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Claremont Chamber of Commerce Helps Many Local Causes

The Claremont Chamber Charitable Gaming raises funds which are donated to top many community organizations each year. They have four locations currently; two in Dodge Center, one in Claremont and one in Blooming Prairie. In 2020 they raised



\$58,906 and in 2021 with the lockdowns the amount swelled to \$229,236. 2022 figures have just been released and total \$186,097.

Last year J&H Liquor in Blooming Prairie generated \$27,079. Dodge Center Country Club generated \$49,600. The Dodge Center American Legion raised \$37,981 and the Claremont Pub brought in \$70,477.

The donations are distributed to many area benefits including Beds for Kids, Homeless Teens of Steele County, Claremont Fire Department, Claremont First Responders, Steel County Mounted Posse, Dodge County Free Fair, Triton School District, Dodge Center Fire and Ambulance, Fairview Care Center, Triton T.E.A.M., Triton Post Prom, Triton Youth Wrestling, American Cancer Society, American Legion Baseball, American Legion Softball and the Dodge County Corn Growers Association just to name a few

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Shoot for a Cure Hits the target

By Cheri Rishon

On February 10th, the Triton Cobras hosted a fundraiser called Shoot for a Cure. Keri Ginder and Amy Fredrick took on the responsibility of continuing the events, which included 50/50 raffles, basketball game,s and a raffle of baskets donated by individuals and businesses in and around Dodge Center.

Girls basketball was held starting at 4:30 - 7th & 8th grade, JV and Varsity all played the Maple River teams.

During the Varsity half time - there was a shooting competition consisting of students taking on the chance to make a half court shot.

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The Annadine, to Soothe your Soul

By Cheri Roshon

While cruising Main Street in Dodge Center, you may notice a sign above an entryway at 16 Main St. called The Annadine. Hmmmm, you wonder, what could be happening inside? You Google the word and it comes up spelled anodyne, and the meaning? Something that soothes, calms or comforts. Leisure is a kind of anodyne. Medicine can be an anodyne. But this anodyne, spelled Annadine, is all about music and community. Music that soothes the soul. Music that makes you want to get up and dance! And that, my friend, is what you will find inside!

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Whatever Happened to Sin?

By Pastor Norman C. Hoffeld
Bible Lutheran Church

If there is no consciousness of sin, there is no need for a savior. For Lutherans, Roman Catholics and others, the season of Lent begins this year on February 22 (Ash Wednesday). As we look at the Lenten season, it is important to understand the concept of sin in America because it will tell us much about the message that is being shared across the U.S.

A survey of Ellison Research in Phoenix finds that 87% of U.S. Adults believe in the existence of sin. They defined sin as “something that is almost always considered wrong, particularly from a religious or moral perspective.” Keep in mind that the traditional definition of sin is Lawlessness (1 John 3:4), all wrongdoing (1 John 5:17). Oswald Chambers defined sin: “Sin is not weakness, it is not a disease; it is red-handed rebellion against God and the magnitude of that rebellion is expressed at Calvary.”

David Kinnaman, president of Barna Research, draws this conclusion: “People are quick to toe the line on traditional thinking” that there is sin “but interpret that reality in a

very personal and self-congratulatory manner” — I have to do what’s best for me; I am not as sinful as most.

Some do not want to talk about sin. Michael Horton, professor of Theology at Westminster Seminary in Escondido, California, calls this “moral therapy.” Preaching in America today has a lot to do with the “feel good” theology. Many evangelical churches have attempted to Christianize and promote the idea of self-esteem. We don’t want to make people feel bad about themselves. One TV evangelist put it this way:

“I don’t think that anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that has proven more destructive to human personality, and hence counterproductive to the evangelistic enterprise, than the unchristian uncouth strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and

sinful condition.”

In contrast to this, Luther wrote:

“The main benefit of Christ’s passion is that man sees into his own true self and that he be terrified and crushed by this. Unless we seek that knowledge, we do not derive much benefit from Christ’s passion...He who is so hardhearted and callous as not to be terrified by Christ’s passion and led to a knowledge of self has reason to fear.”

The Christian Church has always been confronted with unbelievers who want to feel good about themselves and who work very hard at avoiding any personal guilt or blame. Playing the “blame game” started with Adam and continues. People do not want to be confronted with their sin. One wonders if this new “feel good” religion has any resemblance to Christianity. The success of a Christian congregation is not determined by

how many fill the pews on a Sunday morning but how many will gather around the table to celebrate eternally the marriage feast of the Lamb who was slain for the forgiveness of sins.

In short, a person who does not know he is sick will not need a physician. If something isn’t broken, you don’t fix it. From God’s perspective, our lives are a mess! Our real need is for the recognition of our sin, not self-esteem. We need a crucified Savior, not a support group. We need grace, not acceptance and understanding. The recognition of personal sin and the realization that there is forgiveness in the cross of Christ leads to what the apostle Paul said is “the peace that passes all understanding”. This recognition is what gives the Lenten season meaning.



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You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

— 1 Thessalonians 1:6

My three-year-old granddaughter is full of life and joy. Every time she runs into our house or I walk into theirs, she shouts, “Grandma, my ‘mini me’!” She is thrilled as she shouts the good news. No one can miss it. I have often suggested that she might be my “mini me” (since she is a lot like me), but she insists that I am her “mini me.” We share mannerisms and a flare for shopping, and we both tend to be optimistic. We have serious discussions about life, giggle about nothing, and enjoy afternoon naps.

Paul commends the church at Thessalonica that they have stayed strong in faith by following his example and that of other leaders—and ultimately by following Jesus, despite the hardship and suffering in their life. They have set an example of how to serve and live by the Spirit with joy. They have learned to access all the empowerment and energy they need in order to live through the Spirit.

Whoever we are, on any given day we are following someone or leading someone. Our challenge is to follow those who imitate Jesus and to lead those who need to know him.

Prayer: Lord and God, help us to imitate you. May we live by the joy you have given us. May we be empowered by your Spirit. May someone see you in us today. Amen.



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Thomas "Tom" Robert Adams



Thomas "Tom" Robert Adams, age 85, of Mapleton passed away on Monday, January 23, 2023. There will be a Celebration of Life when the weather is warmer per his request. Memorials can be given to Maple River FFA or an organization of your choice, per Tom's wishes.

Thomas was born on January 22, 1938, to Francis and Anna Adams. He grew up in New Richland and Mapleton. He is the oldest of six children.

Tom was united in marriage to Doris "Mickey" on March 26, 1976. Together they enjoyed drinking coffee, gardening, and attending grandchildren related events.

Agriculture was a lifelong love of Toms. Growing up on a working farm in rural Mapleton, operating a fertilizer plant in Ellsworth, WI and then selling crop insurance and real estate later in life.

Tom enjoyed bird watching and spoiling them with the best seed/feeders to keep them happy. Tom loved to drive around and check crops on his way to get DQ ice cream or eat a walleye dinner at the Thunder Bar with his granddaughters.

Tom loved spending time with his grandchildren, and it brought him great joy. He

loved watching their families grow, and the addition of all the great-grandchildren.

Tom is survived by his step-children, Peter (Dianne) Smith, Julie Ensor, Emily Smith, Annette Bracht; step-grandchildren, Chad Ramirez, Philip (Allie) Smith, Jayne (Joel) Howley, Chelsey (Josh) Evan, and Kimberly (Adam) Nelson; step-great-grandchildren, Emerson, Bryer, and Jace Smith, Ira, Ivan, and Ike Howley, Westin and Vivian Evan, and Ava Nelson; siblings, Chuck (JoAnn) Adams, Joe (Roberta) Adams, Mary (Gene) Sohler, Pat (George) Kremer, Cecelia Adams, and brother-in-law, Loren (Diane) Michael.

Tom will be welcomed into heaven by his wife, Mickey; parents; and stepson, Karl Smith.

The family would like to thank Terriane, Angel, and Sally with Heritage Place for the generous care they gave to Tom.

Adam James Brekke



Adam James Brekke, 54, of Claremont, MN passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at Mayo Clinic Hospital St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN.

Adam was born on March 30, 1968, in Owatonna, MN to

Clifford "Butch" and Margaret "Peggy" (Erickson) Brekke. He grew up in Claremont, MN and graduated from Dodge Center High

School. He spent his childhood summers working on the family farm and with neighbors baling hay, walking beans, picking rocks, and taking care of pigs.

Adam worked at Viracon for a period of time after high school. He later moved to Missouri and married and had two children. He became a certified welder and continued his love of farm work and fabricating with his nephew, Justin. He moved back to Dodge Center to be closer to his parents. He enjoyed Dodge trucks, hunting and fishing and working on projects with his dad in the shop. He was always happy to help anyone in need. He was the kindest, hardest working person there was. He will be greatly missed.

Adam is survived by his daughter, Taylor; son, Dalton; parents, Peggy and Butch; brother, Eric (Gayle); his best friend, Niki Dreyer; and numerous extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN. Reverend Jean Boese officiated. Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2023 at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes in Kasson and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Inurnment will be at a later date in Hillside cemetery in Claremont, MN.

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.



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Over 30 kids attempted the shot but only one talented individual made the basket! Mason Maes, a 7th grade student at Triton who also plays on the boys basketball team was the sole player who made the basket, netting \$100 for the fundraiser, donated by an anonymous

donor who had pledged to donate \$100 for each half court basket that was made.

The 50/50 raffle that occurred at half time of each game was a success. Students volunteered to sell the tickets during the first half of each game and a winner was drawn and announced at each halftime. Pink t-shirts and beads were available for sale as you entered the gym foyer. The basket raffle was a great success. They sold hundreds of tickets and individuals had the opportunity to place their tickets in their desired basket. After halftime of the varsity game, the lucky winners for each basket were drawn. Individuals were able to take home their baskets that night! Great job to everyone who took the time and resources to make sure wonderful and cre-

ative baskets.

All in all the efforts of the night were a huge success. Keri and Amy set out to reach a goal of \$5,000 and it sounds like with all of the

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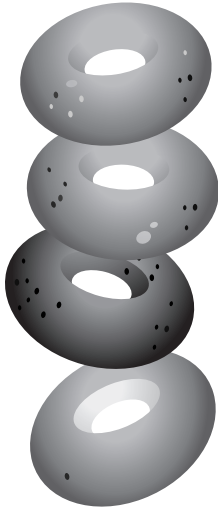
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The Annadine, to Soothe your Soul

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Nadine Langworthy grew up in the Nerstrand/Faribault area and has always had a love for music, especially piano. Her path led her to Dodge Center in the late '70s, where she first started her post secondary music education at RCTC in Rochester. She began playing for a small church in Dodge Center, where she met her prince, Randy. She began playing for their worship services and the choir, (of which Randy was a member). The two were married in 1980, and although it would be several years before returning to college classes, she continued taking formal piano lessons with some of the best instructors in Rochester. Nadine began teaching formal piano lessons since 1984, but went full time in 1995 when she also returned to RCTC to continue class by class, finally receiving her Piano Pedagogy Certificate from St Thomas in St Paul, and receiving her National Certification as a Teacher of Music to this day.

At first teaching at her home, then a rented office space, and ultimately purchasing a building on Main Street. Through the years, Nadine has averaged 45 students per week, as well as playing for Sunday services at Faith Lutheran Church. The adjoining building features a two bedroom loft apartment on the second level which originally housed the offices

of a dentist, a physician and a beauty shop. The lower level was the town's apothecary, selling prescriptions to the patients who came in.

I asked Nadine where the name Annadine came from. Remember, the word anodyne when applied to medicine means to soothe, calm and comfort? That is what she was going for! Also, while renovating the space for the public to enjoy, her friend Anna was helping to transform it into what it is now....get it?....Anna and Nadine!!

"There was a music venue in Kasson awhile back in the building that was part of Daniel's Restaurant. They had live music every Friday and Saturday nights! You could go there on a Friday or Saturday date night and it was smoke free, where most places were not, have a glass of wine and a great meal and awesome music," she explained.

The owners of the restaurant sold it to their daughter, and the venue changed to a younger crowd with different music. Nadine missed the music and the atmosphere, so in 2016 decided to bring it back..... to Dodge Center!

She began as a coffee shop, and with the help of her friends, learned the ropes of how to serve beer, wine and pizza under OSHA rules. She obtained her liquor license, learned the business end of things, and started bringing in musicians.

Now that her husband Randy has retired from 42 years at Mayo, he is very instrumental in booking musicians, ordering the beer and wine, and doing the bookkeeping, much to Nadine's delight!

The Annadine is currently offering music from area musicians on the 2nd and 4th Fri-



days of the month from 7pm to 10pm. She opens a little earlier so you can find seating, and stays open later, depending on the crowds wishes.

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, it's open mic night for amateurs and professionals alike. Nadine pointed out that amateur does not mean 'not that good'. Rather, if you break it down, Ama means to love, and ateur means "what you do."

"There was a group of students from Triton High School that used to come and play music, sing and dance." Nadine recalls. "They were very talented, and everyone loved to listen. One of our professional musicians, Matthew Rivera, began to mentor the students, and they worked together to make beautiful music." That's what

she loves....people working together to bring comfort and beauty to others.

Nadine would like to thank all her patrons of the last 6 1/2 years for supporting her venue, and continuing to come and enjoy the productions she and Randy bring to Dodge Center. A list of upcoming music can be found on her Facebook page. The Annadine.

So, grab a date and your dancing shoes and come on down for some anodyne at The Annadine!

P.S. The name Nadine means Hope. This name aims to lift spirits and give people something to believe in. Knowing the importance of hope and how to hold onto it is the most important lesson to impart. Thanks, Nadine, for living up to your name!

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In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, SMIF issued COVID business recovery grants to over 2,000 businesses in our region, totaling over \$20 million since the onset of the pandemic. For SMIF this was over and above our regular workload, and I am also extremely grateful to our staff who stepped up to make this happen!

In partnership with Renewing the Countryside, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and other organizations, we co-sponsored the ninth annual Feast Local Foods Marketplace on November 5 at the Mayo Civic Center. It was our most successful event ever, with over 90 local food booths (exhibiting products like syrups and sauces, meats and cheeses, wines, brews and more) and roughly 1300 attendees. This event is a great way to highlight and celebrate the growing local foods sector in our region.

In partnership with, and often a referral from, local banks and economic development agencies, SMIF issued a total of 30 loans in fiscal year 2022 amounting to \$1.7 million dollars. In the first few months of fiscal year 2023, we have already added another seven loan clients to that number. We are proud to play a role in supporting new and early-stage businesses in our region.

SMIF also engages in numerous business

training activities each year. These include our Prosperity Initiative offering coaching and mentoring to minority and new immigrant entrepreneurs, our Rural Entrepreneur Venture program which assists communities in creating an entrepreneurial culture, our Entrepreneur Bridge event which draws upwards of 75 small businesses each year for informational sessions important to business success, and our Young Entrepreneur competitions focused on encouraging a new generation to start and build a business in our region. Various partners make these efforts possible – including Community Economic Development Associates (CEDA), the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Red Wing Ignites, Collider in Rochester, Region Nine Development Commission, and the South-Central Minnesota Business Development Center in Mankato – as well as several of our region's colleges and universities.

For many years, SMIF has supported early education through grant-making and literacy efforts in our twenty-county region. This past year our reading programs distributed books to over 40 organizations, totaling over 21,000 books. Our book program includes a partnership with many Kiwanis Clubs in the area. All of this great work is made possible due to the generosity of two local publishing companies, Abdo and Capstone, who donate books for this purpose.

Throughout each year, SMIF offers trainings for early childhood providers to help them secure the continuing education credits they need to stay in business and be the best they can be. In the past year we provided 29 trainings reaching 711 providers! We want to express appreciations to our key partners in this work: Families First, Le Sueur County, Lake Crystal Little Lakers, Mankato Public Schools, Help Me Grow, United Way of Steele County, as well as various trainers.

As of 2022, SMIF is partnering with 31 communities in southern Minnesota by helping them create and maintain community funds. These funds are designed to assist smaller towns in securing tax-deductible donations to build endowments and to invest in local needs. The book "Boomtown USA" cites community funds as one of the keys to small town vitality, and we are pleased to partner with community leaders in this regard.

As you can see, at SMIF we have much to celebrate and many partners to thank.

We look forward to working with our regional partners again in 2023 to continue investing in the vitality of our southern Minnesota region.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smi-foundation.org or 507-455-3215.



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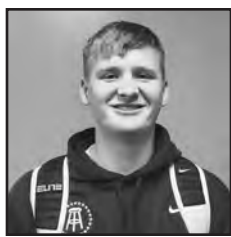
Because senior discounts frequently change and can vary depending on where you live and the time of the year, the internet is the easiest way to locate them. A good place to start is at TheSeniorList.com (click on "Money" then on the "Senior Discount" tab), which provides a large list of discounts in categories, i.e. restaurant dining, grocery stores, retail stores, prescription medications, travel discounts and more. You can also search for discounts by provider. Go to a search engine like Google and Yahoo and type in the business or organization you're curious about, followed by "senior discount" or "senior discount tickets." If you use a smartphone, there are also apps you can use like the "Senior Discounts & Coupons" app (available on the App Store and Google Play), which categorizes discounts by age and type. JOIN A CLUB Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its members age 50 and older a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see AARPdiscounts.com). If, however, you don't like or agree with AARP, there are other organizations you can join that also provide discounts like the American Seniors Association (AmericanSeniors.org), the American Automobile Association (AAA.com), or for retired federal workers, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE.org).

TYPES OF DISCOUNTS

Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find. Restaurants: Senior discounts are common at restaurants and fast-food establishments – like Applebee's, Arby's, Burger King, Chili's, Denny's and IHOP – ranging from free/discounted drinks, to discounts off your total order. Retailers: Many thrift stores like Goodwill and Salvation Army, and certain retailers like TJ Maxx, Banana Republic, Kohl's, Michaels, Ross and Walgreens stores offer a break to seniors on certain days of the week. Grocery stores: Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like BI-LO, Piggly-Wiggly, Fry's Food Stores, New Seasons, Fred Meyer, and Hy-Vee, which offer discounts on certain days of the week but they vary by location. Travel: American, United and Southwest Airlines provide limited senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while British Airlines offers AARP members discounts of up to \$200. Amtrak provides a 15 percent discount to travelers over 62. Most car rental companies give discounts to 50-plus customers or those who belong to organizations like AARP. Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Celebrity and Carnival cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over. And, most hotels offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 20 percent. Entertainment: Most movie theaters, museums, golf courses, ski resorts and other public entertainment venues provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And the National Park Service offers a lifetime senior pass for those 62 and older for \$80 (see nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm).

Correction

There was a miss print in last month's Messenger in the Triton Spotlight. Jude Gosse' name was misspelt. We apologize for this error.



Sparkly Treasures at Tatge Jewelry

By Cheri Roshon

Larry Tatge started his first jewelry store in Kenyon in 1975. The previous owner was ready to retire, and asked Larry if he would be interested in purchasing it, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Over the years, Larry's business grew to include not only jewelry sales, but also ring sizing and solder repair, engraving, trophies and awards.

In 1994, he decided to branch out to a new location in Zumbrota. He gave himself a goal of 10 years of doing business there, and again found success. After the 10 year mark passed, he made the decision to cut back a little on the travel between the 2 businesses, close the Zumbrota store and focus on the original Kenyon store. "I keep busy with all the customers I've served since 1975, no matter where they live", says Tatge.

Larry is grateful for all his customers over the years, and says he wouldn't be here without them. He enjoys the work he does, and doesn't see any reason to stop. His customers are not only loyal, but most of them have be-

come friends. Not only a business man, he has also served in many positions in the community, even serving as Grand Marshall in the 2021 Rose Fest. He loves Kenyon, and can't imagine living anywhere else.

Tatge Jewelry has jewelry for all occasions at very reasonable prices, watches, and one of the only engraving businesses in the area. He makes plaques and awards for all occasions, for sports teams and schools, and for businesses all over the area. "Since Covid started, I sell more plaques than the traditional trophies, since many teams have disbanded for the time being." Larry commented as I was looking through his vast collection of all things engravable. To see his inventory of different designs, log onto his website at Tatgejewelry.com.

And the clocks! This article wouldn't be complete without mentioning the clocks! What a collection he has! Big clocks, small clocks, Grandfather clocks and Cuckoo



clocks. Beautiful in design, and possibly the perfect gift for that hard to please person on your shopping list.

Be sure to stop by and see this amazing store and if you haven't already met Larry, you are in for a treat!

Why Does My Dog Kick The Grass After Pooping?

When you let your dog outdoors to take care of business and notice grass, sand, dirt being kicked behind them, it's easy to think that the behavior is just a way to keep their area clean. In truth, it's actually a safety mechanism and an important part of how they communicate as a species.

If you notice your dog scraping frantically at the ground or kicking debris behind them, it's usually an act of marking their territory, formerly known as "scrape behavior." While you may not always catch your dog in the act, their bodies are busy producing an important chemical reaction that allows them to communicate with other canines.

A Sophisticated Communication Network for Dogs

Dogs have glands in their paws that release pheromones that trigger social interaction with other dogs. These pheromones from dogs' feet last longer than the scent of urine or feces, making them more effective as a communication tool.

If you've ever sniffed your dogs' paws, you'll notice a specific smell that isn't always a clear sign that they need a bath or grooming appointment — it's likely that your pup has recently stimulated the pads on their paws to produce pheromones and spread their "scent." While these chemical reactions aren't visible to the human eye, they're as powerful as putting a mailbox out in front of your house with your last name on it to claim property.

The behavior dates back thousands of years, when dogs lived in the wild and were responsible for fending off prey. In the presence of other dogs, the action was used as a protection method.

Your pup isn't attempting to ruin the lawn, but simply letting other dogs know they're in charge. But it's not always a warning to "back-off" — this form of communication also allows canines to alert other dogs that there isn't a present threat in the area. If another dog comes near, they'll immediately know that another animal of the same species is close by. When surrounded by other dogs during visits to the dog park, it's normal for this action to go into overdrive.

When Kicking Becomes a Problem

Dogs kick grass naturally, but they also often perform this behavior on other surfaces like kitchen tile, concrete, the living room carpet, or the sofa. Not only can that result in damage to your property, but it can be especially harmful to your dog if it's performed repetitively on rough surfaces. If you observe your pup engaging in this behavior regularly, look for signs of injured pads on the bottom of their paws. The pads can become sore, damaged, and could eventually lead to cracking or bleeding. Some balms and creams can temporarily provide relief for damaged paws.

It's also important to take note of when it becomes an aggressive behavior or a sign of anxiety. If your dog has begun kicking at grass more frequently, consider anything that might be contributing to their behavior. It could be a new puppy in your home, a new neighborhood dog in the area, or your dog feeling anxious about something else that has changed recently.

Training to Help Curb the Behavior

Fortunately, if the behavior has become problematic, you can train your dog to learn other coping mechanisms that can help improve their manners and social skills. In Canine Good Citizen (CGC) training, your dog can learn practical skills (such as sit, come, down and stay) that can be used to manage your dog's behavior. When your dog is excessively kicking grass, you can instruct her to do an incompatible behavior. CGC will also strengthen the bond between you and your pup.

The Canine Good Citizen program is open to purebred and mixed-breed dogs of all ages. There aren't any limitations on who can participate, but AKC does offer separate training for puppies. AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy teaches the beginning stages of Canine Good Citizen to younger dogs.

Completing this training may help to decrease your dog's desire to kick surfaces inside and outside your home. AKC can help find a CGC evaluator that teaches training and offers testing near you.

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This year, FFA members and the organization will celebrate National FFA Week from February 18-25, 2023.

During this week, FFA members organize activities that raise awareness not only about the National FFA Organization, but also the role agriculture plays in students' lives.



TRITON FFA OFFICERS

Left to right: Jacob Kasper- Parliamentarian; Caleb Chilson- Secretary; Jenna Kenworthy- Treasurer; Stella Streich- Co-President; Elyssa Robinson- Reporter; Cadence Spearman- Co-President; Noah Kasper- Sentinel; John Moening- Vice President. Co-Advisors: Robert Ickler and Tyffanie Heublein.

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Adventures in learning at Wolf Ridge for Triton Freshmen

Warm temperatures and over three feet of snow contributed to making the 2023 Triton ninth grade Wolf Ridge trip a memorable one! Seventy-five Cobras embraced the opportunity to experience the 32-year Triton tradition January 13-16, and they were not disappointed! The weekend was full of adventures in learning, connecting with classmates, and building lifelong memories. It is always inspiring to see our students come together to get out of their comfort zones, and that was certainly the case again this year.

Highlights of the weekend included sliding down the stairs at Gooseberry Falls State Park, catching perch in the frozen Wolf Lake, and traversing cables thirty feet in the air on the high ropes course. We strapped on snowshoes and skis and explored the woods in the deep snow (the snowshoes were appreciated after our first night of hikes without them!).

While adventuring, we not only learned about science, but we practiced many of the skills highlighted in the Triton Profile of a Graduate. Students exhibited critical thinking



The Triton class of 2026 grew as individuals and as a group during their January Wolf Ridge trip. The entire group is pictured above.

Guys and Dolls is Back This Spring

By Ashley Dominguez-Marquez

Triton Theater Department brings back Guys and Dolls under the direction of Anne Schreiber and Andrew Wotherspoon. The cast and Crew are pleased to present this show on March 30th, March 31st, and April 1st; with the amusing story of a group of gamblers in the 1950's, New York City and the women they love.

Nathan Detroit, a member of the group, is trying to find a place for his floating crap; game:however, "the heat is on," and Lieutenant Brannigan is breathing down his neck. His fiance Adelaide pressures him to get married, something about being engaged for 14 years. Meanwhile, Sky Masterson, a suave gangster, is in town and might be able to provide the money Nathan needs to finance his crap game. All the same, Sky has to see if he can win a bet and take Save-a-Soul Mission sergeant Sarah Brown on a date to Havana, Cuba. Will Nathan be able to find a place for his crap game? Will Sky fall in love with Sarah Brown?

Find out what happens to this group of gamblers/dreamers and enjoy the drama and humor that the Triton Theater Department has to offer. Find more information on ticket sale

and streaming dates in the official Triton High School website and official social media account!

Website: www.triton.k12.mn.us
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and problem-solving skills as they worked together to construct fires and shelters in the snow in winter survival. They built communication skills and demonstrated dependability as they completed team-building tasks. They became more self-aware as they tackled challenges and got out of their comfort zones. And they showed resilience as they fell and got back up, and then did it again - - on skis, snowshoes, or just trying to walk through the 3-foot snowpack!

The skills and core memories built on this trip would not be possible without the support of our Triton community.

Scholarships were made possible with the help of McNeilus Steel, the Dodge Center Lions, the Somers family, Claremont Service

Center, McMartin Electric, the Kenworthy and Marquardt families, Freerksen Trucking, Lloyd Henslin, and a Wolf Ridge LCCMR grant. The Triton Taher crew also supported the trip by sending us with delicious cookies to enjoy each evening. THANK YOU to all that made it possible to keep the cost of the trip attainable for all.

Besides funding, it also takes a village to make this experience happen, and we sure have a great village! The Triton School Board and Superintendent Schlichting support the journey, and the Triton Transportation department makes sure that we can get there and home safely.

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Cobra Communications Minnesota School Board Recognition Month



Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

The Minnesota School Boards Association has set February as Minnesota School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function elected school board members play in our society. Triton Public Schools is joining other public school districts from across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Month to honor local board members for their commitment to the Triton Community and its students.

"Strong schools help build strong communities - and the Triton School Board devotes countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level," Craig Schlichting said. "School board members make the difficult decisions every month - and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect."

Craig Schlichting said the key work of boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what the community wants the school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority;
- Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;
- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
- Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement.



The members serving our district are as follows:
Lloyd Henslin (Board Chair),
Rebecca Knutson (Vice Chair),
Dale Jensen (Clerk),
Wendy Kenworthy (Treasurer),
Duane Bartel, Jim Jensen
and Brian Ginder.

"Even though we're making a special effort to show our appreciation this month, school board members' work is a year-round commitment," Craig Schlichting said.

February is "I Love To Read" Month

February is "I Love To Read" month and we are spending a lot of time in the library learning about authors and illustrators. Our Kindergarten and First grade students were lucky enough to get some help from high school students with the writing process. We partnered with high school teachers and each elementary student was able to create their own book. Students created a plan of who their characters were, the setting of the story and what was going to happen at the beginning, middle and end. We had some very creative stories being written this week!



Triton Elementary School Kindergarten Registration



It is time to start thinking ahead to the next school year. If your child will be five years old by September 1, 2023, they are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten at Triton Elementary school. Registration packets have been sent out via mail to families with an eligible child. If you did not receive a registration packet and would like one, please call the elementary office at 507-418-7500.

There will be a meeting for all incoming Kindergarten students and their parents on Tuesday, April 18th, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Triton Cafeteria. More information will be sent out in early April regarding this meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Adventures in learning at Wolf Ridge for Triton Freshmen

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Our staff and parent chaperones donate their weekend to ensure that our students can continue to have this experience. THANK YOU to Triton staff members Brian Felten, Christi Runnells, Sadie Short, and Elijah Gray, and bus drivers Rod Marquardt and Jeremy Dostal. Our all-star parents and grandparents included Karla Martin, Scott McMartin, Aaron Geers, Braxton Deml, Lindsay Oak-

land, Luke Dobbs, Mark Kanable, Adam Bills, Josh Kasper, and Bruce Huber. These people stepped up in big ways, modeling awesome attitudes and consistently offering support for students as comfort zones were expanded.

With the 2023 trip in the books, we're already looking forward to next January, when the class of 2027 gets their chance to make Wolf Ridge memories!!



One of the things we like best about “no cell phones” at Wolf Ridge is that students spend their down time engaged with each other – like this – in conversations and games.



This is an experience that builds core memories for our kids.



There is SO MUCH value in this trip – and that starts with being the first time some of our students have been to northern Minnesota. Or to a State Park. Our stop at Gooseberry Falls is a great opportunity to not only stretch our legs after a long day on the bus, but also to start to really take in the beauty of winter. And to realize that it's actually not that hard to stay warm outside in the winter when you're moving!



The Wolf Ridge trip allows our students to break down barriers and stereotypes as they “play” and get connected to their classmates. It's amazing to see them interacting with peers that they haven't really connected with prior to the trip.



Growth begins at the end of our comfort zones. The Wolf Ridge trip (and some amazing chaperones) provides our students with the chance to learn how to (safely) sleep outdoors under the stars. In the snow! A dozen Cobras took the challenge this year and everyone came back in the morning smiling!

School District Spelling Bee



Back Row (Left to Right): Brady Rongve, Casey Vermilyea, Elijah O'Keefe, Megan Rieck, Jackson Kraemer, William Thiemann, Hunter Hamm, Josue Monuz, Cinthia Felix, and Izaiha Maldonado. Front Row (Left to Right): Rory Ginder, Averie Locke, and Kenzie Van Beek.

By Tricia Himlie,
Spelling Bee Coordinator



The School District's Spelling Bee was held on January 18th at Triton Middle School and 15 talented students participated. After several rounds, Averie Locke took first place, Rory Ginder placed second, and Kenzie Van Beek was the runner-up.

Averie Locke and Rory Ginder advanced to the Southeast Service Cooperative Regional Spelling Bee to compete against other top spellers in the region. They studied words and practiced spelling with great enthusiasm in preparation for the regional competition on February 7th. The competition was intense. Averie and Rory put in their best effort during each advancing round. Unfortunately, they did not advance to the final regional bee on February 21, yet they should still be proud of their achievements and hard work. They represented the school district beautifully.



(Left to Right): Rory Ginder, Averie Locke, and Kenzie Van Beek.




The Triton Middle School Book Fair will be in the TMS Media Center March 13-17. This is a fundraiser for the TMS Library.

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Triton Middle School

Cobra with Character Award!



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Dylan Fate Colby Vermilyea	Holly Jarrett Aaron Knutson	Genevieve Starkson Camren Hokanson

Donkey Basketball March 4th

Come one, come all to one of the funniest basketball tournaments you will ever see! Donkey basketball is being hosted by the Triton FFA Alumni on Saturday March 4 at 7 pm in the East Gym at Triton High School. Advance tickets are on sale starting February 20th at the high school office, West Con Lanes and Claremont Service Center. Advance tickets are \$7 per person and \$10 at the door. Preschool and younger are free. Concessions will be available. Teams that will be playing are Triton staff, Triton communities EMS, Triton FFA High School members and Triton FFA Alumni members. Funds raised by the Alumni go towards scholarships of FFA members. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in having your business sponsor donkey basketball please contact Craig Weber at 507-676-6669. Also, if you would like to ride on the Alumni team please contact him as well.

Driver's Education Summer Classroom Hours!

Learn how to drive with Mr. Johnson! Enhanced Driving Institute will be holding driver's ed class at Triton, June 5th – 16th (2 weeks, M-F) from 9:00-noon. The three Behind the Wheel lessons would be held at the Rochester location. The Complete Package, which includes 30 classroom and 6 hours BTW has a program agreement starting the first day of class. That package will allow you to obtain your blue card so you can drive! There is also a Classroom Only option that can be purchased that is not subject to a program agreement. This may be an option for those younger than age 15. If you have questions ask Mr. Johnson via email at jjohnson@triton.k12.mn.us or visit the website for more detailed information and to register:

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Triton's Prom will be April 22, 2023. This year the theme is "Enchanted Evening". A team of 14 Triton juniors are working on the details with their advisor, Kristy Faber. Grand March will be held in the THS East Gym, where friends and family can come watch the students walk through dressed up and take pictures. Following the Grand March, the dinner and dance portion of the evening will be held at Somerby Golf Club.

Every Triton junior and senior are encouraged to attend Prom. It is a lifelong memory

to be made with friends and classmates. Prom can be expensive, and the Prom committee has been very actively fundraising in order to curb the cost for the students. We have worked at many school events in the concession stand, and will hold our annual Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser on February 20. Please see the information provided. If you or someone you know would like to donate to this year's Prom, please contact Kristy Faber at 507-418-7550 or kfaber@triton.k12.mn.us.

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1st Semester 4.0 Distinction



Front row, pictured left to right: Abigail Akkerman, Emanuel Ascencio, Rainey Dobbs, Damian Kanzenbach, Cohen McNeilus, Landon Nauman, Pierce Petersohn, Jade Scovill, Ryann Heimer, Jaden Holmes, Macy Klejeski, Naomi Lebak, and Corey Lilledahl.
 Back row, pictured left to right: Danielle Hallaway, Elizabeth Hukee, Jenna Kenworthy, Claire Terpstra, Paige DeVetter, Liam Dostal, Tegan Ridenour, Andrienne Liudahl, Camila Medina, Olivia Weber, Katerina Wheeler, and Skyler Wrolstad.
 Not pictured: Rece Langworthy, Jenna Kenworthy, Litany Peterson, Jessica Willette, Jordan Bennerotte, Mariah Busch, Riley Freiderich, Brylee Iverson, Kaitlyn Krupa, Kate-lynn Kubat, Isaac Madison, Gavin Meyer, Cameron Vermilyea, and Ariana Wennes.

The Triton Chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society would like to recognize the following students for earning a 4.0 grade point average for first semester. Congratulations on this tremendous accomplishment!

The MHS Hygiene Drive is a Clean Success!



The Minnesota Honor Society recently concluded their hygiene drive promoted throughout the school. In total, close to 200 items were donated! These items will be given to our local Dodge County Salvation Army chapter that will distribute them to people in need our community. "Different situations bring about needs for supplies like these. Seniors on fixed incomes, a family experiencing a recent house fire, single-income parents – there are many reasons as to why these

items are needed within our community," stated Tanya Young, the lead liaison for the Dodge County Salvation Army chapter.

MHS would like to thank all those that donated to the drive. It is astounding what can be accomplished when we work together to support those in need!

Pictured (from left to right) are MHS members Ameryn Dostal, Poe Broskoff, and Katherine Ross displaying the array of donations received.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Cameron (Cami) Vermilyea is a senior at Triton this year. Her parents are Brandon and Amanda Vermilyea. Cameron has two brothers, Cooper & Casey and one sister Colby. She is active in MHS, Link Leader, softball and volleyball. After school Cameron can be found working at the Dodge Country Club and Varsity athletics at Triton. Her hobbies are watching her siblings in hockey and basketball and seeing friends and family. Her favorite movies are Elvis and Superbad. After graduation Cameron plans to attend Winona State University and major in biology with a pre-medicine determinate.



CAMERON (CAMI) VERMILYEA

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Triton High School Student Council's annual pancake breakfast is approaching!

The event will be held at City Hall March 26th

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Principal's Corner



Tricia Johnson



Luke Lutterman



Shane Van Beek

Enrichment Opportunities at Triton

We are excited about the many opportunities that we have at Triton Public Schools to peak our students' interest and push them to new heights. We have many programs for students throughout our schools and wanted to highlight a few of the enrichment opportunities that our students have here at Triton.

Elementary School:

Our elementary students benefit from physical education each and every day. In addition to this movement time our students have an opportunity to participate in art, technology, music, and STEM. New to Triton Elementary is our STEM class that takes place for fifty minutes every other week for all of our students. Students have hands-on experiences, building and creating within this class led by Mrs. Bradford.

In addition to the enrichment classes that we offer, our classroom teachers do a fantastic job teaching to each students' individual needs. In our COBRA and WIN groups, students have an opportunity to get caught up or pushed further ahead. These groups meet daily for a total of fifty minutes of individualized instruction and learning.

We will be participating in the ZED Science Fair, Math Masters, and Academic Triathlon this spring. We look forward to getting even more of our students involved in these fun activities! The sky's the limit for our students at Triton Elementary School!

Middle School:

Triton Middle School has a variety of enrichment opportunities for students. Students currently have the opportunity to get involved in two incredible programs, Technovation and Academic Triathlon. Technovation is specifically for girls in 6th -8th grade. In this unique program, they learn how to code a mobile app to solve a problem in our community. This program expands their knowledge of computer science, entrepreneurship, and business leadership. In Academic Triathlon, our middle school students discover, refine, and demonstrate their strengths and abilities as both a team and individuals as they compete against other schools. TMS has also used our Flex Friday schedule as a way to provide enrichment opportunities for our students. Teachers have offered hour-long classes such as "Learn to Play Chess", "Learn to Play Cribbage", and a "Creative Writing Lab" to name a few. Leadership opportunities are yet another way for our middle school students to excel. Selected 8th grade students are involved in our W.E.B. Program which provides mentorship to our 6th grade students. The TMS Pride Pack is our version of a student council. In this program, students plan and implement a variety of activities to foster a positive school culture. Whether we are hosting a Spelling Bee, participating in a Courage Retreat, or planning an overnight trip to Whitewater State Park, TMS strives to find ways to provide new and interesting learning experiences for our students.

High School:

I am pleased to report that we are continuing to make improvements to the Concurrent Enrollment Program at Triton High School. If you are not familiar with Concurrent Enrollment, it provides juniors and seniors a platform to earn college credits free of charge without having to leave Triton High School. Our teachers have gone through extensive continuing education to be qualified to teach these courses and each course requires a liaison and sponsorship from a local college.

The staff at Triton High School have worked hard to develop a solid Concurrent Enrollment Program that meets the needs of students with a wide range of college and career plans. Students currently have the opportunity to earn 40 college credits while at Triton High School. This year our students are on pace to earn over 1,500 college credits without having to leave our school building. A course breakdown of our current college offerings is listed below.

Food Science, FYEX (First-Year Experience), English I, English II, Algebra, Tech Math, Biology, Physics, Environmental Biology, American Government, Introduction to Education Careers.

It is important to mention that earning college credit is not for everyone and we continue to provide numerous opportunities for all of our students through local partnerships and work-embedded experiences.

FCCLA State Bound

On Friday January 27th, 26 Triton students competed at the regional FCCLA Star event competitions. 18 members (10 high school and 8 middle school) earned trips to the state competition in March.

Advancing to state:

Two of our members earned multiple trips: Kalena Dudly advanced in 2 individual events

Katherine Ross advanced in 1 individual event and one team event.

High School:

Yenlik Tulessova - Entrepreneurship - Level 3 *received a Gold ranking

Jessica Willette - Chapter Service Project - Level 3

Katherine Ross - Focus on Children -Level 3
Kalena Dudley - Interpersonal Communications -Level 3

Kalena Dudley - Teach and Train -Level 3
Skyler Wrolstad - Sustainability Challenge -Level 3

Ava Cummings, Elizabeth Hukee, & Katherine Ross

- Chapter in Review Level 3
Litany Peterson, Lily Maldonado, & Diego Ibarra-castillo:

- Promote and Publicize FCCLA - Level 3
Middle school:

Carter Krahn & Hector Ibarra Jr. - Healthy Decisions - Level 1

Aden Ronken, Chase Landsteiner, & Daniel Villegas

-Chapter Service Project - Level 1
Ruby Kellogg, Cinthia Felix, and Brooklyn Mechtel

-Chapter Service Project - Level 1
Honorable Mentions not advancing:

High School:
Hailey Richardson - About Kids - Level 2

Middle school:
Aubrey Laue - About Kids - Level 1

Gracie Vondersit - About Kids - Level 1
Ruby Kellogg - About Kids - Level 1

Ruby Kellogg FCS Topics - Level 1
Brooklyn Mechtel - What we Eat - Level 1

Braxton Koss & Angel Felix -Miramontes - Healthy Decisions - Level 1

Alexander De la merced Ortiz & Patrick Davis - Healthy Decisions - Level 1

Cinthia Feliz, & Avery Landsteiner - FCS Topics - Level 1

Triton Counselor's Corner

In the last several years, Triton Public Schools and our community members determined 8 qualities that we want every Triton student to embody in their everyday lives and especially upon graduation. The Triton Profile of a Graduate consists of: 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 each of these traits and how they can relate to mental health and/or social emotional learning.



In February, the Profile of a Graduate focus is resilience. Students will learn that resilience is getting back up after making a mistake or having an outcome we didn't particularly like and continuing to try. Students of all ages and adults will experience disappointment--can we adapt and keep going? We will experience rejection--can we overcome that obstacle and still find value in ourselves? When we have stress, can we manage those difficult feelings? Even failure will be something everyone will need to withstand at some point in their life. Mr. Lutterman, the 6-12 principal, has often been heard saying, "Life doesn't get easier, we learn how to get better at dealing with challenges" or in other words...we learn to become more resilient. Failure is an opportunity to do better the next time, not the end of the world.

Building resilience is possible. Truly one of the biggest ways to help children become more resilient is by spending quality time with them and making sure they know they have at least one supportive adult in their lives and a place where they can feel safe to be themselves. Open and honest conversations about how you as an adult handle stressful times in your life, can help pre-teens and teens learn techniques that could help them get through tough times as well. When we face obstacles, disappointments, or failures, we will inevitably experience some negative emotions. That is ok. We may need to sit with discomfort for a bit. All feelings are valid. Take a break and then focus on what we can control in the situation to have the outcome we want. Having a positive mindset and self-esteem will also help students to bounce back from whatever knocked them down. It won't always be as simple as getting back on our bike after the training wheels came off, but kids who have opportunities to build resiliency will become adults who can be resilient. Allow them opportunities to make mistakes and support them through it when they do.

Ashlee Koll, TES Counselor
Tricia Johnson, TMS Dean
Christi Runnells, THS Counselor
Diane Meyers, TPS K-12 Counselor



The Triton Cobra Dance Team took first place in all three competitions at the Southland Dance competition.



Gabriella Molina is introduced in the starting lineups for the Triton Girls Basketball team.



Katelynn Kubat protects the ball against Waseca.



Jozey Boe inbounds the ball for the Cobras.



Owen Garness wrestles against his opponent from FCLMC



On January 28th, 2023 Brylee Iverson became the All-Time Leading Scorer for the Triton Girls Basketball program.



Jude Gosse competes for the Triton Basketball team.



Francis Price boxes out his opponent as the Cobras take on the JWP Bulldogs.



Liam Schlichting wrestles against his opponent from FCLMC.

Triton High School Semester 1 Honor Rolls

A HONOR ROLL

GRADE 9
 Akkerman, Abigail
 Arguello, Pierce
 Ascencio, Emanuel
 Bills, Mason
 Dobbs, Rainey
 Heroff, Mason
 Holtet, Andrew
 Holtet, Wade
 Huntley, Isabella
 Kanzenbach, Damian
 Langworthy, Rece
 Maldonado, Lily
 McMahan, Kerisma
 McMartin, Henry
 McNeilus, Cohen
 Nauman, Landon
 Noaeill, Mason
 Oakland, Addison
 Petersohn, Pierce
 Pluto, Graham
 Scovill, Jade
 Staub, Brady
 Wirkus, Abigail

GRADE 10

Fitzgerald, Jack
 Heimer, Ryann
 Holmes, Jaden
 Johnson, August
 Klejeski, Macy
 Knutson, Craig
 Kozisek, Anastazia
 Lebak, Naomi
 Lilledahl, Corey
 Lundi, Giavanna
 Medina, Camila
 Medina, Romina
 Mulder, Alyssa
 Price, Madeline
 Romero, Ashley
 Rudesill, Spencer
 Thomas, Brynn
 Vermilyea, Cooper
 Weber, Olivia
 Wheeler, Katerina
 Wrolstad, Skyler

GRADE 11

Boe, Jozey
 Connor, Audra
 Cummings, Ava
 Dostal, Ameryn
 Edge, Andrew
 Gnagey, Tyler
 Hallaway, Danielle
 Hukee, Elizabeth
 Kenworthy, Jenna
 Lapham, Sophia
 Lau, Grace
 Nauman, Lauryn
 Olson-Ramer, Mal-lory
 Peters, Kianna
 Peterson, Litany
 Ross, Katherine
 Terpstra, Claire
 Tulessova, Yenlik
 Willette, Jessica

GRADE 12

Bendickson, Wyatt
 Bennerotte, Jordan
 Busch, Mariah
 DeVetter, Paige
 Dostal, Liam
 Freiderich, Riley
 Geers, MacKenzie
 Gonzalez, Isaac
 Gosse, Jude
 Green, Tanner
 Iverson, Brylee
 Kelley, Talia
 Krupa, Kaitlyn
 Kubat, Katelynn
 Liudahl, Andrienne
 Madison, Isaac
 Meyer, Gavin
 Moe, Lena
 Munnikhuysen, Boe
 Price, Francis
 Radke, Tavan
 Ridenour, Tegan
 Strom, Hanna
 Vermilyea, Cameron
 Wennes, Ariana
 Quick Reply

B HONOR ROLL

GRADE 9

Anguiano, Brianna
 Behne, Nola
 Cardona, Roxana
 Chable, Dora
 Dean, Autumn
 Deml, Wylie
 Freiderich, Norah
 Gann, Emma
 Geers, Gabriella
 Harvey, Holly
 Holtermann, Isiah
 Ibarra-Castillo, Diego
 Jensen, Garett
 Kasper, Jacob
 Kasper, Noah
 Klankowski, Beau
 Liudahl, Roselyn
 Luhman, Morgan
 Ocampo, Maya
 Ortiz, Alan
 Purinton, McKenzy
 Radke, Damion
 Reniker, Brylee
 Sackett, Aspen
 Shake, Bella
 Skjeveland, Logan
 Stanton, George
 Zaragoza, Christopher

GRADE 10

Anderson, Anna
 Andrist, Melanie
 Chicos, Courtney
 Dostal, Miley
 Fernandez, Salma
 Herrick, Hayley
 Hodgman, Gracelyn
 Knudson, Alyssa
 Lahr, Madilyn
 Lamb, Gianna

Landsteiner, Carly
 Lasker, Shane
 Lorentzen, Khloe
 Ludlow, Katie
 McChesney, Kileyah
 Mendoza, Guadalupe
 Meneses, Devin
 Quimby, Bryar
 Reiser, Alivia
 Rodriguez, Steven
 Saxton, Jacob
 Selthun, Isaiah
 Swenson, McKenna
 Tushaus, Tessa
 Velasco Castaneda, Alisson

GRADE 11

Adams, Gage
 Andree, Kelsey
 Broskoff, Poe
 Chilson, Caleb
 Christianson, Graham
 Corley, Alyvea
 Ellingson, Kaeden
 Fernandez, Nancy
 Freerksen, Bronson
 Jensen, Sarah
 Lecy, Abigail
 Locke, Emma
 Lundi, Joaquin
 Molina, Gabriella
 Naze, Alex
 Olson-Ramer, Maxwell
 Ortiz, Alejandro
 Peterson, Savannah
 Rath, Adrianna
 Ronken, Owen
 Solano, Jairo
 Spearman, Cadence
 Thomas, Ella
 Tuftte, Logan
 Weber, Cara
 Wilson, Thomas

GRADE 12

Amiot, Parker
 Dobbs, Reece
 Dominguez-Marquez, Ahsley
 Dudley, Kalena
 Faber, Mena
 Fate, Andrew
 Freerksen, Skyler
 Frette, Aiden
 Garness, Owen
 Hansen, Parker
 Haugen, Weston
 Huntley, Thomas
 Jarrett, Madison
 Kirya, Gabriella
 Kispert-Johnson, Reece
 Klankowski, Grady
 Kraemer, Kylie
 Leuthardt, Jayden
 Marquette, Spencer
 McMurdo, Cassandra
 Roussopoulos, Matthew
 Schlichting, Austin
 Schlichting, Liam
 Weber, Joshua

Triton Middle School Quarter 2 Honor Rolls

8th Grade: A Honor Roll

REAGAN ESSIG
 HARPER IVERSON
 BRAXTON KOSS
 AIDAN LUTTERMAN
 MYA MATEJCEK
 SYDNEY NAZE
 SABREE RUNNELLS
 EMANUEL SOLANO
 GENEVIEVE STARKSON
 WILLIAM THIEMANN
 AIDREE VAN BEEK
 CASEY VERMILYEA
 GAVIN YOUNG

7th Grade: A Honor Roll

AUBREY AKKERMAN
 ABRIELLE EMANUEL
 ALLIE FREIDERICH
 HUNTER HAMM
 JESSICA HUKKEE
 HOLLY JARRETT
 KEANNA JOHNSON
 AARON KNUTSON
 MADDISON MAES
 AUNIKA MATEJCEK
 HENRY OGREN
 ELIJAH OKEEFE
 CHRISTINE PEARSON
 BROOKLYN RUDESILL
 AUBRIE SANSON
 ELLIOT WIRKUS

6th Grade: A Honor Roll

CAMERON ARNESON
 CRUZ CAIN
 KAYLEAH DUPEY
 DYLAN FATE
 JALYN FATE
 CINTHIA FELIX
 RORY GINDER
 MATHEA HOREJSI
 MATIAS JARA
 CHARLES KASPER
 RUBY KELLOGG
 MIKAYLA KRAEMER
 GERALD LEE
 BROOKLYN MECHTEL
 CAREY OSCARSON
 ALYVIA SCHEPPMANN
 JULIA STANTON
 KENZIE VAN BEEK
 IVY VAN ZUILEN
 COLBY VERMILYEA
 SIRI WENNES
 SAMANTHA WILSON

8th Grade B Honor Roll

ISABELLA ALLEN
 HAILEY BALL
 LUIS BARBOSA
 FAITH BARNETT
 JAIDEN BAUMGARTNER
 NALLAH CAIN
 RILEY CUMMINGS
 ALEXANDER DE LA MERCED
 ORTIZ
 ANGEL FELIX-MIRAMONTES
 SIERRA FISH
 CARLI FLORES
 GRACE FREIDERICH
 RUDY GARZA
 JESENIA GOMEZ-THOMPSON

ETHAN HARTY
 CAMREN HOKANSON
 NEVEN HOREJSI
 LINCOLN JOHNSON
 JACKSON KRAEMER
 CARTER KRAHN
 CHACE LANDSTEINER
 TAYLOR LEPP
 LYDIA MADISON
 KEANNA MOLINA
 COLTON NELSON
 MEGAN RIECK
 GUNNAR ROBERTSON
 HAYDEN SACKETT
 AUSTIN SCANLAN
 ABIGAIL SCUDAMORE
 CONNOR SOWIEJA
 CLAIRE STEVENSON
 ISAAH SZMIOT-MCCHESENEY
 GRADEN THOMAS
 AIDEN VAN ZUILEN
 JASON WOLF

7th Grade: B Honor Roll

AVERY DAHL
 GRACELYN GRZYBOWSKI SCHWERING
 AVEREE HENSLIN
 NOLAN HODGMAN
 JAXON JENSEN
 CHRISTOPHER KASPER
 JENAE KEENER
 JAYDEN KLEMMENSEN
 ADDISON KODADA
 NERAK KORBISCH
 KALEB KRUSE
 ALYVIA LEGLER
 7TH GRADE CONTINUED...
 AVERIE LOCKE
 COLLIN LOUKS
 MASON MAES
 JORGE OCAMPO
 LEIBERT ORTIZ
 ELIJAH SCHROM
 TEAGAN SPENCER
 MAYA VALLEJO

6th grade: B Honor Roll

KHLOE BENDA
 COLLIN BULOW
 DARVELIA CHABLE
 EMMA CHICOS
 ALAYNA CURRAN
 PATRICK DAVIS
 JOSSLYN FREERKSEN
 SOPHIA HERNANDEZ
 REIGN HOKANSON
 MAVRIC KUBAT
 AVERY LANDSTEINER
 PEYTON LAUE
 JULIAN MACIAS
 MASON MARKELL
 ANDREW MCNEILUS
 MASON MEALY
 BRAYDEN MUNNIKHUYSEN
 BODE OLEVSON
 SAMUEL PRICE
 ETHAN RIVERA-CARLSON
 CORA ROBERTSON
 JAYDIN ROCHA
 BRADY RONGVE
 KIMBER SANSON
 ERIN THORSON
 MASON WOLKENHAUER

TRITON COMMUNITY ED YOUTH ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

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



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 preschool 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.

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.



TRITON COMMUNITY ED ADULT ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

Learn to Crochet

This is a beginner's basic class. you will learn to chain, single crochet and double crochet. We will start with just the basics and make a simple scarf or hat. You will be able to choose for a larger variety of yarn colors and I'll have hooks available to use or purchase. Max number of students: 8

March 6

Cost: \$27

6-8PM

Located at the Green Shack: 20658 Cty Hwy 34, Dodge Center, MN



Mosaic Stained Glass

In this class you will pick out a picture frame and find a coloring page picture online and trace it onto the picture frame. You will then pick out pieces of colored glass and then cut those pieces to fill in the picture. Use as much or as little color as you'd like. When you are all done, we will cover it with epoxy to finish it. *Cost difference is due to frame size, with \$35 you get a 5*7 frame. I'll have larger sizes priced out if wanted. Must be 8 years or older to attend this class. Max number of students: 6

March 13

Cost: \$37*

6-8PM

Located at the Green Shack: 20658 Cty Hwy 34, Dodge Center, MN



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.



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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


Are you Ready for Retirement? Justin Glasrud
 Looking forward to retirement is natural! But are you prepared? Learn what you can do now to help create the retirement plan that you envision. Justin is a Wealth Advisor with Prinvest Advisors in Rochester MN. He will leave time at the end of class to answer questions.
 Cost: \$3 per person
 March 1
 6:30-7:30PM in the THS Media Center

The Prom
 Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
Leader: Kristy Faber,
 Triton Community Ed

Four fabulous fading Broadway starts are in desperate need of a new stage. When they hear that trouble is brewing around a small-town Indiana prom- and the press is involved- they know that it's time to put a spotlight on the issue.... and themselves. The town's parents want to keep the dance on the straight and narrow, but when Emma just wants to bring her girlfriend to the prom, the entire town has a date with destiny. Now, Broadway's brassiest are coming to join the fight and they are ready to kick-ball-change the world! We will eat lunch at the theatre, you will order off their menu. You must sign up for this trip through Triton Community Ed, call us at 507-418-7550.
 March 15, 2023
 Cost: \$98, includes coach bus ride, ticket to the show and lunch including gratuity.

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

Call 507-418-7550 to register.



Powerful Tools for Caregivers
 The Active Aging Programs, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, is offering Powerful Tools for Caregivers. This free small-group workshop is designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. Whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home, you will benefit from the tools presented in this program. You will learn strategies to better handle the unique caregiver challenges you face, as well as how to reduce stress, communicate more effectively, make tough decisions, and reduce feelings of guilt, anger, and depression.
 Powerful Tools for Caregivers will meet at the Holy Family Catholic Church for six weeks:
 Thursdays, March 2 through April 6, 2023 from 1:00-3:30p.m.
 Please register by February 24 via email or phone: Marlene at 507-450-1518, mlevine@ccsommn.org



CE Class Offerings	Cost	Name
ADULT ENRICHMENT		
Bob Ross Painting	\$34	
Learn to Crochet	\$27	
Mosaic Stained Glass	\$37	
Are You Ready for Your Retirement	\$3	
The Prom at the Chanhassen DT	\$98	
YOUTH ENRICHMENT		
Tech Academy:		
Hacking Java Games	\$53	
Game Coding: Mario Cart	\$29	
Crazy Commercials	\$36	
TOTAL DUE:		



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Triton Community Ed Registration

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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, 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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Job Title: Executive Director
Location: 1700 Austin Rd, Owatonna, MN 55060

Organization Overview

The Steele County Historical Society is a dynamic organization serving our audiences through public programs, research, exhibits, stewardship, and through our consistent visibility. We strive to be a credible educational resource, a welcoming gathering place, an active partner, and a forward-looking institution. The mission of the Steele County Historical Society is to preserve and share history today for tomorrow.

Position Summary

The Executive Director oversees the operations and development of the Steele County Historical Society and takes appropriate steps to fulfill the mission and vision of the Society. The Executive Director provides leadership and has overall operational responsibility for strategic planning, outreach, and fund development. The Executive Director has day-to-day responsibility for administration, staff management, budget, and communications.

Primary Responsibilities

- Lead the Society in a manner that supports and guides its mission and vision.
- Recruit, train, and supervise staff.
- Actively promote and represent the Society throughout Steele County and the state of Minnesota, serving as the Society's primary representative and spokesperson for public, professional, and social occasions.
- Develop opportunities to increase the Society's membership. Promote the Society's programs, events, educational opportunities, exhibits, and outreach efforts to grow the organization and enhance its impact.
- Develop the annual budget for approval by the Board and manage finances within the approved budget to ensure maximum resource utilization and maintenance of the Society's assets.
- Diversify and increase revenue streams to secure resources necessary to support the annual operations and long-term goals of the Society. Seek additional opportunities for financial support through fund-raising campaigns, grants, and sponsorships, working in concert with appropriate staff.
- Oversee multiple locations and buildings including the History Center, Village of Yesteryear campus, Orphanage Museum, Cottage 11, and the Children's Cemetery.
- Communicate effectively with the Board, providing timely and accurate information to support their proper functioning and informed decision making.

Position Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Nonprofit Management, Business Administration, History, or equivalent degree program.
- Experience in leading and evaluating organization operations, staffing, and communications; experience in a nonprofit setting preferred.
- Demonstrated success in fundraising, donor stewardship, and grant writing is strongly preferred.
- Strong motivational leadership skills, communication skills, and organizational skills, including strategic planning and task facilitation.
- Hands-on budget management skills, including budget preparation, analysis, and reporting.
- Proficient in the use of Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, and Outlook.
- Experience with InDesign and Past Perfect preferred.
- Core hours are Monday through Friday, with a flexible work schedule as needed cover programs and events held during evening and weekend hours.

This is a full-time, exempt position with a starting salary range of \$50,000-\$60,000. Benefits include paid holidays, vacation time, and sick/safe leave. Health and retirement plan benefits are not included.

To Apply

Please send a cover letter, your resume, and a list of three work-related references to SCHSBoard@steelehistorymuseum.org. The application deadline is February 18, 2023.
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**CITY OF CLAREMONT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Tasha Dahl, City Council Members Deb Ellis, Jacob Klejeski, Hunter McGovern, and Krystal Sultze. Council Members absent: None.

City staff and others present: Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, Maintenance Director Brian Styndl, First Responder Director Casey Dahl, and via Zoom Interim City Administrator Jim Brimeyer.

AGENDA

Motion by McGovern to approve the agenda with the additions of Approval of Fire Officers and Resolution No. 23-03: Resolution Authorizing Signature Authority for City Accounts, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included: Minutes of the December 6, 2022, Emergency City Council Meeting, Minutes of the December 6, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting, and the 2023 Assessment Agreement. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Sultze.

Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Motion by Ellis to approve the amended list of bills to be paid, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY
COMMITTEE**

Interim Administrator Brimeyer was going to meet with the Fire Chief and a couple members of the fire department to go over the Standard Operating Procedures today but due to the weather it was postponed until Tuesday, January 10. Members of the fire department will have a chance to review it too if they would like.

The fire department members voted on officers for 2023. They elected Casey Dahl for Fire Chief, Jacob Klejeski as Assistant Fire Chief and Tim Kruckeberg as Training Officer. Motion by McGovern to approve the appointments of the fire officers, second by Ellis. Ayes: McGovern, Ellis, Sultze, and Dahl. Nay: None. Abstain: Klejeski. Motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

EDA

SEMMCHRA just sent a news release stating the City of Claremont and West Concord have received \$594,550 in Small Cities Development Program funding. This funding can assist owner-occupied residential homes who meet established income limits with projects including new roofs, windows, siding, furnaces, etc. and is a first come, first serve basis.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Nothing at this time.

PARKS COMMITTEE

A chamber member had asked Clerk Sorg the status of the new ball field. Mayor Dahl replied to that person that the city is waiting for the letter the Chamber was going to draft requesting donations for the ball field.

PEOPLESERVICE

Their reports were in the packet.

CITY ENGINEER

Nothing at this time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The proposed 2023 budget included a 5% payroll increase as a cost of living/inflation adjustment. Motion by McGovern to approve a 5% increase for the 2 employees effective January 9, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

The council will hold interviews Monday, January 23 starting at 6 p.m. for the part-time office position. Three applications have been received so far.

The wing plow on the snowplow is worn out so it has been vibrating and eventually fell off. Maintenance Director Styndl has taken the parts to a machine shop to modify and completely repair that piece. It should be done by the end of the week. The Service Center will fix the hydraulic hoses that aren't quite correct. It seems the snowplow is bigger than what the city actually needs, and council might want to consider other options in the future.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Mark Rahrlick was not present due to a scheduling conflict.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sultze would like to attend the League of MN Cities 2023 Elected Leaders Institute February 10 and 11 in Mankato at the cost of \$350. Motion by Ellis to approve Sultze to attend the LMC Conference, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dahl made the following appointments for Resolution No. 23-01: Resolution Stating Annual Designations for 2023. Dahl appointed Jacob Klejeski as Acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor. The 2023 committees will be:

Budget and Finance: Dahl and Sultze
Public Health and Safety: Ellis and McGovern

Planning: McGovern and Ellis

Parks: Klejeski and Dahl

EDA: Mayor and Council Members

Personnel: Klejeski and Sultze

Dahl will be the alternate member.

The official newspaper will be the Dodge County Independent. The primary depository of city funds shall be Equity Bank. The City Attorney will be Mark Rahrlick. Motion by Sultze to approve Resolution No. 23-01: Resolution Stating Annual Designations, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Klejeski to approve Resolution No. 23-02: Resolution of 2023 Fees, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

The council approved signature authority for city accounts. All checks require 2 signatures which will be the Mayor, or if the Mayor is unavailable the Vice-Mayor, and also the Clerk, or if the Clerk is unavailable Council Member Ellis. All other accounts such as savings, certificates of deposits, etc. Clerk Sorg or Mayor Dahl have the authority to make changes. Motion by Ellis to approve Resolution No. 23-03: Resolution Authorizing Signature Authority for City Accounts, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m., second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Old License Plates and Memories



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.

Living on a family farm means you have a collection of items that can be much older than yourself. Last summer my wife had one of her interior decorator friends do her magic on our newly remodeled house. One of the things was a display board of some of the tin signs and license plates that have been around the farmstead all my life. These are not only interesting but also convey a wealth of memories from the past, which predates me by quite a time.

The oldest item on this board is a set of license plates off a pre-1920 Model T Ford owned by my grandfather Otis Campbell. From what I can determine this was his first horse less carriage. I can ascertain that the vehicle was a 1919 or older Model T because it had a crank start. He would have bought it used since the plate is dated 1928 and the story, I will relate took place that year when my grandparents first child was just an infant.

Cooperatives were a common type of organization for farm service businesses. Otis was going to go to a meeting in West Concord for what I believe was a creamery association. It was a warm spring day and my grandmother and their very young daughter accompanied him in the open-air vehicle. The young farm couple were in their twenties and I can only imagine what a wonderful world it seemed like a century ago.

While my grandfather participated in the meeting, his wife Eva went for a drive down the dirt road we now know as Highway 56. A few miles to the south of town she decided

to turn around. In the course of maneuvering the old Ford to return to town the engine quit. With a little baby wrapped in a blanket on the front seat, my grandmother had to dismount and hand crank the engine to start it again. She got it running and they chugged back to town.

The next set of license plates are motorcycle plates from 1948 and 1952. My father had a Harley Davidson 74 when he was a young man. Most of the stories I heard about the motorcycle were relayed to me by those who knew my dad. One of my dad's friends was our neighbor, Bub Wichser. Bud told me that my dad said he could take the Harley for a ride if he could get it started. By my calculations Bub would have been about 12 years old at the time. Never think a farm boy, no matter how young, can't get an engine started. Bub fired the Harley up and headed down the road on a ride. My dad sold the Harley before I was born, but he did tell me one story. Most roads were gravel back then and while on a trip back from Cannon Falls one evening, he laid the cycle over on a gravel curve. When he got home, he cleaned himself up and had to explain to my grandma about the bloody towels. He had gravel still embedded in the skin around his elbows thirty years later. He may have told me that story just to keep me from riding.

The next set of plates are for my grandfather's old pickup. It was a late 1940's Ford truck. Ford pickups have always played a vital role on our family farm. The last plate was from 1955 and is a "T" plate. As a kid I recall truck license plates designated with a T. I think it indicated a farm truck but am not certain if that was so.

In the granary on the old farm my grandfather had written many bits of information on the board walls. Most where about crops and feed and livestock, but one of them dated in the early 50's stated that he almost ran over Elvis with the pickup. That one got my attention. My dad explained that they named the dog Elvis, because he was "nothin' but a hound dog". One day my grandpa was backing up to the granary to unload feed from the pickup. Elvis was standing behind the pickup looking away and when the pickup bumper hit him, he yelped. Otis in his dry sense of humor noted that on that day he almost ran over Elvis.

A Minnesotan: More on Snow



By RosaLin Alcoser

Recently the Twin Cities got slammed by a ton of powder snow fall; while I was at work in the office. It was not snowing when I left home but started after I got there.

Because of the snow a lot of people left during lunch to finish the day from home. Except for me, the forecast said it was going to stop at 1pm. So I figured I might as well stay all day; after all, if I leave after it's not been snowing for a while then the roads will be plowed. Right?

Wrong! I was wrong in my assumption that the roads would all be plowed.

Now some of the side roads in town I did not expect to be completely snow free by the time I left for work. There were places where one side was plowed and the other was not. Which is to be expected since the plow has to come back in the other direction to do that side.

The issue was when I got to the highway; which I normally do not take home. Normally I take a backway home to avoid traffic. However, due to the large amounts of powdery snow I thought that I should play it safe and take the highway.

Clearly my assumption was that the highway would have been plowed. After all, it's a highway. The highway had not been plowed.

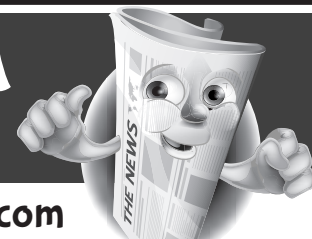
Instead it was a slushy snow filled mess. I did end up taking it all the way back to my neighborhood though by doing something that I had not done since I was a teenager driving to school.

I followed a 4x4 that was following a Semitruck and got into their tire tracks just like I used to do on snowy Minnesota mornings when I would follow the milk truck out of the valley to the main road.

The process was a little bit terrifying and extremely slow, however, I did live to tell the tale.

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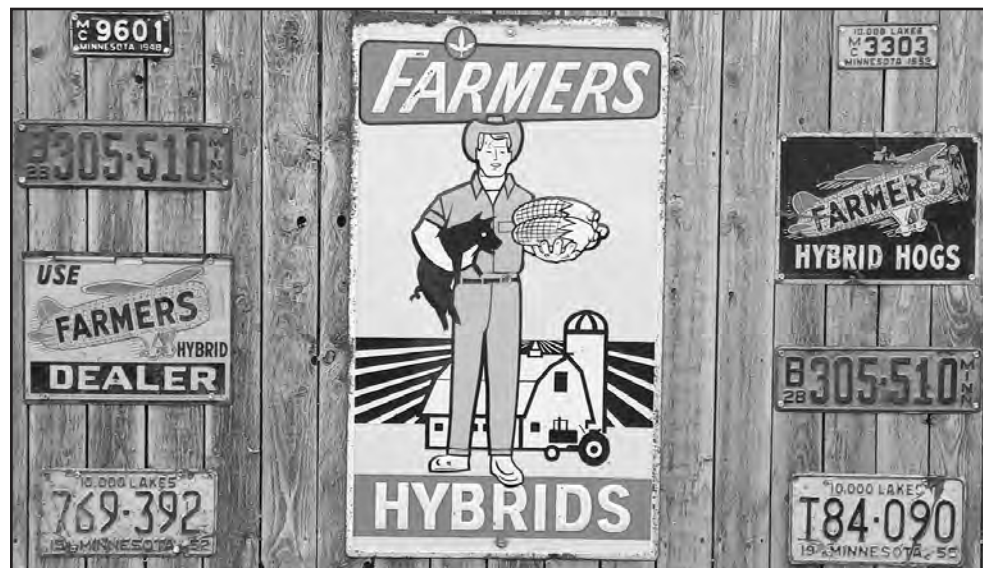
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