbicides, the DNR calls on Sandy Hills to haul its cattle to the site, setting up a paddock to graze at specific times in designated areas.

The Regal Meadows preserve is one such area, located just one mile north of the farm. There, Sandy Hills has set up a food plot, and is working with the local DNR office to set up a grazing plan to reduce invasive plants.

Natural grazing also helps maintain the farm's status as an organically-certified operation.

Unlike conventional farming methods, Sandy Hills does not use any synthetic feeds, or any antibiotics. If an animal becomes sick and requires conventional treatment, they are pulled from the organic production line and sold into the conventional market.

Hormones also are off the table. "Everything that goes into the animal has to be certified as well. And we have

to meet pasture requirements, meaning that cattle are out on the pasture grazing," James said. (Though there are some exceptions for weather and drought-related circumstances.)

Asked what prompted their decision to operate on an organic model, the Schroeffer stand by the adages "90% of the cure is prevention," and "you are what you eat," alluding to not only ecological and environmental health, but the physical and mental well-being of society as a whole.

They also aim to avoid repeating the errors of the pioneer movement, in which early European settlers in Minnesota over-farmed and degraded once fertile soils before moving west.

"The current monoculture system is a ticking time bomb," James said. "We have resistant weed issues, resistant pest issues, and we're not finding these new 'magical bullets,' similar to the medical industry, where we're starting to see bacteria that's antibiotic-resistant - 'superbugs' - and we don't have an answer to them."

However, going organic has not been easy.

On the crop side, James said, "It's very easy to be tempted to grow specific crops versus having a diverse rotation, just due to the market value of different crops. And we're starting to see organic producers [raising] corn multiple years in a row. I understand the economic incentive of that, but the flipside of it is if you're doing that as an organic producer, you're setting yourself up for failure by needing to rely on those conventional tools (like artificial chemicals) down the road to get control of your products."

And while it would be easier to farm with conventional methods in the short term, the Schroeffer are adamant that the benefits of natural, organic production to producers and consumers alike are a sustainable, long-term solution to the ultimate costs of immediate profit gains through some methods used in conventional production models.

Organic or not, small town farms are becoming steadily replaced by larger corporations. And with them, larger farm cooperatives. This shift leaves the Schroeffer concerned about the future of the industry.

"We're noticing on the livestock side in particular, (vertical integration) removes that connection that 20 years ago the organic producer had with their consumers," James said. "They were very much in tune with each other, what products the consumer wanted was fed back to the growers. Now, you have these big corporations where it's not as much about satisfying the customer - it's about generating a cheaper product and a bigger profit."

In cutting costs and boosting profits, he adds, "a lot of that meat is being imported from overseas," and/or marketed as grass-fed, while being housed in confined feedlots with feed containing byproducts. "So it's not what the consumer imagines as grass-fed cattle out grazing on the pastures and actually feeding."

This transition to larger and fewer producers and farming cooperatives, results in limited options for consumers, and a monopolization of the marketplace, James said.

And while a centralized agricultural system is able to produce higher quantities at lower costs, the Schroeffer criticize this model as inherently unstable, pointing to the ongoing auto industry chip shortage, and the shut down of domestic meat packing plants throughout the COVID pandemic as examples.

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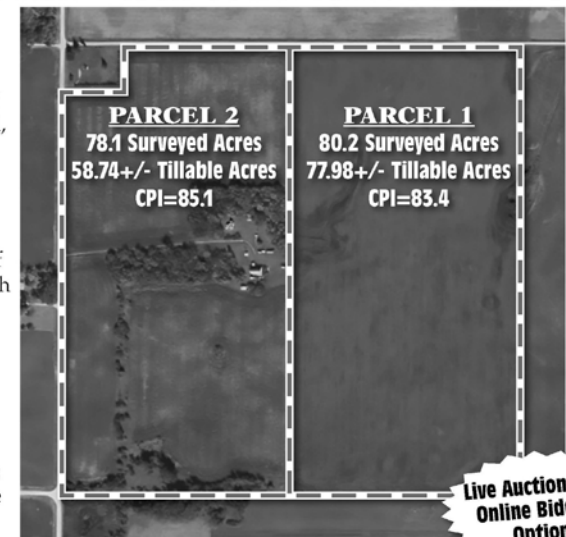
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Rolling hills and bird-planted cedars feature the idyllic countryside which Mark Haugejorde envisions as a Minnesota destination golf course. His dream is

not universally held; some in Lake Andrew Township, including one of the land's owners, are trying to stop the development.

## Tangled golf course web

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golf, he said, and he sees the 187 acres of CRP land with its varied topography as a canvas for economic growth, possibly generating as high as \$5 million a year -- with a lot of great golf being played in the meantime.

The hills make such a perfect bed, little dirt would need to be moved, Haugejorde has iterated.

Now a distinct cohort of locals have come to the fore in a generalized chorus of dissent, and have become detractors who pass petitions -- several have gone around. For some, their realization is a revelation... many others have lamented the proposal since its inception.

Most of those 35 who flooded the Lake Andrew Township Hall -- some immediate neighbors -- support the plaintiffs in the civil case and express fears about the millions of gallons of water an 18-hole course would pump from the local aquifer.

"I think you when you speak to individuals within the Lake Andrew Township there are different types of objections, mainly environmental. They have expressed they do not see a benefit to the activity," said Bonnie Watson, Lake Andrew Township Clerk.

"I would describe the atmosphere of the meeting Tuesday as tense," she continued.

The traffic of beverage carts would crimp some of the best wildlife habitat around, in the telling of those opposed, and fertilizer runoff will mar nearby tributaries with grave downstream impacts, and could endanger surrounding lakes. Such statements, as of now, are untested. They imagine a noxious, lighted clubhouse in the night.

Tuesday's meeting at Lake Andrew town hall was emblematic of a white-hot ordeal that involves inner-family litigation and, as the 35 filtered into the building, evidence of the discontent that simmers in northern Kandiyohi County.

Alicia Glimsdahl hoped the concerns she and her neighbors have would be considered, but as the Tuesday address hit its 15 minute mark, none were. Glimsdahl lives a quarter of a mile from where stakes would be planted for Tepetonka Club. Her three children ride their bikes along the gravel road connected to land that still yields an annual harvest of hay for livestock farmers in the area.

She has researched potential tax cuts Tepetonka Club LLC would be eligible for and said, "It's disheartening to think we might have to make up a tax deficit for a millionaire's sandbox," alluding to the six figure membership fees associated with the club that has been called 'exclusive but not exclusionary.'

"It was a sales pitch. And he's a pretty good salesman, but I think he left the meeting in a hurry because he realized there isn't any public support here," said a separate individual who owns adjacent property, who wished to remain nameless.

An air of confidence has

held the public appearances of Tepetonka Club LLC. They did not field questions Tuesday. But audio recording -- and a detail corroborated by at least 10 witnesses -- catches a bold statement: Tepetonka Club and their representatives will own the land.

Tepetonka Club have every right to open up a golf club wherever they wish, so long as they do so fairly. But some are of the opinion they are being treated unfairly, that their voices have not been heard.

Haugejorde was contacted for this article, but elected not to comment. Haugejorde and the Tepetonka Club maintain they have handled matters with the utmost fairness.

A binding purchasing agreement has been established, even if they have not yet closed on Cedar Hills, the land in contention.

The lay of the land has a postcard grandeur about it. That, all parties involved agree on, even if it's all they agree on.

### A Tangled Legal Case

In a years-long search, Haugejorde toured Land of 10,000 Lakes and its neighbors. He wished to discover land that would inspire. He found it five miles from his childhood home. One of the land's owners, Sherrie Ulman agreed to sell the 187 acres to him. The two were contemporaries at New London-Spicer high school.

Since then stakes, fluttering pink ribbons attached, have been pounded into the rich black dirt amongst the gopher holes and steepness of the hills on which wind-ragged cedar trees stand several feet tall, giving the place the name Cedar Hills.

The civil case went kinetic in late April when Dean Thorson, 56, sued older sister, Sherrie Ulman, 67, and older brother, Dan Thorson, 61, after he heard word of the sale.

But May 6, District Judge Stephen Wentzell dismissed counts asserting farm bylaws were violated and awarding a partial summary judgement to the defendants -- Dan Thorson and Sherrie Ulman -- and that the bylaws did not apply to Cedar Hills Century Farm.

This is crucial because family farm corporations are bound to a two-thirds sale system: in such circumstances, all the rightful owners of a property -- in this case the three siblings -- would have to espouse a purchasing agreement for it to be viable. But the May ruling dealt a fatal blow to that angle of legal defense.

The trial was extended May 6. The next, and most recent phase of the trial, is Thorson's claim that his sister failed in her fiduciary responsibility in the described purchase -- what amounts to his amending the initial complaint regarding bylaws. Judge Wentzell has deemed this allegation actionable. So there will be another hearing.

The purchase agreement was for \$1.2 million between the two elder Thorson children and Tepetonka Club LLC, a figure allegedly not in sync with the current land

valuations with the per-acre cost coming to over \$6000.

Of course, Dean Thorson and his wife Laurie were not included in the huddle of brokering. Tepetonka Club LLC did not approach him, nor were they brought into negotiations by Dan or Sherrie, Dean said.

Sherrie Ulman and Dan Thorson did not have the 187 acres assessed before the sale, as the civil suit in the alleges: "committed corporate waste by agreeing to sell the Kandiyohi County agricultural property at significant discount and without having the property appraised. Further negligence in not including Dean Thorson is at issue as well, stated the most recent order.

The trial moves on, and potential for compromise appears elusive.

### Planning

OMC Golf Course Design, the Australian company tasked with designing Tepetonka Club, is renowned for their breathtaking courses.

Other projects in this line of destination, such as Sand Hills, was built in Mullen, Nebraska, five hours from a major city. Now it is rated by Golfweek as the best American course constructed since 1960. New London is less than two hours from Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Haugejorde and the extensive contacts he has grown throughout a career allowed him to bring OMC Golf on board, whose architects are most suited for this project, he believes.

A tentative timeline for Tepetonka Club was noted by Haugejorde at a New London Chamber of Commerce meeting on May 26. Much of the construction will take place in 2023, if the Tepetonka Club acquires the land, in a scenario that will be decided by the legal system.

"We're going to move almost no dirt," said Haugejorde, according to an article in the Lakes Area Review. "We'll do some burning around the perimeter of the golf course and build the greens, but all of those hills will have been left uncut."

The name Tepetonka Club hearkens to a successful Green Lake resort, one operational for 40 years after its 1895 construction.

"People from other states came to Hotel Tepetonka for the fishing and the clear water. The only difference here is that they will be coming to play golf," Haugejorde said at the New London chamber meeting.

### Walk through Cedar Hills

Dean Thorson cannot explain why his brother and sister elected to sell. His son, daughter-in-law and grand-

children have lived in the original farmhouse now for five and a half years.

He said the bylaws were mishandled by an attorney who drafted the contract in 1999.

He and his wife Laurie say -- in remarks difficult to dispute -- their portion of the property has been sold without their consent.

What also stands out is they live three miles on and are the ones who have maintained the farm site, and most happily, they added, since 1987 when re-seeding took place as the land went from crop production to CRP, reviving native prairie habitat. The five who live in the farmhouse on Cedar Hills would be facing a forced exit if the purchasing agreement is approved in court.

"We don't dare tell my father about this," Dean Thorson said. "Because it would kill him."

"We're against the sale of our family land. It doesn't matter if it's for a golf course or not, although we would be opposed to a golf course coming here even if it wasn't our property," Laurie Thorson said. "The retention of the land is more important to us than whatever money."

Here heated hunting quarters look out on the sweep of the land, below a feckless prairie sky. The deer stand was built in 2008 when their son returned from military service in Iraq. The rich black soil brings swarms of flies in damp periods. Fawns run rife in spring.

Dean Thorson recalled what sections of the land, walled by three-strand barbed wire, were dedicated to pastures. If the property has to be sold, Dean and his wife would rather see it returned to crop production.

Those pushing Tepetonka have permission to be on the property insofar as they have a permit. They come every so often, driving new stakes into the ground, bewildering to the Thorsons who find them when its time to bale hay.

No bad blood or animosity has, at least before this, has ever swept through the family, they say. Ulman and Dan Thorson had periodically visited from their respective homes, Dean said, always enjoying it, whether for the premier hunting it offers or just the mere relaxation that comes so easily there. Deepening what is an odd tale, financial need doesn't seem to be, to Dean, the pressing motive of his siblings' desire to sell.

"They have told everyone that the Thorson family embraces the golf course," Laurie Thorson said. "Well, we're here -- we actually live here -- and we don't. We're not interested in selling."

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# Fighting Saints announce season-ending awards

by Wally Loven

The Fighting Saints gathered this past week for the purpose of wrapping up a baseball season in which they won another Camden Conference title after posting a perfect 11-0 mark and went on to finish the season as the Section 6A runners-up with a 21-3 season mark. The Saints went into the play-offs with just a 3-2 loss to highly ranked (AA) Paynesville before sweeping their way to the 6A finals. There they ran into a virtual buzzsaw in New York Mills who ended their state tournament hopes with a pair of season ending losses.

There were five seniors on the Saints' roster this season... two of them were largely responsible for leading the Saints to another successful season. While Adam Froehlich, Tanner Ronholdt and Melvin Vickstrom were used sparingly, Alex Call and Wylee Lottman, the team captains, were generally somewhere in the middle of all of the action. When Lottman wasn't behind the plate catching, he was on the mound posting a 5-1 won/loss mark with 46 strikeouts to 17 walks over 34 innings. At the plate, the senior was 27 for 89 including eight doubles and a home run, a .409 batting average, with a .551 on-base percentage and a 1.232 OPS. He scored 36 runs, had 18 RBIs and stole nine bases. His efforts resulted in several post season accolades including Camden All-Conference and second team West Central Tribune All-Area.

Call, a lanky southpaw, was 'lights out' on the mound, posting a 0.00 earned run average in his final prep season... his mound numbers are staggering. He pitched 47-1/3 innings, won eight games without a loss with one save. Call struck out 119 batters... of the 142 outs for which he was on the mound, just 23 of them were not Ks in the scorebook! He walked just nine batters. Call allowed a measly eight

hits all season (a .053 opponent batting average) with a WHIP (walks/hits per innings pitched) of .359. He finished his KMS career with a 24-2 record with 314 strikeouts and a 0.55 ERA.

When not on the mound, Call patrolled center field and finished the season with a .397 batting average (25 hits in 63 at-bats), a .494 on-base percentage and a 1.066 OPS. He drove in 19 runs with seven doubles, a triple and a home run and also scored 16 runs. He was largely responsible for KMS' 21-3 record this past season. Past honors include three Camden Conference 'MVP's and as many WC Tribune All-Area selections, besides All-Section and All-State.

The two seniors will be hard to replace. Here are some career stats for both:

•Call: Batting Avg: .381, RBI: 63, R: 60, SB: 27... Pitching: IP: 152, W-L: 24-2, SO: 314, ERA: .553

•Lottman: Batting Avg: .370, RBIs 36, R: 74, SB: 19... Pitching: IP: 73.2, W-L: 13-2, SO: 96, ERA: 2.092.

The Saints also had big seasons from several underclassmen. Led by sophomore Jared Cortez, juniors starters included Jaiden Henjum, Chase Maggaard and Isaac Rudningen, along with Tanner Wilts, often a starter. Jacob Walsh and Travis Engelke also played a big part in the team's success. Three more sophomores also found themselves in a full or part-time starting role, they include Luke Jeseritz, Hunter Kallstrom and Evan Zimmer.

Cortez led the team in hitting at .440 with a .517 on-base percentage and a 1.171 OPS. He drove in 26 runs and scored another 23. On the mound as a reliever, Cortez tossed 19 innings, tallying 20 strikeouts and one save with a 2.95 ERA.

A dependable defender, Rudningen filled all three outfield positions at times, hit .338 as the lead-off batter.



**Alex Call**  
All-State/All Star Game, Camden All-Conference (MVP), WC Tribune All Area, Cy Young Award, Captain

Henjum had a strong season at third base or shortstop, and did a good job as the Saints' third starting pitcher. Jeseritz stepped up and filled a need as a solid second baseman and collected several big hits later in the season, while the speedy Kallstrom showed that he had some pop in his bat as seven of his 11 hits went for extra bases including four doubles, a triple and two home runs. Zimmer started and shared time at first base with Walsh, while Maggaard proved to be an excellent bunter and a solid defender wherever he was used. This will be the returning nucleus when the next season rolls around.

Following are the team awards:

- Stat girls: Hayley Demuth, Bella Quisberg (both seniors)
- Captains: Wylee Lottman, Alex Call
- Cy Young Award: Call
- Silver Slugger Award: Jared Cortez
- Gold Glove Award: Lottman
- Most Improved Award: Jaiden Henjum
- Hardest Worker Award: Chase Maggaard

- Rookie of the Year Award: Luke Jeseritz
- Camden All-Conference: Call (MVP), Lottman, Cortez, Rudningen.
- Camden Conference - Honorable Mention: Henjum
- WC Tribune All Area: Call (1st team), Lottman (1st team), Cortez (2nd team)
- All-State/All Star Game: Call

Here is the 2022 KMS complete varsity and JV roster :

•Seniors: Alex Call, Wylee Lottman, Tanner Ronholdt, Melvin Vikstrom, Adam Froelich

•Juniors: Isaac Rudningen, Jaiden Henjum, Chase Maggaard, Jacob Walsh, Tanner Wilts, Travis Engelke

•Sophomores: Jared Cortez, Hunter Kallstrom, Beau Quisberg, Luke Jeseritz, Connor Auge, Ethan Moat, Landen Bratsch, Evan Zimmer, Logan Duke, Aiden Klaphake

•Freshmen: Logan Rudningen, Jett Olson, Aaron Jones, Matthew Gareis, Connor Wilts, Clayton Olson, Daniel Overcash, Luke Carlson, Logan Johnson.



**Wylee Lottman**  
Camden All-Conference, WC Tribune All Area, Gold Glove Award, Captain



**Jared Cortez**  
Camden All-Conference, WC Tribune All Area (2nd team), Silver Slugger Award



**Isaac Rudningen**  
Camden All-Conference



**Jaiden Henjum**  
Camden All-Conference Honorable Mention, Most Improved



**Chase Maggaard**  
Hardest Worker



**Luke Jeseritz**  
Rookie of the Year

# Monson Lake Opry Festival

(Continued from page 1)

The site of the venue is a bucolic one, but the names lining the promotional poster more than a month ahead of the show know their way around Nashville--the Gene Watson of "Fourteen Carat Mind," and the Columbia-signed Wade Hayes of "The Day That She Left Tulsa in a Chevy," two perennial of the outlaw milieu whose careers have pulsed on for several decades and seem caught in an endless dawn.

Brad Danielson of Sunburg has again satisfied the riders. The word is slang in the music business for an individual artist's venue requirements, important in booking big names.

And quality PA systems and the promise of sound men, nevermind adequate security, are what were required to book singers to come miles from the nearest grocery store, otherwise home to a neo-traditionalist movement in fiddle playing inspired by the Sunburg Arts Initiative.

An opry house may be defined as an establishment that puts on live honkey tonk. The descriptor is most recognized in relation to the Grand Ole Opry, the highest stage in the country genre. Yet, in name and in spirit, very few venues stimulate the imagination of those who favor the country-western genre like the Monson Lake Opry venue.

The scope of the architectural considerations that go into the barn's theatrical utility, the lowering and raising of the stage, comes not from Nashville but a corn festival in Regal that Danielson attended as a child, where the musicians fiddled from a loft.

Broad consensus declares country-western is the preferred genre of southwest Minnesota.

"We're hoping Covid won't be an issue this year," said host and organizer of the festival Brad Danielson, a deft musician in his own right.

"Last year, Confederate Railroad was supposed to play but they canceled on us four days before the event."

Scrambling to replace Monson Lake Opry's Grammy-nominated headliners in 2021, Danielson rang Paulette Carlson, a singer known for the No. 1 hit singles she made with Highway 101, who filled the slot performing with Montana Rising, her backing band for tour, and ignited the crowds.

Carlson is a potent example of one rural Minnesotan, originally from Moose Lake, who forged a distinct path on the national country music scene.

One is safe in saying you will not find better live music in the surrounding hills, made possible via a conflagration of Danielson's love for the genre. His booking experience and prowess in promotion are in evidence for the second inaugural.

"I've always loved country music, and I love to support country music. Now, with the Monson Lake Opry Fest, I bring the music to me. And for my own band, I've always liked promoting. I'm a bit of a free spirit that way," Danielson said.

He has assembled a lineup

that brings at least a trio of artists with gold-certified records to the Sunburg hills.

Saturday, September 10th, catch Gene Watson, Wade Hayes, Ricochet, and more at Monson Lake Opry.

More on them below. Typical for Monson Lake Opry, local artists are featured as equally salient supporting acts.

### Ricochet

A band founded by brothers in Oklahoma in 1993, Ricochet is a country group that signed to Columbia Records in 1995.

A self-titled debut album, Ricochet's major-label debut produced three Top Ten hits on Hot Country Singles and Tracks, on an album that became certified gold in the United States.

Hits from the album include "Daddy's Money," and "Sweet Tea."

Like many bands who have been active for 20 years, their lineup has altered a great deal since their start.

### Gene Watson

Watson has been a fixture in country music for decades, beginning as a regional hit with his mid-tempo ballads around Texas.

He broke onto the national scene with hits like, "Paper Rosie," and "Should I Go Home (or Should I Go Crazy)." Another signature song, "Farewell Party," was recorded at this juncture.

He toured with George Jones for years.

Watson will be on at 5 p.m., catering to an older crowd who grew up on the distinctive singer.

"A lot of people are excited to see Gene Watson. The first song I ever learned to play on a guitar was a Gene Watson song," Danielson said.

### Wade Hayes

Many were also raised on the music of Wade Hayes, a Bethel Acres, Oklahoma native.

A number of his 90s albums--On a Good Night and When the Wrong One Loves You Right--have yielded hit singles.

Hayes has recovered from being diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. Operations on tumors were successful in March of 2012.

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