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West Concord Welcomes New Interim City Administrator

Shirley Slater-Schulte has started as the new West Concord City Administrator. Shirley grew up on a farm in Hutchinson, Minnesota and currently lives in Dayton, Minnesota. She has worked in government for forty years, twenty-nine years as the Dayton city administrator and then eleven years as clerk for the city of Albert Lea.



Shirley Slater-Schulte

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We've Got Hogfest!

By Megan Ziegler

I recently had the privilege to attend a 150th anniversary of a fellow small town in southern Minnesota. Part of the festivities included an all-class reunion where former cheerleaders led the staple cheer of, "We've got spirit, yes we do! We've got spirit, how about you?" Each of the generations of graduating classmates responded in kind, vying for the bragging rights of being the loudest respondent.



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West Concord Woman Plans Yard Sale to Benefit Alzheimer's Fight

You may have seen Norma riding around town on her three-wheel bike with the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" flags. She has decided to celebrate Survival Days this year with her fight to survive Alzheimer's and be the first one to beat the disease.

Alzheimer's Dementia affects one in nine people over the age of 65, with 2/3 of them women. Currently 6.2 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's Dementia.

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New Flag Display at Centennial Park



There is a new flag display at Centennial Park in West Concord. The West Concord American Legion Auxiliary was bequeathed an endowment upon the passing of Ethel Quimby in 2017. Her intent was something to commemorate her family who had served. After much thought and idea sharing, it was decided to do an armed forces flag display at Centennial Park. These armed services flags representing the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force were installed on June 28, with a formal dedication to follow at a later date.



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The Strength to Fly



Rev. Karen R. Larson
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A friend of mine, with her children, fosters monarch butterflies, taking them away from the extremes of heat and storm so more of them will survive to restore the population. The family goes on a milkweed hunt to find the eggs, maintains safe living conditions for hatching, and then keeps the voracious little caterpillars supplied with milkweed leaves. The whole family likes to watch them grow.

And then there is the waiting. The pupa is the quiet stage, 10 to 15 days of hanging upside down as something magical happens inside—caterpillar dissolving into goo that is rebuilt into butterfly.

Finally, the greatest thrill of all is watching the butterfly emerge from its chrysalis. It pushes its way out of its neat little package, all crushed and crumpled, and then pumps fluid from its abdomen into its wings. When the wings are full and dry, the butterfly can safely fly away.

The first time my friend and her children watched a monarch butterfly emerge, they saw it struggle and strain to break the chrysalis open and force its way out. They held their breath. They weren't sure if it would succeed or not. It was a huge relief when the butterfly survived and was able to fly.

When the second butterfly appeared close to emergence, they decided to help it avoid this nasty struggle. They cut a tiny slit in its chrysalis to give it a head start, to make it easier to emerge.

But the second butterfly died.

It turns out that the butterfly needs to struggle with its chrysalis in order to force the fluid out of its abdomen. The struggle is an important part of the process.

I wonder if this applies to people, too.

Someone my husband and I love very much is having a hard time right now. Life is not working out intended. Being a young adult comes with all sorts of responsibilities, chores, finances and work. (And who knew you couldn't put dish soap in the dishwasher?) Also, the boyfriend is a disappointment, and a little scary sometimes, and he might have to go.

We are tempted to step in and fix everything for her, to tell her what to do. Or at least to cut a little slit in her chrysalis so it won't be so hard to emerge into adulthood. But maybe this is the struggle she needs to build her strength, competence and

resilience. We are watching, holding our breath.

In the book of James, we read, "My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4). Now, "nothing but joy" may be overly optimistic. But this teaching does help us remember that struggle, exertion, and a way-not-smooth may all be necessary parts of the process of growth and transformation.

Have you found this to be true in your life? Have the trials and tests you faced produced endurance, and helped you fly? I pray you felt—and feel—the presence of the Spirit through the hardest times.

FAITH IN ACTION NEEDS YOU!

Covid 19 has been hard on most individuals. It has closed down many of the things that we all hold dear – seeing family, worshiping together in church, going out to a favorite restaurant, browsing in shops, and on and on. Faith in Action has felt the impact of the pandemic also. Many of our limited volunteer drivers chose to put volunteering on hold early on in the pandemic. At first, it didn't effect our services because most medical appointments were canceled or postponed so there was no need for transportation services. As things began opening up, appointments became available again but some drivers still weren't comfortable transporting someone in the confines of their cars. The vaccine is helping to get us back on track but there is still an urgent need for volunteers to drive seniors to appointments.

Being a volunteer for Faith in Action is a very flexible position. When clients call for transportation, our coordinator contacts volunteers with the dates and times needed. At that point, it is the volunteer's decision whether they can take the transport or not. If not, the coordinator will contact other volunteers to fill the need. In a given month, a volunteer might choose to provide transportation for seniors perhaps 1 to 4 times. Please consider putting your "faith in action" by becoming a Faith in Action volunteer driver. On our website, fiadodgecounty.org (under forms on the menu) you will find a volunteer application to print, complete and return. If you do not have internet access, please call 507-634-3654 for an application.

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Area Church Directory

Grieving and Quenching the Spirit

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. . . . Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. — Ephesians 4:30-32

The Bible includes warnings about grieving the Spirit and hindering his work. Ananias and Sapphira lied to the church and the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-10). They sold a piece of property, kept some of the money, and gave the rest to the church. That wasn't a bad thing, of course, but then they lied about their gift, saying they donated all of the money from the sale. They wanted people to be impressed by their generosity. But they could not get away with their deception. If we make a false commitment to God, pretending we are following the Spirit and even bragging about it, we fall into dangerous hypocrisy.

Following our own selfish desires, we can quench or suppress the Spirit. We can dampen the Spirit's fire by not following the Spirit's leading. We can refuse to use the gifts of the Spirit when they are available. But if we do things like that, how can we expect to be faithful and useful to God?

We can also grieve the Spirit by rebelling against God and doing as we please (see Isaiah 63:10). We can be stubborn and mean-spirited. Instead of being kind and compassionate, we can act with bitterness and anger. We can be unwholesome and immoral.

How can we protect ourselves from these destructive ways? We can ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and guide us each day so that we can live in step with him. Then God can use us in wonderful ways.

Prayer

Protect us, Lord, from grieving and quenching your Spirit. Fill us and direct us to follow your will, not our own. Amen.

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Melvin B. "Mel" Charlton

Melvin B. "Mel" Charlton, age 76 of Faribault, MN passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at his home following an extended illness surrounded by his family.



Melvin Blaine, the son of Frank and Joyce (Cornwell) Charlton was born on August 31, 1944 at the family farm in Cherry Grove Township, Goodhue County, MN. He attended West Concord High School and graduated with the class of 1962. Following high school Mel served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1969. On December 27, 1969 he was united in marriage to Mary Ann Huber at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Faribault. Mel worked for over 39 years at Crown Cork & Seal in Faribault.

In his free time he enjoyed spending time with his family, playing horseshoes, bowling, snowmobiling, fishing, family road trips and feeding the birds and other animals at their home. He also volunteered his time with many charities and most recently the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Faribault. He was a member of the VFW Post 1562, American Legion Post 43 and the Moose Lodge 2098 all of Faribault.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Ann Charlton of Faribault; by his children, Chris (Ron) Hullett of Faribault and their children, Nadia and Gigi, Charlie (Karen) Charlton of Burnsville, MN and their children, Dane and Dylan and Matt Charlton of Las Vegas, NV; by his brothers, Ralph (Beverly) Charlton of Kenyon, MN, Blaine (Vicki) Charlton of Wilton, IA and Leon (Joanne) Charlton of Rochester, MN; by his sister-in-law, Marjorie (Marge) Charlton of Medford, MN and by nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Joyce Charlton and his brother Richard Charlton.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 12:00 noon at the Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault. Fr. Cory Rohlfing officiated. Luncheon followed at the Moose Lodge in Faribault. Interment will be held at a later date at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN.

Memorial visitation was held at the church on Monday from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

West Concord Woman Plans Yard Sale to Benefit Alzheimer's Fight

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One West Concord woman has been taking part in the HopeHealth Walk for a number of years and is planning a yard sale during Survival Days to raise money for the fight.

Norma Rumpf grew up in West Concord and graduated from Dodge Center High School in 1980. She lived in Missouri for many years with her husband and they moved back to West Concord about four years ago. She was shocked to find that she was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's Dementia and they decided to move back to be closer to family.

She has been walking in walks for Alzheimer's benefits with the team "Shorty & Mugs", named after her uncles. These walks are intended to raise funds as well as awareness and have been held for the last twenty-five years around the country. They

provide information, education and support for people with Alzheimer's Dementia and the families and professionals who care for them.

In addition to the walk, Norma is conducting a yard sale of household items on a donation basis with all funds going to the foundation. You can either donate at her yard sale or pick up a form and envelope to mail it directly to the organization. The yard sale will be at 110 Concord Street on Friday July 23rd from 8 to 5 and Saturday July 24th from 8 to 3. You will find household items like towels, bed spreads, dvd player etc. She also leaves a donation jar at Casey's General Store for people who are interested to drop their change for the cause. Her goal this year is to raise \$500 for Alzheimer's research and education.

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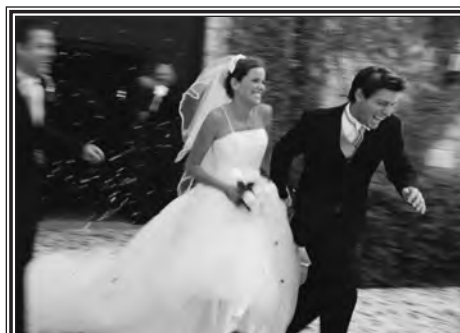
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That's the Latest



By Emery Kleven

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

One of the items on my never ending 'honeydew' list is to organize the garage as I'm told it's mostly my stuff. No argument, it is mostly my stuff collected from grade school to high school to my radio days. Some of it is even before grade school. Here's a case in point; the picture included with this column is from the Rochester Post-Bulletin in 1956. My dad Elmer was among the winners at the Dodge Center AG Days tractor pull event.

July 25, 1956 was the date of the second annual tractor pull which was the opening night feature of DC AG Days. There were four weight classes. The heavy weight division was for the weight of the tractor and driver together to be over 7000 pounds. The winner of this division was Leroy Lafrenz of Hayfield with a John Deere diesel 70. The next weight division was from 5501 to 7000 pounds. Elmer Kleven of West Concord won this with his Oliver Super 88. Third class weight division was from 4001 to 5500 pounds. Winner was Leslie Bailey of Dodge Center with his Allis Chalmers WD-40. The lightweight division, from 4000 pounds and under was won by Richard Welsh of Dodge Center. He and his Ford tractor weighed in at 3990 pounds.

Among the other contestants you might recognize some names. They include Harlan Fosness of Claremont; Emil Sowieja, Dodge Center; W.F (Bub) Urch, West Concord who also had a Oliver Super



TRACTOR-PULLING WINNERS NAMED—Sig Mogen, center, one of the DC-AG Days committee members, is shown with the four winners in Wednesday night's tractor-pulling contest at Dodge Center. Left to right: Leslie Bailey, Dodge Center; Elmer Kleven, West Concord; Mogen, Leroy Lafrenz, Hayfield, and Richard Welsh, Dodge Center. The winners will be presented with trophies and wrist watches tonight in the finale of the two-day event. July 25, 1956

88 diesel; Del Paulson, Dodge Center with a Massey-Harris 44; Ray Gibbs, West Concord with a John Deere 60 and William Henslin of Dodge Center.

DC AG Days was a big deal back then. It was a two day celebration that included not only the tractor pull but a county horseshoe pitching contest, a midget baseball game, a twilight parade, various horticultural, livestock, showmanship and cookery contests ending with the crowning of a DC AG Days queen.

My generation talks about the color of their tractors that they grew up with on the farm. The conversations/arguments were over red versus green but there were other colors of course. My neighbor Ernie Johnson always was partial to the orange. No, not the Kubota orange that has become more prevalent in today's world but the Allis Chalmers which was the original orange tractor. Persian Orange to be exact. And there were two shades of the Persian Orange, #1 and #2. That's probably only important if you are restoring an old Allis to its original color. Did you know Allis Chalmers started out with a dull green color in 1914? They went to orange in the early 1930's.

Much of our tractor talk though was about red and green. I was partial to green but not

the 'John Deere' green which begins many arguments, uh I mean conversations! Many of you know if you've read some of my previous columns or if you knew the green we had on our farm, it was of course Oliver green. Two of the earliest memories of tractors for me as a young lad were the 1954 Oliver Super 88 wide front that was used in the aforementioned tractor pull and the other was the 1959 Oliver 660 diesel narrow front. The Super 88 was a 47 horse gas powered tractor that was a workhorse on our farm for a number of years. The 40 horse 660 diesel was a utility tractor that stayed on the farm from 1959 until I sold it at my second farm auction in 1990.

We did have a red tractor back in those days so I could state the case of red or green. We had a Farmall Super 'M'. I didn't drive that one much but I do remember in the mid 60's pulling a 3 bottom plow with it and getting it stuck in deep mud on the Grover and Agnes Dengler farm. Tim Callister was plowing across the fence and he came and pulled me out. Before the land got tilled, a wet fall didn't begin to describe how wet it was. I mentioned a few months back that we bought a Farmall 'H' at the Phillip Carpenter auction that was across



Trophy won by Elmer Kleven at the DC Ag Days tractor pull in 1956

the township road next to the Ellington town hall.

We also had a different shade of green in 1973 when my dad purchased a German made Deutz. It was a lighter shade of green than either the John Deere or Oliver. Coincidentally, the Deutz-Fahr company of Germany purchased the Allis Chalmers Corporation in 1985. Deutz-Allis was sold to Allis-Gleaner Corp or AGCO in 1990. Interestingly enough, in North America, the Deutz-Allis tractors came in both Deutz-green and Allis-orange.

There have been many colorful tractors over the year. My other neighbor to the west back in the day, Louie Wenzel had the yellow Minneapolis Moline. There are also blue Ford tractors and blue New Holland tractors. Massey Ferguson had a different red from International. And this is only a partial list of what has come up in conversations over the years and still continue today. Well back to organizing the garage. I got sidetracked again by finding one newspaper article and the tractor pulling trophy.

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Museum Musings



The Summer of 1963

By Colleen Sathrum Hayne

In July of 1963 I officially became a teenager, but living and working at home on our family farm that summer, I don't think my life changed very much with my new status. Maybe my parents' life did though?

So what were some of the statistics of life in the U.S. in 1963? Gas was 29 cents a gallon, a loaf of bread cost 22 cents, a car's average price was \$3233 and the average income was \$5807. Zip codes were introduced that year and so were pull tab soda cans. Polio vaccine was given nationwide. Studebaker went out of business and Alcatraz closed. Roy Orbison and the Beatles were both popular. There were almost 1000 Civil Rights demonstrations that summer.

The Minnesota Rural Real Estate Market Report for 1963 revealed that the average price of an acre of land in southeastern MN was \$194.00. Farm expansion buyers were purchasing more land than anyone else. There were approximately 135,000 farms in Minnesota in 1963, but there had been 189,000 in 1945. As we know, this is a downward trend that has continued until in 2019 there were only 68,000 farms in Minnesota.

That summer we were proud of West Concord's own. 15 year old Craig Hall was named to the All-American Trapshooting team. Craig broke 99 out of 100 to win the Minnesota State Junior Championship, among many shooting accomplishments. Arthur Boe brought fellow grad students from India and China to West Concord to see a modern farming operation at Graden Reider's and to visit our school. They came straight from Detroit where they had read papers at the annual convention of the Institute of Food Technology. Gary and Bonnie Thomas and Richard Staub, young accordionists, were winning talent contests all over the region. Clem Chambers sold his beautiful 1913 red Metz car to Dr. Waters of Bloomington and soon after the car was seen on the cover of Picture Magazine in the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune newspaper. West Concord residents would miss seeing Clem drive that beauty up and down the streets of town. Sisters Bonnie and Barbara Johnston were winning first place baton twirling trophies all across the state.

The summer of '63 brought the Grand Opening of the Modern Beauty Salon by its new owners, Judy and Roger Espenson. The city was having problems keeping a garbage hauler for any length of time, much to everyone's aggravation. A local hauler was hoped for. On July 12th and 13th the West Concord Fire Department put on an impressive Rescue Benefit Party at the Fire Hall. Festivities began with the usual Friday night band concert followed by an introduction of the Fire Queen candidates by Judd Jacobson of KDHL. The next day brought a Western Fun Day at the old football field and included the events of pole weaving and barrel racing. There were bowling tournaments, bingo, a dance with the "Jolly Dutchmen Orchestra", and a car loaded with prizes was given away to Bob Round who won the drawing. Tomi Buckingham was crowned Fire Queen. There was a lot of fun and entertainment to be had that weekend. The same weekend the First National Bank held an Open House in honor of W.E. Glarner's 50th year in banking in West Concord. Mr. Glarner was hired in 1913 as a janitor and bookkeeper for \$16 a month. He eventually became cashier and then president of the bank. The bank was also showcasing its new remodeling. I realized how much times have changed when I read the following sentence in the West Concord Enterprise: "As you enter the building you step onto light brown asbestos flooring . . ." Science has taught us a few things about industrial products that were proudly used in the past.

Sharon and Lorry Gunhus were among the new teachers hired that summer for the upcoming school year. The Enterprise mentioned that Lorry had a try-out for the Minnesota Vikings under his belt.

People were busy applying for corn pack work at the Goodhue Canning Company in Kenyon—always a good way to make some extra money and a job that was part of one of my summers in the future.

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There you have it—a glimpse of the summer of '63 in West Concord. I hope the summer of 2021 is just what you've been looking forward to.

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Anyone interested in learning more about "Men's Sheds" is invited to join an online meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21 to see if they are something older farmers and other rural Minnesota men would enjoy.

"We know it's important for retired and semi-retired men to stay occupied, but sometimes they can find it hard to make social connections," Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture Thom Petersen said. "Men's Sheds are a chance to get out and do fun and interesting things with other guys."

Men's Sheds first began in Australia in the 1980s and have been making their way across the world. Australia now has 1,000

sheds. Ireland is up to 450. There are also sheds throughout the United Kingdom and in Denmark. Members decide what they want to do together – anything from carpentry, to fishing, community service, music, photography, to gardening, cooking, or other activities.

Farmers, farm and commodity organization leaders, elected officials, social workers and human services professionals, library staff, ag educators, clergy, civic and business leaders, and anybody else who might want to join, sponsor, or support a Men's Shed in their own community are invited to participate in the July 21 webinar.

Presenters will include Minnesota resident Phil Johnson, managing director of the US Men's Shed Association; Eva Beirne, manager of the Irish Men's Shed Association's National Volunteer program; and Aisling McGrath, a Ph.D. candidate from Waterford, Ireland, whose work focuses on the health advantages and impacts of Men's Sheds.

This free event is hosted by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Register at:

https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/WN_4lsbqx-zTN2wmzR1rGnSGg to receive the Zoom webinar link.

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The progress on the projects for our district continues to move along on the outside and inside of the school building. The projects have been right on schedule and I am looking forward to having it all completed before the school year begins. Our district has excellent facilities and they are in great condition. There is so much to be proud of with the school facilities that we have at Triton Public Schools. When you add the people in our communities to the equation of our school, and put the people of our communities in our buildings, I do feel we have the best there is to offer.

There are a number of things going on in our communities this summer, and you don't have to travel far to enjoy them! The 36th Annual West Concord Survival Days

begins on Thursday night at 7:00, July 22nd with the Guns vs. Hoses Charity Softball Event. The following three days have an awesome variety of events for all ages. The Claremont Hog Fest returns this year with the theme "Return to Greatness" and they are planning some great activities. This festival will kick-off on Friday August 6th at 5:00 pm with a community dinner. This will be followed up with two more days of activities that are sure to offer something of interest for everyone. There is also some great pizza and entertainment on Wednesday nights happening in Berne, each week featuring a different band and you can enjoy the concerts free of charge while sitting in your favorite lawn chair. You can also find live music at The Annadine in Dodge Center as well as a Bean Bag Tournament later in August put on by the Wrestling Program with the proceeds donated to Suicide Awareness. I know that I have really enjoyed getting out and about this summer already and talking with people face to face again; it has been refreshing to see people.

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have regarding our school district. You can email me at schlich@triton.k12.mn.us or you can call me at 507-418-7530 to reach me at the district office. I would be happy to set up a time to meet with you or your organization. I believe that communication is an important aspect of my job responsibility, and I welcome the opportunity to learn from your perspective. GO COBRAS!

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CHLOE JENSEN

Chloe Jensen was a senior at Triton High School this year. Her parents are Dale and Tammy Jensen.

Her brothers and sisters are Justin, Amber, Dalen, Dakota, Serena, Dane, Jenna.

In school she was active in Volleyball, Wrestling Statistician Extraordinaire, MHS, SADD, Link Crew, AFS, Softball.

Her favorite food is potatoes. Her Favorite Band is the Triton School Choir.

After Graduation she plans to finish her associate's degree in nursing at RCTC and then transfer to Winona State University to earn her bachelor's degree.



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DNR Invites Comment on Proposed Sunfish Regulations

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages to the public to weigh in on proposed special fishing regulations that would allow anglers to keep

fewer sunfish from 50 lakes. The proposed regulations are part of the ongoing Quality Sunfish Initiative.

"These new regulations would continue our response to angler concerns about the declining sizes of some of our state's most prized and frequently caught fish," said Dave Weitzel, Grand Rapids area fisheries supervisor. "We're aiming to protect and improve sunfish sizes on select lakes with the biological potential to produce large sunfish."

The proposed lower bag limits on 50 lakes would go into effect in March 2022. Under the proposal, sunfish daily bag limits would be reduced from the statewide limit of 20 sunfish to five sunfish on some lakes and 10

sunfish on others. Some lakes also have similar proposals for lower crappie daily bag limits.

Comments on the proposed regulation changes may be submitted multiple ways, including through an online survey that is open through Sunday, Oct. 31, by contacting an area fisheries office, or by attending an in-person meeting this fall. Details about the meetings will be posted and publicized later this summer. More information about comment options, including a link to the survey, is available on the DNR website.

Through the Quality Sunfish Initiative, nearly 100 lakes received bag limit reductions in March of 2021. In total, the DNR plans to increase the number of lakes with reduced bag limits to approximately 210 by 2023, up from 60 before the initiative began.

Although anglers have told the DNR they are satisfied with sunfish numbers, they have voiced increasing concerns about sunfish size quality. They also have voiced concern about the added pressure on fisheries as a result of electronic fish finders and other technological advancements, including rapid social media communication between anglers when fish are biting.

In addition to the 50 lakes where the DNR is proposing new special sunfish and crappie regulations, the DNR also is proposing minor changes to 63 lakes that already have special reduced possession limits. Under these changes, the reduced possession limit will change to a reduced daily limit, which will allow an angler to take a daily limit from a lake multiple days in a row until

reaching their statewide possession limit (20 sunfish, 10 crappie). The change will create consistency with the newly implemented Quality Sunfish Initiative regulations and is not projected to have additional biological impacts.

Minnesota fishing regulations use sunfish as the generic name for bluegill, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, orange-spotted sunfish, longear, warmouth and their hybrids. More about sunfish biology, the Quality Sunfish Initiative, and lists of lakes proposed for special sunfish regulations can be found on the DNR website.

West Concord Welcomes New Interim City Administrator

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She retired in 2017 but enjoys working with small towns and has come to West Concord to serve as an interim administrator.

Shirley is widowed and has four children, eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She loves playing cards, sewing, fishing and spending time with her grandchildren.

Shirley will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays in the office at city hall and welcomes anyone to stop in and meet her. She loves the small town atmosphere and looks forward to helping the city while they look for a full-time administrator.

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Seed Grants Available for Clean Energy Projects

Do you and your community need funding to get a clean energy project off the ground? The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) can help!

CERTs seeks to provide Seed Grants to support for clean energy projects that spur community development in Minnesota. Clean energy projects include those related to energy conservation and efficiency, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and energy storage. Priority will be given to proposals that provide forums for community education about the technologies and their economic, ecological, and community benefits.

“Since 2006, CERTs has awarded more than \$1.3 million to over 393 projects,” said Lissa Pawlisch, Clean Energy Resource Teams Director. “Those projects ranged from energy efficiency for a food shelf and a library to solar curriculum and public EV chargers, and much more.”

Specific examples of projects from each region in previous rounds of Seed Grant

awards:

Central: St. Cloud – Community Grassroots Solutions reached out to East African Community to share information about energy empowerment programs and how they can help with energy burden.

Metro: Minneapolis – MN Renewable Now kicked off their Solstar project aimed at installing solar on homes of 24 Northside residents who otherwise could not afford it

Northeast: Mountain Iron – The City produced a Renewable Mountain Iron report that provides building benchmarking, solar suitability, and solar PV designs and budgets for their facilities.

Northwest: Bemidji – Headwaters Science Center replaced outdated lighting in the building with energy efficient LEDs to inspire and educate others about energy efficiency.

Southeast: La Crescent – City of La Crescent installed two public level 2 electric vehicle charging stations near the city’s new event center and hotel

Southwest: Marshall – Marshall-Lyon County Library invested in much-needed energy efficiency measures that also enhance learning

West Central: Morris – University of Minnesota Morris, in partnership with the Institute on the Environment, developed a user-friendly energy storage guide for community-level sites.

CERTs offers many tools and resources to help you plan your project, so get started



Seed Grants to Catalyze Community Clean Energy

The Clean Energy Resource Teams provide financial assistance through Seed Grants that catalyze projects related to energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, electric vehicles, and energy storage in Minnesota. Grants typically range from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

Every two years, CERTs seeks applications to support community-based clean energy projects. Proposals are due at 4pm on October 8th, 2021.

FUNDING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Encourage community-based clean energy projects
- 2 Spur projects that are highly visible and replicable
- 3 Provide a forum for community education

► CleanEnergyResourceTeams.org/SeedGrants



today! CERTs staff are happy to assist you throughout the process from talking through your project idea to getting that idea down on paper. Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00pm on Friday, October 8th, 2021. Learn more and apply at cleanenergyresourceteams.org/seedgrants.

Funding for these projects is provided through the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources.

About CERTs: The Clean Energy Resource Teams are a statewide partnership with a

shared mission to connect individuals and their communities to the resources they need to identify and implement community-based clean energy projects. CERTs partners include University of Minnesota Extension, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, Great Plains Institute, Southwest Regional Development Commission, and the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources.

Lumps and Bumps on My Pet

Imagine petting your dog or cat and finding a lump, something you hadn’t noticed there before. Feeling alarmed, you turn to an online search engine, which yields lots of scary diagnoses: cancer, tumor, cyst, fatty mass.

What does this all mean? And which condition does your pet actually have?

According to Dr. Dana Connell, a third-year veterinary oncology resident at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana, the best action for pet owners to take in this common scenario is seeking veterinary advice.

“Lumps can be found anywhere on a pet’s body,” Dr. Connell says, “though they are typically found on the top of the head or chin, in areas where the animal is frequently touched.” Lumps, or masses, also appear on the legs and underside of the body, but are less likely to be discovered there by the owner.

The size of a mass varies, depending on what it is made of and how long it has been on the pet. Masses are seen commonly in both dogs and cats, but the tendency in practice is to see more dogs. Any breed of dog or cat may develop a mass.

It is important to determine what the lump is so that it can be treated appropriately.

Different types of masses will have different consistencies. Those that are fatty in nature will be underneath the skin, soft, and freely movable. Other masses can be hard and immovable.

“The pet’s age may provide an indication of what the lump is,” Dr. Connell says. For example, a young animal is more likely to have an abscess, cyst, or trauma manifest as a lump. A veterinarian will take into account how old the patient is and how long the mass has been there.

“Usually the first step for a diagnosis is to perform a fine-needle aspirate,” explains Dr. Connell. During this procedure, a thin needle is inserted into the mass to collect cells. The cells are then placed on a slide and examined under a microscope. Some mass types, such round cell tumors and carcinomas, are easily identifiable with a fine-needle aspirate.

If this procedure does not yield a diagnosis, then a biopsy is often the next step. During a biopsy, a small section of the mass is removed for testing. A biopsy can be done under local anesthesia or full general anesthesia, depending on the animal’s temperament and what the veterinarian determines to be the safest method.

“If neither of these procedures provides a conclusive diagnosis, your veterinarian may recommend a CT scan,” Dr. Connell says. CT stands for “computed tomography,” an imaging method uses a computer to generate a three-dimensional representation of the body from a series of X-rays. This imaging option provides a clearer picture of more invasive lumps and is especially useful for surgical planning and staging. This can be used in addition to the biopsy.

“After we determine what the mass is, we can discuss treatment options with the owner,” Dr. Connell says, “A lot of times owners are afraid to come to the veterinarian after they’ve found a lump because they fear it is cancer and a death sentence for the pet.”

The truth is, having the pet examined as soon as the lump is found will give the pet the best chance at a healthy life.

A tumor can either be benign or malignant. If benign, the veterinarian will likely advise the owners to monitor the lump to check for any changes or growth. If the animal becomes bothered by the lump, then it could be removed. A malignant tumor will require more aggressive treatment tailored to the individual animal. For some masses, the tumor can be removed with surgery, which may be followed with chemotherapy or radiation therapy.

“In June the Veterinary Teaching Hospital began offering radiation therapy with a state-of-the-art linear accelerator that delivers a high degree of precision. That means it targets tumors and spares nearby healthy tissue,” explains Dr. Connell. “We now have the most advanced technology for veterinary radiation cancer treatment in the Midwest.”

Dr. Connell’s main advice for owners is to seek expert opinions from a veterinary professional as soon as possible. “Accurate information is empowering, whereas the volume of information and potential diagnoses found online can be overwhelming.”

If you have questions regarding a lump or bump on your pet, contact your local veterinarian.

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Mental Toughness is Finding Fuel on an Empty Tank



By Harvey Mackay

Phil Mickelson recently became the oldest golfer to win one of the four major professional golf championships by taking it one mental stroke at a time.

Confidence and the physical part of golf has never been an issue for Mickelson, but he recently talked about his mind and the mental lapses that were costing him. He hadn't won a tournament on the PGA Tour in two years or a major championship in eight years, until winning the PGA Championship at Kiawah Island in South Carolina in May.

Mickelson said: "I'm trying to use my mind like a muscle and just expand it because as I've gotten older, it's been more difficult for me to maintain a sharp focus, a good visualization and see the shot."

"Physically I feel like I'm able to perform and hit the shots that I've hit throughout my career, and I feel like I can do it every bit as well as I have. But I've got to have that clear picture and focus," Mickelson added.

And that's exactly what he did. He didn't hit a shot until he had a clear picture in his mind of what the shot was supposed to look like.

Another golfing great, Arnold Palmer, said: "My father always said to me, 'Remember, whatever game you play, 90 percent of success is from the shoulders up.'"

Famed NFL football coach Vince Lombardi said: "Mental toughness is essential to success. You've got to be mentally tough. Mental toughness is many things and rather difficult to explain. Its qualities are sacrifice and self-denial. Also, most importantly, it is combined with a perfectly disciplined will that refuses to give in. It's a state of mind – you could call it character in action."

"Champions aren't made in the gyms," according to Muhammad Ali. "Champions are made from something they have deep inside them – a desire, a dream, a vision. They have to have the skill, and the will. But the will must be stronger than the skill."

After Tom Brady won one of his seven

Super Bowl championships he was asked what makes his team so special. His answer: "Mental toughness."

Psychologists have defined mental toughness for athletes as "having the natural or developed psychological edge that enables you to: generally, cope better than your opponents with the many demands (competition, training, lifestyle) that sport places on a performer; specifically, be more consistent and better than your opponents in remaining determined, focused, confident, and in control under pressure."

Note a trend here. Most people attribute mental toughness to elite athletes. I disagree. Being mentally tough can apply to anyone in any profession. Wikipedia defines it as a measure of individual resilience and confidence that may predict success in sport, education and the workplace.

Mental toughness is keeping everything together when everyone expects you to fall apart.

Mental toughness grows in the moments when you think you can't go on but you keep going anyway. Anyone can give up. But to hold it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart, that's true mental toughness.

Mental toughness comes into play when the going gets tough. Achievements are more rewarding when you work hard for something.

Fortunately, mental toughness can be cultivated and developed. Start by making a commitment to succeed. Only focus on what you can control. Be confident and

thrive on adversity. Learn from your failures, but don't dwell on them. The past is valuable training – nothing more.



Don't complain or show emotions. Train your mind to be stronger than your emotions or else you'll lose yourself every time. In sports, you don't want to show your opponent that you are hurting or tired.

Be well conditioned. Physical strength will get you to the starting line, but mental strength will get you to the finish line.

Ten-time NCAA basketball championship coach John Wooden said: "I always stress condition with my basketball players. I don't mean physical condition only. You cannot attain and maintain physical condition unless you are morally and mentally conditioned."

Solicit feedback. Listening to advice or criticism is not easy for most people. In today's business environment, where the landscape is changing rapidly, learning how to accept feedback is a key skill for advancing. Everyone can improve performance.

History has shown us that the most celebrated winners usually encountered heart-breaking obstacles before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats. They have grit and resilience.

Mackay's Moral: Mental toughness is what separates champions from near champions.

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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

The Tennessee Tilt



By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell.

Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

I saw pickup trucks driving around like this and thought there must have been a mechanical failure. Then I found out it was actually a fad. It comes from giving a perfectly good four-wheel drive pickup to someone lacking in common sense. They call it the Tennessee Tilt and it has been seen in neighboring North Carolina where they call it the Carolina Squat. It is a terrible new trend for pickups from the millennial country kids. You take a perfectly good 4x4 truck and then you jack the front up so the headlights are in the trees and the back of your truck resembles a dog with an itchy butt, rubbing across the carpet.

I have spent my life driving pickup trucks. A man is not a real man unless he

owns one. He uses it daily and he treats it with respect. You put every thing in the back including the kitchen sink and you want it to stay there.

No logical, intellectual being would slope the bed of the pickup box to self-unload everything you put in there. You put over-size springs on the rear axle so a heavy load doesn't have you dragging the hitch ball down the highway. You want clearance so you don't get hung up on a stump when you go off road.

But down here some hillbilly brain trust came up with a backwards way to make the most noble vehicle on the road look silly. I first thought that "Bubba" found a way to load his fishing skiff without a trailer. Just back that old truck down to the water and run the john boat up in the box. But it is mostly new pickups which were emasculated and sent down the highway looking like some punk at the mall with his pants hanging below his underwear.

It has become bad enough, that the state legislature passed a law to ban this practice, stating; "A private passenger automobile shall not be modified or altered by elevating the automobile more than 3 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the front and lowering the automobile more than 2 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the rear."

One of the great things about being an old farmer is that you are actually smarter than most kids, and ornery enough to tell them so.



A Minnesotan: Fireworks



By RosaLin Alcoser

2020 was the first Fourth of July that I spent in Minnesota in years and it was the first year that I had spent it at the lake in years. The years before when I was in school in Missouri and I spent most of those Fourth of July's in the city.

I have found that the biggest difference between being in the city vs being on the lake for the Fourth of July is the way we view the fireworks. Years where I have spent it at the lake. The large colorful burst of the fireworks can be leisurely viewed from the water, dock, or the deck. It's beautiful as the fireworks go off over the

water from afar.

While when the holiday is spent in the city the experience is different. The fireworks go off from all the different parks and people's yards; sometimes in the yard right next to your house. And the streets are packed with people in lawn chairs to watch the chaotic firework display going off around them.

Last year I personally did not get either of these experiences as I was the town reporter; which meant I was at the one Firework display going on in town. Once the Independence Day softball game was over the firework display started and lasted for about half an hour. It was held at the fairgrounds and while some people lined the streets in town, most people watched from the back of their cars at the fairgrounds.

I spent it watching from the back of my hatchback at the fairgrounds... well, my Mom did. I viewed the whole thing through my camera lens while I jotted down notes about the event.

This year though this year will be different as I now live in the cities and will not be covering local events. Instead I will have to be one of those people who views the chaotic display from their home or by going outside to view it from the street.

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By Jim Miller

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Dear Savvy Senior,

Over the past few years my 57-year-old husband's snoring has gotten much worse. It's to the point that I have to either wear earplugs or move to a different room. Any suggestions?

—Sleep Deprived Susan

Dear Susan,

Snoring is a very common problem that often gets worse with age. Around 37 million Americans snore on a regular basis according to the National Sleep Center.

Snoring occurs when the airway narrows or is partly blocked during sleep usually due to nasal congestion, floppy tissue, alcohol, or enlarged tonsils. But you and your husband also need to know that snoring can be much more than just an annoyance. It can also be a red flag for obstructive sleep apnea, a serious condition in which the snorer stops and starts breathing during sleep, increasing the risks of cardiovascular disease, stroke, cardiac arrhythmia and hypertension. According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 34 percent of men and 19 percent of women who snore routinely have sleep apnea or are at risk for it.

Self-Help Remedies

Even if you are unsure whether your husband has a primary snoring problem or sleep apnea, sleep experts suggest you start with these steps.

Open a stuffy nose: If nasal congestion is causing your husband to snore, over-the-counter nasal strips such as Breathe Right may help. Or, if allergies are the cause, try saline nasal sprays.

Elevate his head: Buying a foam wedge to elevate his head a few inches can help reduce snoring, or buy him a contoured pillow to lift his chin and keep the tongue from blocking the back of his throat as he sleeps. Also check out Smart Nora, a wireless snoring device that slides under the pillow and gently moves the head to a different position when snoring is detected. This, they say, stimulates the relaxed throat muscles and opens the airway.

Sleep on side: To prevent back sleeping, which triggers snoring, place a pillow against your husband's back to keep him from rolling over or sew a tennis ball in the back of his pajama shirt. Or check out the Night Shift Sleep Positioner, a device that's worn around the neck that vibrates when you roll on your back.

Avoid alcohol before bed: Alcoholic beverages can relax the muscles in the throat, and constrict airflow. He should not consume alcohol three to four hours before bedtime.

Lose excess weight: Fat around the neck can compress the upper airway and impede airflow and is often associated with sleep apnea.

Quit smoking: Smoking causes inflammation in the upper airways that can make snoring worse.

Need More Help

If these lifestyle strategies don't make a big difference, your husband should see his doctor, a sleep specialist, or an otolaryngologist who may recommend an overnight study to test him for apnea.

For primary snoring or mild to moderate sleep apnea, an oral appliance that fits into the mouth like a retainer may be prescribed. This shifts the lower jaw and tongue forward, keeping the airway open.

Some other options are Theravent snore therapy and Provent sleep apnea therapy, which are small nasal devices that attach over the nostrils to improve airflow.

But the gold standard for moderate to severe sleep apnea is a continuous positive airway pressure, or CPAP, device. This involves sleeping with a mask and is hooked up to a machine that gently blows air up your nose to keep the passages open.

If these don't work or are intolerable, surgery is an option too. There are procedures available today that remove excess tissue in the nose, mouth, or throat. And a newer procedure called hypoglossal nerve stimulation that uses a small device implanted in the chest to help control the movement of the tongue when it blocks the airway.

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1. Welsh dog breed
 6. With juice, or au ____
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 15. Chimney cleaner
 16. Coffin holders
 17. "Sheep be true! ____-ram-ewe!"
 18. Poisonous Christmas berry
 19. *First U.S. city to host Summer Olympics
 21. *Swimmer with most Olympic medals
 23. Part of a min.
 24. *Field hockey's stick and ball, e.g.
 25. Gayle King's network
 28. Capital of Latvia
 30. *Canoeing: slalom and ____
 35. Rhine tributary
 37. Building annexes
 39. A in AV
 40. Three-ply cookie
 41. *Madison cycling, e.g.
 43. *Light ball tap, in volleyball or tennis
 44. What hoarders do
 46. Not happening (2 words)
 47. Half-rotten
 48. *Martial art debuting in Olympics in 2021
 50. Make a plaintive cry
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 53. Luau instruments
 55. Street in Paris
 57. * ____ horse in gymnastics
 60. *One of pentathlon events
 64. Kentucky Derby drink
 65. Rock in a glass
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 69. Not a win nor a loss
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 71. Pat dry
 72. Eastern Standard Time
 73. Between shampoo and repeat

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1. Corn units
 2. Final notice?
 3. Rod attachment
 4. Greek sandwiches
 5. Federal Reserve in relation to U.S. currency
 6. *Boxing moves
 7. *All-time Olympic record holder in medal count
 8. Popular fitness magazine
 9. Military no-show
 10. Crowd-sourced review platform
 11. Mature elvers
 12. I do this with my little eye
 15. Tibetan mountaineer
 20. Slipperier
 22. ____-been
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 25. Kick the bucket
 26. Thailand's neighbor
 27. Give sheep a haircut
 29. A valley in Scotland
 31. "Ant-Man" leading actor
 32. Dostoevsky's "The ____"
 33. Beethoven's famous symphony
 34. *2021 Olympic host
 36. Civil Rights icon
 38. Long adventure story
 42. ____ welcome!
 45. Tree cutters' leftovers
 49. ____ out, as in victory
 51. One suffering from tuberculosis
 54. Chosen few
 56. Food safety threat
 57. *Threat to muscles
 58. Mixture
 59. Source of protein
 60. Pedal pushers
 61. Golf club
 62. Midday slumbers
 63. High school club
 64. #6 Down, sing.
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Blood Shortage Continues; Red Cross Needs Donors Now

American Red Cross



While donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to give this summer, the need for blood remains crucial for patients relying on lifesaving transfusions. The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage and donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to make an appointment to give now.

Right now, the Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet current demand as hospitals respond to an unusually high number of traumas and emergency room visits, organ transplants and elective surgeries.

To thank donors who help refuel the blood supply this month, all who come to give July 7-31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email and will also receive automatic entry for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value). More information and details are available at rcblood.org/fuel. Also, all those who come to donate throughout the entire month of July will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott's Berry

Farm. To learn more, visit rcblood.org/CedarFair.

Donors who give now will help stock the shelves for the rest of the summer season. Schedule an appointment to give blood by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Dodge Center
7/23/2021: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Dodge Center City Hall, 35 E. Main St.

Blooming Prairie
7/21/2021: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., City Center, 138 Highway S

Owatonna
7/27/2021: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2500 7th Ave. NE

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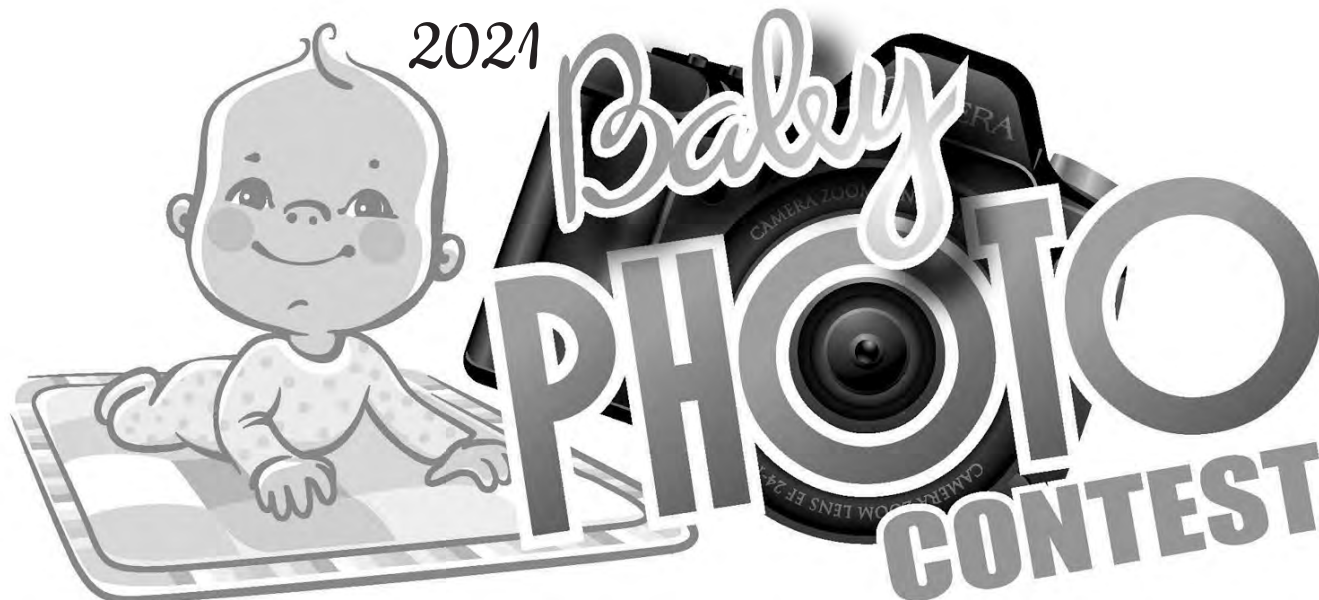
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2021 **Baby PHOTO CONTEST**

Plan to attend the Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Activities, Mayor's Key, Miss West Concord Pageant, Citizen of the Year, Baby Contest Friday, July 23 Memorial Park Sport Court (next to swimming pool)

0-14 Month Category



Ophelia Dravland
Parents: Lexi & Cody Dravland
Grandparent: Marie Bryngelson



Charlee Dessner
Parents: Richard Dessner & Brittany Ball



LaMae Rislov
Parents: Allison & Jacob Rislov
Grandparents: Grant & Barb Erler



Ryker Hortop
Parents: Ashley Finstuen & Carter Hortop
Grandparents: Mark & Lisa Finstuen and Patty Hortop



Hayden Jo Erie
Parents: Axil Erie & Kayla Vrieze
Great-Grandparent: Linda Vrieze



Walter Olaf Haltvick
Parents: Nick & Vanessa Haltvick
Grandparents: Bob & Lynn Haltvick and Barb & Grant Erler

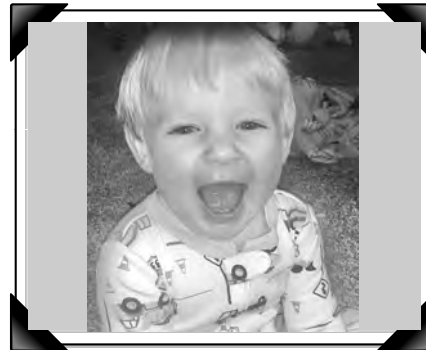
15-36 Month Category



Jerome Silas Ryan
Parents: Jerome & Amber Ryan
Grandparents: Larry & Donna Fitzgerald



Lillian "Lilly" Hebel
Parents: Debbie Slater & Dustin Hebel



Keegan Erler
Parents: Kevin & Taylor Erler



Bentlee Dessner
Parents: Richard Dessner & Brittany Ball



Cecelia Ann Jenneman
Parents: Elliott & Marissa Jenneman
Great-Grandparent: Linda Vrieze



Jameson Fitzgerald
Parents: Ashley & Brad Fitzgerald
Grandparents: Larry & Donna Fitzgerald



Eleanor Schollmeier
Parents: Sam & Katie Schollmeier

We've Got Hogfest!

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Seeing the camaraderie and excitement reminded me that those people may have spirit, but we have Hogfest. That's right, everyone! "We've got Hogfest, yes we do! We've got Hogfest, how about you?" Many of our rural communities have lasting events that bring people together year after year, ours being Hogfest.

I sat down with Hogfest 2021 Committee Chairman Kiel Schleusner to talk about the plan for this year's festivities. Here's what we know about the celebration the first weekend in August.

After being cancelled in 2020 due to Covid-19, this year's slogan is "Return to Greatness." The primary goals of Hogfest are for community members to have fun and to re-engage with neighbors, local businesses, and area organizations that support good causes. Families also use the event to make lasting, multi-generational memories with one another. These are important facets of helping to stimulate growth in small towns.

As with any big event, substantial planning has gone into having a variety of activities to accommodate multiple interests ranging from food considerations to live music. There are also kid-friendly activities, sporting events, and other entertainment options. Kiel Schleusner, David Luedtke, Jessica Schleusner, Vickie Madsen and Debbie Ellis spearheaded the efforts for the past year to organize the event.

True to its name, Hogfest kicks off with a community pork feed beginning at 5pm on Friday, August 6th. The menu will consist of smoked pulled pork, a pickle, chips, sweetcorn, lemonade and water. Dinner is held at the pavilion by the Claremont Fire Station. Good will donations are welcomed. The recommended amount is \$5 per person. Kids under 10 years old are free. This year, staff members from the American Equity Bank in downtown Claremont will be there to mingle and assist with serving the dinner. Two years ago, the Claremont Insurance Agency staff members served the dinner. The Hogfest committee knows this is a great way to foster a positive relationship between local businesses and the community members they serve.

The beer garden will be open from 5pm until midnight on Friday, and beginning at 8am on Saturday and Sunday.

There's plenty to do after the community pork feed on Friday evening. Folks can watch the exciting Garden State Tractor Pull show downtown at 6pm supported by the Claremont Service Center, Inc. Friday caps off with a street dance beginning at 8pm and ending at midnight. Kiel recommends that everyone, "Stick around, have fun and come to the dance!" KOWZ radio station host Brad Kubat will be DJing. If you get hungry again after all that dancing, there will be two food trucks downtown this year to offer a variety of flavors for event-goers, those being True Smoke BBQ and The Compadres Mexican food. They are open daily from approximately mid-

morning until late evening.

Saturday, August 7th will be a day full of sports, fun and entertainment! Organize your team for the 8am Volleyball Tournament held at the volleyball courts in downtown Claremont featuring new sand. Family-friendly activities include the bounce house from 10am-3pm, the sand pit with buried coins to find and keep opening at 10am, the petting zoo sponsored by 4-H from 10am-5pm, and face painting by Rookie the Clown from 1pm-3pm. Just for Kix dance group from Owatonna, MN has games and fundraising too. The potato sack races are at 11am, three-legged races are at 12pm, and the tug of war is at 1pm. The kids cornhole tournament begins at 1pm as well. The kids' games are downtown behind the CHS offices, on the large grass lot.

There's also the main Cornhole Tournament ran by Mankato Area Cornhole on Saturday, August 7th. Registration for the Cornhole Tournament is from 11-11:45am with bags flying at 12pm. The cost is \$40 for competitive division per team, and \$20 for social division per team. Participating in this event is not only fun, but also supports a good cause as Mankato Area Cornhole generates money for homeless veterans.

Another big event on Saturday, August 7th is the Southeast Area Tractor Pullers antique tractor and truck pull beginning at 10am. The tractor and truck pull will be held at the CHS lot on the southwest side of Claremont on Front Street. Registration and a driver's meeting will be held before the 10am start time. The cost is \$20 per hook. Classes consist of farmstock, sportsman, improved farm, and open classes ranging from 4,500 up to 13,500 pounds. During this event, you can grab a delicious walking-taco and a variety of beverages from the Claremont Fire Department concessions, starting at 10am.

Saturday wraps up with live music performed by The Dangers from 8pm-12am for the second street dance of the weekend. The Dangers feature rock, country rock and country genres.

Sunday, August 8th kicks off with the ever-popular pancake breakfast, provided and served by the Hogfest committee, from 7am-11am inside the Claremont Fire Station. A goodwill donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child is recommended. The menu consists of pancakes, toast, bacon, eggs, sausage, milk, juice and coffee.

If you're interested in a non-denominational community church service, the Presbyterian church from Claremont hosts this event at the pavilion at 10am. All are welcome.

Next, come and view the incredible lineup of cars, customs, rat rod, hot rods and motorcycles at the car show sponsored by Southside Speed Shop in Owatonna, MN. Registration for the car show begins at 8am on Sunday, and the event runs from 9am-1pm. The cost to enter a vehicle is \$10. Spectators are free. This event will be held in partnership with the non-profit organization Operation: 23 to Zero. All proceeds will go to support the organization's efforts to curb veteran and military suicides through robust networking and support from fellow military members.

Sunday afternoon's events include the parade and the water wars. The parade begins at 2pm. There's no fee to enter the

parade for residents. Staging will be near CFS and County One. The parade, led by the Guard and followed first by community members and kids' entries, will proceed down Front Street going east, then north on East Street, then west on Second Street, then north on County One, and finally east on 3rd Street. Parade entries from community members, such as floats, tractors, or classic cars are encouraged with the gentle reminder to keep them family-friendly and positive. The kids' portion of the parade will be judged, and there will be prizes for the top five entries. And yes, candy throwing is welcome.

After the parade on Sunday, starting between 3 and 4pm, will be the water wars. Watch the action as teams of firemen and firewomen compete in moving the 55-gallon drum with their water power.

As with any big event, safety and health considerations have been an important aspect for the planning committee. Police officers, Claremont Fire Department members and First Responders will be on-site and available at all times. Hogfest staff members can be identified by the word "STAFF" printed on the back of their teal Hogfest t-shirts. There will be washing stations near the porta potties for people to use. No Covid restrictions have been set by event organizers as they trust people to exercise good judgment and personal preference as appropriate. Approximately forty garbage cans provided by Skjeveland Enterprises will be set up throughout the town to help keep the streets clean. These are periodically emptied throughout the weekend by dedicated Hogfest staff.

Hogfest has its own Facebook page to inform the community of event details. You can purchase a Hogfest t-shirt for \$20 or a Hogfest hoodie for \$40 using the links posted on Facebook to show your Hogfest pride and support the event. Promoting the event is also done on KOWZ radio station and through the monthly newsletter that



Claremont city residents receive with their water bill. Please be sure to check out the Facebook page at "facebook.com/ClaremontHogfest" for the latest information as the weekend draws near.

If you come to Hogfest every year as an avid supporter, thank you. If you're newer to the area, we encourage you to come and check it out. Hogfest couldn't be done without the time, talent and treasure of areas businesses, volunteers, organizations, committee members, community members and spectators. Let's all join together to make this year memorable! And if you catch yourself joking about spirit cheers, more power to you. We've got Hogfest, yes we do! We've got Hogfest, how about you?

HOGFEST 2021 Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY AUG. 8TH

7 AM - 11AM

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GRANDSTAND EVENTS

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.
**Lawn Mower Derby and Kid's Power
Wheels Derby**

FREE show

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.
Demolition Derby

Adults - \$12.00

Under 12 - \$6.00

For more information, visit impdemoderby.com

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the pits. Children ages 12-17 must have a parent/guardian signature to purchase a pit pass.

Thursday, August 12, 2021 6:30 p.m.
Tractor and Truck Pull

Adults - \$10.00

Under 12 - \$5.00

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the pits. Children ages 12-17 must have a parent/guardian signature to purchase a pit pass. View minor release form here.

Friday, August 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.
Autocross Racing

Adults - \$12.00

Under 12 - \$8.00

For more information, visit impdemoderby.com

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the pits. Children ages 12-17 must have a parent/guardian signature to purchase a pit pass.

Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 5 p.m.
Demolition Derby

Adults - \$15.00

Under 12 - \$10.00

For more information, visit impdemoderby.com

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the pits. Children ages 12-17 must have a parent/guardian signature to purchase a pit pass.

2021 Free Entertainment Schedule
Daily entertainment

All American Lumberjack Show

Located on the southwest side of beer garden

Join us each day for action-packed lumberjack competitions, intricate wood carvings and kid's lumberjack camps!

Show times TBD

For more information, visit lumberjackshows.net.

Just 4 Laffs Kids Entertainment

Located by the children's barnyard/4-H building

Providing family-friendly entertainment for all ages, including live variety shows, magical entertainment, enrichment classes and more!

Show times TBD

For more information, follow Just 4 Laffs on Facebook or visit just4laffsmn.com.

FFA Children's Barnyard

Located west of the 4-H building

Local FFA students will be on hand to introduce kids to plenty of furry friends - chicks, rabbits, goats and more!

Open Tuesday-Saturday

Goodhue County Historical Society

Located in the school house next to the children's barnyard

The Goodhue County Historical Society offers fun for the whole family. Each day will feature unique programming, so be sure to come back daily to participate in new activities!

For more information, visit goodhuecountyhistory.org.

Exhibit Buildings

4-H building open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Commercial buildings open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Open class exhibit buildings open from Noon to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday

Beer Garden

Open all week with FREE jukebox and bands Wednesday-Saturday

Daily schedules

Tuesday, August 10 (Opening Day)

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Open class exhibit entry (except quilts)

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. - TRIAD - Goodhue County Sheriff's Department

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Goodhue County Sheriff's K9 Unit

Wednesday, August 11 (Day Care Day)

9:30 a.m. - Goodhue County Junior Holstein Association Show (near dairy barn)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

Thursday, August 12

(Kid's Birthday Party Day)

10 a.m. - Goodhue County Commissioners Meeting (entertainment tent)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

4:30pm - Bridget's Decorated Cupcake Contest (beer garden)

7:30 p.m. - Farm Bureau Century Farm Program (entertainment tent)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

Friday, August 13 (Senior Citizen's Day)

Noon to 6 p.m. - Activities in the schoolhouse hosted by the Goodhue County Historical Society

3 p.m. and 6 p.m. - All-American Lumberjack Show

7 p.m. - Outstanding Senior Award presentation (beer garden)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

Saturday, August 14 (Family Day)

Throughout day - All-American Lumberjack Show (near beer garden)

All events are subject to change

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TEAM CAPTAIN NAME AND PHONE: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN EMAIL: _____

TEAM MEMBERS: (UP TO 4 MEMBERS)

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4. _____ T-Shirt size= _____

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 Ages 17&18 (18U)
 Ages 19+

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*If payment is completed through Venmo, please put team name and team captain name in description.

If you have any questions please email Jeremy at jellingson@ellingsoncompanies.com



West Concord City Council Meeting Thursday, May 20, 2021 7:00pm

(These minutes are unofficial until approved by the City Council at the next meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeffrey McCool at 7:00PM; everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Mayor Jeffrey McCool; Council Members Karen Peterson, Collin Ripley, Sam Schollmeier and Jeff Burse.

City Employees: Interim Administrator Joel Dhein, Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer(via Zoom), Librarian Nancy Schollmeier, Police Chief Shannon Boerner, City Engineer Joe Palen, City Attorney Nick Valle(via Zoom), PeopleService employee Doug Rassman, and City Clerk Drew Adams.

Community Members: Eugene Herold and son.

Additions to the Agenda:

None

Consent Calendar was presented as follows:

- Approval of Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Minutes- April 13, 2021
- Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes- April 15, 2021
- Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes- May 12, 2021
- Approval of Incidental Bills Paid
- Review of City Financial Reports
- Resolution Regarding Police PERA
- Fire Department Mutual Aid Agreement

Motion by Burse to approve, second by Ripley to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. 5 Yeas. 0 Nays.

Public Comment- Eugene Herold

Mister Herold, owner of 251 Main Street, approached council claiming that there have been several sewer problems on his property over the last decade as a result of poor work on the sewer line done by City Contractors on his building's line 24 years ago. He gave several examples of past plumbing issues, distributed sewer line video footage and photographs to council, and shared how he had sought help from Ellingson Drainage who told him the contractor's work never should have passed inspection. In light of recent and very expensive plumbing issues, it was determined by the insurance company the City was not at fault, and all repairs should be paid for by Mr. Herold. Mr. Herold stated he in no way thought the city was negligent, but he is requesting City help in paying for the \$16,950.00 worth of repairs. Mayor and Council agreed to take some time to do further research into the situation before making a decision.

City Business:

Wastewater Treatment Needs

Assessment- Joe Palen

Mr. Palen presented a list of needs assessed for the WWTP, as it has been 16 years since the plant was last rehabbed. Mr. Palen will put together a proposal letter so that planning and budgeting can begin for the upgrades needed to improve functioning for the future of the WWTP. Motion by

Schollmeier to approve the wastewater treatment facility operation maintenance and permits needs analysis. Second by Peterson. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Pavement Management Plan- Joe Palen

Stantec has been looking at the existing street pavement in town and trying to determine the best course of action to keep our streets in the best shape possible, keeping in mind future reconstruction projects. Base maps will also be updated in conjunction with recent utility improvements. Motion to approve by Schollmeier. Second by Burse. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carries.

2020 Improvement Project Update- Joe Palen

Some sections of concrete will be fixed up or replaced. Citizens are also concerned with the turf restoration. While it does take time for the hydra seed grasses to take hold, some areas will need to be overseeded. This should happen in June.

Stubbs Property- Nick Valle

City is willing to offer Mr. Stubbs \$4,000.00 to get the lot back after he was unable to comply with purchase agreements. City attorney Nick Valle will draft an offer letter to Stubbs. Motion to proceed by Peterson. Second by Ripley. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carries.

Water Meters- Doug Rassman, PeopleService

Mister Rassman presented information stating that we could be losing around \$50,000 per year with our current water meters functioning at 75% accuracy. A new reading system, software and meters could be installed for \$190,000.00. He suggested using CARES fund money to cover some of the cost, as well as suggesting that without losing money every year through old meters

it will also help pay for itself. His current price estimate for the project expires at the end of June. Financial details and budgeting information will be looked into before making a final decision.

Direct Deposit

Current Interim Administrator Joel Dhein has been working to set up direct deposit for employee paychecks. Heritage bank has agreed to help with this free of charge. The Banyon payroll system we have will require a \$1,000.00 upgrade. This will enable City paychecks to be paperless, with the paystubs being emailed to employees. It will take longer to process payroll, as the bank will need 3 days. This will alter the current payday schedule. It will be mandatory for all city staff and employees to have direct deposit. Motion to proceed with these changes by Peterson. Second by Schollmeier. 5 yeas. 0 nays. Motion carries.

City Administrator Recruitment

After a recent round of interviews, the 2 candidates offered the job both passed due to the benefit package, which would cost them more than they want to pay. City is also thinking of hiring a part time financial clerk in the meantime to make things easier while not having a full time administrator. City will also begin looking for better healthcare coverage to re-offer the job to the 2 candidates.

COVID-19 Measures

City determined that wearing masks in City Hall will not be enforced, except during meetings in close quarters, after May 27th.

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Saturday, July 24, 2021 1:00 p.m.

SELCO Vetted Performer



Laura MacKenzie
Lions Park, West Concord, MN

Laura MacKenzie presents The Irish Piper story, using traditional music on a fascinating array of wind-powered instruments, including a variety of wooden flutes and tin whistles, various types of bagpipes (bellows and blown), concertina, gemshorn and voice.

Bring your family and friends!
In case of rain, this performance will be held inside the Methodist Church.



THIS PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY A LIBRARY LEGACY GRANT. ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE.


West Concord Public Library

Our Summer Reading Program, "Reading Colors Your World", is in full swing. If you haven't picked up a Reading Log yet, stop by the library to pick up yours. There is plenty of time left to complete your reading goals. While you are at the library try to guess how many items are in our Guessing Jar. The items will change weekly so there will be many chances to guess and win.

Summer story time is every Tuesday at 10:00 at Lions Park (weather permitting). Please join us for some great stories and a craft. We will also have shared reading time for children who are able to read independently.

Due to the fact that the library held a book sale June 5th, we will not be having a book sale during Survival Days. However, there are still some books available for sale inside the library during regular hours of operation.

Be sure to come to Lions Park at 1:00 Saturday, July 24th, for performer Laura MacKenzie. She will be presenting "The Irish Piper" with music. Laura has been recognized as a Master Folk Artist by the Minnesota State Arts Board. She has received many awards and honors including a Bush Foundation Artists Fellowship in Traditional and Ethnic Performing Arts, and a McKnight Foundation Performing Artists Fellowship. Her program has been funded through the Library Legacy Fund in cooperation with SELCO. In case of rain, the program will be held inside the Methodist Church.





West Concord City Council Meeting

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June Meeting Date

As there is a park and rec event to celebrate the soft grand opening of Memorial Park on Thursday, June 17th, the City Council meeting will need to be rescheduled. Council decided to schedule the meeting a week later to Thursday, June 24th. Motion to hold the meeting on the 24th by Schollmeier. Second by Burse. 5 years. 0 days. Motion carried.

Brush Dump Sign-Keith Clammer

Mister Clammer presented council with signs to be placed near the City brush dump. Motion to approve by Ripley. Second by Schollmeier. 5 years. 0 days. Motion carried.

Council Chambers Remodel

It was determined to move this topic to the

agenda at next month's meeting.

Department Report Review

Beth Hodgman, Liquor Store Liaison, proposed opening the bar on Thursday instead of Wednesday, as business has been very slow on Wednesdays. Council approved this request. The Council also received the reports that were provided by PeopleService, Maintenance Department, Police Chief, and Library.

Motion by Mayor McCool, seconded by Council Member Burse upon seeing no other business to adjourn the meeting of the West Concord City Council at 9:06pm. 5 Years. 0 Nays. Carried.

Attest:

Jeffrey McCool, Mayor
Joel Dhein, Interim City Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

2021 Hydrant Flushing Schedule

August 9-11 • September 13-15
October 18-20





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West Concord Survival Days Citywide Garage Sales


July 22-25

- 1. 550 Concord Street (Thomas)**
Thurs (7/22) 3 - 7pm, Fri (7/23) 8am - 4pm, Sat (7/24) 9am - 12noon
Furniture, Home décor, Small snow blower, Small garden tiller, 6' dog kennel, Clothing
- 2. 616 Main Street (Multi-family)**
Sat (7/24) 8am - 3pm
Kitchen items, Riding lawn mower, Kid's toys, Women's clothes
- 3. 506 3rd Street (Gochner)**
Thurs (7/22) 3 - 7pm, Fri (7/23) 8am - 4pm, Sat (7/24) 8am - 12noon
Rustic décor, Furniture, Baby items, Toys, Clothes - infant and adult, Livestock/horse equipment
- 4. 57302 State Hwy 56 (Jones)**
Fri (7/23) 8am - 4pm, Sat (7/24) 8:30am - 3pm
Kids golf clubs, Bar stools (new), Car seats/booster seats, Clothing (kids & adult), Toys, Misc household - lots!
- 5. 57012 180th Ave. (Pechacek)**
Fri (7/23) 8am - 4pm, Sat (7/25) 9am - 12noon
Garage door opener, Queen bed with drawers, Garden items, Misc household
- 6. 924 West 1st Street (Schley)**
Fri (7/23) 8:30am - 4pm, Sat (7/25) 8:30am - 1pm
Home décor, End tables, Kitchen items, Lamps, Clothing (men's & women's), Wedding décor
- 7. 616 5th Street (Fate)**
Thurs (7/22) 4 - 6pm, Fri (7/23) 8am - 4pm, Sat (7/24) 9am - 12noon
Baby - adult clothing; Pack n play; Toys, Car seat, Household - lots!
- 8. 210 State Street (Dessner)**
Fri (7/23) 8am - 5pm, Sat (7/24) 8am - 1pm
Strikemaster ice auger, Kids - adult clothes, Dishwasher, Baby items, Antiques & more
- 9. 110 Concord Street (Rumpf)**
Friday 8-5 • Sat 8-3
Misc. household items




SUMMER HOURS

KITCHEN:
 Wednesday-Thursday 4:00-8:30pm
 Friday 4:00-9:30pm
 Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm
 Sunday 9:00am-3:00pm
 (BAR OPEN LATER)



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June 9th CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN The Ripdozers STREET TALK	July 14th CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN Scott Jasmin & the Gracenotes GOPHER TONES	August 11th CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN The Vintage Tones WRECKLESS
June 16th Bells & Whistles THE CHUBS	July 21st True North INCOGNITO	August 18th The SUITS BRANDED: HOT COUNTRY
June 23rd Lost Faculties COLT 45	July 28th The Reunion Band OLD COUNTRY BOYS	August 25th CHEERS TO 10 YEARS BREWFEEST Hair of the Dog fABBAulous
June 30th Fred the Bear NITE SHIFT	FIND US ON    WWW.BERNEPIZZA.ORG	FIND US AT Zwingli UCC 23148 Co. Hwy. 24 West Concord, MN 55985

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GRANDSTAND EVENTS

- ★ Enduro Races
- ★ Fireworks
- ★ Thunderbird Stock Car Races
- ★ Rice Bull Riding
- ★ Antique Tractor Pull
- ★ Demolition Derby
- ★ Dodge Mayhem Trailer Race

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- ★ 4H & FFA Shows
- ★ Hill Billy Bob
- ★ Street Talk Band
- ★ Dog Stack A Tack
- ★ The White Keys
- ★ Oxbow Park



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Friday 4:00-9:30pm
Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm; Sunday 9:00am-3:00pm
(BAR OPEN LATER)
www.firesidelounge.net

Dennison Days Returns Saturday, August 7

The Dennison Lions Club will host Dennison Days coming up the first weekend in August, and again, many old favorites return to the weekends event schedule. At press time, some events were still being confirmed, as the Lions Club was only able to begin planning for the event a few weeks ago.

Saturday morning kicks off with the Waffle Breakfast and the BBQ cook off, just give Steve a call or text at 612-968-9547, or e mail him at kingpin1876@gmail.com.

City Wide Garage sales are also part of the days events.

At press time, Dennison Lutheran Community Church was working to bring the Red Cross Bloodmobile to town again. That will be confirmed in the coming days. Space for flea market or farmers market vendors will be available across the street on the lot located to the south of Fireside.

Also back by popular demand, Dads Waffle Breakfast returns and serves from 8 AM to 11 AM under the big tent on main street hosted by The Dennison Church. The Classic Car Show hosted by the Clutchmen

Club will again be on main street across from the Fireside. Those interested in the Car Show can also contact Steve King at 612-968-9547.

Other activities include Euchre at The Fireside Lounge and the Truck and Tractor Pull on on the north side of town. The 5 K Run/Walk returns this year. Participants can sign up after 7 AM on main street and be a part of a fun activity to help raise funds for the Dennison Community Lutheran Church and their outreach programs. The race kicks off at 8.

For participating runners, a Free Waffle Breakfast is included that you may enjoy before or after the run. Several food booths will be on main street to keep you filled up with your favorite summer "fair" food, including the Cannon Falls Lions Club. Sign Up for the kids pedal pull begins at 10:30 am with the pull at 11 AM on Main Street The Dennison Days Parade is at 1:30 PM.

Afternoon events include:
DESIGNER PURSE Bingo under the big top at 2 PM,

The Keg Toss is scheduled for 6:30 across from the Fireside. (Crowd Permitting)

Again this year is FREE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT under the Mainstreet tent This years musical act will be announced soon as well.

After a year without outdoor and family events, the Lions Club looks forward to hosting this annual event once again for the area.

Watch www.dennisondays.org for updates.

DENNISON DAYS

August 7, 2021

Designer Purse

BINGO

2:00 p.m.
Under Mainstreet Tent

BBQ COOK OFF

Mainstreet

Contact Steve at 612-968-9547 or email: kingpin1876@gmail.com

\$2500 PAYOUT!

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Contact Steve King at 612-968-9547

TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL

Contact Larry E. 507-789-6892.

All You Can Eat DAD'S WAFFLE BREAKFAST

8:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.
Mainstreet Tent

5K RUN/WALK

Be a part of a fun activity to help raise funds for the Dennison Community Lutheran Church and their outreach programs.

Sign Up after 7a.m. Race kicks off at 8a.m.

For participating runners, a FREE WAFFLE BREAKFAST is included that you may enjoy before or after the run.

KIDS PEDAL PULL

Pull starts at 11:00a.m.

BE IN THE PARADE! KIDS PEDAL PULL! EUCHRE! LIVE MUSIC! AND MORE!

Watch for updates at www.dennisondays.org



West Concord Survival Days 2021

July 22 – 25
36th Annual



Thursday, July 22

7:00 pm Guns vs Hoses Charity Softball Event (Police, Firefighters, EMS)

donations will be made to Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention

Friday, July 23

7:00 am-11:00 am Methodist Church Coffee Shop & Doughnuts

8:00 am City Wide Garage Sales begin - List available in WC Messenger Newspaper

9:00 am-1:00 pm Garage Sale & Museum Open - West Concord Historical Society

6:00 pm Garden Tractor Pull—South on Front Street

6:00 pm Food Stands/Beer Garden Open

6:30 pm Bean Bag Tournament Registration w/7:00pm Start Time--East Main Street Area (if rain, held in Fire Hall)

6:30 pm Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Activities (kids games & food)/Mayor's Key/
Miss West Concord Pageant/Citizen of the Year/Baby Contest – Memorial Park Sport Court (next to swimming pool)

7:00 pm 5 K Color Run/Walk Registration w/7:15 pm Start Time- Line up at Memorial Park – by the pool

9:00 pm-12:00 am Music under the Big Tent - “Still Jammin’ Too - Band” - Admission \$5 or Button

10:00 pm FIREWORKS - East Main Street (Bring Lawn Chairs) [Rain Day is Saturday Night 10:00 pm]

12:30 am - Last Call, 1:00 am Beer Garden Closes

Saturday, July 24 **Garage Sales Continue**

8:00-11:00 am Fire Department Burrito Breakfast – Fire Hall

8:00 am-noon Scott Hodgman Classic Car & Bike Show – Main Street

8:00 am Softball Tournament Starts

8:30 am-3:30 pm Garage Sale & Museum Open - WCHS

9:00 am Sandpit Volleyball Tournament begins

9:00 am 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

11:30 am Treasure Hunt at the Swimming Pool - ages 2-12 are welcome, bring swim suit

11:00 am-4:00 pm Kids’ Activities/Bounce House - East side of mini storage

1:00 pm Library Program, “The Irish Piper Story” with music, presented by Laura MacKenzie – Lion’s Park (in case of rain, Methodist Church) “This presentation made possible by a Library Legacy Grant”

2:00-5:00 pm Rochester Rough Riders “Mud Bog”-- Hyland Systems (Old Football Practice Field)

3:30-6:00 pm Rookie the Clown – East end of Main Street

5:00 pm Beer Garden/Food Stands Open

7:30 pm Excavator Rodeo – East end of Main Street

8:30 pm-12:30 am Dance Under the Tent - “Devon Worley Band” ~Admission \$10 or \$5 with a button

12:00 am Ticket Sales End, 12:30 am Last Call, 1:00 am Beer Garden Closes

Sunday, July 25

7:00-11:00 am American Legion/Auxiliary Breakfast -- Legion Hall, Main Street

8:00 am Softball, & Volleyball Tournaments Resume

9:30 am Community Worship Service – Lion’s Park (bring your own lawn chair – in event of rain, service will be held at the Methodist Church)

Noon Beer Garden/Food Stands Open

Noon-3:00 pm Trinity Lutheran Pie & Ice Cream Social -- Under the Tent

1:00 pm **Grand Parade** -- Route: Streets (Main/Front→Main→Third→Eugene→First→Olive→Front→Main)

2:00 pm Firefighters’ “Water Fight” - East End of Main Street

2:00-3:30 pm Music under the Big Tent after the Parade “CCB Jazz”

3:30 pm BEER GARDEN CLOSES



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