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Wescon Lanes, Family Fun in West Concord

By Cheri Roshon

Are you looking for someplace for family fun, a date night, or just some tasty home cooking? Wes Con Lanes is just the place! Tricia and Jason Bennerotte, along with their children Michaela and Jordan, have been the proud owners of the bowling alley for 10 years, since purchasing it from Jason's dad Richard, who owned it for many years previously. Located at 234 Main Street, West Concord, Wes Con Lanes is open from 5 to 10 pm, Wednesday through Monday.

When Tricia and Jason took over, they in-

stalled new booths, flooring and a new menu. Their specialty is homemade pizza, but Tricia also makes meatloaf dinner, hot pork, hamburgers and yes, desserts to please any palate. They serve appetizers and a full bar menu as well. From the sounds of the reviews, the food is delicious!

A recently added convenience, you can now order food from Wes Con to be delivered to the Municipal Liquor Store!

Running six lanes, Wes Con has bowling leagues every week. Men's league on Monday, Women's on Wednesday, and Couples on Sunday from 6:30 pm until ... whenever! You can rent your shoes and a ball, or bring your own. They also have bingo every second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. An added bonus is pull tabs to try your luck while having a great time.

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Announcements

• **Meals on Wheels** is available to anyone age 60 and over who are wanting a prepared hot, nutritious meal on a regular basis. Meals are available Sunday through Friday, including holidays. The meals are prepared at Kenyon Senior Living and volunteers deliver them right to your home. Delivery is available to anyone living in Kenyon city limits. The cost per meal is \$7.25. Volunteers provide you with a meal card to use as payment for your meals. Each meal card contains 12 meals, totaling a cost of \$87.00. You pick which days you would like to receive meals and can change it at any time. Meals are typically delivered between 11:15 and 12:15.

For more information about the program contact Barb St. John at 507-789-5553.

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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.

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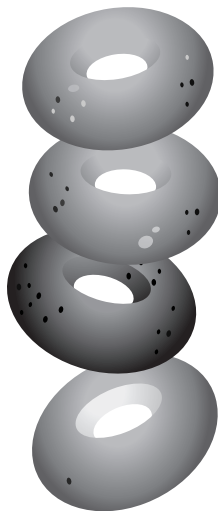
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Religion

Need a Hand?

By Pastor Dave Breederland
Faith Community Church,
West Concord

Many reading this today, grew up familiar with the days of the town "General Store," so you can picture the scene of this story. Back in the days of those local stores, before the big box stores of today, life and the economy were different. A little girl entered the store and stood before the display case full of candy. She was barefoot, poorly dressed, and it wasn't hard to see that she had no money to purchase any of the attractive candies in the

store. The store owner watched the young girl for some time and seeing the hunger showing itself in her big brown eyes tugged at the soft spot in his heart. Perhaps he remembered his own experiences as a child. Soon the store owner was reaching behind the display case for a large jar of inexpensive candies. He brought it out in front and held it within the little girl's reach. With a compassionate voice, the owner said, "Here, honey, just reach in and get a handful!" The little girl can't believe what she's just heard. She stares at the candy, then at the store owner, however, she makes no effort to reach into the jar. "Go ahead, honey, you can have some," the owner states and then he encourages her, "just reach in and get a handful." Soon those brown pleading eyes looked directly into the generous eyes of the store owner as she says, "You do it for me mister,

your hands are bigger than mine."

I'd say the girl in that story had the right perspective. And it is a perspective that we as followers of the Lord should have as well. God offers us blessings and if we allow him to distribute them to us, we'll receive more than if we just try to do things on our own.

In the Feeding of the 5000 recorded in all four of the Gospels, the disciples were told by Jesus to give the people something to eat. They couldn't make sense of that. They argued it would take more than half a year's wages to feed that many people – and even if they had that much money, where could they get that much food? But Jesus wanted to show them how big his hands were and asked them to find as many loaves as possible. They came up with five – and two fish. That was all Jesus needed and once in his hands, there was enough for all with twelve baskets

of leftovers.

So, if you need a hand, look to Jesus. His nail scarred hands offer us great blessings – forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation with God, adoption, sanctification, glorification and much more. And next time you're in the bulk section of a big box store or a large grocery store, walk by the candy and remember that God's hands are far bigger than yours.

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"Mini Me"

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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Alma Augusta Vangness



Alma Augusta Vangness, 96, of Zumbrota, died on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at Zumbrota Health Services.

She was born on October 2, 1926 in Hebron, North Dakota. Her family moved to West Concord in 1927. She graduated from West Concord High School in 1944 and from Rochester Jr. College in 1945. In 1947, she married S/Sgt Robert Hopkins and they resided at Fr. Bragg, NC where Robert Michael was born. Robert Sr. was killed in action in the Korean War on October 21, 1950. After his death, she moved to Rochester and worked at C.O. Brown Insurance Company until she married Harold Vangness on March 23, 1954.

Harold and Alma lived on a farm between West Concord and Kenyon, and had two daughters, Marlene and Karen. Harold Adopted Robert. Mrs. Vangness was an active member of the Concord Church of Christ and taught Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, reading, sewing and crafts. Alma and her husband spent the winters in Arizona.

Alma is survived by her daughters Marlene Ray of Zumbrota and Karen Schultz of Mankato; grandchildren, Jeremy (and Kerri) Vangness, John (and Amy) Vangness, Ben Ray, Shannon (and Paul) Zeilsdorf, Jacob (and Tashina) Schultz, and Jennifer Baker; 18 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Vangness; parents, John and Augusta Giesler, a son, 2 brothers and 5 sisters.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 11AM at Concord Church of Christ with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Peter Moen officiated. Interment was in the Concord Cemetery.

Linda Jean Keller



Linda Jean Keller, 63, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

Linda was born on May 20, 1959, in New Hampton, Iowa to Louis and Ruth (Gordon) Norman. She graduated from West Concord High School in 1977. She married Thomas Keller on April 8, 1978, at Hegre Lutheran Church in rural Kenyon, MN. Together they had two children.

Linda was a long-time resident of Dodge Center. She worked at Mayo Clinic in Patient Account Services; she was very dedicated to her job. Linda and Tom were members of Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center. She enjoyed gardening, shopping, bowling, and especially spending time with

her grandchildren she called "Treasures". She looked forward to her morning coffee on her patio listening to the birds. She was a collector of gnomes and Norwegian items, but most of all she loved being a Mema to her treasures.

Linda is survived by her husband, Thomas Keller; children, Kari Keller of Rochester, MN and Scott (Katie) Keller of Winona, MN; 8 treasures, Maguire, Greyson, Asher, Sabryn, Kyrie, Olivia, Bella, and Michael; siblings, JoAnn (Duane) Kay of Charles City, IA and Janet (Garth) Asprey of Dodge Center, MN; and many extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ruth (Charles) Duncan and Louis (Nancy) Norman; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2023, at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2nd St NW in Dodge Center, MN. Pastor Jessica Bakken Busch officiated.

Visitation was held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 9, 2023, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW in Dodge Center, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church Friday. Inurnment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN at a later date.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South St SW Dodge Center, MN 55927, (507)374-2155. Blessed be her memory.

Charlotte Ann Faulkner Roberts



Charlotte Ann Faulkner Roberts of Jacksonville, Florida passed away on February 4, 2023. Born March 18, 1932 in Madelia, Minnesota to Frank and Emmaline Faulkner, she began her life on the fam-

ily farm with her sister, Marion, and later her brother, Darrel. After her junior year of high school, she relocated with her family to West Concord, Minnesota where her father launched a John Deere farm implement business. Following graduation, she was the first in her family to enroll in college, where she earned a teaching certificate at Mankato State University. In West Concord, she also met the love of her life, Mervin Delos Roberts, on the steps of the Methodist church. They were married on June 12, 1953, and soon after Merv was drafted to the army during the Korean conflict. While he was away, Char lived with her parents and Lynn was born. After his discharge, the three of them moved to the original home on the Roberts Maple Lawn Farm. There, Jim and then Susan joined the family. While co-parenting her young children, Char was ahead of the times in pursuing her career, first as a third-grade teacher and later with Kindergartners. She also completed her baccalaureate degree through evening and summer courses. As a professional educator, Char's goal was to provide students with strong foundational skills that would con-

tribute to their academic success.

Together, Char and husband, Merv, supported each other's careers and businesses, raised their family, traveled throughout the United States, assisted their aging parents, contributed to their Methodist church, participated in community events, and nurtured valued friendships. After earning the designation of "empty nesters", in 1986 they followed their daughter, Lynn, son-in-law, Frank, and grandchildren, Nicole and Aaron, to Jacksonville, Florida. There they established their primary residence, developed many treasured friendships, participated actively in their grandchildren's lives, and became involved in their Methodist church. For several years, Char enjoyed working at the St. Luke's Hospital medical library. After retirement, Merv and she traveled extensively, often visiting their daughter, Susan, on the West Coast. They spent summers in Minnesota at the farmhouse, gathering with family and friends. During this phase of life, Char was thrilled to be blessed with three more grandchildren, Sam, Jacob and Grace, who brought great joy to their son, Jim's, and daughter-in-law, Kathy's, home. She adored her grandchildren, and relished spending time with them during their early years.

Char expressed her creative flair in unique projects for her family and friends, as well as in decorating her home, cooking, and entertaining. She applied her reflective attributes to Bible studies and reading, while staying physically fit as a dedicated "walker" for many years. Char will be remembered for her love and devotion to family and friends, her kindness and genuine interest in people, her commitment to education, her self-discipline, and her spunk.

In addition to extended family and friends, left to cherish her memory are the following: Her children, Lynn (Roberts) and Frank Loosbrock of Jacksonville, FL, Jim Roberts and Kathy Mathias of Shorewood, MN, and Susan Roberts of West Concord, MN; her grandchildren, Nicole Loosbrock, Samuel, Jacob and Grace Roberts; her great grandchildren, Myla and Isaac Chen; and her sister-in-law, Karen Faulkner.

Char was preceded in death by her husband, Mervin Roberts; her grandson, Aaron Loosbrock; her parents, Frank and Emmaline Faulkner; her sister, Marion Roberts; her brother, Darrel Faulkner; her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Edwin and Dolores Roberts; her brother-in-law, Kendall Roberts; her niece, Betty Ann Roberts; and her nephew, David Roberts.

A memorial service will commemorate her life at Isle of Faith United Methodist Church on March 18 at 11:00 AM in Jacksonville, Florida, with Pastor Will Clark officiating. An additional service will be held later in West Concord, Minnesota, with interment at the

Concord Cemetery. For inquiries about memorial gifts, the family suggests Isle of Faith United Methodist Church, Community Hospice & Palliative Care, or Mayo Clinic.

Kristi Kay Bradford



Kristi Kay Bradford, 39, passed away on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN. She was surrounded by those who loved her.

Kristi was born on January 16, 1984, in Rochester, MN to Matt and Andrea Bradford. She lived at home with her family in Kasson, MN for almost 17 years before moving to the Cenneidigh Group Home in West Concord, MN. She spent 19 years in West Concord before moving to the Cardinal Komet Korner Group Home in Mantorville where she resided the past three years. Kristi attended school at Kasson-Mantorville.

Kristi enjoyed rocking with her dad, special tuck-ins from her mom, weekly visits from Grandma H. (which almost always included some of her favorite homemade treats), visits from her sister, brother-in-law, and niece, music, the wind in her face, people watching, and chocolate. Although she couldn't speak, she taught those of us who loved her many life lessons. She gave much more than she ever asked for from others.

Kristi is survived by her parents, Matt & Andrea Bradford; sister Jennifer (Jeremy) Wohlfel; niece Avery Wohlfel; grandparents Alfred and Kay Hodge as well as her uncles, aunts, cousins, and her numerous caregivers and roommates. Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Charles and Betty Bradford and aunt Ann Bradford.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 4th at St. John's Lutheran Church, 301 8th Ave. NW, Kasson, MN. Pastor John Wiesenberger officiated. Visitation was at the church Friday, February 3, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday one hour before the service. Burial was at Maple Grove Cemetery, Kasson, MN. Dibble Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Kasson is in charge of the arrangements.

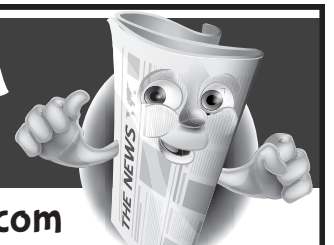
Memorials are suggested to the family for further distribution of their choice.

Few people cross your path during your lifetime that leave a lasting impression and inspiration. Kristi was one of those people. Blessed be her memory.

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Robert Stanley Noser



Robert Stanley Noser, 94, of Zumbrota, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at Pine Haven Care Center.

Bob was born June 2, 1928, in Berne, MN to Eugene and Rose Ann (Day) Noser. He attended

school at Old Concord before moving with his family to a farm west of Pine Island in 1942. Bob worked for several local farmers while also working for George Baumgartner in his cement block plant in Pine Island. On September 17, 1950, Bob was united in marriage to Arlene Van De Walker at the Pine Island United Methodist Church. Bob and Arlene moved to a rural farm in Zumbrota, where they would share the next 68 years together. He was a member of the Pine Island United Methodist Church since 1950, a member of the Odd Fellows from 1956 and he helped organize Island Riders Saddle Club, where he also served as their president in 1958. Bob had a huge passion for riding and driving horses and wearing his cowboy hat. Bob and Arlene joined the Friendship Wagon Train in 1987 where they would ride for a week raising money for Camp Winnebago and most recent years, The Special Olympics. Bob had many horses over the years however, his special pride and joy was Amigo King, which was named grand champion in 1968. Along with riding horses, Bob also drove school bus for Mazeppa and Pine Island for 46 years and also served as a supervisor on the Pine Island

township board. Bob genuinely loved people and was known for his happy go lucky attitude. He was generous with his time, had a kind word for many and possessed a laid back "almost perfect" life.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Arlene; sons, Layne "Rack" (Polly) and Lyndon "Shine" Noser; grandchildren, Shane, Tasha, Nathan, Nala, Mesa, Layne and Brett; nine great-grandchildren; one great, great-grandson; sister, Mavis Lerol, and special family friend, Sue Wegner. Bob was preceded in death by his brothers, Lyle, Kelly, Haven and Richard Noser; sisters, Leora Streiff, Delores Gullickson and niece, Mary Jean Geise.

The Noser family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to family, especially Gayle, friends and surrounding neighbors for all their help the past several months. Also, a warm thank you to Pine Haven Care Center and Moments Hospice for their wonderful and compassionate care.

A funeral service were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 30, 2023, at the Pine Island United Methodist Church, 200 N. Main St. Pine Island, MN. Visitation was held 1:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 29, 2023, at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Mahler Chapel, 209 NW 1st Ave. Pine Island and one hour prior to the service at the church. The Rev. Tony Fink will be officiated with burial at Pine Island Cemetery. The service was livestreamed at [this link](https://www.facebook.com/piumc/) <https://www.facebook.com/piumc/> To share a special memory or condolence, please visit www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

1968/69 and 1969/70 West Concord Football Teams Inducted Into the Triton Athletics Hall of Fame

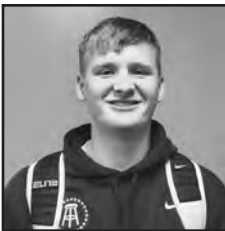


Front row left to right: Rick VanZuilen, Denny Erickson, Mike Doty, Butch Tretter. Back row l to r: Mike Bjerke, Wayne Miller, Dave Andrews, Dan Miller, Steve Loosbrock, Larry Bachman, John McMahon, Mark Gillard and team manager Mike Sorn.

Congratulations to the 1968/69 and 1969/70 West Concord football teams for being inducted into the Triton Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, January 28th, 2023. Also inducted this year was former West Concord football coach Roger Lipelt and 1977 WCHS graduate David Miller. Pictured are some of the players from the 1968/69 and 1969/70 teams were in attendance at the ceremony.

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.



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Museum Musings

A Red Letter Day

By Colleen Sathrum Hayne

What do you see when you look down Main Street West Concord, west of Highway 56, on the North side? I see a large brick building that in my mind's eye is the Frederick's Supervalu Grocery Store where the community shopped in the 1960's. But on June 2, 1919 when the building had its grand opening, it was proudly welcomed as the Southern Minnesota Sales Pavilion Company, the future home of many livestock auctions.

Monday, June 2 did not bring the best weather. Recent rains had rendered roads even muddier than usual. Storms were deemed possible but rain held off until Tuesday. The crowds were large and 110 head of registered holsteins were sold for \$42,655.00. My computer's inflation calculator tells me that would equal more than \$720,000 in today's world.

Since it was a two day auction, the town rose to the occasion and put on quite a dinner at the Opera House on Monday night. 215 guests were served by a group of energetic women from the Methodist and Baptist churches. The tables were elaborately decorated and the Enterprise praised the banquet as "one of the most appetizing and orderly meals ever served here." It was a major feat. After the banquet a program was presented with singing, orchestra music and several speakers whose topics were all very singular: "Holstein Cattle", "Minnesota Holsteins", and "Possibilities of Holstein Breeding". There was more to follow. The W.C. Commercial Club sponsored a dance which was well attended. All that hard work and planning yielded \$213 for the women who prepared and served the banquet and \$130.00 for the Commercial Club from dance tickets sold.

The Holstein-Friesian World magazine, the national magazine that allowed cattle breeders across the country to communicate with each other, said in its August 16, 1919 issue that "West Concord breeders have founded their herds on some of the best bred animals there are in the world. To interest breeders in the purebreds of southern Minnesota, they're offering some of their best animals at public auction." The magazine went on to tell its readers about the new heated brick pavilion, which at a cost of \$15,000, was one of the best facilities around. The investment of southern MN breeders, each buying stock shares, raised the needed dollars for the building. The prominent names involved in the venture, according to the article, were Charles Jones, manager; W.A. Bringgold, president; the Fairbanks Brothers, Fred Zeller, Mr. Hall, Mr. Round, Mr. Weckerling, F.S. Wilbur, and Grahamholm Farms of Rochester. The article went on to say that "a host of buyers can testify as to the quality of the stock and the character of the men who sold them at auction." The article closed with this grand statement: "We look forward to seeing West Concord and the surrounding territory be one of the leading Holstein centers of the world." High praise.

An ad in Hoard's Dairyman magazine in July of 1922 said this: "Holsteins or Guernseys? It will pay to buy carloads through the Dairy Cattle Sales Service of West Concord, Minnesota. Inquire today."

I hope to eventually discover what led to the demise of the Sales Pavilion. According to Harold Severson's interview with local cattle buyer L.R. Bringgold in 1950, the Sales Pavilion Company went out of business in the early 30's, but we know dairy cattle buying remained a strong business in West Concord. If you're a Facebook aficionado you may have recently seen Dan Lulf's posting about the arson fire in 1964 that destroyed the barn that preceded the Dairy Barn we know as the Mathias/Vrieze barn, now owned by the Gochnauers. So interesting . . .

Severson's 1950 article stated that there were 19 livestock buyers in the West Concord area then, shipping cattle to almost every state and even other countries. A large shipment of cattle was sent to Poland, first by railroad and then by ship. Mexico was sent 10 train carloads of cattle. A huge order was sent to Vermont—45 carloads of cattle. Other shipments had been made to South American countries as well. One of the cattle buyers, Ernie Miller, known for his good sense of humor told Severson, "Whenever a man gets out of a job he becomes a cattle buyer." Aside from joking, a cattle buyer had to have a whole storehouse of knowledge about the business. He had to know the kind of cattle the buyer from a distance wanted and what he was willing to pay. He had to have the cattle tested by the veterinarian in West Concord for Bang's Disease and Tuberculosis. Most orders came by wire, calls, or letters from other states. Some buyers came to town in person and West Concord buyers would take them on "field trips" to farms in an eight county area to make their own selections, assisted by the local buyers.

There was a problem that had recently arisen. The Chicago Great Western Railroad had greatly reduced its freight train service through the village. As L.R. Bringgold told Mr. Severson: "We had a good shipping point here until this past summer. Now you might say we have no rail service at all. That means practically all the cows will be shipped by truck or else taken down to Hayfield or over to Medford for shipping by freight. It's not at all satisfactory."

We are proud of the cattle buying businesses that continued in West Concord through the Frankie Mathias and Dave Vrieze eras. It's lovely to still see the beacon of the barn at the East end of Main Street and to be able to enjoy the benefits that the Gochnauer family share with our community.

Stop by the Sales Pavilion one of these days and see if you can visualize what it was like in its heyday. Imagine the voice of the auctioneer, the mooing of the cows, the sounds of the crowd, and the aromas accompanying them. As the West Concord Enterprise proclaimed, the opening of the Sales Pavilion was truly a Red Letter Day in the history of our town.



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That's the Latest Triton HOF 2023



By Emery Kleven

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

On January 28, 2023, the tenth class of the Triton High School Athletics Hall of Fame was inducted. The West Concord High School football teams of 1968/69 and 1969/70 were recognized for their achievements. These two teams won the Wasioja conference and had several All-Conference players on the teams. The teams were coached by Roger Lipelt, who was inducted into the Triton HOF this year. His widow Joanne Lipelt and daughter Heather were on hand for the ceremony.

David Miller, WCHS class of 1977 was inducted as well after his great high school athletic career. Dave went on to play football 4 years at Mankato State University.

Other inductees at the 10th annual HOF induction were Dodge Center athletes Bob Osborn, class of 1981; Tom Osborn, class of 1982; Mark Vacura, class of 1981. Jake Harmon, Triton class of 2007, was also inducted having played on the 2006 Cobra's State Championship football team. Mr. Harmon, who played football at Winona State University, is now a teacher and coach at Byron High School.

Roger Lipelt was a favorite teacher and coach of so many students in West Concord,



The 1968/69 and 1969/70 football players being honored at halftime of the Triton basketball game on Saturday, January 28, 2023

Worthington, Wayzata and Providence Academy in Plymouth. He was a very personable man who had a compassion for each and every student and athlete he taught or coached. I asked a few of his former players who were at the ceremony what made Mr. Lipelt such a good coach. The main response I got was that he was just as mild mannered coaching as he was in the classroom. John McMahon, who was a captain on the 1968/69 team, gave a prime example when I talked with him.

John, who was an outstanding linebacker in high school, was having a tough time trying to cover the tight end of the Hayfield Vikings. Bill Gross, who was known more for taking the Hayfield basketball team to the state tournament, came out for football his senior year. A good athlete who stood 6'7" tall was on the receiving end of several 8 to 10 yard passes right over the middle. John, who was much shorter, could not stop that kind of play. McMahon said the coach pulled him out of the game. He couldn't understand as he never came out of a game when playing defense. John told me that Coach Lipelt simply said "John, we're going to lose this game if you keep letting him catch those passes. Figure it out and stop him."

McMahon told me that Lipelt didn't give him any particular ideas how to do it. He did not yell or scream.

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At DC Country Club left to right: Mike Doty, John McMahon, Wayne Miller, Judy Miller, Dave Andrews, Glenda Andrews, Barb Erickson, Jody Bjerke, Pat McMahon, Nancy Loosbrock, Steve Loosbrock, Dan Miller, Mike Bjerke, Denny Erickson



Mrs. Joanne Lipelt with daughter Heather speaking of the induction of Coach Roger Lipelt to the Triton HOF



Mike Sorn with Mrs. Joanne Lipelt at HOF ceremony



Coach Roger Lipelt with co-captains Gordy Peterson, John McMahon and Mike Bjerke holding Wasioja conference championship trophy in 1968

Wescon Lanes

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You can have your special events for birthdays, holidays or business parties by calling ahead to reserve a date and get a party plan. Just call 507-527-2455.

There are also televisions placed throughout the building to come in and watch sporting events on, while sipping on a cold one. It's a great place to hang out with our friends

while enjoying the many amenities offered.

Wes Con is very family oriented and has not only great food but friendly service as well. Personally, I can't wait to try Tricia's Chocolate Explosion Cake!

Tricia would like to say thank you to the community for their continued support, and especially for all the take out food orders during the days of covid restrictions.

Wes Con Lanes are open from September through May, so make it a point to come on down for some good home cooking and a lot of fun!



Terry Lulf Catches 19 1/2" Walleye



Terry Lulf with his 19 1/2" Walleye caught on Lake Of The Woods fishing with his son, brother, nephew, and Dad late January. In the slot, so it had to be released.

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He just told him figure it out. Well John got back in the game and once again the throw went to the big man from Hayfield. As Gross was jumping and catching the pass, John laid into him helmet first below the belt and down to the ground they went. As the kids say, 'Nuff said!' Gross came out of the game and that play was not used again. The Cardinals went on to win the game and the conference title.

Roger Lipelt was inducted into the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association's Hall of Fame in 2001. He was head football coach at Wayzata High School from 1976 to 1998 with many victories and con-

ference championships. Roger passed away in 2012 from cancer but his legacy and the influence he had on many will live on for years.

5 of the 6 Wasioja All-Conference football team members from West Concord were on hand for the Hall of Fame recognition: Larry Bachman, Mike Doty, Steve Loosbrock, John McMahon and Dan Miller. Gordy Peterson was the 6th All-Conference player who could not be in attendance. The Wasioja All-Conference players from the 1969/70 West Concord football team were: Neil Eayers, Mike Doty, Dan Miller, Dennis Erickson and Steve Frederick. Honorable mention that year included Wes Bennerotte, Bill Engvall and Bob Snaza.

If they had an All-Conference Equipment manager Mike Sorn would have been the guy. Mike was team manager throughout his high school days. Mike did the induction speech for Coach Lipelt. He said that with the help and encouragement of Coach Lipelt, he received a scholarship for 2 1/2 years of his 4 years as team manager at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Mike went on to teach at Cambridge High School for 30 years.

Congratulations to all of those mentioned along with congratulations to the Triton Foundation for their support of the Triton Hall of Fame. Also a special thanks to Triton Activities Director Corey Black and the HOF committee.

(additional pictures at www.westconcordmn.net, www.claremontmn.net, www.dodgecentermn.com)

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West Concord City Council Meeting December 15, 2022

Meeting was held at West Concord City Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmember Karen Peterson, Councilmember Collin Ripley.

(Arrived at 7:01pm)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Cory Hinz, City Clerk-Treasurer Lauren Highfill, City Accountant Michelle Lee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADDITION TO AGENDA

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2022

- Approve Payment of Claims, dated 12-7-2022, in the amount of \$45,512.71

- Resolution 2022-59: Approving the 'Small Cities Development Grant Program' Preliminary Proposal Through the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for the City of West Concord

- Approve December 8, 2022, Personnel Committee Minutes: Part-Time Outdoor Ice Rink / Warming House Attendants.

- Approval to Enter the Dodge County 2023 Assessment Agreement, in the amount of \$4,932.00, for 418 City of West Concord Parcels

- Resignation Letter from Part-Time Police Officer Chelsey Scheevel (December 8, 2022)

- Resolution 2022-61: Approving Construction Management Services (CMS) 2023 Rate Structure

MOTION: Motion to approve Consent Agenda, all items.

Motion was made by Councilmember Karen Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Collin Ripley.

Ayes: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmember Karen Peterson, Councilmember Collin Ripley.

Nays: none

CITY BUSINESS:

REVIEW AND FINALIZE THE 2023 UTILITY RATES: JEANNE VOGT, SENIOR FISCAL CONSULTANT AT EHLERS PUBLIC FINANCE ADVISORS

Jeanne Vogt from Ehlers presented the 2023 Utility Rates. There will be a 12% increase in water usage fees for Water:

Service Base Charge From \$19.82 to \$22.20

Single Family/Commercial From \$19.82 to \$22.20

Apartments 1-6 Units From \$39.64 to \$44.40

Apartments 7-12 Units From \$59.48 to \$66.62

Commercial From \$19.82 to \$22.20 (+ Sales tax on water 2022/2023)

User Charge From \$6.27 to \$7.02/per 1,000 gallons

REVIEW AND ADOPT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN. FINAL PAY

2022 LEVY AND IMPACT ANALYSIS ON MEDIAN VALUED HOMES

Jeanne Vogt presented the City Financial Management Plan, Final pay 2022 Levy, and Impact Analysis on Median Valued Homes.

RESOLUTION 2022-60: APPROVING 2023 TAX LEVY

Jeanne Vogt from Ehlers presented the 2023 Tax Levy and financials for the City of West Concord.

MOTION: Motion to approve Resolution 2022-60.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ripley, seconded by Councilmember Karen Peterson

Ayes: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmember Karen Peterson, Councilmember Collin Ripley.

Nays: none

2022 WATER METER INSTALLATION UPDATE: PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF WEST CONCORD ACCOUNTING CLERK

The City of West Concord Accounting Clerk provided an update on the status of the 2022 water meter installations and project update. The following details were reported; 397 new water meters were purchased by the City of West Concord in 2022, 320 new meters have been installed including account activations, 58 properties still needed to schedule water meter installations were reported to be on hold due to special circumstances,

14 properties will not have new meters installed due to the property only having sewer service and

3 new meters were defective and sent back for refund.

CITY OF WEST CONCORD BEAUTIFICATION INITIATIVE UPDATE: PRESENTED BY CITY OF WEST CONCORD POLICE CHIEF

Chief Boerner presented the City Beautification report.

REQUEST FOR SEWER/WATER EXTENSION FOR RICK AND WENDY JONES, 410 NORTH STATE STREET

Rick and Wendy Jones at 310 North State Street requested authorization from the City of West Concord to connect to City sewer/water services. City Staff recommended approving their request and move forward with the Jones's submitting installation plans to the City Engineer for review. Once the installation plans are approved by the City Engineer, City Staff will present them at a future West Concord City Council Meeting for final plan approval.

MOTION: Motion to approve pre-planning phase for 410 North State Street

Motion was made by Councilmember Karen Peterson, seconded by Councilmember Collin Ripley.

Ayes: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmember Karen Peterson, Councilmember Collin Ripley.

Nays: none

CITY BUSINESS:

A. REPORT FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

1. November Rent from West Concord Historical Society: \$2,074.99

2. Municipal Liquor On & Off Sale Monthly Report

3. 2023 Park & Rec Group Meeting Dates and Major Events Schedule

4. Overview, Discussion, and Approval of City of West Concord Department 2023

Work Unit Goals

B. REPORT FROM WEST CONCORD LIBRARIAN

Monthly Report attached

C. REPORT FROM WEST CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS

Monthly Report

D. REPORT FROM PEOPLE SERVICES

Monthly Report

E. REPORT FROM WEST CONCORD POLICE CHIEF

Monthly Reports attached

Other Business: City of West Concord Offices will be closed on December 23-26 and January 2, 2023

Adjournment:

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn. Motion was made by Mayor McCool, seconded by Councilmember Collin Ripley.

Ayes: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmember Karen Peterson, Councilmember Collin Ripley.

Nays: none

Attest:

By: _____

Mayor Jeffrey McCool

Attest:

By: _____

Lauren Highfill, City Clerk

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April 22, 2023
10:00am



West Concord Historical Society
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West Concord, MN 55985



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West Concord Library

The Library now has a subscription to the Rochester Post Bulletin. Come down to enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate while reading the paper!

Hours are: Monday through Friday 9:30am to 5:00pm; Saturday 12:00 to 4:00pm

Story Time and a craft on Wednesday's at 9:30 am.

Ice skates are available for a 24 hr period when the ice rink is open.





By Jeffrey McCool, West Concord Mayor

The City Maintenance Department has been busy coordinating the removal of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Trees at Memorial Park, South Street, and Olive Street. Seventeen high priority infected Ash trees have been removed from public property and will be replaced in April and May. The City of West Concord applied for and has received the

The first event at the Bell Tower Center sold out! All tickets were quickly purchased for the 21+ Pre-Valentine's Event which was sponsored by the West Concord Parks & Rec., Cardinal and Lions Club, West Concord Library, and West Concord Historical Society. This has once again proven how all these organizations work so well together to strengthen our community! The February 11th event is the first to come to maximize the usage of the newly acquired building. City Staff are near completion of the Bell Tower Center Rental Procedure / Policies and fee structure. Rental of the new space(s) will start once the policies and fees are approved

I would like to wrap up this month's article by recognizing Terry Lulf and all the volunteers / families that are providing constant

Sincerely,
Mayor Jeffrey McCool

Lauren Highfill, City Clerk

Lauren Highfill, City Clerk

NOTE: An American Red Cross Lifeguard Course will be offered at the City of West Concord Swimming Pool this summer.



Christina Peterson and Crystal Nielsen took their oath of office as new city council members at the Janaury city council meeting



Left to right: Councilmember Christina Peterson, Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmember Jeffrey Burse, Councilmember Collin Ripley, Councilmember Crystal Nielsen

Shoot for a Cure Hits the target

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During the Varsity half time - there was a shooting competition consisting of students taking on the chance to make a half court shot. 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 creative 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 amazing support from the local community they exceed that goal. It just goes to show you that we can have fun raising money for those in need.

BUTTON CONTEST STARTING TODAY!

City Hall, The Bank, and The Bowling Alley will have the button design papers available, TODAY!!!

What: Button Design CONTEST

Who: CITIZENS OF WEST CONCORD (all ages can participate)

When: February 6th to March 30th...
TURN IN DESIGNS TO CITY HALL BY MARCH 30th.

***Name and number should be somewhere on the piece of paper.
***The winner will be voted on by the Survival Days Committee at our April meeting.

Thank you to the City of West Concord Ice Rink Volunteers



Ice Skating Committee Lauren Highfill -& Glenda Andrews

Volunteer Families:

Highfill Family

Benda Family

Phillips Family

Burse Family

Nielsen Family

Terry Lulf , Cody Phillips, Nathan Nielsen (Volunteers that flood and maintain the ice rink)

Ice Skate Drives: West Concord Combined Park and Rec Activities Clubs

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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.

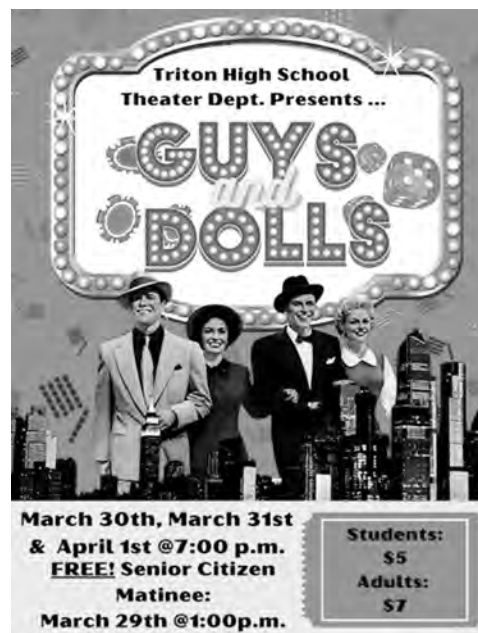
Guys and Dolls is Back This Spring

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 fiancée 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

Instagram: @triton.theater_2023

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.



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!



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.



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!

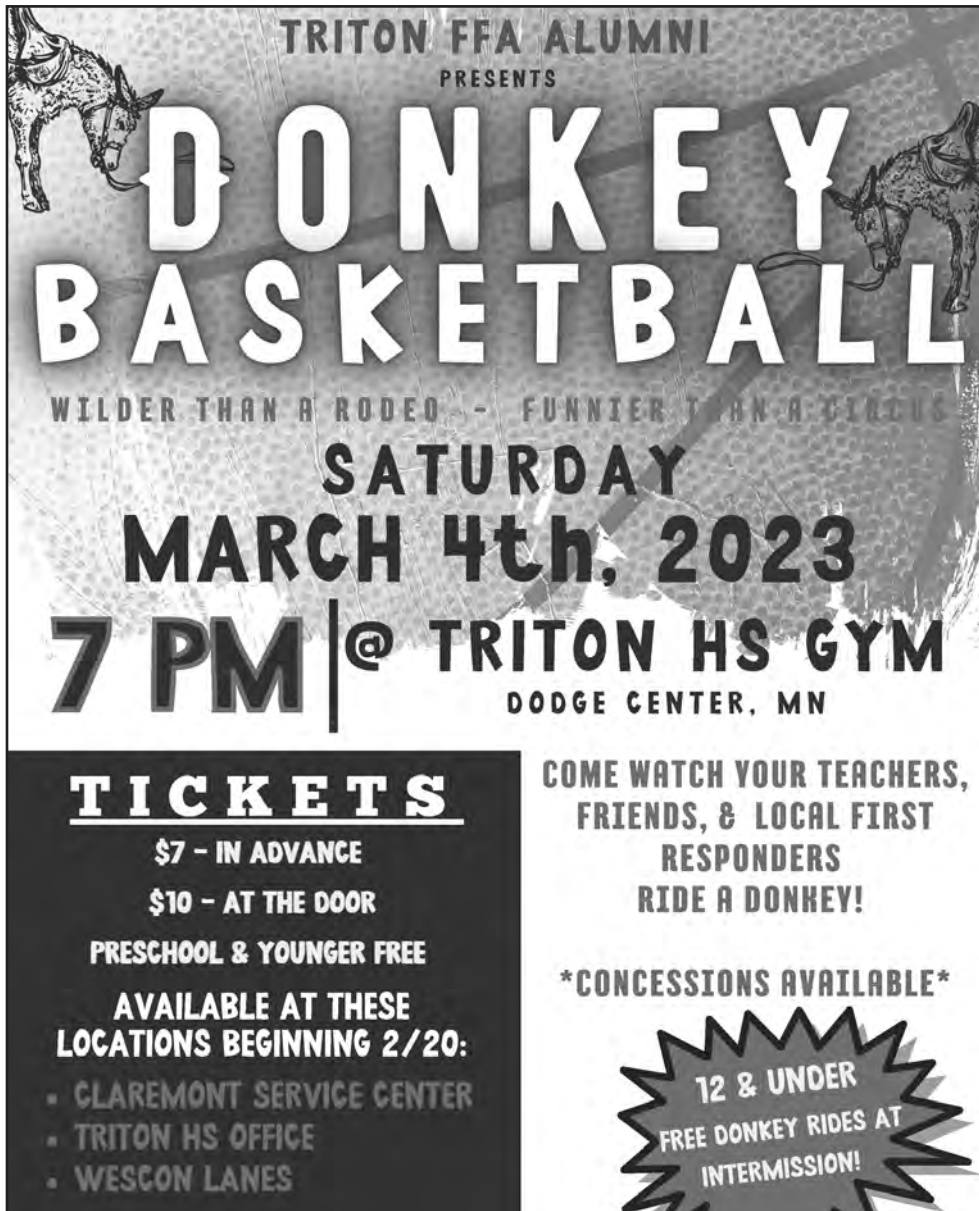
6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Dylan Fate Colby Vermilyea	Holly Jarrett Aaron Knutson	Genevieve Starkson Camren Hokanson

A small black and white photograph showing a group of five students standing together. One student in the center is holding a certificate. Above them is a logo of a cobra.

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.



TRITON FFA ALUMNI PRESENTS

DONKEY BASKETBALL

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**SATURDAY
MARCH 4th, 2023
7 PM @ TRITON HS GYM
DODGE CENTER, MN**

TICKETS
\$7 - IN ADVANCE
\$10 - AT THE DOOR
PRESCHOOL & YOUNGER FREE

AVAILABLE AT THESE LOCATIONS BEGINNING 2/20:

- CLAREMONT SERVICE CENTER
- TRITON HS OFFICE
- WESCON LANES

COME WATCH YOUR TEACHERS, FRIENDS, & LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS RIDE A DONKEY!

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

**12 & UNDER
FREE DONKEY RIDES AT INTERMISSION!**

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:

<https://www.enhanceddrivinginstitute-mn.com/triton>



Triton's 2023 Prom is in the works!

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.

PROM Fundraiser!



**BUFFALO
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WINGS**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5-8PM

Rochester North Location

Dine-in or Take Out

IMPORTANT:

You must tell them it is for the
"TRITON PROM FUNDRAISER"
and they will give 10% of the revenues
to our 2023 Prom!

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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.

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

The event will be held at City Hall March 26th
8:00am-12:00pm
Adults-\$7 • Children-\$5

Proceeds from this event will be donated to Relay for Life Dodge County!



Triton Public Schools

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TRITON CLASS OF 2023



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.



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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

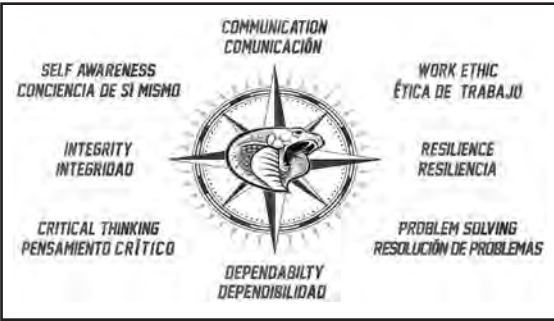
In the last several years, Triton Public Schools and our community members determined 8 qualities that we want every Triton student to embody in their everyday lives and especially upon graduation. The Triton Profile of a Graduate consists of: self-awareness, integrity, critical thinking, dependability, 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 12	Landsteiner, Carly
GRADE 9	Bendickson, Wyatt	Lasker, Shane
Akkerman, Abigail	Bennerotte, Jordan	Lorentzen, Khloe
Arguello, Pierce	Busch, Mariah	Ludlow, Katie
Ascencio, Emanuel	DeVetter, Paige	McChesney, Kileyah
Bills, Mason	Dostal, Liam	Mendoza, Guadalupe
Dobbs, Rainey	Freiderich, Riley	Meneses, Devin
Heroff, Mason	Geers, MacKenzie	Quimby, Bryar
Holtet, Andrew	Gonzalez, Isaac	Reiser, Alivia
Holtet, Wade	Gosse, Jude	Rodriguez, Steven
Huntley, Isabella	Green, Tanner	Saxton, Jacob
Kanzenbach, Damian	Iverson, Brylee	Selthun, Isaiah
Langworthy, Rece	Kelley, Talia	Swenson, McKenna
Maldonado, Lily	Krupa, Kaitlyn	Tushaus, Tessa
McMahan, Kerisma	Kubat, Katelynn	Velasco Castaneda, Alisson
McMartin, Henry	Liudahl, Andrienne	
McNeilus, Cohen	Madison, Isaac	GRADE 11
Nauman, Landon	Meyer, Gavin	Adams, Gage
Noaeill, Mason	Moe, Lena	Andree, Kelsey
Oakland, Addison	Munnikhuysen, Boe	Broskoff, Poe
Petersohn, Pierce	Price, Francis	Chilson, Caleb
Pluto, Graham	Radke, Tavan	Christianson, Graham
Scovill, Jade	Ridenour, Tegan	Corley, Alyvea
Staub, Brady	Strom, Hanna	Ellingson, Kaeden
Wirkus, Abigail	Vermilyea, Cameron	Fernandez, Nancy
	Wennes, Ariana	Freerksen, Bronson
	Quick Reply	Jensen, Sarah
		Lecy, Abigail
	B HONOR ROLL	Locke, Emma
	GRADE 9	Lundi, Joaquin
Fitzgerald, Jack	Anguiano, Brianna	Molina, Gabriella
Heimer, Ryann	Behne, Nola	Naze, Alex
Holmes, Jaden	Cardona, Roxana	Olson-Ramer, Maxwell
Johnson, August	Chable, Dora	Ortiz, Alejandro
Klejeski, Macy	Dean, Autumn	Peterson, Savannah
Knutson, Craig	Deml, Wylie	Rath, Adrianna
Kozisek, Anastazia	Freiderich, Norah	Ronken, Owen
Lebak, Naomi	Gann, Emma	Solano, Jairo
Lilledahl, Corey	Geers, Gabriella	Spearman, Cadence
Lundi, Giavanna	Harvey, Holly	Thomas, Ella
Medina, Camila	Holtermann, Isiah	Tufte, Logan
Medina, Romina	Ibarra-Castillo, Diego	Weber, Cara
Mulder, Alyssa	Jensen, Gare	Wilson, Thomas
Price, Madeline	Kasper, Jacob	GRADE 12
Romero, Ashley	Kasper, Noah	Amiot, Parker
Rudesill, Spencer	Klankowski, Beau	Dobbs, Reece
Thomas, Brynn	Liudahl, Roselyn	Dominguez-Marquez, Ahsley
Vermilyea, Cooper	Luhman, Morgan	Dudley, Kalena
Weber, Olivia	Ocampo, Maya	Faber, Mena
Wheeler, Katerina	Ortiz, Alan	Fate, Andrew
Wrolstad, Skyler	Purinton, McKenzy	Freerksen, Skyler
	Radke, Damion	Frette, Aiden
	Reniker, Brylee	Garness, Owen
	Sackett, Aspen	Hansen, Parker
	Shake, Bella	Haugen, Weston
	Skjeveland, Logan	Huntley, Thomas
	Stanton, George	Jarrett, Madison
	Zaragoza, Christopher	Kirya, Gabriella
		Kispert-Johnson, Reece
	GRADE 10	Klankowski, Grady
Boe, Jozey	Anderson, Anna	Kraemer, Kylie
Connor, Audra	Andrist, Melanie	Leuthardt, Jayden
Cummings, Ava	Chicos, Courtney	Marquette, Spencer
Dostal, Ameryn	Dostal, Miley	McMurdo, Cassandra
Edge, Andrew	Fernandez, Salma	Roussopoulos, Matthew
Gnagey, Tyler	Herrick, Hayley	Schlichting, Austin
Hallaway, Danielle	Hodgman, Gracelyn	Schlichting, Liam
Hukee, Elizabeth	Knudson, Alyssa	Weber, Joshua
Kenworthy, Jenna	Lahr, Madilyn	
Lapham, Sophia	Lamb, Gianna	
Lau, Grace		
Nauman, Lauryn		
Olson-Ramer, Mal-lory		
Peters, Kianna		
Peterson, Litany		
Ross, Katherine		
Terpstra, Claire		
Tulessova, Yenlik		
Willette, Jessica		

Triton Middle School Quarter 2 Honor Rolls

8th Grade: A Honor Roll	ETHAN HARTY
REAGAN ESSIG	CAMREN HOKANSON
HARPER IVERSON	NEVEN HOREJSI
BRAXTON KOSS	LINCOLN JOHNSON
AIDAN LUTTERMAN	JACKSON KRAEMER
MYA MATEJCEK	CARTER KRAHN
SYDNEY NAZE	CHACE LANDSTEINER
SABREE RUNNELLS	TAYLOR LEPP
EMANUEL SOLANO	LYDIA MADISON
GENEVIEVE STARKSON	KEANNA MOLINA
WILLIAM THIEMANN	COLTON NELSON
AIDREE VAN BEEK	MEGAN RIECK
CASEY VERMILYEA	GUNNAR ROBERTSON
GAVIN YOUNG	HAYDEN SACKETT
7th Grade: A Honor Roll	AUSTIN SCANLAN
AUBREY AKKERMAN	ABIGAIL SCUDAMORE
ABRIELLE EMANUEL	CONNOR SOWIEJA
ALLIE FREIDERICH	CLAIRE STEVENSON
HUNTER HAMM	ISIAAH SZMIOT-MCCHESNEY
JESSICA HUKEE	GRADEN THOMAS
HOLLY JARRETT	AIDEN VAN ZUILEN
KEANNA JOHNSON	JASON WOLF
AARON KNUTSON	7th Grade: B Honor Roll
MADDISON MAES	AVERY DAHL
AUNIKA MATEJCEK	GRACELYN GRZYBOWSKI SCHWERING
HENRY OGREN	AVEREE HENSLIN
ELIJAH OKEEFE	NOLAN HODGMAN
CHRISTINE PEARSON	JAXON JENSEN
BROOKLYN RUDESILL	CHRISTOPHER KASPER
AUBRIE SANSON	JENAE KEENER
ELLIOT WIRKUS	JAYDEN KLEMMENSEN
6th Grade: A Honor Roll	ADDISON KODADA
CAMERON ARNESON	NERAK KORBISCH
CRUZ CAIN	KALEB KRUSE
KAYLEAH DUPEY	ALYVIA LEGLER
DYLAN FATE	7TH GRADE CONTINUED...
JALYN FATE	AVERIE LOCKE
CINTHIA FELIX	COLLIN LOUKS
RORY GINDER	MASON MAES
MATHEA HOREJSI	JORGE OCAMPO
MATIAS JARA	LEIBERT ORTIZ
CHARLES KASPER	ELIJAH SCHROM
RUBY KELLOGG	TEAGAN SPENCER
MIKAYLA KRAEMER	MAYA VALLEJO
GERALD LEE	6th grade: B Honor Roll
BROOKLYN MECHTEL	KHLOE BENDA
CAREY OSCARSON	COLLIN BULOW
ALYVIA SCHEPPMANN	DARVELIA CHABLE
JULIA STANTON	EMMA CHICOS
KENZIE VAN BEEK	ALAYNA CURRAN
IVY VAN ZUILEN	PATRICK DAVIS
COLBY VERMILYEA	JOSSLYN FREERKSEN
SIRI WENNES	SOPHIA HERNANDEZ
SAMANTHA WILSON	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 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.

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

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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.
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- 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.

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John Deere 4240 with Loader, JD 317 Skid Loader, Dump Trailer, Flatbed & Cargo Trailers, Wire Feed Welders, Hot Water Pressure Washer, Power & Hand Tools, Shop Cabinets, Log Chains & Binders, and More.

March 5, 2023 9:00 AM
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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).

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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 dis-



mount 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 were 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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