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## Mobile Pet Grooming Comes to Area

Angel's Pet Grooming is now offering mobile pet grooming, which will come to your door and groom your pet. This provides a more stress free experience for pets which suffer from anxiety.



Angela Pike is a South Dakota native who moved to the Rochester area twenty-five years ago. She originally went to school at RCTC to be a vet tech, but after working at PetCo for a while realized she would rather work with dogs making them look pretty instead of seeing them when they are sick.

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# Lee Mattson returns

By Kenya Narveson

The Dodge Center City Council is pleased to have City Administrator Lee Mattson return to Dodge Center.

Lee has a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Studies. He stabilized his career in Minnesota. He served in the late 90's in the City of Warren and later served Dodge Center as City Administrator from 2000 to 2018. Recently he resigned from the City of Waseca where he served the past few years as City Manager.

In his letter of resignation to the City of

Waseca, as well as the discussion that followed, Mattson highlighted the amazing city staff that he's had the chance to work with. "It has been a great source of joy to work closely with the city staff, all of whom work tirelessly to provide services to this city." The Mayor of Waseca read from the letter that was submitted to him. Following the entering of the letter into the record, The Mayor began the discussion by thanking Mattson for his hard work and dedication.

Mattson said the main reason he decided to

resign was that he had accepted a position as the Dodge Center City Administrator — a position he took due to his personal connection to the city. When asked why he accepted the position in Dodge Center he replied,



Lee Mattson

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## Shooting for a Cure



By Cheri Roshon

On February 10, Triton school will be hosting "Shooting for a Cure". This organization is all about coming together as a community to raise money for cancer research, and supporting those who are going through cancer treatment, and their families.

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## Announcements

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

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## Are You Obsessive Productive?



By Pastor Roger Langworthy  
Praise Fellowship Church

I'm sure that you have heard of being OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), but have you ever heard of OPD (Obsessive Productive Disorder)? I haven't either, and I did do a Google search before I started to make my comments to find out if I was just ignorant. No doubt, I still have some level of ignorance as to the psychological profile of the type of person I am describing, but overall it is the type of individual that sees no value in rest or recreation, because they see it as unproductive. Okay, maybe more common terms rather than OPD, would be Type A Personality, or Workaholic.

I don't often wax eloquent or profound

when I speak, but not long ago when a gentleman apologetically told me that he hadn't been doing much, just resting. I responded that sometimes resting is the most productive thing you can do. Then I had to stop and think about what I said and whether I really believed it or not. I have to settle on the fact that with the agreement of the scriptures it really is true. I am usually persuaded more by the title of the book authored by Tim Hansel, "When I Relax I Feel Guilty."

Look at some of the Biblical heavy hitters that were all in favor of rest. How about God himself? After having created the heavens and the earth and all contained in them, he rested. How about Jesus? Not only for himself, but he encourage his disciples to draw away to a lonely place for rest even when the crowds were pressing them for more miracles. Listen to the words of Jesus in Mark 6:31 - 32, "And He said\* to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.' (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves."

The need among the people was great, but Jesus knew when it was time to rest. Rest is so valuable that God even established it in the Ten Commandments. Work six days and rest the seventh (see Exodus 20:9-10).

So if any of you reading this suffer from OPD - and I'm not talking about the Office of Public Defense - that is another whole syndrome - know that God has established times when the most productive thing you can do is rest. So work, and then rest and restore. Create, and then recreate. And don't feel guilty when you rest. Sometimes it is the most productive thing you can do.

## Thomas (Tom) King Wilcox

Thomas (Tom) King Wilcox, 82, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2023, at his farm. He was born on September 24, 1940, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN to Kathryn A. (Fryer) and Willard C. Wilcox and graduated Kasson-Mantorville High School in 1958. Tom started farming in high school; he then met his wife of 56 years, Mary A. (Runde) Wilcox of Riceville, IA, at IBM-Rochester, where he worked for 32 years. They married on February 23, 1963, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Leroy, MN. In 1966 they settled on a farm north of Mantorville where they raised livestock and crops. Mary passed away December 28, 2019.



Tom enjoyed the added challenge of farming when he got home each day from his full-time employment at IBM, eventually crop farming with his adult sons. In the 1970s Tom enjoyed dancing with Mary to polka bands at the Relay Station dance hall. They enjoyed traveling together, especially to Hawaii. After Mary was diagnosed with dementia in 2008, Tom did his best to care for her so she could stay at home.

After retiring, Tom began each day with coffee and good company at a local coffee shop - most often at the County Seat Coffeehouse of Mantorville. This was usually followed by a daily drive to "check out the crops" and a hamburger from Kwik Trip or Ginny's Drive-in.

Tom is survived by his children: Jane (Michael) Wilcox Hardwick, Mark (Michelle) Wilcox, and David (Vicki) Wilcox, all of Mantorville, and Connie (Vu) Le of Fort Collins, CO; grandchildren: Kathryn "Katie" Wilcox, Orion Hardwick, Annabelle Hardwick, Elijah Wilcox, Olivia Wilcox, Maggie Wilcox, Thien Le, Camden Le, and Andrist Le; sister-in-law Ann Durben of Osage, IA, and brother-in-law Leo of McIntire, IA. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Christian Wilcox.

Tom was a lifelong member of First Congregational Church of Mantorville, now Stonebridge Community Church.

A memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Stonebridge Community Church, formerly the First Congregational Church, 515 Walnut St Mantorville, MN. Pastor Paul Singleton and Pastor Peter Moen officiated. A visitation was held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, January 13, 2023, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment was in Evergreen Cemetery in Mantorville, MN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Stonebridge Community Church, Mantorville.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit [www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com), Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN 55944 (507)634-6510. Blessed be his memory.



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## Area Church Directory Chosen

*He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. — Ephesians 1:5*

My daughter and son-in-law are in the process of choosing a therapy dog for one of our grandsons. They have been discussing and studying about which breed is best and which size is right. During this time, their other son has been helping to walk the neighbor's dog to get a sense of how this addition to the family will work. The family is invested together to make a good choice.

Even more important is understanding that God has decided that he wants us to join his family. Does it inspire you that God has been pleased to create us for fellowship with him? God knew that through the sacrifice of Jesus we would become sons and daughters of God. His plan for our lives is to include us in his story. It wasn't enough that God created us and made us his imagebearers; he also loves us and wants to live in relationship with us.

When our lives reflect the realization of all this, we display God's glory and his love, and something changes in us. We carry ourselves with the knowledge that we belong and are part of God's family.

What does it mean to be part of this family? It means we are responsible for one another. Because of the love God has given us, we have the ability to live in unity together, sharing in the story that God has indeed chosen us.

**Thank you, Father, that you have created us and have chosen us. Help us to see what it means to be in your family and to treat others with the same love you have shown us. Amen.**

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## Mary Van Den Hemel

Mary Van Den Hemel of Owatonna died Friday, December 16, 2022 at the Mankato Hospital.



Funeral service was Friday, December 23, 2022 at 10:30 AM at Brick Meger Funeral Home. Friends greeted the family Thursday, December 22, 2022 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the funeral home, with a rosary being recited by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas at 5:00 PM. Visitation continued from 9:30 until the time of service at the funeral home on Friday.

Mary Ann Schnorenberg was born November 9, 1938 in Austin, MN to Edward and Anna (Dunleavy) Schnorenberg. She attended St. Peter Catholic Schools in Rose Creek and then Rose Creek High School, graduating in 1957. After graduation, she worked at an insurance agency and also did babysitting in her home. She met Leonard Van Den Hemel in 1959 at a ballroom dance and they were married on May 28, 1960.

Mary worked alongside her husband at their farm outside of Dodge Center for many years. The family moved to Owatonna in 1967. Mary began working at Owatonna Tool Company for a time and then at the Owatonna Hospital for fourteen years until her retirement. Mary also helped with Pre-Kindergarten screening for many families throughout the years.

Mary was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and St. Joseph Catholic Church. She enjoyed knitting and camping. She also enjoyed lawn mowing at Pioneer Power and for many years had a booth at the LeSueur Pioneer Power Association Show.

Mary is survived by her children: Edward (Denise) Van Den Hemel, Owatonna; Betty (Mark) Ritz, Nicollet, MN; Dennis (Becky) Van Den Hemel, Waseca, MN; and Scott (Charity Knutson) Van Den Hemel, Owatonna; eleven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and one sister, Dorothy Schulz.

Mary was preceded in death by husband Leonard, parents, one son Duane, and four siblings: Bernard, Jerry, Lillian, and Francis.

## Janet Arlene Johnson

Janet Arlene Johnson, 88, of Dodge Center, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Fairview Care Center.



A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 19, 2022, at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2nd St NW Dodge Center.

Rev. Jessica Bakken Busch officiated. Visitation was an hour before the service and lunch followed. A private family burial was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery in Spring Valley.

Janet was born on May 2, 1934, to Alfred and Florence Jeche in La Crosse, Wis., She was raised on the family farm in Spring Valley, Minn., and graduated from Spring Valley High School.

Janet spent 25 proud years as a surgical assistant with "the Mayo's" at Mayo Clinic Hospital - Methodist campus. She lived in Rochester for most of her adult life and then moved to Dodge Center in 2004 after her husband, Norman Johnson, passed away to be closer to her family.

One of Janet's most distinguishing characteristics were her giggles of delight. She loved her church, fashion, going out to eat and the movies, traveling with "the girls," looking her best and anything with "razzle dazzle." Janet was kind to random strangers she made into unlikely friends that never forgot her. She spent many cold Minnesota winters at her home in Arizona and beautiful summers on Lake Pepin in Lake City.

Janet was unwaveringly loyal to her small family, which consists of her sister, Carol Johnson of Dodge Center; her nephew, Ross Johnson and his wife, Jennifer, their children, Grace and Tate of Andover; her niece, Jacquelyn Gosse and husband John and their children, Caroline Janet and Jude; and her nephew Ryan Johnson, all of Dodge Center.

Her husbands, Ordell Rensland and Norman Johnson, preceded her in death, along with her brother-in-law, Douglas Johnson. For many years, her dear friend, Gene Young, was almost always at her side, and her beloved cat, Boots, was almost always underfoot.

Janet was highly sensitive, in both her emo-

tions and the way she felt and predicted things others could not. She was thoughtful, charming, genuine and generous. Above all, Janet loved her family and her life revolved around them, their activities, milestones and accomplishments.

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## Dale Loren Langworthy

Dale Loren Langworthy, 82, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center, MN.



Dale was born on March 9, 1940, in Dodge Center, MN to Leslie and Ruby (Mader) Langworthy. He grew up in rural Dodge Center where he enjoyed the Minnesota country life. He was active in 4-H and FFA. He showed Yorkshire hogs and beef cattle. While attending Dodge Center High School, he was a drummer in the school band and played accordion and guitar. You would often find him playing his guitar over campfires at the summer camps he worked at. After graduating in 1958, following his older brother's footsteps, he entered into the US Navy.

Dale married Judy Bunnell of St. Paul, MN on October 10, 1959, and a few years later, they moved to California. Together they raised two sons. Dale later married Celia Jimenez. While living in California, he was involved with Real Estate in one way or another. He also taught Real Estate Principles and Laws at Chabot College in Hayward, CA for seven years. Later Dale was involved in leasing and erection of cellular communications towers in Northern California; Detroit, Michigan; and Indianapolis, Indiana. In his later retirement, Dale moved back to Minnesota, to the land he loved.

Dale is survived by his sons, Michael Langworthy and Brett Langworthy of California; granddaughter, Bria Langworthy of Chicago, IL; and sister, Marlys Delzer of Mantorville, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother and sister-in-law's, Roy and Joyce Langworthy and Erwin and Merece Langworthy; brother-in-law, David Delzer; and former wives, Judy and Celia.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 2, 2023, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson. Pastor Roger Langworthy officiated and special music was provided by his nephews and niece, Randy, Nadine, and Roger Langworthy. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Inurnment will be in Riverside Cemetery next to his parents at a later date. Memorials can be directed to the Riverside Cemetery, St. Croix Hospice, or to the donor's choice.

The family would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to the Fairview Care Center and St. Croix Hospice staff for the excel-

lent care given to Dale.

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## Craig Daryl Anderson

Craig Daryl Anderson of Dodge Center,



MN passed away on Saturday, January 7th, 2023, at the age of 65. Craig was born on August 13th, 1957, in Mora, MN to J Richard and Violet Anderson. He graduated from Braham High School in 1976 and then attended Bethel University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education.

Craig started his career at Echo-Woodlake Schools and did some substitute teaching in Mora, MN. In 1983, he took a job with Claremont Public Schools, which later merged with Dodge Center and West Concord to form Triton Public Schools. Craig stayed with this school district for 39 years. Over his years at Triton, he developed many relationships with students and staff and was well-liked in the community he spent most of his life serving. In 1996, he married Debra Schultz and welcomed Deb's two daughters into his life, Sarah and Anna. Craig and Deb added two more daughters to their family, Olivia and Kristina. Craig was a proud member of Faith Community Church in West Concord, MN where he served as the director of music for 28 years. Craig enjoyed bird-watching and loved spending time with his family, whether it was watching Olivia play basketball or attending Kristina's horse shows.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J Richard and Violet Anderson, and by two infant brothers.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deb Anderson; daughters, Sarah Taylor, Anna (Chris) Acker, Olivia Anderson, and Kristina Anderson; grandchildren, Henry, Ozzie, and Harvey; brother, Bruce (Linda) Anderson; and nephews and niece, Matt Anderson, Sarah Hallstrom, and Mark Anderson.

Funeral services for Craig took place at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 13th, 2023, at Triton High School (813 Hwy St W in Dodge Center, MN) in the main gymnasium. Visitation took place beforehand, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Craig will be buried in Grasston, MN in the days following the service.

You were invited to view a live stream of Craig's funeral service on the Triton Activities page: <https://www.youtube.com/@TritonActivities/streams>.

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## Rockin Hep Cats Take Center Stage

By Kenya Narveson

Rockin Hep Cats is a band making waves with 1950's and 1960's rockabilly music in Dodge Center. Sounds of music from Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lewis, and the Johnny Burnette Trio. The band was founded by 21 yr old Coltan Smisek of Dodge Center. He became interested in music at the age of 10. He plays an acoustic guitar and is a vocalist. "My mother and father introduced me to the music of Johnny Cash through the form of two videos, 'Ring of Fire' and 'Jackson,' after that I was hooked," he says. A little later, Smisek says he discovered Elvis Presley. "That was when everything changed," he says. "I knew I wanted to pursue music for my career."

A few years ago, when Smisek was a senior in high school, he met a slap bass player, Todd Owen. While Smisek was playing guitar and singing at the Annadine, here in Dodge Center, Owen suggested the two could have a jam session together sometime. Shortly thereafter, Owen's son Ben Owen, a guitarist, asked if he could join in. One of the trio's first official gigs was for the Eagles Cancer Telethon. Since the pandemic ended

the Hep Cats have played at several venues.

For Smisek, having the father and son team join him to create a band has been a wonderful experience. "I enjoy working with two of the greatest musicians in this part of the country," he says. "When I first started, I was on my own. Getting to play with Todd and Ben has been one of the biggest thrills of my life." They are looking to add a fourth person to the band as a drummer.

For a band that focuses on music from an earlier generation, it seems to make sense to include two members from different generations of the same family. Todd Owen, who plays bass with the Rockin' Hep Cats, is 49, and his son Ben Owen, the guitarist, is 16. Todd says he really enjoys playing with his son in the group since it gives him the opportunity to watch Ben improve his playing ability.

Coltan mentioned it was difficult to find a name that had not already been used for a rockabilly band. He didn't want the band name to lead with Coltan and fill in the blank. He didn't want to take the limelight away from his fellow bandmates. He used inspiration from a 1950's magazine for hipsters that had a dictionary with slang from that time. Hep refers to hip or cool and cats refers to a cool guy!

To learn more about the Rockin' Hep Cats and to dance the night away; check for new events on their Facebook page.



## Lee Matson returns

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"I've had positive experiences here and there are a lot of wonderful things about the community.

When the opportunity came up; I was asked if there would be any interest in coming back, I said yes. I want to implement the City Council's goals and vision for the community. The continued infrastructure repair, continued city operations, and maintain the quality staff that City of Dodge Center has."

Mayor Bill Ketchum said he helped hire Mattson for both Dodge Center stints, and is thrilled to have done so. "He said basically, I just like the smaller towns," Ketchum said.

"He wanted to come back and the transition was much easier. We've been very fortunate to have three outstanding city administrators in the last 20 years."

While Lee takes great pleasure in serving the city; he enjoys the outdoors. He enjoys the golf course within the city. Sprawling greens, trees, plants and water that offer some sense of peacefulness. Golf is an excellent way for him to get fresh air, reconnect with people and meet new people that live in Dodge Center. He and his wife Sarah own a house in Waseca, but are also renting in Dodge Center.

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## Mobile Pet Grooming Comes to Area

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She attended a PetCo academy twenty years ago in the twin cities for her schooling in pet grooming.

She managed a pet salon at Pet Smart where she trained groomers, and two years ago decided to start her own mobile grooming business.

She purchased a mobile salon in a 7' x 18' trailer from a manufacturer in Texas. It has

self-container water, diesel heater, gas generator and every amenity a standard grooming shop offers. She pulls the trailer with er pickup and with travel time can groom about six dogs each day. A small dog costs \$75 and a large dog costs about \$150 each. Her services include teeth brushing, nail clipping, bathing, trimming and grooming. Angela uses top of the line shampoo and conditioners, has studied holistic grooming and is a certified fear free groomer. She offers a stress free environment and safety is her number one priority. She grooms mostly dogs but does a few cats.

She has clients from Wanamingo, Zumbrota, Rochester, Byron and Kasson. For anyone interested in her services contact Angel at 507-251-4123



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Dennison, MN

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11:00 AM Bring entry to City Hall (Chili)  
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1:00 PM Cookoff Winner Announced (1st & 2nd Place Payout)

1:30 PM Keg Toss on the Grassy Knoll - \$2 per throw or 3 throws for \$5  
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3:00 PM Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo at City Hall  
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6:30 PM 9th Annual Denni Dazzle Parade  
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9:00 PM Raffle Winners Announced at Fireside

Flake Out Festival Raffle Saturday, February 4

Buy a Raffle Ticket from any Lions Member, Fireside Lounge, Dennison Depot Gas Station or Heritage Bank in Dennison for \$5.00 for your chance to win!

**Grand Prize - \$500.00 Cash**

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## Shooting for a Cure

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We all have been touched by someone who has or has had cancer, and it is easy to say it's not an easy challenge to navigate. By attending Shooting for a Cure, you will be able to help those who need support, not only financially but also emotionally, as those involved see the changes that can be affected as we come together to help each other in times of crisis.

There will be 4 girls basketball games, 7th, 8th, JV and Varsity, and a 50/50 raffle at half time of each game.

"Our goal is to raise \$5K to help support organizations in our area, such as Brighter Tomorrows, a group of volunteers who help families to adjust to the circumstances they experience when their child is diagnosed with cancer, The Cure Starts Now, Mayo Pediatric Cancer Research, and Sandra J. Schultze Hope Lodge." explains Keri Ginder, one of

the sponsors of the event. " This is in line with what we have raised in previous years because of our giving community and their generous donations, both monetary and with gift baskets for the raffle." There will also be a silent auction, which will close at 3:30pm.

If anyone would like to contribute by donating a basket or item for the raffle they can contact Keri at kerijo77@gmail.com or Amy at afreiderich@yahoo.com Or if you would like to make cash donations checks can be made payable to

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The holidays may have passed, but the spirit of giving to those less fortunate remains, and this is a fun way to get the family out and teach our children that it takes a village to accomplish unselfish deeds and to help others get through one of the toughest things they will ever face.

Please join us in this special evening and ask questions, volunteer, donate, or just watch the fun! Let's get out there and show them what the Cobras and their neighbors can accomplish! Hope to see you there!

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## SHOOTING FOR A CURE

### Triton Basketball



**FEBRUARY 10TH**

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## How to Stop Your Dog From Jumping Up on People

Jumping up on people is a natural canine behavior. Dogs get to say hello face to face when they jump and even better, it's guaranteed to get attention. However, from a human point of view, jumping to greet is annoying and dangerous. Dressy clothes can get soiled by muddy paws and people can be knocked over, especially seniors and children. It's more polite and far safer to teach your dog to greet people appropriately.

### Why Dogs Greet by Jumping

Dogs repeat behaviors that earn them rewards. And few things are more rewarding to your pet than your attention. Similarly, other family members, visitors, and strangers can all reinforce the behavior too. Even negative reactions like yelling at your dog or grabbing their paws are still attention and can reinforce the behavior. For many dogs, pushing them away is simply part of a wrestling game.

To eliminate jumping from your dog's greeting repertoire, you need to eliminate the associated rewards. That means managing your dog so they don't get the chance to practice jumping while you teach them an alternative and more appropriate way to greet people.

### How to Train an Alternative Greeting Behavior

If you ignore your dog when they jump, theoretically their jumping behavior should eventually stop. After all, it's no longer being rewarded. However, every person you encounter in your home or on the street isn't going to know those rules. And even worse, that's incredibly frustrating for your dog. They need to be taught what to do instead.

How you want your dog to greet people is up to you. You might simply want all four paws on the floor, or you might want your dog to sit or lie down. But remember, you need to tell them what TO do, not just what NOT to do. For example, sit for greetings is an easier rule than don't jump.

### How to Train Four on the Floor

You can teach your dog to keep all four paws on the floor when they greet people by placing treats on the floor during greetings. The idea is to prevent your dog from jumping by rewarding them before they can even think about leaving the ground. The following steps will teach four on the floor:

- With your dog on leash, have somebody approach your dog.
- Before the person gets to your dog, toss several treats on the floor.
- While your dog is eating off the floor, have the person pet and greet them.
- Before your dog is finished eating, have the person back away again.

After several repetitions, repeat the steps above but this time extend the greeting, continuing to toss treats on the floor the entire time.

Once your dog can keep all four feet on the ground, let them greet the person before you place the first treat on the ground.

As your dog begins to understand the rules, you can feed fewer and fewer treats until the greeting is the only reward.

The trick to this technique is being fast with the treats. You need to anticipate your dog's jumping behavior and provide the goodies before it can occur. If you're too late and the dog jumps, have the person turn and walk away as you stop feeding the dog. In time, your dog will come to realize that four on the floor brings attention and treats while jumping brings nothing.

### How to Train Sit for Greetings

Another appropriate greeting behavior is sitting for pets and hellos. Like the training method above, your dog will learn that when their bum is on the floor, attention comes their way, but when they get up, it all stops. The following steps will teach sit for greetings:

- Tether your dog to a doorknob or piece of furniture.
- From several feet away, ask your dog to sit. When they do, calmly approach. If they stand up, turn and walk back to your starting point and ask for the sit again. If they stay sitting, go up to them and quietly praise and pet them. If they stand up, keep greeting. As soon as they stand up, turn and walk away.

As your dog begins to understand they need to sit to get your greeting, you can make your approaches more and more exciting.

Once your dog has mastered sit for greetings with you, go back to step one using friends and family members.

Remember, the more your dog practices sit, the easier this exercise will be for them. There's no point in teaching sit for greetings if your dog is still struggling to sit without distractions. Sit should be your dog's way of saying please. Having them sit before going outside, getting their dinner, and so on makes sit for greetings easier to train.

### How to Prevent Jumping While You Train

While you're teaching your dog an appropriate greeting behavior, you need to manage their behavior so they don't get the chance to practice jumping. For example, if your dog has a strong "Go to Your Place" cue, you can send your dog to their mat or crate anytime the doorbell rings. Alternatively, you can place a baby gate at your entranceway so your dog can't get to visitors. Putting your dog on leash whenever guests arrive can also help you prevent jumping.

Another management trick is keeping toys and treats at the front door. You can throw the reward away from the doorway to occupy your dog's time while your visitor enters. Or your guest can use the treat or toy to reward your dog for greeting appropriately.


It can be particularly hard to prevent jumping when you're walking your dog. You can't expect strangers to know or abide by your rules. Until your dog understands appropriate greetings with friends and family, avoid greeting strangers. Instead, get your dog's attention with a "Watch Me" cue or by squeaking a toy and let the stranger walk past. When your dog is ready to try greeting people on the street, be sure to tell people the procedure. Ask them to ignore your dog if your dog doesn't follow the rules. In no time, your dog will understand how to say hello politely whether at your front door or out on the sidewalk.

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## Triton BPA Students Take Care of Business

Dodge Center, MN – Triton’s Business Professionals of America (BPA) chapter took care of business at the Regional Competition on Thursday, January 5 when 30 members won State Trips. Roughly 275 students from ten area schools competed at Regionals, which was held at Rochester Community and Technical College.

“Triton BPA has a great tradition of success, but I believe this is the most students we’ve ever had win a trip to State,” said Advisor Rebecca Goossens. “They continually push themselves, gain new skills, and put in the work, and this is no small matter.”

Students competed individually and in teams in a variety of categories including accounting, video editing, web design, graphic design, podcast creation, computer programming, health administration, information technology, legal procedures, and small business management. The competitions required students to learn and develop numerous soft and hard skills and abilities and then demonstrate their knowledge by taking a test, creating a project, or presenting to a judge. Local industry and community leaders with real-life experience judged the contest events, and the top seven from each event earned trips to the State BPA Conference and Competition to be held March 9-11 against roughly 1,500 other students from schools across the state.

### FIRST PLACE

Banking & Finance- Phineas Quella  
Broadcast News Team-  
Talia Kelley, Kaitlyn Krupa + Lydia Stanton  
Computer Modeling- Katya Wheeler  
Computer Security- Noah Kleinwort  
Ethics & Professionalism- Abigail Akkerman  
Fundamental Desktop Publishing• Paige



DeVette, Visual Basic Programming- AJ Kozisek

Visual Design Team- Bryar Guimby + Ashley Romero

### SECOND PLACE

Broadcast News Team-  
Liam Dostal, Weston Haugen + Phineas Quella  
Computer Security- Liam Dostal  
Extemporaneous Speech- Jude Gosse  
Graphic Design- Paige DeVetter

Interview Skills- Maddie Jarrett  
Prepared Speech- Camilo Medino  
Video Production Team-

Noah Kleinwort, Alex Ortiz + Guinn Short

### THIRD PLACE

Web Design- AJ Kozisek  
Health Leadership- Maddie Jarrett  
Linux Fundamentals- Tegan Ridenour

### FOURTH PLACE

Device Configuration- Weston Haugen  
Entrepreneurship- Yenlik Tulessova  
Small Business Management Team  
MacKenzie Geers, Dani Hallaway, Corey Lilledahl + Logan Tuft

### FIFTH PLACE

Digital Media Production- Miley Dostal  
Health Admin Procedures- Hanno Strom  
Podcast Team

Wyatt Bendickson, Tyler Gnagey + Jude Gosse

### SIXTH PLACE

Business Law & Ethics- Camila Media  
Fundamental Accounting- Weston Haugen  
Health Admin Procedures- Ari Wennes



## Cobra Communications



**Craig Schlichting**  
Superintendent

The New Year always seems to bring about a change in focus. We go from the beginning of the school year and all of the excitement that it brings to the shortening of the days and the realization of winter. It always seems like fall comes and goes so quickly. Before you know it, we have our Christmas Season, and the opportunity to

reflect and give thanks. With the beginning of the calendar year, it brings with it the realization that we are about halfway through the school year. It also provides an opportunity to start fresh with any goals we may want to establish, or to realign our priorities. It also brings a renewed excitement that longer days and warmer weather will be upon us in couple of months. Even though the snowiest months are ahead of us, the hopes of spring and warmer weather will soon be a reality for us in Minnesota.

As a school leader, it is always a blessing to see the way students can find the positives in every day life at school. The cycle of the school year always brings about opportunities for students to look forward to. It can be a winter storm or a day off of school that gets our students excited, or it could be that their favorite dish is being served at lunch. Students find the positives every day. Even though they may say otherwise, it is evident to me that one of the greatest things about students is their ability to find the positives and excitement in the routines of school. Walking the halls or hanging out during

lunch, you can see genuine expressions of happiness. I realize that there are those that may be dealing with difficult situations, but coming to school is opportunity for students to engage in a structured environment that provides structure and predictability. It is in a sense, an opportunity to escape from some of the pressures of the outside world that can be so unpredictable. Whatever the reason, it is great to see students experiencing joy and happiness in school.

With the change in the calendar year, it is an opportunity to look for things that we can be excited about, and look forward to. Our students provide us with a great example of how to find joy in the simple things, or to be grateful for the things we have. It is an opportunity to look for what is going well, and be grateful. As adults, we have the responsibility to create our own routines and structure. We have the opportunity to find the positives and joy that life offers us. It does require effort, because the reality is that life also brings with it plenty of opportunities to worry and get frustrated with things that don't go the way we planned. We can certainly get

caught up in a negative thought tornado if all we do is worry and look for the next thing that creates a barrier in our pathway. We indeed must look for the positives and celebrate the structure and routine that provide an opportunity to smile at what we have and to look forward to the longer days and sunshine ahead. The new year is an opportunity to adjust our focus to the things that are going well, and the things we can be grateful for. I know that I am extremely grateful to have our students in school and to have all of the issues with COVID in the rearview mirror.

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](mailto: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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# Triton to Perform Guys and Dolls

Auditions for the Triton Theater Department's production of Guys and Dolls will be held after school in Room 119 on January 30th, and January 31st! See Ms. Schreiber or Mr. Wotherspoon for more details!

Set in Depression-era Times Square, Guys and Dolls is about a couple of big city gamblers and the women who love them. It tells the overlapping stories of high-roller Sky Masterson, who falls in love with mission worker Sarah Brown, and lovable rascalion Nathan Detroit, engaged for 14 years to Miss Adelaide, a headliner at the Hot Box Club. Nathan runs a famous floating crap game, and

an ongoing plot line involves his quest for a safe place for the game as Adelaide continues her quest to convince him to marry her. Meanwhile, Sarah, mistakenly believing that Sky set up an illegal game at the mission, tries to fight her affection for the charismatic craps shooter.

The production of Guys and Dolls will run March 30th through April 1st, with all performances beginning at 7pm in the Triton High School PAC. Don't miss the performance as the Triton Theater Department has not performed Guys and Dolls in 21 years!

## Triton Times

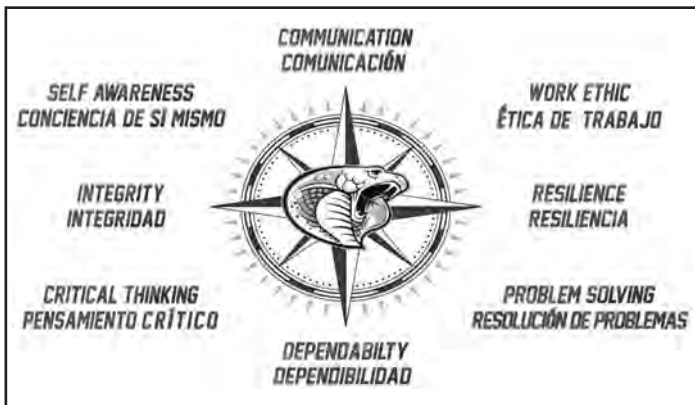
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### Triton Counselor's Corner

In the last several years, Triton Public Schools and our community members have come up with qualities that we want every Triton student to embody in their everyday lives and especially upon graduation. We call this the Triton Profile of a Graduate or the Cobra Compass. There are 8 traits



on this compass: self-awareness, integrity, critical thinking, dependability, problem solving, resilience, work ethic and communication. As a school counseling and social work team, we'd like to explain a little more about these traits and how they can relate to mental health and/or social emotional learning. Our students are learning about these characteristics each month as well.

January's Profile of a Graduate focus is problem solving. After our monthly lessons, we hope that students will be able to recognize how valuable the skill of problem solving is. Problem solving is a big part of our everyday lives. All day long we are solving problems. Some are as simple as "what will I wear today?" but other problems we encounter do not always have a quick and easy solution. These tougher problems require critical thinking, time, and patience.

Here are some steps we can take when approaching any problem that we need to solve: First, identify the problem. Next, brainstorm possible solutions and consider what the alternative solutions may be. Once you have your possible solutions, decide which solution is best. Finally, implement that solution and evaluate the outcome. Evaluating the outcome of the solution can help determine how to solve any similar problems that may arise in the future. As adults and parents, we can help our students build their problem-solving skills by encouraging independence. Rather than solving all of their problems for them, we can model our own problem-solving process. Ask direct questions and provide helpful suggestions as needed but encourage students to work through their problems on their own. Practicing problem solving for difficult situations is hard even for adults, and it can be helpful to remind students of this. It is okay not to have an instant solution and working your way through the problem-solving process is often more important than finding an immediate answer.

Ashlee Koll, TES Counselor  
Tricia Johnson, TMS Social Worker  
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The THS musical will be...

# Guys & Dolls

**Join us for auditions:**  
**Monday, Jan 30th**  
**or**  
**Tuesday, Jan 31st**  
**@ 3:15 in Room 119**

**See Ms. Schreiber or Mr. Wotherspoon with questions**

## TRITON CLASS OF 2023



### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Jude Grosse is a senior at Triton High School. His parents are John and Jacquelyn Gosse and he has one older sister. In school Jude is active in MHS, student council, BPA and Link crew. He is also involved in Triton football, basketball, golf and marching, jazz and concert bands. Outside he is active in Faith Lutheran Church and enjoys jetski at the river or playing golf. He enjoys the music of Kendrick Lamar and Tyler the Creator. After graduation Jude plans to study sports media at Kansas University.



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# Triton Activities Works to Reflect Profile of a Graduate

By Corey Black

The mission of the Triton High School Activities Department is to provide students and staff opportunities to develop the core values identified in the Profile of a Graduate for Triton Public Schools.

The Triton Profile of a Graduate is our locally developed approach to defining what it means to be a graduate of Triton High School. There are eight principles and competencies that have been identified that will help all students develop the skills necessary for success in a career, college, but most importantly in life.

A clear visualization of priority goals for teaching and learning is communicated to students, parents, and staff to align collective efforts to develop the characteristics outlined in the Profile of a Graduate. The Triton Activities Department has set out to incorporate the Profile of a Graduate into the fabric of our extracurricular programs. Each coach and advisor has been tasked with identifying three of the Profile of a Graduate characteristics that their program will intentionally develop in the students that participate in their program.

Coaches and advisors will intentionally develop these characteristics through a three step process: instruction, identification, and experiences. In their individual way, coaches and advisors will provide instruction to students on what it means to exemplify the Profile of a Graduate characteristics that the

program has chosen to develop. This will provide students information on what each of our Profile of a Graduate characteristics means, so there is a common understanding for everyone involved.

The second step for coaches and advisors is to identify when students within our programs demonstrate the selected Profile of a Graduate characteristics for our individual programs. During this process we want to recognize students for showing integrity, being a good communicator, showing their work ethic, having resilience, being a problem solver, being dependable, and demonstrating critical thinking skills.

Lastly, we want to create experiences for students where they can show off the characteristics that they have developed outside the arena of competition. Our coaches and advisors have been asked to create ways to connect the Profile of a Graduate characteristics to experiences that our students have throughout their time at Triton in order to create opportunities for our students, and our community, to remember when they reflect on the activities provided by Triton High School.

Through this process the Triton Activities Department will continue to pursue its mission, and develop community members that exhibit the values of Claremont, Dodge Center, and West Concord.



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OR

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Please contact Christi Runnells, THS Counselor and Scholarship Coordinator if you are interested in discussing this opportunity! crunnells@triton.k12.mn.us or 507-418-7520

## Kindergarten Service Project



Triton Kindergarten students participated in a service project and put their artistic abilities to work. Huckleberry Floral Design & Gift organizes an Adopt-A-Resident program that delivers beautiful arrangements to residents in local nursing homes over the holiday season. The students designed approximately 180 holiday cards that were shared with residents as they received their floral arrangements. These students were very excited to spread some holiday cheer!

## Red Cross Blood Drive



The Minnesota Honor Society is comprised of four pillars – character, leadership, scholarship, and service. Most recently, members of the chapter had an opportunity to further their development of these pillars through sponsoring the Red Cross blood drive on December 14th in the high school gym.

This annual tradition provides students, staff, and community members with a chance to help others in need, especially as the holiday season is quickly approaching.

As teacher and coach, Zak Hanegraaf, a regular donor, mentioned, “I donate because I can. There always seems to be a blood shortage and this is a simple thing I can do to help others.”

For many students, this is their first opportunity to donate blood. Although it can bring about a great deal of anxiousness and uncertainty, many first-time donors have an enjoyable experience and are left with a sense of pride in their opportunity to give back. As Joiser Cruz Ortiz, a first-time donor stated, “I had a great experience. It felt really good that I could help save someone else’s life. The snacks afterwards were great too!”

Overall, the event was very well attended. In total, there were 52 people registered to give blood at the drive, 17 of which were



first-time donors. MHS is looking forward to hosting an additional blood drive in the spring on April 26th. Please mark your calendars as we would love to surpass our prior attendance. By working together, we can inspire others through helping those in need.



# Triton FCCLA Has Been Very Busy



Collecting Toys at a Basketball Game

This month the Triton FCCLA was very busy, we did many things. Including a toy drive, helping with Santa in the city of West Concord and Santa in the city of Dodge Center. Our members also participated in Red Kettle Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army at Sunshine foods. The toy drive was a great success. Our members collected donations prior to the first home girls basketball game as well as creating collection points at the entrance of Triton High School and Middle school. Toys collected were presented to Santa Anonymous members from Claremont, West Concord, and Dodge Center.

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Toy Drive Donation Day



Santa in the City of Dodge Center

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## January STEM with 2nd and 3rd Grade

This month our 2nd and 3rd grade students learned about the Engineering Design Process.

- Ask (What is the problem you are trying to solve).
- Imagine (What are the possible solutions).
- Plan (What is your plan to solve the problem).
- Create (Build a prototype).
- Experiment (Test your prototype).
- Improve (What can you change about your prototype to make it better).

We practiced this process by building a penguin raft. Students were provided 12 straws, scissors and 2 feet of tape. They worked as a team to build a raft and keep a paper penguin dry.

Great work 2nd and 3rd graders!



# ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education)

## What is ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education)



A program for families with children ages birth to kindergarten that offers classes and special events for children and their parents. Each class has a Parent/Child Time. Here, parents and children spend time together playing, learning more about each other, doing art projects, enjoying music and special activities together.

Some ECFE classes also offer a "separation time". During the "Guided Playing and Learning" portion, a licensed Early Childhood Teacher works with the children providing experiences and activities to encourage skills in socializing, sharing, and developing independence. Meanwhile, the parents learn, share, grow and support each

other in a most enjoyable and comfortable setting. This is known as "Parent Time". For Who? ...for parents and their children between the ages of newborn and just before kindergarten.

...if a parent is unable to attend classes with their child, any adult who plays an important role in their may attend.

**When?** ECFE classes are held on various days and times, to make it possible for family who wants to attend.

**Where?** Dodge Center: Triton Elementary School – ECFE Room 206

**Questions?** Call 418-7550 or email: [deipers@triton.k12.mn.us](mailto:deipers@triton.k12.mn.us)

### Screening Questions (for 3- or 4-year-old?)

Call 507-418-7550 for Diana Eipers to set up an Early Childhood Screening.

### PARENT OF A 4-5-YEAR-OLD??

Children turning 5 by September 1 can register for kindergarten. These registration

materials will be available February 2023. Call Triton Elementary at 507-418-7500 OR email [agroll@triton.k12.mn.us](mailto:agroll@triton.k12.mn.us) with questions.

Triton CE Staff: Kristy Faber, Kris Lilledahl, Mindy Knutson, Diana Eipers, Deb Whitcomb, Korrena Wyro

### Preschool Registration for Fall 2023

#### IMPORTANT---- ALL Preschool Registration will take place ONLINE this year!

Links to register will be available through Triton's Community Education Office. More information will be sent through the Triton Community Education Facebook Page. Current ECFE/Preschool participating families will receive the link to register the week of April 3, 2023.

General public families not currently attending ECFE classes or Preschool classes will be able to register with a link starting April 11, 2023. This link will be found on the Community Ed section of Triton's Main website. Here is the direct web address: <https://www.triton.k12.mn.us/page/community-education>, click on Preschool Registration.

Class will fill fast, so do not delay. Currently attending ECFE classes, Preschool or Early Childhood screening DOES NOT automatically enroll your child in the 2023-24 Preschool Program. Everyone must register via the on-line link. Call the Triton Community Ed Office at 507-418-7550 for more information or assistance.

### Little People (Mixed Ages)

Ages: 2-5 years, not yet in kindergarten

This class provides time together with your children in a variety of activities that will help your children develop and will help you get to know their interests and abilities a little better. Parents and children can choose among many activities and games focused on the theme for the day, or select a toy, book, or puzzle to play together. You get a chance to meet new families while the children are having fun, learning about themselves, and meeting other children. Class size is limited to 10 families.

\*\*2 sessions offered per class, register for 1 session/family\*\*

Time: 8-9:20AM Session I  
9:40-11AM Session II (Spanish Interpreter present)

#### Little People Winter:

Cost: \$20

Dates: Fridays—  
January 13, 27

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

Location: TES School Early Childhood Room 206

#### Little People Spring:

Cost: \$20

Dates: Fridays--  
March 3, 10, 17, 31

April 14, 21, 28

Location: TES School Early Childhood Room 206



### Totally Terrific Thursday Evening Specials

Mom, dad, grandparents...join us this winter/spring with your preschooler, ages 2 through 5 years. Our ECFE teacher will plan a special hour full of art, finger plays, stories and games centered around different themes each evening. This time is limited to parent (or grandparent) and preschooler. No siblings please. Class size is limited (first come, first serve basis), to 10 families.

Register for any or register for all!

Ages: 2-5 years, not yet in kindergarten

Time: 6:30-7:30PM

Fee: \$4/night or \$15 for all winter nights

Location: Triton Elementary School ECFE Room 206

Winter Dates:	January 27	Fun with Snow
	February 2	Shadows!
	February 9	Happy Hearts
	February 16	Numbers

Ages: 2-5 years, not yet in kindergarten

Time: 6:30-7:30PM

Fee: \$4/night or \$15 for all winter nights

Location: Triton Elementary School ECFE Room 206

Spring Dates:	February 23	Exciting Experiments
	March 2	The Wonders of Wind
March 9	Spring is Special	
March 16	Green Night!	





# ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education)

## New to the Triton Community? Parent of a 0-5-year-old?

Welcome! Please help us keep you informed of school opportunities. We update the 0-5 year old's census and may need to add your youngster. Please email or call us at the information listed below and give us the following information:

- Your Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address

This way we can confirm everything needed and add your child to the census. This information is only used by the school.

\*\*\* Contact Information\*\*\*  
deipers@triton.k12.mn.us  
or all call 507-418-7552



## Grow Your Own Easter Basket

Join us as you get into the dirt and create that special living Easter basket and more! We need one child and adult to work together.

WHO: Children ages 2 -5 years,  
not yet in kindergarten  
WHEN: Thursday, March 23, 2023  
TIME: 6:30-7:30PM  
COST: \$6 per basket  
WHERE: Triton ECFE Room 206



No family will be denied the opportunity to participate in Early Childhood Family Education programs due to an inability to pay. If the fee is too uncomfortable for your family, you may discuss your contribution with an ECFE staff member.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION for all parents---- Early Childhood Screening

If your child is between 3 and 5 years old, and has not had an Early Childhood Screening, please contact us to set it up. It is required or your child to be able to start kindergarten.

WHAT: Early Childhood Screening  
WHEN: Monday, February 6, 2023  
WHERE: Triton Elementary School  
(enter through the elementary school door).  
TIME: Set up an appointment between  
10AM and 2PM



**CALL TRITON COMMUNITY ED at 507-418-7550  
TO GET AN APPOINTMENT!**

## Have a Little One Between the Ages of Birth-5? Here is what you need to know and do....

- Birth to 5 years old - Make sure we have your child on the school census.
- Ages 18 months to 5 years - join an ECFE class and enjoy "you & child" time. Meet other parents and we clean up the mess. Joining an ECFE class allows you to register for Preschool early, which will be the week April 3, 2023.
- Ages 3-4 - Call for an appointment for Early Childhood Screening. The next screening date will be February 6, 2023. Other dates may be available if needed. Call Triton CE at: 507-418-7550 to schedule.
- Ages 3-5 - Register for Preschool. Registration for children NOT currently in pre-school will start the week of April 11, 2023. Don't delay, we fill classes quickly.
- Ages 4-5 - Children turning 5 by September 1 can register for kindergarten. Registration materials available February 2023.

**Have other questions or concerns? Please call Triton Community Ed at 507-418-7550. Let us answer your questions before you miss something important.**

## ECFE REGISTRATION FORM

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL CLASSES**-you can now register ONLINE and pay with credit/debit card! Just click the Menu tab on the main Triton website, click on "Triton Community Education" and then click on title of "CLASS & ACTIVITY ONLINE REGISTRATION". On the top of the page NEW USERS will want to click on "MY ACCOUNT" and create your account by following instructions THEN register for the classes you would like.

Registrations will be taken by mail, or in person at the Community Ed Office during school hours, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927. If more than one child from your family will be attending ECFE classes/events write all children's names. You may begin class at any time-if there is space-SPACE IS LIMITED!!! Fee must be paid at the time of registration. Make checks payable to Triton ECFE. No family will be denied the opportunity to participate in Early Childhood Family Education programs because of the inability to pay. If the fee is too uncomfortable for your family, you may discuss your contribution with a staff member. If you can't enroll in the session of your choice, we will help you find another time or location. We limit class enrollment to ensure safe, productive environments for young children and parents.

**ECFE Registration Form- Winter/Spring**  
**You must pre-register for all classes via mail, on-line or in person at**  
**Triton CE, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927**  
**Fees must be paid at time of registration.**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Little People Winter: Choose 1 Class Time**    \_\_\_ 8- 9:20AM    \_\_\_ 9:40-11AM  
(Spanish Interpreter present)  
Cost: \$20  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Little People Spring: Choose 1 Class Time**    \_\_\_ 8- 9:20AM    \_\_\_ 9:40-11AM  
(Spanish Interpreter present)  
Cost: \$20  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Terrific Thursdays:**  
**Winter Dates:**    \_\_\_ January 27 Fun with Snow (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_ February 2 Shadows! (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_ February 9 Happy Hearts (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_ February 16 Numbers (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_ ALL 4 classes for \$15  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spring Dates:**    \_\_\_ February 23 Exciting Experiments (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_ March 2 The Wonders of Wind (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_ March 9 Spring is Special (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
                          \_\_\_ March 16 Green Night! (\$4)  
Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grow Your Own Easter Basket:**  
Cost: \$6    Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have UCare or South Country Insurance/SCHA (SCHA-could cover up to 5 classes up to \$15 per class per calendar year) then discounts MAY apply. If wanting to use SCHA or UCARE insurance, then please include copy of card if not currently on file. Registration does not consider complete without UCare or SCHA card information. Call 418-7550 with questions-Thank you!

**For evening classes, please use door #7 by the Elementary playground/bus corral for easy access. Park in East lot anytime or bus corral (after school hours).**



# TRITON COMMUNITY ED YOUTH ENRICHMENT

## 507-418-7550

### Triton Community Ed & Prairie Fire Theatre Presents.....

Everyone Ages 7 and up!

One of our most popular programs of the year.....Triton Community Ed has been providing Prairie Fire Theatre Productions for Triton's youth for 20 years! It's a wonderful experience for children, as they grow in

confidence and work with their peers to put together a

fantastic show. Prairie Fire Theatre provides two professional actors who work with the children to bring out their talents and strengths. Up to 70 children (and adults if applicable) are needed to play the roles of **JACK, HIS FELLOW VILLAGERS, THE CARNIVAL PERFORMERS, THE PEOPLE OF ORCHESTRANIA, THE INHABITANTS OF FEATHERVILLE, AND THE TROLLS.**

**Two professional actor/directors from the staff of Prairie Fire Children's Theatre will direct the production and play the roles of THE STORY-TELLER and THE GIANT.**

Cost \$40 per child

Week of February 6-11, 2023



**AUDITIONS:** Monday, February 6 at 3:15. Meet in the Main Cafeteria, we will go to the Performing Arts

Center together. Auditions will take a full 2 hours on Monday from 3:15-5:15PM. The directors will hand out a practice schedule for the rest of the week according to the part each child is given. There will be a 2 hour rehearsal held after auditions that will require only a portion of the cast. Please check in with your child at 5:15 to find out whether or not he/she must stay after auditions. A sack lunch is not necessary this day except for a small snack before auditions.

Practices:

**Tuesday, February 7** 3:15-7:30 PM (group rehearsal times will vary this day, please refer to the schedule brought home after auditions).

**Wednesday, February 8** 3:15-7:30 PM

**Thursday, February 9** 3:15- 7:30 PM

**Friday, February 10** Dress Rehearsal after school, followed by the evening performance, see schedule below.

Please pack a snack or meal for your child each day as we will make time for supper breaks. If you choose to drop a meal off during rehearsal time, please label the container with you child's name and leave it on the round white table located in the Elementary Entrance. Do not disturb rehearsal with flagging down your child to give them their meals. Always drop off/pick up your child at the Main Elementary Entrance located on the East side of the school.

**Performances:**

**Friday, February 10 at 7PM and Saturday, February 11 at 2PM: both shows are in the THS Performing Arts Center**

**Cost for admission to each show is \$5/adult and \$2/child.**

### CRAZY COMMERCIALS

**Andy Velishek, Child's Play Theatre**

Ages 8+

Students will create their own 2-3 minute "informercial" about a product or service they are selling while developing acting and creative thinking skills. Students may need to provide or create some props needed for their commercial. All commercials will be edited and shared to families for students to download and share with others.

Cost: \$36

**March 6, 7, 8, 9**

**3-5 PM each day**

**TES Media Center**



### Canvas Art Painting with Sunshine and Roses!

Join Sunshine and Roses Traveling Art Studio to paint and create your own beautiful masterpiece! These courses are so much fun--and no experience is needed! Step-by-step instructions will be given by our teaching artist. All supplies including an 11x14 canvas are provided to participants. Moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas want to join in the fun? Adults are invited to register as well for an amazing bonding experience with their student! Please come dressed in clothes that can get paint on. This course is taught by the staff of Sunshine and Roses Canvas Traveling Art Studio.

#### Shimmery Snowmen.....

Grade K-5

Join Sunshine and Roses traveling art studio by painting a Shimmery snowman scene. You can dress up the scene with a Valentine's theme or put your own spin on things. Yes! Everyone can do this...even if they cannot draw a stick figure or do not have any Art experience. Everyone's painting will look different and that is what makes these classes so fun!

Cost: \$26

**February 3**

**3:10-4:10PM**

**TES Art Room**



#### Going on a Bear Hunt.....

Grades K-5

We will be creating your own cuddly bear. Personalize him however you'd like! . Yes! Everyone can do this...even if they cannot draw a stick figure or do not have any Art experience. Everyone's painting will look different and that is what makes these classes so fun!

Cost: \$26

**February 3**

**4:15-5:15PM**

**TES Art Room**

Register for both classes for a camp special price of \$45 or take one class a la carte for \$26.



### Hacking Java Games

**Tech Academy On-Line Courses**

Grades 4-8

Hack into the code of classic games! Students will learn Java coding skills while modifying games. Coding beginners and more experienced students will love this class. This fun class is our staff and student's favorite coding class. We will be editing text files. No experience is necessary, but familiarity with common tasks using a computer operating system (text-editing and understanding directory structures) and good keyboarding skills is required.

**Additional Technical Requirements:**

1. PC needed, will not work on Chromebook, tablets, or phones
2. BlueJay—free download, Java development Environment, will provide download instructions before class

Cost: \$53

**Saturday, February 25**

**9AM-Noon**

An email will be sent a few days prior to class with links and information to participate

#### Game Coding: Mario Kart

Grades 3-7

In this class, we introduce student's programming concept using Scratch. Scratch is a drag-and-drop creative coding platform developed by MIT. Students will be instructed to make a Mario Kart-style game. Then pick custom characters and a track to customize their games. Basic computer skills are needed (basic keyboarding and using a mouse).

**Additional Technical Requirements:**

- PC needed, will not work on Chromebook, tablets, or phones

Cost: \$29

**Thursday, March 16**

**6-7:30PM**

An email will be sent a few days prior to class with links and information to participate





# TRITON COMMUNITY ED ADULT ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

**Bob Ross Painting**  
 You've seen him on TV, inspiring everyone to make "happy little trees". In this class you will get all the equipment you need to paint a beautiful picture with Bob Ross. Max number of students: 6  
 Cost: \$34\*Additional fee would be for a larger canvas.  
**February 28**  
**6-8PM**  
**Located at the Green Shack: 20658 Cty Hwy 34, Dodge Center, MN**

**Starting your own Herb Garden**  
 In this class you will get a flat full of four packs, the soil to plant in, a variety of herb seeds to plant, and a dome for moisture control. We will plant seeds, label them, and go over how to care for seeds, sprouts and seedlings. Max number of students: 8  
 Cost: \$43, more flats can be purchased to use. \$40 per extra flat.  
 The Green Shack can maintain your seedling flats until Mother's Day for an extra \$5 per flat.  
**February 8**  
**6-8PM**  
**Located at the Green Shack: 20658 Cty Hwy 34, Dodge Center, MN**

**Safe Driving Class**  
**Jim Jensen**  
 In the Safe Driving Class, you will learn driving strategies that can keep you safer on the road. You will learn updates to traffic laws, how to reduce distractions to driving and how to navigate different intersections. Driver's aged 55 years old and older who successfully complete the Safe Driver Class will qualify for reductions in their automobile insurance premiums. Please remember to bring your driver's license with you to class. It's important to pre-register so that Jim can assure accommodations for all. Please call Triton CE at 507-418-7550 to register.  
 4-Hour Refresher Course (for those that have taken the 8-Hour before)  
 Cost: \$20, checks should be made to Jim Jensen  
**February 9**  
**5-9PM in the THS Media Center**



**The Prom**  
**Chanhasen Dinner Theatre**  
**Leader: Kristy Faber,**  
**Triton Community Ed**  
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**March 15, 2023**  
 Cost: \$98, includes coach bus ride, ticket to the show and lunch including gratuity.

Bus	Leaves	Approx. Returns
Byron Middle School Lot (West Side of Lot)	8:15AM	6PM
Kasson KMTelecom Football Field Lot	8:30AM	5:45PM
Triton Activities Entrance	8:45AM	5:30PM



## Here's How to Register

CE Class Offerings	Cost	Name
<b>ADULT ENRICHMENT</b>		
Start Your Own Herbs	\$43	
Bob Ross Painting	\$34	
Dancing With Victor		
Session 1:		
1.Line Dancing	\$13	
2.Ballroom Dancing	\$13	
3.Country 2 step Dancing	\$13	
All 3 Classes	\$35	
Session 2:		
1.Line Dancing — Intermediate	\$13	
2.Country 2 Step Dancing	\$13	
3.Singles Lessons	\$13	
All 3 Classes	\$35	
Session 3:		
1.Line Dancing	\$13	
2.Ballroom Dancing Level 2	\$13	
3.Ballroom Wedding Dance	\$13	
All 3 Classes	\$35	
The Prom at the Chanhasen DT	\$98	
<b>YOUTH ENRICHMENT</b>		
Prairie Fire Theatre	\$40	
Canvas Painting:		
Shimmering Snowman	\$26	
Bear Hunt	\$26	
Both Sessions	\$45	
Tech Academy:		
Hacking Java Games	\$53	
Game Coding: Mario Cart	\$29	
Crazy Commercials	\$36	
<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>		

**Triton Community Ed Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Here's How to Register...**

Complete the registration form on the following pages and mail or drop off with payment to:

**Mailing Address**  
**Triton Community Ed**  
**813 West Highway Street**  
**Dodge Center, MN 55927**

**On-Line Registration and Credit Card Payment:**  
 Go to [www.triton.k12.mn.us](http://www.triton.k12.mn.us), and click on the Community Ed Class Registration/Calendars under the Quick Links Section.

UCARE/South Country Insurance discounts MAY apply. If you have this insurance, please include a copy of the card with the registration — UNLESS it is already on file with Community Ed.

Registration is not complete without insurance information  
 Call 507-418-7550 with questions-Thank you!



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The death of a spouse can be a traumatic event at any age or stage of life. If you lost a spouse, you may have a lot on your plate, like making funeral arrangements and contacting family members and friends to let them know.

But what if your spouse was collecting Social Security? Do you need to contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) right away? And does the death of your spouse mean their benefits are done with for good?

**An important call to make**

It's best to inform the SSA as soon as reasonably possible following the death of a spouse. Sometimes, if you provide your funeral home with your spouse's Social Security number, they can take care of that for you. But it's generally a good idea to make that call yourself so you know it's taken care of.

**What about your deceased spouse's benefits?**

Once a person is no longer living, they can no longer collect Social Security. So it's important to contact the SSA so it knows to stop payments.

If the SSA sends out a payment following a spouse's death, you're required to return that money. So if, for example, your spouse passes away in January but the SSA still sends their monthly benefit in February, that February payment isn't yours to keep.

That doesn't mean the SSA isn't required to pay you benefits, though. If you're married to someone who was collecting Social Security, once they pass away, you're generally entitled to survivor's benefits. And in that case, your monthly benefit will equal the amount your spouse was receiving on a monthly basis.

If you're already receiving spousal benefits from Social Security at the time of your spouse's death, those spousal benefits will automatically convert to survivor's benefits. And that will generally mean a bump up in pay.

Spousal benefits are equal to a maximum of 50% of what your spouse got to collect each month. Survivors benefits equal 100% of your spouse's former benefit.

Now, let's say you're entitled to a Social Security benefit of your own based on your personal wage history. If you're already getting those benefits but you stand to collect more money via survivors benefits, you can apply for the latter and boost your monthly Social Security paycheck. But if your personal benefit is higher than what you'd get in survivor's benefits, you might as well stick with your own benefit.

And to be clear, you cannot collect both your own benefit and a survivor's benefit: It has to be one or the other.

Losing a spouse is never easy. If your spouse passes away, contacting the SSA as soon as possible could spare you a hassle with regard to having to repay benefits. At the same time, you should be aware of your rights as a survivor and go after the benefits you're entitled to. Collecting a survivor's benefit could at least help ensure that you don't end up struggling financially while you mourn the loss of a very important person in your life.

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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes 2022 Was the Year for New Appliances



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.*

It started out with the big stainless steel refrigerator in the farm house in Minnesota this summer. It was huge and over ten years old. I remember I had to remove the doors to get it in the house. Not just the handles, but both doors. The front door of the house came off the hinges and the refrigerator and freezer doors came off to make it in the house. The refrigerator had started making a clicking sound. More like a whap. Every ten seconds. "Whap". I knew what it was. There is a gear that opens the little door which brings cold air from the freezer to the refrigerator. It would open the door and then it would snap back shut. I explained it to my wife in technical terms. That didn't help. I related what a massive job it had been to get it in the house. It would be the same amount of work to take it out. That didn't help either. So, we compromised and I agreed on a smaller unit. I promised we would get a new one soon.

Then one morning the washer didn't spin the water out of the clothes on the last cycle. It had been acting up as well. My wife would say there was a helicopter going over the house quite low. I again had the technical answer ready. "No dear, it is the washer in the basement doing the spin cycle dance." So, a trip to the appliance store one Sunday afternoon took a \$2,500 hole out of the checkbook and we had a new fridge and washer. But I forgot one thing. Washers and dryers mate for life. One week later the dryer quite

drying. So, a matching Amana dryer came back home from the appliance store as well.

In late September I headed back down to Tennessee. I had to finish the lake house by fall so we could move in when we returned for the winter. I was prepared. We made a trip to Lowes in Owatonna and I had my wife pick out the kitchen appliances. Brand, size style, color, every option was decided on. I had the model number for each written down and I would go to the local Lowes in Tennessee and order the whole kitchen in one visit. No confusion or decision on my part. The matching fridge, range, dishwasher and rangehood microwave would be ordered and delivered right to our kitchen when ready.

The people who bought our old house in Tennessee didn't want our washer and dryer set. The appliances were only a few years old, and I would rather not move them. We had already moved four bedrooms of furniture into a storage unit since the new house was not finished. I was done with moving furniture. I had a house to finish. But since the plumbing and the ceramic tile floor in the new laundry room was already finished, I loaded them up and hauled them too. Well at least I wouldn't have to buy a washer and dryer, I told myself.

So, a week before I had the kitchen complete, I went to Lowes and presented the list to the young man there. Four appliances in one sale. No shopping, no discussion, just write it up, take my money and deliver them on time. The big Lowes truck would bring them to the front door and the strong young men would carry them into the house and life was good.

I had been working on the new house for a couple weeks and had laundry to do. So, I fired up the washer and threw in my work clothes. When I returned to put them in the dryer I discovered a load of wet, soggy heavy laundry. I ran them through again only to get the same result. The final spin cycle was not working. Irritated I chucked them in the dryer. When I opened the dryer to check on them, the machine kept on running. The switch on the door was broke. I was mad. Why did I move a washer/dryer set only to have both malfunction. I did the only logical thing left. I took the hand cart, wheeled the offending pair out the door and onto the trailer for their last trip to the scrap yard. Then I went back to Lowes and ordered a new Amana washer and dryer set. It arrived with the rest of the kitchen appliances.

## A Minnesotan: New Years



By RosaLin Alcoser

When my sister and I were young children our parents use to do that thing parents do where they tell the kids it's New Years and put you to bed before midnight, but it's really just New Year's in New York not where you are.

We would stay up late and watch the ball drop at midnight in Times Square on the TV. Yell 'YAY! It's New Year's!' then promptly be taken off to bed; which we were already ready for.

In reality we only stayed up till about 11 PM. Don't get me wrong, 11 PM is still

pretty late when you're a little kid or if you're like me and choose to get up at 5 AM on a daily basis.

This worked for them until my sister was 9 years old and I was 4 years old.

The reason it worked for my parents that long is because my sister never bothered to look at the clock in the house to see that it was not midnight where we were. She was too caught up in the excitement of what was happening on the TV.

However, that year I had learned about how time works and went to check the clock; using the analog clock because it was 2001. I then proceeded to ruin everything for our parents by pointing out that it was not midnight where we were and that we were being tricked into thinking it was the next year when it wasn't. It was the next year somewhere else.

After that we got to stay up till midnight CST instead of being tricked into going to bed an hour before the new year.

Now that I'm an adult I understand why my parents did this. After all 2022 I stayed up till midnight then immediately went to bed at 12:01 AM. While I am writing this at the end of 2022 I feel this is also how I will see 2023 as well.



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