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CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Tasha Dahl, City Council Members Heather Grey, Jacob Klejeski, and Hunter McGovern. Council Members absent: Deb Ellis.

City staff and others present: City Clerk/Treasurer Liz Sorg, City Maintenance Glen Hvitved, City Attorney Mark Rahrnick, City Engineer Derek Olinger, First Responder Director Casey Dahl, Matt Durand, Ed Krenke, Marvin Bronner, Terry Selthun, Norma Kalina, and Dodge Center Ambulance Director Angie Jarrett and Dodge Center Ambulance Assistant Director Anthony Gengler.

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

Angie Jarrett, Ambulance Director for Dodge Center Ambulance, introduced herself and Assistant Director Anthony Gengler to the council. She went through the 2021 Annual Ambulance Report showing the number of calls for each city, expenses, inventory, and other information.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the January 4, 2022, City Council Meeting, Minutes of the January 24, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, and Resolution No. 22-05: Resolution Expressing Acceptance and Appreciation of a Donation. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Consent Agenda, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

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Claremont Fire Department Hosts Annual Breakfast

By Megan Ziegler

On Sunday, March 6th, 2022 the Claremont Fire Department hosted their annual Relief Association Breakfast. The event was held from 9am until 1pm, with the suggested donation amount of \$10 per meal and children 5 and under eating free. Approximately 250-300 people attended this year to show their support to the men and women who provide this essential service to our community.

In addition to enjoying the delicious food and socializing, the event also used to have a silent auction during the breakfast. However, Romell Matejcek explained, "We have not been able to host that during the last 2 years because of Covid. This year we sold raffle tickets." 500 raffle tickets were sold, with prizes ranging from \$1,500 to \$100 cash.

The raffle winners were as follows. Colin Kimball won first prize of \$1,500. Keith Clammer won second prize of \$750. Keith Fletcher won third prize of \$500. Kevin Rieck won fourth prize of \$250.

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2021 photo

From Left to Right: Tim Kruckeberg, Casey Dahl, Tasha Dahl, Ryan Schrom, David Matejcek, Kaiden Rieck, Rich Klindworth, Morgan Sanford, Tim Thomann, Greg Selthun, Jake Hesse, Mark Oeltjenbruns, Jacob Klejeski, Romell Matejcek, Chris Brogan, Robert Ott, Danielle Layland (former CFD member).

Missing from photo: Jacob Rislov, Adam Louks, Kevin Rieck, Ethan Otterbein



Curtain Rises on Annie March 30, 31, and April 1 and 2

Triton High School's spring musical, Annie, will be performing Thursday, March 31st, Friday, April 1st, and Saturday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

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The Vulnerability of Jesus



By Peter Moen

When certain trials in our life take hold of us, how do we respond? Do we turn our face toward the danger and take it head on, or do we wilt and let fear overcome us? Over the last few years of my life I have had to answer these questions head on in ways I would not have otherwise imagined.

All of us here have had to answer the same questions. Do we give up? Do we hide? Do we pretend the situation is going to go away? Or, do we take on the problem head on?

Jesus was faced with these questions when he was warned in Luke 13:31-35—by some Pharisees no less—that Herod wanted him dead and he should stay away from Jerusalem. Jesus' response to imminent doom was to call Herod a fox and set his eyes toward Jerusalem. He was intent on facing the danger.

This courage is fascinating to me. Not only does it require Jesus to be confident in his mission, but he also must make himself vulnerable at the same time. Quite literally, when

Jesus turns his face toward Jerusalem and acknowledges he will die there he makes himself vulnerable. Vulnerable to suffering, vulnerable to death.

And that, I think, is important to mark. Because, as a culture, we do not often equate vulnerability with courage and strength. We equate vulnerability with care, love, and concern, perhaps, but not often with courage and strength. At our worst, we see vulnerability as a sign of weakness, something to be avoided at all costs.

We see this with our political leaders all the time. How often do they go out of their way to show any sign of weakness? How often are they willing to take a position that leaves them vulnerable?

Instead, they puff out their chest and will not admit defeat and will go out of their way to show their dominance, and, if they were

to ever to show a sign of weakness, we would be weary to the fact they have ulterior motives for their actions; that they might have something up their sleeve or they are pandering to a certain group of people.

It is quite an opposite message with Jesus. His glory was not going to be found in puffing out his chest and dominating. His glory was going to be in death. God loves us so dearly and yearns to protect us so much he will make himself vulnerable, even to death, for us.

We are just over four weeks away from one of the two most consequential events in all of

history. The first event is God coming to live among us as Jesus, the second event is Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. It is Jesus purposefully putting himself in the way of danger, torture, and death.

In the lead up to Easter, may we reflect on Jesus' courage and vulnerability as he places himself in danger for us. May we allow ourselves time to reflect even now on the sacrifice Jesus made for us. And may we too find a courageous vulnerability in the trials and tribulations of our lives.



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In Christ, Love Conquers Hate


Scripture Reading — Matthew 5:21-26
"Anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. . . . Anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." — Matthew 5:22

We have a natural tendency to hate or ignore God and our neighbor. We tell ourselves we are good people. But our selfishness and anger lie just below the surface. Anger often erupts in violent, hateful words and actions. If we don't seem angry, it may just mean that our anger has not yet reached its boiling point or had an opportunity to erupt. In fact, we may be seething with inner anger.

Strictly following the command "You shall not murder" is not enough to overcome hatred. We must address the source of that sin. If we keep our anger from boiling over, we do well. But to gain mastery over anger, we need love. And showing love, especially toward people who have hurt us, does not come naturally. In fact, only the supernatural love of Christ can overcome the hatred we may feel for our enemies.

When the Romans and the Jews hatefully killed Jesus Christ, he could have called on God's army of angels to stop and destroy them (see Matthew 26:52-53). But instead he responded in love, asking the Father to forgive them. When Jesus gave himself for us on the cross, he certainly obeyed the law—do not kill. But he did far more: he fulfilled the greatest law of love.

Prayer
O God, help us not to add to the anger in our world today. Help us not only to control our anger but also to overcome it with your love. And thank you for showing us the way of love, through Jesus. Amen.



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Wayne Allen Bess

Wayne Allen Bess, age 56, of Claremont, died Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary's Campus - Rochester.

A Celebration of Life service was held at the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Memorial visitation was for one hour prior to the service at the Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault on Saturday.

Wayne Allen, the son of Harry Bess and Nellie Mallette was born on November 30, 1965, in Northfield. Wayne was a great handyman. He was always working on odd jobs and cars. At a young age, his dad got him started on working and attending flea markets. Wayne liked to collect a variety of things, especially lawn mowers, boat motors, antiques and Beanie Babies. Wayne was a self-employed over the road truck driver. He enjoyed going to the Big Iron Classic every year showing off his trucks. On September 21, 2002, Wayne married Darlene Velzke. Wayne will be remembered for always being ready to help others any way he could.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene; children, Amber Roberts, John Bess, Amber (and Camilo) Flores and Tracee Bess; step-children, Paula Lingsweiler and Michelle (and Glenn) Klinger; mother, Nellie Mallette; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Denise (and Ray) Koktavy, Laurie Dube and Danny Bess; nieces; nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father, Harry Bess in 2003; one grandchild; aunt and uncle, Virginia and Jack Rose and cousin, John Rose.

Wesley Everett Grant

Wesley Everett Grant, 77, of Kasson, MN passed away on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at his home.

Wesley was born on May 30, 1944, in Viola, MN to Grover and Evelyn (Thorp) Grant. He attended Kasson-Mantorville high school. He worked as a carpenter



at Spitzack Lumber Yard in Owatonna, MN and at Fabricated Wood Products in Owatonna. He later became a self-employed carpenter. On December 7, 1962, he married Karen Howard in Claremont, MN and together they had four children. Wesley enjoyed fishing, gardening, and going on drives.

Wesley is survived by his wife, Karen Grant of Kasson, MN; children, Diana (Richard) Munson of Andover, MN, Deanna (Gary McGonigal) Szuberski of Claremont, MN, and Donna Grant of Rapid City, SD; his pride and joy, granddaughter, Alexis Reichwein; sisters, Lorraine (Kenneth) Wittlief of Oronoco, MN and Eleanor Forney of Oronoco, MN; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dale Grant, James Grant, Donald Grant, and Norman Grant; sister, Darlene Johnson; and daughter, Deena Reichwein.

A visitation was held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2022, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson, MN. A private family service followed. Pastor Roger Langworthy officiated.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN 55944 (507) 634-6510. Blessed be his memory.

Nancy Irene Kuball

Nancy Irene Kuball, 78, of Dodge Center, MN passed away peacefully on March 10, 2022 at Season's Hospice House, Rochester following a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. Nancy was born June 24, 1943 in Morristown, MN to Ernest and Mildred (Michael) Anderson.

Nancy grew up in Morristown and was graduated from Morristown High School. After high school, she attended Ancker Hospital School of Nursing in St. Paul, MN. She graduated as a registered nurse in July of



1964. On November 28, 1964, she married her high school classmate & college sweetheart, Milton Kuball. In 1973, Milt and Nancy moved to Dodge Center, MN where together they raised four children.

Nancy worked as a registered nurse for 41 years. She worked at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN for 37 years before retiring in 2005. Nancy was a proud member of the Fairview Nursing Home Ladies Auxiliary in Dodge Center, MN.

Nancy really enjoyed reading, traveling, fishing and spending time at their cabin on the lake. Nancy and Milton spent as much time as they could at their cabin. There they enjoyed relaxing and just being together. They also enjoyed fishing, sunsets, campfires and spending time with their friends. The thing Nancy treasured the most was spend-

ing time with her family. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren. She made sure they all knew they were loved.

Nancy is survived by her husband Milton of Dodge Center; sister Audrey (Howard) Ridgeway of Eagan; children Terri (Mitch) Hallaway of Claremont, Greg (Darloe) Kuball of Kasson, Jeff (Jo) Kuball of Pine Island as well as seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Nancy will be held at a later date.

All memorial gifts will be donated to charities that are special to the family.

Dibble Funeral Home & Cremation Services - Kasson is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.dibblefuneralhome.com.

Claremont Fire Department Hosts Annual Breakfast

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Ten people won \$100 prizes: Bridget Sanford, Shawn Dahl, Michelle Welch, Byron Frauenkron, Ross Glazier, Emily Branard, Chris Pluto, Alex Jorissen, Justin Matejcek, and Joylene Johnson. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket!

Currently in Claremont, there are 20 Firefighters and 10 First Responders. A few people do both of these positions. Romell explained, "Eight of our Firefighters are First Responders and we also have two First Responders that are not Firefighters."

I asked Romell to summarize the incredible work this group of people does. She said, "We are a volunteer fire department that provides emergency services to help with fires, motor vehicle accidents, and emergency extrication. Our first responders are trained to help with medical emergencies before the ambulance service can be on scene. We will also assist the EMT's after their arrival."

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Claremont Fire Department or First Responders, Romell Matejcek had the following information. "The city website is

where people can go and get applications to sign up for either the Fire Department or First Responders. We are always looking for more volunteers. People who sign up and are approved for the Fire Department go through orientation training and then within the first 2 years of being on the Fire Department they are sent to Riverland Fire School for a semester to be trained and certified through the state. First Responders will go through a 2-week training course to become certified as an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) which is the new term for First Responders. We also have 5 consortium trainings throughout the year to keep our Certification. Both the Firefighters and First Responders are trained in CPR every 2 years."

The breakfast is usually held the first weekend in March and is their only fundraiser. Thank you to all who attended! The best way to stay connected with the Claremont Fire Department and First Responders is through their Facebook page.

West Concord American Legion & Auxiliary

St. Patrick's Dinner

Friday, March 18, 2022
5 PM - 8 PM

Legion Hall on East Main Street
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Superintendent Schlichting Honored for Earning AASA National Superintendent Certification®

Dodge Center, MN – Craig Schlichting Superintendent at Triton Public Schools, was

among the nearly 30 Minnesota superintendents recognized on March 10th for successfully completing the AASA National Superintendent Certification Program®.

The program, administered by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, is a collaborative effort with AASA state affiliates, the National School Boards Association, and business and corporate leaders. The master teachers and guest instructors have all been sitting superintendents and have proven track records of success.

“AASA’s National Superintendent Certification Program® is one of the best professional development experiences I’ve ever had as an educator,” said Schlichting “Given the uncertainty of today’s unprecedented

times, I felt the program was so invaluable because it provided me with ample opportunities to work with like-minded peers from across the state who challenged each other to improve. As the nation works to strengthen our public schools, I would highly encourage superintendents from across my state of Minnesota and the country to enroll in this outstanding program.”

“In the COVID world we live in, excellence in public school system leadership has never been more vital to our children’s well-being,” said Steve Sallee, executive director, Southeast Service Cooperative, in Rochester, Minn. “The AASA National Superintendent Certification Program® provides superintendents with opportunities to engage in a world-class professional learning opportunity. I am pleased to congratulate Superintendent Schlichting for completing the program, an initiative that provides on-the-ground coaching, mentoring and support from individuals who are experiencing the same challenges and successes that superintendents from across the country are experiencing.”

The AASA National Superintendent Certification Program® sharpens the skills that successful superintendents identify as essential for leading in today’s complex and challenging education environment. The program was developed by superintendents, exclusively for superintendents, and is led by seasoned and successful superintendents.

For more information, contact Mort Sherman, AASA associate executive director, Leadership Network, at msherman@asa.org or Amy Sichel, lead superintendent, at



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About AASA

AASA, The School Superintendents Association, founded in 1865, is the professional organization for more than 13,000 educational leaders in the United States and throughout the world. AASA’s mission is to support and develop effective school system leaders who are dedicated to equitable access for all students to the highest quality public education. For more information, visit www.asa.org.

Triton FFA Steak Feed

The Triton FFA held their annual Steak Feed in West Concord at the Faith Community Church building on Saturday March 5th. They served a total of 544 meals.



TRITON CLASS OF 2022



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Isabella Selthun is a senior at Triton High School.

Her parents are Alisha and Greg Selthun and she has one brother.

Isabella is active in Student Council, MHS, Link Crew and is class president.

She also participates in Triton athletics in basketball, cross country, track and field and trap shooting.

Outside of school she is a life guard and teaches Sunday School.

Her hobbies include cooking, baking and watching cooking shows.

Her favorite music is country and Christian pop. Her favorite artist is For King and Country

After graduation she plans to go to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA for electrical engineering and a minor in business management



ISABELLA SELTHUN

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Curtain Rises on Annie

March 30, 31, and April 1 and 2

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Additionally, the free senior citizen matinee will be on Wednesday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend!

The production, under the direction of Anne Schreiber, promises to be an enjoyable event. Also involved are Aimee Hampton as music director and pianist, John Schreiber as technical director, and Sadie Short as choreographer.

Ticket prices are \$4 for students and \$6 for adults, and they may be purchased in advance at the high school office. Audience members are encouraged to get advance tickets because it's sure to be a family crowd-pleaser, and the school would like to ensure enough room for everyone.

The musical Annie has a long tradition on Broadway and in movies, and it's no stranger to the Triton stage. Schreiber herself performed in it when she was a sophomore at Triton. "I chose Annie for several reasons," she says, "but one of the main ones is that I feel

the message is very encouraging. Annie is an orphan, but no matter her circumstance or the bad news she receives, she is continually grateful and optimistic. The beating heart of this show is her optimism, and I believe that's why this show is so beloved."

The story's plot is simple: Annie, a poor orphan living under the tyrannical presence of Miss Hannigan, dreams of a better life, and that opportunity is given through Mr. Warbucks, a billionaire who soon realizes love is missing in his life. The only problem is Miss Hannigan's brother Rooster, who schemes for a better life, using Annie to try to make that come true. The musical features many well-known songs such as "It's a Hard-Knock Life," "Easy Street," "I Don't Need Anything but You," and of course, "Tomorrow."

The talented cast and crew are busy putting the final touches on the show, finalizing songs, lines, choreography, and getting ready for the first performance on March 30th. Junior Jude Gosse, who plays Mr. Warbucks, states, "My favorite part of the musical so far has been singing, practicing, and overall improving my skills as an actor and musician." Senior August Kozisek, playing Rooster Hannigan, adds to that: "I love that I get to become a character with a vastly different personality from my own. I also enjoy doing the fun accents with this character."

All involved, from the directors to the cast



and crew, hope people come to see the show. Senior Kai Zill, playing Grace Farrell, says, "People should come to the musical because it's going to be super exciting!" Junior Maddie Jarrett, playing Annie herself, concurs:

"Everyone has put in so much hard work and it's fun to perform. I hope that the people who are coming to see it enjoy it as much as I do!"

Contact the high school office at (507) 418-7520 for more information.

Triton High School
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Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

When I first began classes in educational leadership, I remember a class in which we were given an assignment to define who we were and who we were going to be as an administrator. It was a unique opportunity that helped me to reflect on what I valued and what I believed. I learned that my core reason for being in education was to help students. I came to the realization that I really wanted to be in education because of the teachers that had a positive impact on my life. My teachers helped guide me through difficult life experiences. This assignment helped me become very aware of how important and special those educators were to me. I can honestly say that without their help, I would not have considered the option of going to college. Living through this pandemic has created additional stresses to our lives. I have found that I have needed to reflect on that assignment and focus on why I am in the field of education in the first place. I have reflected on the advice that I have given to students over the years and learned that I needed to listen to my own advice.

After I obtained my license from all those “principal” classes, I often found quotes or sayings that helped in my quest to help students. I posted those things in my office so I could refer to them when I met with students. The first of those was a quote from Publilius Syrus. “Many receive advice, but only the wise profit from it.” In the role of a principal, you often find yourself giving advice, but you are often giving it to individuals that are not in the mood to hear it. They were often upset and emotional and may have even wanted to argue about the righteousness of their perspective. I would listen to their perspective, and then offer advice. I would tell students that it was advice that they were free to use as they saw fit. If they ignored it, and repeated the behavior, then I usually found another opportunity to share it with them more than once. This process provided me an opportunity to listen to students and often learn that their behavior was simply an act of frustration. It was due to circumstances creating stress in their life that manifested itself in the form of poor behaviors in school. Finding the root of that stress and helping a student process through that frustration is truly gratifying. Understand why they were in the office in the first place, and then what they could do to address the situation that was causing the behaviors. It really is a teaching process, only the subject matter was behavior. I realize that at times there are consequences that are associated with the poor

choice in behavior, but the art of teaching a student to learn from their mistakes is what it is most important. The process of listening and understanding a student’s perspective is important, they need to feel heard. When we listen, we learn about their stress, the cause of their behaviors. They need help and support to process their stress, and advice on how to work through it. This brings up another important step in working with students, the discussion of perspective. The perspective you choose will impact how you view things. The easy response for a student when you ask them to correct or change is, “I can’t do that” or, “that will never happen.” To which I replied, “you’re right.” If you have the perspective that you can’t change or correct something, you won’t. You need to have a different perspective to make a positive change. You need to begin with believing that you CAN. You must understand that the choices we make influence the outcome of any situation.

This is much like the analogy of the glass of water that is half-full or half empty. The perspective of looking at what you have, a glass that is half-full of water versus what you don’t have. A glass that is half-empty. Either answer is correct, but what you choose to focus on is a choice. It is also important to understand that which you can control, and that which is out of our control. Learning to focus on the things we can control, and not worrying about the things that are out of our control.

This often leads to a discussion about how many of the things we do, begin with a thought. Focusing on what we think about is something we CAN control. When we work to create a positive thought loop it creates an opportunity of positive results. I use this quote to explain the power of positive thoughts.

“Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character; watch your character, it becomes your destiny.” Lao Tzu

I am going to admit that the first three years of being the superintendent at Triton have been difficult and stressful. I know that this has also been a difficult time for our families, staff, and students. My first three years as a superintendent are not at all what I had envisioned. It has been a challenging time in my career. Even though there are many challenges we have had to endure, I am learning to use much of my own advice that I have given to students in the past. It leads me to another great quote from a Cherokee Proverb that says:

” There is a battle of two wolves inside us all. One is evil. It is anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, lies, inferiority, and ego. The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy, and truth. The wolf that wins? The one you feed.”

I think difficult times can create opportunities. For me, even though it has been difficult, I have found comfort in advice that I have given others and humility in the fact that I need to follow it myself. An activity that we have done with staff over the past few years is to ask them “why” they are in the field of education.

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By Jim Miller

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Dear Savvy Senior,

My 80-year-old mother, who lives alone, has fallen several times over the past year. Are there any extra precautions you recommend that can help her with this?

Worried Daughter

Dear Worried,

Falls are a big concern for many elderly seniors and their families. Each year, more than 1-in-4 older Americans fall, making it the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for those age 65 and older. But many falls can be prevented. Depending on what’s causing your mom to fall, here are some different tips that can help prevent it.

ENCOURAGE EXERCISE

Weak leg muscles and poor balance are two of the biggest risk factors that cause seniors to fall. Walking, strength training and tai chi are all good for improving balance and strength, as are a number of balance exercises your mom can do anytime like standing on one foot for 30 seconds then switching to the other foot, and walking heel-to-toe across the room. For additional balance and leg strengthening exercises, see the National Institute on Aging’s (NIA) Exercise and Physical Activity website at NIA.NIH.gov/health/exercise-physical-activity.

REVIEW HER MEDICATIONS

Does your mom take any medicine, or combination of medicines, that make her dizzy, sleepy or lightheaded? If so, make a list or gather up all the drugs she takes – prescriptions and over the counter medications, and contact her doctor or pharmacist for a drug review and adjustment.

GET A VISION TEST

Poor vision can be another contributor to falls, so your mom should get her eyes checked once a year and be sure to update her eyeglasses if needed. Also be aware that if your mom wears bifocal or progressive lenses, they too can cause falls, especially when walking outside or going down steps. These lenses can affect depth perception, so she may want to get a pair of glasses with only her distance prescription for outdoor activities.

FALL-PROOF HER HOME

There are a number of simple household modifications you can do to make your mom’s living area safer. Start by helping her arrange or move the furniture so there are clear pathways to walk through and pick-up items on the floor that could cause her to trip like newspapers, shoes, clothes, electrical or phone cords. If she has throw rugs, remove them or use double-sided tape to secure them. In the bathroom buy some nonskid rugs for the floors and a rubber suction-grip mat or adhesive non-skid tape for the floor of the tub or shower, and have a carpenter install grab bars in and around the tub/shower for support.

Also, make sure the lighting throughout the house is good, purchase some plug-in nightlights for the bathrooms and hallways, and if she has stairs, put handrails on both sides. For more tips, see the NIA Fall-Proofing Your Home web page at NIA.NIH.gov/health/fall-proofing-your-home.

CHOOSE SAFE FOOTWEAR

Going barefoot or wearing slippers or socks at home can also cause falls, as can wearing backless shoes, high heels, and shoes with smooth leather soles. The safest option for your mom is rubber-sole, low-heel shoes.

PURCHASE SOME HELPFUL AIDS

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Local Event Center Has The Same Charm with New Owners

By Kenya Narveson



Aaron and Rachel, are a husband-and-wife team who are now the proud owners of Divanyx Event Center and Photography (formerly known as Coops Event Barn) here in Dodge Center. Along with the event center and photography services, they offer graphic design services and a photo booth. Their plan and desire is to provide their customers with the best venue and pictures for any celebration.

They recently purchased the event center and are making some minor adjustments. Aaron explained, "The former owners, Keith and Linda did a beautiful job with the property and that's why we fell in love with it. It's an awesome property for photography."

He mentioned that he and his wife have visited several event centers over the last 10

years and noticed that while some venues are beautiful they lack places to take pictures or have a pole in the way of a photo opportunity. So the minor adjustments that are being made to the event center are only to ensure the best quality usable photography space. "We truly believe that our background in photography will guide us to provide customers with a unique and stunning location for any event. We want all our customers and their guests to leave our venue with happy memories and positive experiences."

Divanyx Event Center is not only for weddings but quinceañeras, reunions, and other special gatherings. The Divanyx Photography services include weddings, couples, families, pets, and etc. The graphic design services offer color picture correction, custom designed invitations/announcements, professional touch ups and background changes. The photo booth rental service is available to locals and those further away from our home

base for a small travel fee. The photo booth rental comes with the use of many high quality props. Not just the mustaches on a stick. By renting their photo booth, you are able to reprint any of the photos taken in the photo booth as large as 34" x 23" without losing quality.

Aaron is a Rochester, Minnesota native that has a background in Computer Science. Rachel was born and raised in Guadalajara, Mexico. They were both on vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico when they met and fell in love. Rachel finished college with a Graphic Design degree and moved here to Minnesota to live happily ever after with Aaron. Check out the Divanyx Facebook page for the upcoming announcement of their Grand Opening. This is open to the community to come out and enjoy food, music, and fun at the event center! divanyx.com

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My "why" is because I feel better when I can help others feel better. I hope that you know that you are not in this pandemic alone, and it is important to help each other feed the good wolf. How you react and respond to difficult times is a choice. Making the choice to be happy is related to my favorite quote from Abraham Lincoln.

"Most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

I hope that by writing this article, I have been able to help someone, I know it has helped me to reflect on the amazing opportunities that I have had to work with students in my years as an educator.

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The Problem of Overweight Pets

By most estimates, well over half of all cats and dogs in the United States are overweight.

Dr. Gene Pavlovsky, a small animal veterinarian at the University of Illinois Veterinary Medicine South Clinic in Urbana, says that those extra pounds can have serious health consequences for pets. He has suggestions for keeping your pet at a healthy weight.

"In order to tell if a pet is considered overweight or obese, we use a scale called the body conditioning score," Dr. Pavlovsky says. This is a subjective measure based on physical examination and criteria. Small animal medicine commonly uses two body conditioning score systems, one on a five-point scale and the other on a nine-point scale. In both systems, 1 refers to the animal being very thin or emaciated; a very overweight pet ranks as 5 or 9, depending on the scale. An ideal score is at the midpoint of the range, or 3 on the five-point scale and 4.5-5 on the nine-point scale.

During an annual physical exam, the veterinarian will feel the pet's ribs and determine how much fat is covering them. The more fat that is present, the more overweight the pet is. At an ideal weight, the ribs should be easily felt without having to press too firmly.

"In cats specifically, the body conditioning score criteria involves looking at the animal from the side," Dr. Pavlovsky explains. "During this part of the exam, I am looking for an abdominal fat pad that is more easily seen from the side to determine the score."

"Oftentimes, pet owners won't notice that their pet has gained weight," Dr. Pavlovsky says. Owners see the pet every day and are surprised when they learn that their pet is overweight. Dr. Pavlovsky says that owners will often report that their pet is slowing down as they age or that they are limping. Both of these signs can be exacerbated by weight gain.

"In cats, increased weight gain often doesn't allow them to groom themselves properly or use their litter box," Dr. Pavlovsky says. As a result, they may have an unkempt hair coat and the owners may notice inappropriate urination and defecation just outside of the litter box.

Dr. Pavlovsky explains that there are several proven connections between weight gain in pets and their health. For example, overweight pets are more likely to develop diabetes and orthopedic diseases.

"Pets that are overweight typically have mobility issues that can lead to reductions in both quality of life and life expectancy," Dr. Pavlovsky says. The pet could struggle going up and down steps to reach their food or litter box or to get outside. A pet may struggle to jump up in bed or into a car like they used to be able to do.

If a pet owner notices any of these signs or that their pet has gained weight, it is important to seek the advice of a veterinarian on how to safely help the pet lose weight. The veterinarian will make sure that there aren't any other health issues with the pet and make recommendations.

"It is vital to a pet's health to not just reduce the amount of food that a pet is fed," Dr. Pavlovsky says. In cats, simply reducing the food they eat may create problems for their internal organs.

"There are so many different diets available to pet owners that it can be overwhelming," Dr. Pavlovsky notes, as he offers some broad advice.

His first recommendation is to choose a reputable brand that has been around for a long time and has veterinary nutritionists on staff. He also says the life stage of the food should be right for the age of the animal; for example, a puppy should be eating a specifically labeled "puppy food" and an adult dog should eat a diet designed for adults.

Owners should also look for an Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) statement on the bag. This ensures that the food follows the rules and is complete and balanced.

The amount to feed listed on the pet food bag gives a good starting point, but is based on the pet's ideal weight, not the weight that they are currently at.

"Owners need to remember that any other food—human table scraps or treats—that their pet gets adds calories to the diet," Dr. Pavlovsky says. It is important to use consistent treat brands versus switching between brands to avoid stomach upset, and calories from treats should make up less than 10% of the diet. It's generally advisable to avoid giving human food as treats.

Dr. Pavlovsky emphasizes that overweight pets are a very common problem, but one that can be resolved. Love and affection can be given in other ways than food, such as through interaction and training.

"Veterinarians are available to help pets lose weight safely and help pets do what they love for as long as possible," he says.

If you have any questions about pet obesity, contact your local veterinarian.

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March Winners

Caramel Bars

Submitted by Deb Grotke

2 cups flour
1/2 cup oatmeal
1/2 t.p. salt
1/2 t.p. baking soda
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup softened butter

Mix these 6 ingredients and reserve one cup for topping. Pat the rest in greased 9x13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes.

Mix one (12 oz) jar caramel topping with 4 Tablespoons flour and pour over the crust.

Sprinkle one cup of mini chocolate chips on caramel and crumble the reserved 1 cup on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Don't over bake, they set up after coming out of oven.

Impossible Pie

Submitted by Linda Gobin

4 eggs
1/2 stick margarine
1 Cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/2 t.p. salt
1/2 t.p. baking powder
2 cups milk
1 cup coconut
1 t.p. vanilla

Place all ingredients in the blender at one time, blend until mixed thoroughly, pour into 10-inch pie pan bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. When pie is done crust is on bottom, custard in middle and coconut is on top. So delicious!

Slow Cooker Chicken Tortilla Soup

Submitted by Andrea Dawson

1 Cup Pace Picante Sauce
2 cans (10 1/2 ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2" pieces
2 Cups frozen whole kernel corn
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 1/3 Cup water
1 teaspoon ground cumin
4 corn tortillas (6") cut into strips
1 Cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/3 Cup chopped cilantro

Stir the picante sauce, soup, chicken, corn, beans, water and cumin in a 4 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 4-5 hours or until the chicken is cooked through. Stir the tortillas, cheese and cilantro into the cooker. Cover and cook for 15 minutes. Serve with additional cheese and avocado if desired.

Coffee Ice Cream Punch

Submitted by Judy Dyck

1 c. sugar
1 c. water
1 T. instant coffee
1/2 t. vanilla

Boil water; add sugar, coffee, and vanilla. Cool. Pour into 2 1/2 gal. container.

Add:
1/2 gal. (8 cups) milk
1/4 gal. (4 cups) vanilla ice cream, soft
1/4 gal. (4 cups) fudge ripple ice cream

Stir and serve.

CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE REPORTS CITY ENGINEER

Motion by Grey to open the public hearing, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. City Engineer Derek Olinger gave an overview of the street improvements project and assessments. The street project will be East Street (from the alley south of 3rd Street to approximately 490 feet north of 3rd Street), 2nd Street (from Wheat Street to Main Street) and Front Street parking lanes (from Main Street to East Street). The total project cost is estimated to be \$173,955. Per the Assessment Policy, assessment rates are based on the square footage of a benefitting parcel of land at 30% of the total project cost. For the trailer park property and the undeveloped field on the north end of East Street they will be based

on the width of the improvement adjacent to the property and the typical residential lot depth of 132 feet. A resident on East Street asked what her estimated assessment would be, which Olinger told her the estimate. Hearing no other comments or questions, motion to close the public hearing by McGovern, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Klejeski to approve Resolution No. 22-07: Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Engineering Proposal for the project, second by Grey. Motion carried unanimously.

The council has previously discussed repainting the inside and outside of the water tower and other maintenance required to preserve the structural integrity of the tower. Due to the large scope of the project, various ways to save on costs, and budget considerations,

the council tabled the project until the city administrator can review it further and make recommendations.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Klejeski to approve the financial reports, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Grey to approve payment of the bills, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

The city has excess funds from the TIF and most recent bond so Sorg suggested moving some funds out of the checking account and putting into the 4M Fund until the funds are needed. Motion by McGovern to move \$300,000 from the checking account into the 4M Fund, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

The committee met January 24. A member's term ended at the end of 2021. He reapplied for another term and Jason Jennings also applied. The committee was happy and didn't want to discourage involvement in a city committee, so they approved Jennings as an alternate. City Attorney Rahrlick stated it is generally not a good idea having 6 members as it could result in a tie vote. He also stated it is an advisory board and makes recommendations to the council and in case of a tie the council would make the final decision. Rahrlick suggested changing the ordinance stating the committee have up to 6 members but no less than 5. Motion by McGovern to change the committee membership of up to 6, no less than 5, second by Grey. Motion carried unanimously. The committee also reviewed the preliminary Land Use Plan. Overall, they liked the plan and will review the final draft at the next meeting, then it will go to council for final approval.

EDA

Matt Durand, owner of Arden Homes, LLC, submitted a housing proposal to the council. He is proposing to build 9 modular homes on the rest of the lots at RK&T. He would collaborate with Three Rivers Community Action, a SE MN non-profit, to educate and qualify homeowners towards home ownership. Families that meet the income limits of

the housing TIF and successfully complete a Home Stretch course will qualify to purchase a home in the development. Arden Homes will coordinate with Three Rivers to facilitate the home ownership qualification program and act as a housing navigator and will coordinate homeowner education, mortgage counseling, and program promotion. Arden Homes seeks to negotiate a Developer's Agreement with the city to build 9 modular homes for qualified buyers. Durand also stated he does work for Claremont as the EDA Director for CEDA. CEDA has had several discussions about this housing development, and it is not a conflict as it could be duplicated in other communities as well. as City Attorney Rahrlick went over the possible risks and outcomes if the city enters into an agreement with Durand. Council asked Rahrlick to draft a Developer's Agreement for review.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

PEOPLESERVICE

Nothing at this time.

CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Rahrlick has been in contact with the Harmer's and is continuing work on finalizing the donation of land.

Rahrlick also went over an issue with the survey that is between the Fire Hall and railroad tracks. There is some interest from someone wanting to purchase the property. There is some uncertainty about the right of way placement and property lines. The council would like to continue with having the property surveyed and clear up any issues with the right of ways and/or property lines.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The council held an annual performance review for City Maintenance Hvitved earlier tonight. Motion by Dahl to approve a 3% increase for him, second by Grey. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Council will have City Clerk/Treasurer Sorg's annual performance review March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg, City Clerk/Treasurer
Tasha Dahl, Mayor

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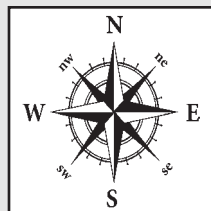
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By Terry Campbell

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.

We live five miles out of town on a road that leads to Holiday Shores and Loon Bay. These lake communities were built on Lake Barkley and consist of many very fancy water front properties. They were built over forty years ago by folks who were loving the lake life. Now they are barely clinging to life. It seems about every morning we get a wake-up call in the form of a wailing siren. Somebody wakes up down the road and de-

cides to call for assistance. The dogs hear it first and begin to howl. Then we can hear it in the distance and soon the blue and red lights go flashing by. It may be the EMT in the rescue truck, a Stewart County deputy in a brown SUV or the big, boxy white ambulance.

Down here we joke that the ambulance chasers are not attorneys, but real estate agents looking for a house that will be going on the market shortly. Quite frequently we go out for breakfast at the local diner, just up the road, and usually hear what all the commotion was about that day. Between the waitress and the old farmers at the café, we get the whole story, quite a bit of history and a great commentary of amusing anecdotes.

The other day we heard on the radio what one of the calls was about. It was for an eighty-plus year-old lady who decided to run into town the first thing in the morning. Instead of backing up though, she charged ahead in her Caddy like a battering ram and drove right through the front of the house cruising through the living room, right past the kitchen and came to a stop on the back deck. The medics determined she was alright and the sheriff reported that she mistook the gas pedal for the brake pedal. No news on if she will be driving into town anytime soon though.

**A Minnesotan:
Goats**



By RosaLin Alcoser

My older sister believes that everyone has had at least one great goat story in their lives.

For her and I it was the time one of the neighbors down the road received a goat for Father's Day. The goat got out and ended up on our front porch then proceeded to bleat if my sister did not sit outside with it. Our dog went ballistic and had to be kept inside all day until our parents figured out whose goat it was.

While they did that we proceeded to name that goat Kiddie; Kiddie was later renamed by his owners. We only had Kiddie for an afternoon but he was a good goat. About a year or so later our family bought him and he was delicious when we had him for dinner.

One of my friend's goat story is from when he and his sister kept goats as a 4-H project back in grade school. Once when their aunt was staying over to watch them for a few days she pulled her car up to their car port in the late evening and heard a sound coming from inside.

Apparently the sound sounded like there was someone inside of the car port pretending to be a goat. Naturally since there was a suspected person pretending to be a goat hiding in the car port she called the deputy to come check it out. It turned out to be one of the 4-H goats bleating like a person pretending to be a bleating goat.

For one of my sister's friends their goat story happened after she told her friends about her belief in everyone having at least one great goat story. This friend was from a big city and had never seen a goat in person. So everyone in their group decided that they needed to take him to see a goat.

So his one great goat story is about the time he was taken to a petting zoo and forced to pet a goat.

Everyone has at least one great story about an encounter with a goat. Whether it is having one show up at your door, keeping goats that pretend to be people pretending to be goats or being forced to pet one by your friends. And if you do not have one great story about an encounter with a goat then clearly you have not spent enough time around goats.

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 - 21. *Best-selling pop artist Bing
 - 23. Writer ___ Monk Kidd
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 - 25. Cranberry habitat
 - 28. Not nice
 - 30. Saddle holders
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 - 47. Not odd
 - 48. Italy in Italian
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 - 55. Beer acronym
 - 57. * ___ Doctrine, U.S. foreign policy
 - 60. "'How Green Was My ___"
 - 63. Another word for nutria
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 - 66. Trip guide
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- 1. Emergency acronym
 - 2. *1949 international org.
 - 3. Copycat
 - 4. Chicken feet
 - 5. Christian hymn (2 words)
 - 6. Graveside sound
 - 7. Gone by
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 - 9. Uses a Singer
 - 10. Underwater hermit
 - 11. Ethereal
 - 12. Gridiron official, for short
 - 15. Apollo Creed's son
 - 20. City in northern England
 - 22. Old towel, e.g.
 - 24. Roller skater's protector (2 words)
 - 25. *Disney's 1942 orphan
 - 26. Abstractionism using optical illusion
 - 27. Kind of salami
 - 29. Crafts' companion
 - 31. Network of nerves
 - 32. Treasure collection
 - 33. Dreamer?
 - 34. *Popular music style
 - 36. Ship canvas
 - 38. *1939-1945
 - 42. Parallel grooves
 - 45. Acid turns it red
 - 49. "Bingo!"
 - 51. Daryl Hannah's 1984 movie
 - 54. Open up
 - 56. In spite of the fact, arch.
 - 57. Church sound
 - 58. Swedish shag rugs
 - 59. Plotting
 - 60. Velum, pl.
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