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Claremont American Legion Memorial Day Services May 29, 2023

Claremont Street Cemetery 8am
Moland Church Cemetery 8:30am
Rice Lake Cemetery 9am
St. John's Church Cemetery 9:30am
Hillside Cemetery 10am

Refreshments at the Legion after services.
In the event of inclement weather 10am
service at the Claremont Legion Hall.

CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

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

City staff and others present: Interim City Administrator Jim Brimeyer, Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, First Chief Casey Dahl, City Attorney Mark Rahrnick, City Engineer Derek Olinger, Rick Kroll and Jeremy Swenson with Midco, and Robert Harris III and Jennifer Howard with CEDA.

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2nd Annual Dodger Days in June

Dodge Center is going to celebrate with Dodger Days over Father's Day weekend this year. The event kicks off on Thursday June 15th with the Dodge Center Chamber of Commerce playing host from 11am to 2pm on Main Street between Central Ave N and First Ave NW.

Garage sales citywide will start on Friday, June 16th and continue all weekend. The Dodge Center library will hold a yard game from 11am to noon. The Dodge Center Fire Department will have a feed at the fire hall from 6 to 8pm on Thursday evening. There is a bean bag tournament at the American Le-

gion at 6:30pm with registration at 5:30. At dusk the movie Incredibles 2 will be shown at the park starting 9pm.

Venom softball and soccer tournaments are all day Saturday at North Park. The Dodger Day 5K sponsored by Triton Community Ed starts at 8am with sign-up an hour prior. This is an all ages run. The library will have a chalk contest at North Park Saturday from 9am til noon. Pickleball games will be held at the tennis courts from 9am to noon on Saturday. An open air vendor market is sponsored by Community ed from 9am to 4pm. Bounce houses will be open for the kids from 10am

to 7pm at North Park and a dunk tank from 11:30 to 4:30pm.

A BBQ cookoff starts Saturday with registration at 10am and judging and awards will take place at 5pm. Saturday is a free swim day at the pool from noon to 7pm. Be on Mainstreet for live music outside with the Dangers at the Annadine from 6 to 10pm. Fireworks will cap off the night at North Park.

Sunday will be the Father's Day fly-in and breakfast at the Dodge Center airport from 7am to noon. A car show will take place at North Park from 10am to noon. Sunday is also the touch a truck event at McNeilus Truck.

The Dodger Days and Stagecoach Days Duck raffle will take place on Sunday June 25th at 7pm at Riverside Park in Mantorville. Tickets are \$10 each and only 500 tickets will be sold. First place prize is \$1,000, 2nd place is \$500, 3rd place is \$300, 4th is \$200 and 5th thru 9th place prizes are \$99 each.

Berne Wood Fired Pizza Returns in 2023

Berne Wood-Fired Pizza is back for another season of music and pizza.

They announced their free summer concert lineup on Thursday.

The official start to the 12th season will take place Wednesday, June 7 at 5 p.m.

Lineup includes:

- June 7: Bells & Whistles - Brad Boice & RPG
- June 14: The Double Down Daredevils - After School Special
- June 21: Lost Faculties - County Line Drive
- June 28: Fool's Getaway - Crazy on You: A Tribute to Heart
- July 5: The Vintage Tones of Spielzeiten Und Pausen - Branded: Hot Country
- July 12: The Chubs - Collective Unconscious
- July 19: Old Country Boys - Incognito
- July 26: Fred the Bear - Street Talk
- Aug. 2: True North - Retro Soul and



- the Westside Horns
- Aug. 9: The Local Hooligans - The Soul Train
- Aug. 16: Lost in Austin - fABBAulous - A Tribute to ABBA
- Aug. 23: Uptown Jazz - JT & the Gunslingers
- Aug. 30: Clay Fulton & the Lost Forty - Nite Shift

Pizza is served picnic style Wednesday nights in June, July, and August from 5-8 pm. Concerts begin at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. each night.

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Ginny's Drive In Welcomes Summer

By Cheri Roshon

Driving through West Concord last week, I saw a sign for Ginny's Drive In. Since it was about time to eat anyway, I decided to check it out. The menu has a lot to choose from, including my favorites, Mushroom Swiss burgers and malts! I ordered the burger and chose black cherry for my malt, and waited in anticipation for what was to come.

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The Gift of Life and a Tribute to Mothers



By Pastor Roger Langworthy
Praise Fellowship Church

When God created Adam from the dust of the earth his masterpiece was complete when, as it says in Genesis 2:7... He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. Then after God created Eve from the rib of Adam, God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." Within the design of humankind God gave the gift of life through procreation.

It is in this process of procreation that we give such honor to mothers who have within their bodies and within their psyche the capacity to nurture a child within and outside of the womb. Even though God has entrusted this gift to mothers, he remains part of the process as it says in Psalm 139:13 "You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb." At

the moment of conception human life begins. From the moment fertilization takes place, the child's genetic makeup is already complete. Its gender has already been determined, along with its height and hair, eye and skin color. The only thing the embryo needs to become a fully-functioning being is the time to grow and develop. Thank you, mothers for being the servants of God to nurture your children and see them birthed into this world.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 says, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die..." Although each of us will die physically, that is not the end of life. God has a gift of eternal life for those who receive his salvation. Jesus said in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying." The operative phrase in Jesus' words is "anyone who believes in me...". Because Adam and Eve sinned, they gave birth to children with the same sinful nature as they possessed. That sinful nature would separate us from God for eternity as it says in Romans 3:23 and 6:23 that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glorious standard of God, and that the wage of our sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God not only gave us the gift of life here on earth for the years that we have, but he also gave us the opportunity to receive eternal life. But it is your choice. You can die in your own sin, not having received the gift of God, or you can be forgiven of your sin, making Jesus your Savior and Lord, and live with him for eternity. Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 says, "Yes, remember your Creator now while you are young, before the silver cord of life snaps and the golden bowl is broken. Don't wait until the water jar is smashed at the spring and the pulley is broken at the

well. For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it."

When you die, your spirit will return to God. He is the one who gave life to your body. It is at that point that you will give an account as to whether you received the gift of God for eternal life or if you chose to pay your own wage for your own sin and your death means eternal separation from God. Choose this day! Choose life that you may live forever even after your body has breathed its last breath!



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Area Church Directory

The Gospel, the Power of God

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. . .
— Romans 1:16

Paul was preparing to visit Rome, the capital of the empire. He was on his way to Jerusalem to bring the poverty-stricken people there a generous gift. From Corinth he wrote his most robust letter, which we now call the book of Romans—and already here in the prologue, he has made a most audacious statement: "I am not ashamed of the gospel. . . ." Paul felt indebted to the gospel—the good news of Jesus. He was ready to preach the gospel, and he was not ashamed of it.

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel even though he was arrested and flogged and stoned nearly to death because of it. Paul was not ashamed because the gospel is "the power of God that brings salvation to every one who believes" in Christ as Lord and Savior. The gospel is God's power for salvation. And this power is available for all who believe. It doesn't matter what people or nation they come from. What matters is that they believe.

The door of salvation is open in Christ. Behold the power of the gospel!

Lord, thank for giving us the gospel, the good news of Jesus, with its power for all who believe. Thank you for your grace and mercy in sending Jesus so that we can be saved to new life in you. May we live by faith in you, knowing that we never need to be ashamed because of you. In Jesus, Amen.



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Ginny's Drive In Welcomes Summer

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Located on Ellington, behind the gas station on State Street, it's just a small drive up, get out and order type of building. I wouldn't have seen it had it not been for the sign.

It took a few minutes, but it was worth the wait! I thought to myself, this isn't "fast food", it's "good food fast"! My wait was rewarded with a hand patted, locally grown and processed fresh hamburger on a Sara Lee bun that was fantastic. Add to that a real black cherry malt, and this diner diva was in heaven! The flavors were reminiscent of the drive in's from the good ol' days. Not a dried

out burger on a flat tasteless bun, but a burger that reminded me of the drive ins I went to as a kid. Delicious!

I had to do an interview! I made an appointment and met with owner/operator Lynn Nelson to find out how she made such a burger. "Locally grown, fresh beef is the answer", she explained. Lynn is very committed to the community she serve. Local beef is just the beginning.

For instance, she is open from April until around October, depending on what kind of a fall we have. During the season, she invites the locals to a Movie Night behind the drive in. Bring your own chair, and she provides the traditional popcorn and candy bars for purchase, along with her menu of food, drinks and ice cream. Then, once a week on a day yet to be determined, she hosts a Farmer's Market and Craft Fair. This is also a free gift to West Concord. "Well, the land is there, so we might as well use it!" sha said. I agree! What a great way to meet the community and "shop local!"

I wanted to know why it is called Ginny's, and not Lynn's. The name came from the first owners, Bob and Ginny Sendle. Bob was a local police officer, and Ginny ran the drive in. Bob pitched in on his day off. They sold it to another local, who sold it to Missy Peterson, and Lynn along with a partner, purchased it in 2015. After 5 years, Lynn bought out her partner, and now runs it with her daughters and a few friends. She loves the drive in, and hopes one day to expand.

What will her expansion look like? Well, the current building will be made into an indoor market, filled with seasonal produce

from local gardens, local eggs, and crafts made by people who live in the proximity of West Concord. What those crafts are remains to be seen.

Her vision is to build a whole new diner on the rest of her lot, with not only a drive in, but also seating inside for about 20 customers. Ginny's is the first and only drive in in West Concord, and it's time to grow it a bit. When she envisions this expansion, she would like to do what the people who live here would like to see. She is asking for input from the town. You can chime in and let her know what you would like to see by texting her at akagirls@hotmail.com, or by visiting her Facebook or Instagram accounts, and answering these questions, or by adding your own ideas.

Would you be interested in a breakfast offering?

Should she stay open year round?

Are there any menu items you would like to see added to the menu?

What kind of decor would appeal to you?

You get the idea! Lynn is looking forward to hearing what you think. She is here to serve you.

I asked Lynn how she has served her community over the years. She has a program that she uses "chips" for to promote achievements and good behaviors. One is a reading program at her grandson's school in Pine Island.



When the kids accomplish a goal, they receive a chip for an ice cream cone, or \$1.00 off a menu item. The same chips are used by local police officers when they see a child riding a bike and wearing a helmet for safety.

Another project close to her heart is putting on a car show in the summertime. This event is dedicated to the family of Roger Herrick. Roger was killed in a car accident, and Lynn started a memorial for the family. This has streamlined into a fun event for everyone. Anyone can "show" their car, and the Herrick family picks the "Best in Show". Lynn has a trophy made by Tatge Jewelers in Kenyon, and the family presents it to the winner. There is fun and entertainment, and a great way to pay tribute to the memory of Mr. Herrick.

As you can see, Lynn is constantly striving to make West Concord a better place, and welcomes any ideas for future occasions to be held and promoted by Ginny's Drive In!

Berne Wood Fired Pizza Returns in 2023

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Berne has also added a new pizza of the month for June: the Hawaiian. After years of high demand, the bacon cheeseburger pizza has now become a permanent fixture on the menu.

Increased food supply costs will result in a price increase of all specialty pizzas to \$25. Pizzas can be purchased upon arrival or in advance on Eventbrite.

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Red Gate Alpaca Farm

By Mary Closner

For me, summer means jumping in my car and learning more about my immediate surroundings. I want to find hidden gems that are in my backyard and can be enjoyed during a day trip. This is what led me to an alpaca farm in Dundas, MN.

Contrary to popular belief, alpacas and llamas are not the same animal. It's like saying St. Paul and Minneapolis are the same thing. Teri & Kraig Quamme set me straight during my visit to the Red Gate Alpaca Farm (RGAF).

An alpaca is a hybrid between a llama and a vicuña, two camelid species native to the Andes Mountains in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Chile. Alpacas were never wild but rather were created by the Incans about 6,000 years ago as a source of fiber for royal clothing. Alpacas have been used by humans for transportation and fleece production for thousands of years.

The most notable difference is the actual size of the animals. Alpacas are much smaller than llamas (approximately #150 vs. #400) and llamas tend to be more comfortable interacting with humans. Alpacas, though cuddly looking, are more aloof. "Alpacas are more like cats, while llamas are more like dogs," says Cindi Hassrick, founder of Aurora Alpaca and Llama Farm.

Alpacas are mild tempered creatures who thrive in a herd environment. The first thing everyone asks about is the tendency for the animals to spit. With alpacas, spitting is generally observed between herd-mates to assert dominance and is rarely done towards humans unless they're provoked. Llamas have a slightly more aggressive nature and have been known to spit at the casual passer-by. Alpacas display affection by gently bringing their noses to you and they may briefly kiss or nuzzle certain people.

"I have always loved animals...probably to a fault" said Kraig when I asked him how he and his wife got into this field back in 2005. Teri fell in love with the whimsical creatures the minute she saw them and was interested in raising livestock that you don't eat. Kraig spent 2 years researching and thinking about genetics before making the big decision to start raising the animals on their secluded farmland.

RGAF brought in genetics from the East and West coasts, the middle of the country as well as Wisconsin. Kraig knew that if there were other farms in their proximity, they could do some cross-breeding and have different genetics to distinguish themselves. Genetics include things like fiber quality, fineness of fleece, volume of fleece, etc. Each year RGAF strives to improve on fiber qualities to benefit their flock as well as their standing in the national alpaca network.

There is only one species of alpaca - but two fleece types, often referred to as breeds. They are huacaya (pronounced wah-KI'-ya) and suri (pronounced surrey). The huacaya fleece is commonly described as looking like



a "teddy bear" and the suri fleece as looking like "dreadlocks." The fiber of the suri alpaca is rarer and more highly prized than that of the huacaya. Suri fleece is soft as cashmere, warmer than wool and has the luster of silk.

All 75 members of the RGAF flock are suris and range in hue from white to jet black. Light rose grey is the rarest color and accounts for only 1% of registered animals in

the Alpaca Owners Association (AOA).

I met Boreus and his sister, Aurora, who both had this gorgeous unusual coloring. Alpacas are very intelligent animals. They're amazingly alert and easily trained to halter and lead.

They constantly communicate with each other through body posture, tail and ear move-

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Red Gate Alpaca Farm

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ments as well as a variety of sounds.

Alpacas are herbivores meaning they only eat vegetation. Some of their favorite treats include carrots, apples, broccoli stalks, and turnips. The average lifespan is 15 to 20 years. The females will spend most of their life pregnant starting at age 2-3. An average pregnancy can last 11-12 months although RGAF had one female that went an amazing 373 days before giving birth.

The babies (aka cria) stay with mom for about 6 months to nurse. A healthy female can be rebred within 21 days of giving birth. Teri mentioned the animals like being pregnant and really enjoy being moms. "They can take one sniff and know immediately which cria belongs to them," said Teri. Kraig said they also see color which helps the young animals identify their mom in the midst of a large herd.

When discussing alpacas as a business, there are several different ways they produce income. Using the animals as breeding stock brings in different fees depending on the rarity. I met SW (Secret Weapon) who had produced (40) champion offspring and had a stud fee of \$2,500.

Yet another valuable business component is alpaca compost which is commonly referred to as "Black Gold." One of the unusual things about alpacas is that they fully utilize their food within 50 hours of eating. This results in manure pellets that have very little odor and are able to be placed directly on and around even the most delicate plants. Alpaca compost is lower in organic matter than the manure of most other livestock such as cows, horses, goats & sheep, yet it's perfect enough to improve soil texture and water holding capacities. It has the added benefit of not needing to be composted (aged or cured) prior to using and doesn't carry the salmonella bacteria. It's also an effective deer repellent, yet almost odorless to humans.

The third income source is the actual fiber of the animal. Teri is the one in charge of selling this end product. Llamas and alpacas are both used for fiber production, but the alpaca is the true champ in this area. Alpacas sport an incredibly soft fleece that is highly prized for being strong, yet surprisingly lightweight and warm. Some crafty people like to purchase it "right off the animal" as they prefer to clean and card it themselves, basically doing the whole process. Some fiber from RGAF gets sent out in bulk to be made into yarn and samples of final products are sold in their on-site store.

The animals are also shown at alpaca shows and compete with farms from all over the United States. A big farm might have hundreds of alpacas and a huge investment which could run up to \$50,000 per animal. Teri and Kraig have a smaller herd but consider themselves lucky to compete at a high level due to the quality genetics and care they put into

their animals.

Some of their competitors have big farms, bigger budgets and full-time staff. RGAF is a currently a part-time business for the Quammes, but as they head toward retirement, it will become full-time. Kraig spent years as a self-employed contractor and is currently a full-time Senior Project Manager for Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. Teri spent years as a Surgical Assistant to a periodontist and then transitioned into her current position as an educational assistant in the Special Education program at Northfield High School.

"You can have the worst day at work and come out to the barn and get some love. That's why we do it. That makes all the hard work worthwhile," said Kraig.

When the animals are being shown, most judges are looking for 50% confirmation (straight legs, straight topline, and a balanced frame). They will check the bite, feel the tail and basically do a full body evaluation. The other 50% of the judging equation is concentrated on the fiber qualities of the animal (luster, lock structure, density, uniformity, and micron which is the diameter of the wool fiber).

For example, alpaca wool fiber is approximately 23.1 - 26.5 micron. Baby alpaca is about 14 - 23 micron and human hair is about 60 micron. The fiber diameter increases when the animals age. Baby alpaca is softer than regular alpaca and is often shorn from the "blanket" (back area). The most precious category of alpaca fiber is royal alpaca which is the finest and softest fiber the animal produces.

The fleece is left long when the animals are going to be shown which gives them their slightly quirky appearance. Alpacas should be sheared every year but generally, no bathing or brushing is required.

They have long bangs covering their huge dark eyes and are usually accompanied by a wonky set of teeth protruding from their lower jaw.

Spring and summer become a busy time at the farm as it's birthing season. This is a great time of year to visit.

Alpacas find dealing with the summer heat and humidity challenging. They require at least 5 liters of water each per day. It goes without saying that they need to be sheared before the summer heat ramps up.

Suffice to say, I learned a lot only a few minutes from my own home. I was nuzzled by a girl named Sable and got the side-eye from a teenager named Ricco. These gentle animals were as curious about me as I was about them!

If you want to visit the farm, you just need to make an appointment. They welcome visitors and are soon to roll out an "Adopt an Alpaca Program." So, if you're interested in having an animal named after you, volunteering at the farm, or just supporting an interesting small business, give them a call!

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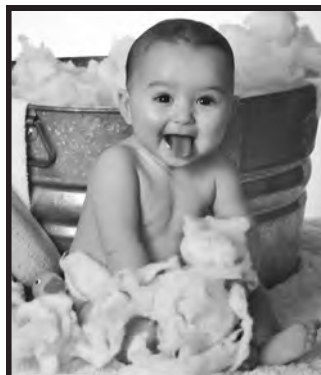
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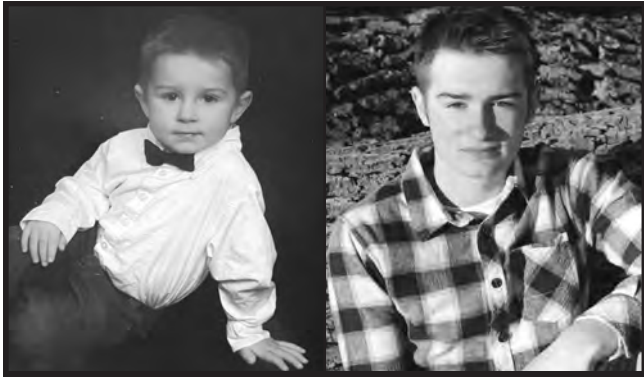
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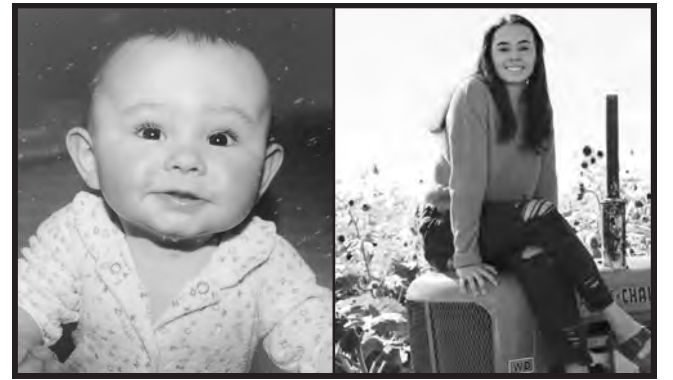
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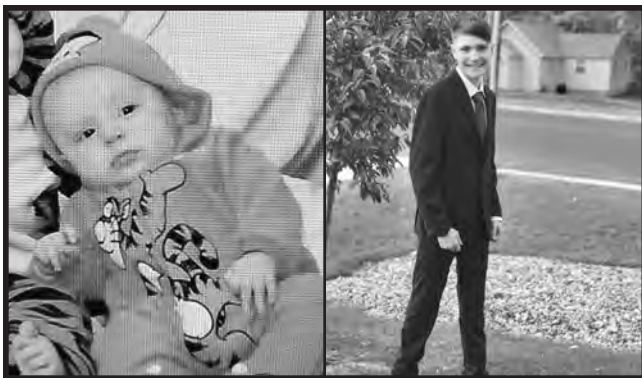
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**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
TRITON
HIGH SCHOOL
Sunday, June 4, 2023
2:00 P.M.**

Processional	Concert Band
National Anthem	"Pomp and Circumstance"
Welcome	Concert Band
Introductions	Mr. Craig Schlichting Superintendent
Choir	Mr. Luke Lutterman High School Principal
Recognition of Scholarships	Concert Choir
Recognition of Honor Students	"Run"
Senior Project Highlights	Seniors
Commencement Speakers	"Memories"
Introduction of Senior Class	Mr. Luke Lutterman
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. Luke Lutterman
	Senior Seminar Instructors
	Mr. Liam Dostal
	Ms. MacKenzie Geers
	Mr. Jude Gosse
	Ms. Christi Runnells
	Mr. Lloyd Henslin, Jr. Chair, Board of Education
	Mrs. Rebecca Knutson Vice Chair, Board of Education
	Mrs. Wendy Kenworthy Treasurer, Board of Education
	Mr. Jim Jensen Director, Board of Education
Closing Remarks	Mr. Luke Lutterman
Recessional	Concert Band
	"Olympic Spirit"



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Honoring Our Graduates

We'd like to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Triton Class of 2023.

As you celebrate this milestone achievement, please know you have made your community proud.

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Triton BPA Takes To The National Stage

Triton Business Professions of America (BPA) had yet another record-breaking performance at the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA on April 26-30 with eight National Finalists! Triton BPA built upon their historic 15 members winning trips to the National Conference and Competition when Katerina Wheeler placed 6th in the nation in Computer Modeling, Ari Wennes placed 8th in Health Administration Procedures, the News Broadcast Team of Talia Kelley, Kaitlyn Krupa, and Lydia Stanton placed 10th, and the News Broadcast Team of Liam Dostal, Weston Haugen, and Phineas Quella graced the stage at the Grand Award Ceremony as National Finalists. Triton's other competitors placed within the top 20- 50% of their competitions (Mariah Busch- 19th in Health Administration and Paige DeVetter- 35th in Desktop Publishing), making for a solid performance all-around. Finally, as part of his MN State BPA Presidential duties, Wyatt Bendickson represented the state of Minnesota on stage in the Parade of Flags and served as the Head Voting Delegate during the National Officer Elections. "On top of just being plain outstanding in their competitions, making it to the National competition provides these students with so many unique opportunities and benefits that will serve them throughout their life," said Advisor Rebecca Goossens.

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BPA State Winners

Cobra Communications



Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

As the superintendent of Triton Public Schools, I am filled with gratitude and pride as we recognize the outstanding teachers who serve our communities of Claremont, Dodge Center, and West Concord. Teacher Appreciation Week, celebrated annually in May, provides us with a special opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by these exceptional individuals in shaping the minds and lives of our students. Great teachers are the backbone of any

successful educational institution, and Triton Public Schools is blessed to have an exceptional team of educators who consistently go above and beyond to inspire and uplift our students. They are not just instructors but mentors, role models, and coaches, dedicated to unlocking the full potential of each child in our care.

Our teachers possess a wealth of knowledge and expertise, acquired through years of study, professional development, and practical experience. They have a deep understanding of their subjects and the ability to convey complex concepts in a manner that resonates with students of diverse backgrounds and abilities. Whether it is explaining the intricacies of calculus, exploring the wonders of the natural world, or delving into the rich tapestry of history, our teachers have a remarkable talent for making learning engaging, meaningful, and enjoyable.

But it is not just their mastery of academic content that sets them apart. Triton Public Schools' teachers are compassionate individuals who genuinely care about the well-being and success of their students. They create safe and inclusive learning environments where every child feels seen, heard, and valued. By fostering positive relationships and cultivat-

ing a sense of belonging, our teachers empower students to take risks, embrace challenges, and develop the resilience necessary to overcome obstacles.

Moreover, our educators continuously strive for excellence and innovation in their teaching practices. They embrace new technologies, pedagogical approaches, and research-based strategies to ensure that their instruction remains relevant and impactful in an ever-evolving world. By adapting to changing educational landscapes, our teachers equip students with the skills, knowledge, and critical thinking abilities necessary to thrive in the 21st century.

Beyond the classroom, Triton Public Schools' teachers are active participants in the broader community. They serve as mentors, coaches, and advisors, guiding students in extracurricular activities and fostering their personal growth. Whether it is leading a club, organizing a musical performance, or coordinating a community service project, our teachers extend their impact far beyond the walls of the school, instilling values of leadership, teamwork, and civic responsibility.

On behalf of the entire Triton Public Schools community, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our incredible teach-

ers. Your tireless dedication, unwavering commitment, and genuine passion for education are truly commendable. Your influence reaches far beyond the classroom, shaping the future of our communities, and leaving an indelible mark on the lives of the students you serve.

To our teachers, thank you for the countless hours spent preparing lessons, grading assignments, and providing individualized support to your students. Thank you for your patience, kindness, and understanding as you nurture the intellectual, social, and emotional growth of our young learners. Your impact is immeasurable, and we are forever grateful for your exceptional contributions.

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, let us take a moment to recognize the greatness of our teachers at Triton Public Schools. Their unwavering dedication and commitment to fostering a love of learning in our students deserve our highest praise and deepest gratitude. To our teachers, you are the pillars of our educational community, and we are privileged to have you by our side as we shape the future together.

#WeAreTriton

Triton BPA Takes To The National Stage



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“If you were to look at Triton’s Profile of a Graduate, they displayed every characteristic throughout our trip, and I couldn’t be prouder of them.” Approximately 6,500 students from across the United States vied for top honors in the 57th National Leadership Conference. Conference activities included general sessions with keynote speakers, business meetings, certification exams, contests, election of national officers, community service activities, a Walk for Special Olympics, and tours of

southern California sights and attractions. “For students and chapter advisors attending the National Leadership Conference, the event is the culmination of a year’s work,” said Steven J. Mitchell, BPA’s executive director/CEO. “We [are proud to] celebrate these students for the energy they have devoted to advancing to nationals in competitive events, sharpening their leadership and career skills and contributing to community betterment through service.



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SIXTH PLACE Computer Modeling Kalya Wheeler	EIGHTH PLACE Health Admin Procedures Ari Wennes	MN STATE PRESIDENT Wyatt Bendickson
TENTH PLACE Broadcast News Team Talia Kelley, Kaitlyn Krupa + Lydia Stanton	FINALISTS Broadcast News Team Liam Dostal, Weston Haugen + Phineas Quella	
DESKTOP PUBLISHING Paige DeVetter	HEALTH ADMIN PROCEDURES Mariah Busch	

Results from the **NATIONAL COMPETITION** 2023

An Adventure in Taxidermy

An annual highlight in Mrs. Horejsi's nature studies class is an introduction to the science of taxidermy. In this unit, students get the opportunity to skin and preserve a prime roadkill specimen that has been collected during the school year and subsequently frozen and then thawed prior to working with. Students break into groups of their choosing (with the understanding that someone needs to be comfortable making the first incision and subsequent skinning) and then, they go from there! Depending upon the animal involved, this can take anywhere from 5-8 class periods.

This year students had five different animals to work with. Those animals consisted of three red squirrels, a gray squirrel, and the prime specimen of a red fox. The red fox was the most challenging animal to work with due to its size and his roadkill impact unfortunately. However, the student group lead by Gabby Geers, were definitely up for the challenge! As Gabby noted, "I have a lot of background doing this with my dad and family. I have no issues getting right in there and skinning an animal!"

As a culmination to the unit, Bill Archer from Archer's Taxidermy came in to discuss the process he uses and how to properly mount a specimen as that is something that the students do not get experience with. His presentation was both engaging and insightful as the students were able to follow the process from start to finish. As Bill mentioned, "Taxi-



Alisson Velasco Castaneda displaying her group's completed red squirrel hide.

dermy is becoming a lost art. I receive far more requests that I can do."

Overall, it was another successful experience! We shall see what roadkill finds are discovered for next year's class to embark on! As student Damian Kanzenbach stated, "This activity helped me understand the taxidermy process, especially if I plan to do this in the future. I am thinking this could possibly be a senior seminar project for me in the future too!"



Damion Radke getting ready to embark on his group's red squirrel.



Guadalupe Mendoza and Ashley Romero working on fleshing their pelt.



Gabby Geers and Autumn Dean making progress on their red fox.

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Triton Hosts Section 1A True Team Championships Track Meet

Tuesday, May 9, Triton welcomed 1,000 athletes from 17 schools for the Section True Team Championships. In this meet, every school gets two entries into each event, and every finisher scores points for their team based on their placing; the winning teams advance to the state True Team meet on May 20.

These meets can't happen without lots of help and community support; the Triton Track and Field coaches would like to extend a huge thank you to all who played a role in making it happen. That includes our administration, grounds crew, and all the folks that stepped up to help work the meet. We have some of the best people and facilities in southeast Minnesota!

The Cobras had several excellent performances in the meet, including many personal records set by our athletes. Top-6 performances came from the girls 4x200 relay (4th - Romina Medina, Avere Henslin, Maddi Maes, and Olivia Weber), MacKenzie Geers (3rd in the 400), Ava Cummings (6th in the 800), the girls 4x400 relay (6th - Hanna Strom, Ava Cummings, Olivia Weber, and MacKenzie Geers), Hanna Strom (2nd in the HJ), Olivia Weber (4th in the HJ) and Pierce Petersohn (3rd in the HJ). The girls scored 546.5 team points for an 8th place team finish while the boys scored 399 team points.

The Cobras will be back in action at the Gopher Conference Championships at USC Sat-



urday, May 13 before hosting our Varsity Invitational Friday, May 19. Join us at Triton on the 19th starting at 4:30pm to check out the action!

We're always looking for folks to help at

track and field meets! If this is something you might be interested in, please contact head coach Kim Swanson at kswanson@triton.k12.mn.us.

GO COBRAS!!



MacKenzie Geers in the 200 meter dash



Cobras ready to compete!

Triton schools support students through AmeriCorps



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Data has shown that students who are not at grade level in mathematics at the end of 8th grade are much more likely to drop out of school before they graduate.

Data also has shown that students who are not proficient in reading by the time they begin 4th grade continue to have reading difficulties into adulthood.

These skills are essential for success both in the classroom and the community. MathCorps and ReadingCorps helps by training people to be effective tutors. They prepare individuals so they can be placed in local schools to provide extra practice and support that result in incredible growth and more confidence for kids. It has been my privilege to be one of these tutors for the last four years.

Triton will continue to support these programs and AmeriCorps is always looking for people who would be interested in part or full time opportunities to serve kids. There are many perks to doing this including stipends, education awards, health insurance and child care assistance. They will give you the training and support you need to be successful.

If you are interested in learning how to become a tutor log on to:

Join.ReadingandMath.org OR call: 866-859-2825

This has been a terrific experience for me and I encourage anyone who wants to learn more to check it out!

In Service,

Vicki R. MathCorpsTutor

Mr. Johnson is now a part of the Southeast Minnesota's Top Driving School and he's bringing it to Triton!

The Enhanced Driving Institute is proud to offer the most comprehensive driver's education program available, and we are extremely excited to be bringing our program to Triton High School with a teacher the students know and trust! Our next class will run June 5th - 16th and we will offer another class again in November. Class will be from 9:00 a.m. - noon and will be held in the Triton MS Media Center.

All students over 14 years old are legally eligible for class, though we recommend waiting until students are 15 or nearly 15. Our Complete Package (\$415) includes 30 hours of classroom instruction AND the 6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training with a licensed instructor that is required by the state of MN. All behind the wheel lessons will begin and end at our Rochester campus location. The Complete Package is subject to a one year program agreement which requires all 3 behind the wheel lessons to be completed 10 months after the first day of class. Students who will not turn 15 for a bit, could also register for the Classroom Only Package (\$240). The Classroom Only Package is not subject to a program agreement. These students would receive their Blue Card when they enroll in BTW training (\$240).

All registration is done completely online through our website: <https://www.enhanced-drivinginstitute-mn.com/triton>

If you want to know more about our program e-mail Mr. Johnson: jjohnson@trion.k12.mn.us



Celebrity Chef Shari visits Triton!

Season 10: 5th place Master Chef contestant Shari Mukherjee.

Visited Mrs. McMahan's cooking classes and made Mexican rice and beans for students and staff. She also visited with the students in Mrs. Stahl's 5th grade about being on a reality tv show. Shari resides in Rochester with her husband and two children. You can find her on socials as Spiced Up Mom and her website is spicedupmom.com.

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Triton Counselor's Corner

In the last several years, Triton Public Schools and our community members have 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 May, the Profile of a Graduate focus is self-awareness. Students will learn that self-awareness is the ability to understand the things that make us who we are as an individual – our personality, actions, values, beliefs, emotions, and thoughts. Gaining a better understanding of our own thoughts, emotions, and behaviors allows us to make more informed decisions, set realistic goals, and identify areas for self-improvement.

Self-awareness is also a key component of mental health and wellbeing. Self-awareness requires us to step back and observe our thoughts and feelings in the moment. It is a shift in focus from what is happening around us to what is going on inside of us. This may be as simple as observing thoughts and feelings when we interact with friends or acknowledging that we feel nervous when trying new things. Or it may be a more complex process of understanding how certain thoughts and emotions affect our behaviors. For example, imagine a student who has an upcoming test. They may think "I'm going to fail." Because of that thought, they begin to worry. The big worries lead to feeling sick just thinking about the test. They then feel so uncomfortable that they decide not to study. Self-awareness allows us to identify our strengths and weaknesses as well as our triggers for certain emotions and behaviors. This understanding can allow us to manage stress, anxiety, and other mental health concerns more effectively.

One of the ways we can help children practice self-awareness is by encouraging them to feel their feelings, no matter how uncomfortable they may be. In the article last month, we talked about how important it is to hold space for our children and validate their feelings instead of trying to make them feel better as quickly as possible in order to move on more quickly. This same concept can be applied to helping children become more self-aware. Validate their feelings, sit with them in whatever they are feeling, and create a safe and open environment where they feel comfortable exploring what it is like to experience those thoughts and feelings. The process of developing self-awareness is not always an easy, comfortable one. It often takes courage. Paying attention to our thoughts and feelings can often lead to discomfort, especially in difficult situations. It is important that while we are confronting our thoughts, feelings, beliefs, values, and actions, we are practicing self-care and self-compassion. And while we are walking alongside our children as they are developing their own self-awareness, we are offering the same things – care, empathy, and compassion. In doing this, we are helping to create the foundation needed for building resilience and managing our emotional and mental wellbeing.

Ashlee Koll, TES Counselor
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FCCLA SENIOR SPOTLIGHT:

Name: Kalena Dudley

Office positions: Current Chapter President

How many years in FCCLA? 3

What activities / competitions have you participated in FCCLA?

Lions Club Halloween Party, Teach or Train Competition, Interpersonal Communication Competition, FCCLA Carnival
What awards have you received in FCCLA? Ultimate Leadership Award, Silver State Qualifier, Silver State rating, National qualifier

What is your favorite FCCLA memory?

My favorite FCCLA memory is when we were waiting for our results at regionals and all of us played games as a group including the middle school group.

What are your future plans?

My future plans are to attend Concordia University and major in elementary education.

How has FCCLA helped prepare you for the future?

FCCLA has prepared me for my future by helping me get out of my comfort zone and not be afraid to speak publicly. It's also helped me learn how to reflect, which is a big part of teaching.



5th Grade Math Masters Compete

What in the world is a math master? Math Masters is a math competition held throughout the State of Minnesota. Students are able to compete in three different areas. The first area consists of fact drills. The facts start with simple basic facts in all four operations, but quickly become more difficult. Competitors need to be aware of the order of operations, which include parentheses and brackets. The second area of competition requires participants to compete individually solving story problems, and the third area students compete as a team to solve more story problems. By the end of competition, students have worked to find the solutions to a total of 72 above-grade-level math problems.

Our Triton 5th Grade team of 11 students met a total of 10 times with their coach to prepare for competition. This year's team traveled to Austin on April 20 to compete with a total of 117 students from 11 different school districts in our region. Their hard work certainly shone through since Triton was well represented at the awards ceremony following competition. In fact drill, the top 20 scores are recognized. Connor Schleusner placed 3rd, Jaxon Fate 4th, K'Stin Korbisch 7th, and Bryce Dupey 12th. Triton students also placed in the top 20 for individual story problem solving. Griffin Snyder placed 2nd,

Rebekah Henslin 10th, and Wesley Shake 14th. Ten of the students from Triton formed two teams that competed well against the other 22 teams present. Triton Team #2 (Ryan Rosenau, Bryce Dupey, Wesley Shake, Rebekah Henslin, and K'Stin Korbisch) placed 8th, and Triton Team #2 (Jaxon Fate, Charli Henslin, Connor Schleusner, Layla Schley, and Griffin Snyder) placed 3rd!

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Math Masters Team!!! Job well done!!!!

Order Your Yearbook



ATTENTION PARENTS: The Triton yearbook staff has been hard at work on the 2022-2023 yearbook. Be sure to order by May 26th to guarantee your yearbook this year. We cannot guarantee copies will be available after this date. Order your 2022 yearbook online through Jostens.com. Any questions can be directed to jjohnson@triton.k12.mn.us



Back row Left to Right: Jaxon Fate, Rebekah Henslin, Emma Axt, Bryce Dupey, Layla Schley, Griffin Snyder, Wesley Shake. Front Row: Ryan Rosenau, K'Stin Korbisch, Connor Schleusner, Charli Henslin

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE MEMORIES!

What an adventure the last 43 years have been with the Triton School District and now it is time to say goodbye. I want to thank everyone for sharing their children with me all these years and the support we have received from everyone... the donations of materials, joining me in a class, letting us rent space to hold classes and the adventure of joining 25 young children on a field trip to the farm or a park.



A special thank you to everyone that joined me at a retirement party. I was hoping to get away quietly, but that did not happen. It was great to see everyone, and I appreciate the time you took from your day to join me.

It is time for me to put away the playdough, pop the bubbles and say no to Goldfish crackers and fruit snacks. This will never really happen; it will just take place somewhere else!

Thank you,
Diana Eipers

SEMCAC Bus Services Available This Summer!

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Cassandra McMurdo is a senior at Triton this year.

Her parents are Douglas and Michelle McMurdo.

She has five brothers, Curtis, Jacob, Ian, Eli and Gabe and three sisters, Alashia, Hazel and Addy.

Her hobbies are photography, art and singing and she works as a CAN outside of school.

After graduation Cassandra plans to attend Winona State University and major in business management and administration with a minor in medicine.



CASSANDRA McMURDO

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Sunshine and Roses Canvas Painting Classes—June Classes! Festive Fireworks

Ages Entering K-5 Fall of 2023

Join the Sunshine and Roses instructor and get into the patriotic spirit. You will paint your own fireworks scene on canvas. Adults are welcome to attend with the child and observe or paint their own. Adults must pay the per student price if also painting.

Cost: \$26
per painting
June 28

2-3PM in the TES Art Room



4th of July Treat Ages Entering K-5 Fall of 2023

Join the Sunshine and Roses instructor and paint a yummy summertime treat! You will paint your own patriotic ice cream cone scene on canvas. Adults are welcome to attend with the child and observe or paint their own. Adults must pay the per student price if also painting.

Cost: \$26 per painting
June 28

3-4 PM in the TES Art Room



*** SPECIAL, paint both canvases for \$48***

Safe Driving Class

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We'll go back in time on this 2 Day, 1 night getaway to Wisconsin. On our first day, we will travel to Fort Atkinson Wisconsin, stopping in Tomah for lunch. Next, we will check into our overnight accommodation at the Fort Atkinson Country Inn and Suites where we will be greeted with cookies and a punch reception. This evening we will have a beautiful experience at the Fireside Dinner Theatre. Where we will eat at the Signature Buffet

featuring: Salad topped with Papaya Chutney Dressing and served with Freshly Baked Breads. On the Buffet, you will choose from these Fireside favorites: Barbecued Pork Back Ribs, Chicken Tenderloin Tempura with Brandied Apricot Sauce, Beer Batter Fried Cod, Shrimp and Scallops Fusilli with Tomato Butter Sauce, Fresh Atlantic Salmon, Chicken Marsala, Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce, Beef Tenderloin and Roast Turkey from the Carving Station, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Whipped Idaho Potatoes and Steamed Farm Fresh Vegetables. Crème Brûlée for Dessert. Coffee, Tea, and Milk are included. Next, we will see TITANIC, the 1997 Broadway Musical, won five Tony Awards including Best Musical. Soaring songs, grand staging, and a set awash in glorious costumes makes this historic musical a must-see event; a great show made even better in the intimacy of The Fireside's theatre-in-the-round. The show focuses on the lives of all the varied strata of people uniquely united on that fateful



journey, with the central character being the Titanic herself. This human drama explores and reveals individual strength, love, faith, and especially the triumph of human dignity.

We will return to our hotel for a great night's sleep. We will enjoy a complimentary breakfast at the hotel, and then depart for the Wisconsin Dells. While there, we will stop at the cheese mart, have lunch, and experience the World War II Duck Tour.

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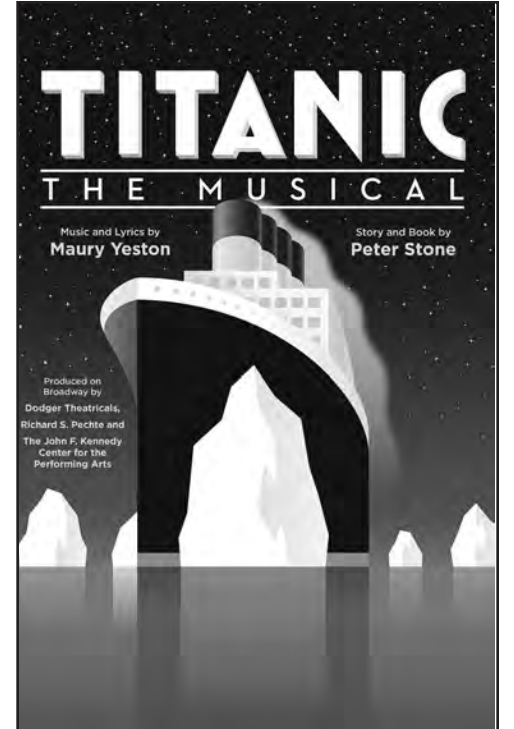
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September 28 and 29, 2023

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Cost includes, coach bus, dinner and show at the Fireside, hotel stay and WW II Ducks Tour. Note: lunch on the way there and back will be the individual's responsibility.

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 June 22, 29 • July 13,20,27 • August 3
 Rain date 8/10
 7-8PM
 Natalie Webb Aquatic Center, Dodge Center

Bus	Leaves	Approx Returns
Dodge Center	10AM	4:30PM
Kasson	10:15AM	4:15PM
Byron	10:30AM	4PM

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Class	Cost	Name	Notes
Aqua Zumba	\$60		
Aqua Aerobics and Strength	\$60		
Safe Driving:			
May 25	\$20		Checks made to Jim Jensen
July 20	\$20		
Overnight Trip to Wisconsin			\$100 Deposit due July 31 Final payment dur August 31
YOUTH			
Canvas Painting:			
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Tuesday June 27, • 9:30 A.M.
LARGE RETIREMENT AUCTION
John Deere S670 Combine PRWD - Grain Heads 2-Cat Challenger Tractors - White Planter - Tillage Equipment - Peterbuilt Grain Truck - Brent 678 Grain Cart - Seed Tender - Full line of Farm Equipment
Denny Hoehn - OWNER
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Sat. Aug. 12 • 9:30 A.M.
FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION
Versatile 2375, 4WD, John Deere 4640 - J.D. 4430 - J.D. 4020 - J.D. 5055 - Riteway rock picker - 4-Crysteel 600 Bu. Wagons - Tillage + Haying Equip. - Misc. Outdoor Items
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May 17, 2023
Bidding Begins: ..May 10, 2023
Starts Closing.....May 17, 2023
Owatonna, MN
ONLINE ONLY ESTATE AUCTION FOR STANLEY THOMPSON ESTATE '79 Pontiac TransAm, '84 Cadillac Eldorado, '97 Chevy 1500 Suburban, Lawn & Garden, Power & Hand Tools, Baseball Cards, Advertising Signs, Ammo & Reloading, Antique Fishing Equip, Schwinn Bikes, Furniture and More

May 24, 2023
Bidding Begins: ..May 17, 2023
Starts Closing.....May 24, 2023
Kenyon, MN
ONLINE ONLY DOUBLE ESTATE AUCTION 20 Long Guns and Hand Guns, Ammo, Woodworking Tools, Power and Hand Tools, Tool Boxes, Lawn & Garden Items, Collector Toys, NASCAR Collectibles, Antiques, Collectibles, Stoneware, Primitives and More.

June 10, 20239:00 AM
Kenyon, MN
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June 20, 2023
Bidding Begins: ..June 10, 2023
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Owatonna, MN
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Bidding Begins: ..June 13, 2023
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Welch, MN
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Fredbear GXL compound bow 50# pull w/ Plano case (nice)



Household & Antique's

- Speed Queen top load washing machine (white) - Maytag H/D gas dryer (white) - 4' Frigidaire chest freezer - Singer sewing machine cabinet and bench - Pots & pans - 8 pcs Rose China (spring haven) dinner set - mid-century black recliner - Cookbooks - Maple drop leaf w/ 6 round back chairs - Oak wash stand - Duncan Phyle w/ 4 chairs - Oak platform rocking chair with cane bottom - Oak office chair - Large oversize oak quarter saw rocking chair - Small oak chest with wood pulls - Vintage 2 door glass top hutch - Many handmade wood bowls - Maple 4' hutch - 3pc Bassett mid-century bedroom set w/ dbl bed, dresser & chest of drawers - 2 pcs 50c, Pine bedroom set w/ dbl bed & dresser - Vintage Lane cedar chest - Knitting & Sewing items - Warner Sallman Large 1942 painting (Christ at the Heart's door) - World's Globe - Buttons - Redwing Jug "The Banner Liquor Store" Winona Mn. - Collector plates & cups - Vintage Christmas items - Many Religious items - View master stereoscope - AT Woods Coffee Tin - Vinyl records 33s Johnny Cash, Kitty Wells, Connie Francis, "whoopie John" - 6 place wood gun cabinet - Large Underwood manual type writer - Sears KX Super 35m camera w/case - Kodak Motormatic 35m camera w/ box - Beaded ladies hand bags - Hohner Corona 2 accordion - Hohner (Marca) accordion - M Hohner Chromonik 1 Mund Harmonica w/box - Hohner Chromonik 3 Mund Harmonica w/box - M Hohner (The Echo) Harmonica - Sewing baskets - Pyrex bowls - Hot wheels - Matchbox - Tootsie toy cars 7 trucks - Board games - Hubley Metal Toy plane - * Many items not listed*

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 - o Open House: Sunday April 30th 1-3PM

June Auctions:

- Michael & Christine Hein Revocable Trust Land Auction - Friday June 9th 10AM (onsite)
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AGENDA

Motion by Sultze to approve the agenda with the addition of Resolution No. 23-11: DNR Grant and move the Interim Administrator Contract to the last item under New Business, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Midco Communications is asking to extend the current land lease that their tower is on for 30 more years and offered \$3000 per year. The city currently has a franchise agreement and lease agreement that both expire in 2031. Midco recently invested quite a bit of money updating the tower to provide bandwidth speeds to the underserved areas in Claremont township. A different tower company is interested in buying the tower. The council has concerns over the guidewires that are around the Fire Hall as it is hard to get the trucks in the Hall and makes it more difficult for street maintenance. Midco said they will check with a tower engineer to see if it would be possible to move the guidewires. The council would also like to know if any residents are using their service or if it is just township residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the Minutes of the March 7, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting and Resolution No. 23-10: Resolution Certifying Past-Due Bills to Dodge County for Collection with 2023 Property Taxes. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Sultze to approve the financial re-

ports, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The fire department reviewed and approved the final draft of the Standard Operating Guidelines. Motion by McGovern to approve the SOG, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

EDA

CEDA Specialist Robert Harris III has been promoted so Jennifer Howard will be taking over his position. Harris has submitted the DNR grant for the ballfield but the council will need to approve a resolution at this meeting to be included with the grant. The DNR grant is a matching grant for a project up to \$700,000, so the city would incur \$350,000. The grant will be awarded in June. They are researching grants for additional equipment in Henning Park and still reaching out to gas stations. The council asked if there was any information or grants on nonstandard park equipment, such as a musical area or sensory items.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Nothing at this time.

PARKS COMMITTEE

TruGreen and Corey's Outdoor Service submitted proposals for weed control at the parks. Motion by McGovern to approve TruGreen's proposal which is 2 applications per park for a total of \$698, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

The council tabled getting a project manager for the new ballfield.

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Toenail Trimming Tips for Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend some good toenail clipping solutions for seniors? My toenails have gotten increasingly thick since I've gotten older and have become very difficult for me to reach down and cut.
--Almost 80

Dear Almost,

Trimming your toenails is a task that most people don't think much about, but as we get older it can become very challenging. For many older adults, like yourself, toenails can become thicker and harder to cut, and reduced flexibility can make it more difficult to even get into the right position to cut them. Fortunately, there are solutions available that can make this job a little easier.

One of the simplest tricks for cutting thick toenails is to simply take a bath or shower, or soak your feet in warm water, prior to cutting them. The water helps soften them for easier cutting.

There are also toenail softening creams you can buy, like "Miracle of Aloe Toenail Soft" and "Barielle Toenail Softening Cream," that temporarily softens thick, hard nails. Just rub it into your toenails at bedtime and in the morning, they'll be easier to cut and file.

Most people's toenails grow about 1/16 inch per month, so it's appropriate to cut them every six to eight weeks.

When cutting nails, take care not to cut too far down. Overaggressive trimming and cutting the toenails too short can lead to ingrown toenails. Podiatrists typically recommend leaving a very small bit (about 1/32 inch) of nail past the nail bed when trimming.

You may also want to avoid a rounded cut. It's best to cut the nails fairly straight across, ensuring that the corners of the nail do not cut into the skin folds of the toe. And use an emery board to smooth the jagged edges and corners that can snag and potentially tear the nail as it grows.

Top Toenail Clippers

There are a number of medical-grade or specialty toenail clippers recommended by professionals for older adults.

For thick nails the "New Huing Podiatrist Toenail Clippers" is a top option. This clipper has a sharp, curved blade that easily cuts through any toenail, no matter how hard or thick it has gotten, and a nonslip, cushion grip that allows for comfortable clipping.

For those with limited mobility, check out the "Clipperpro Omega Select Toenail Clipper," which has a long plastic grip that's much larger than that of a standard set of nail clippers and a blade head that swivels 180 degrees. Both of those features make this clipper much easier to use for anyone with arthritis or mobility issues, since they have more control and an added range they can reach.

And for people who have a hard time bending over, there are long handled toenail clippers like the "DriFeez Long Handle Toenail Clippers" which come in four sizes - 20, 24, 28 and 32 inches long. It also has a heavy-duty clipper with a 1/8-inch-wide jaw opening designed to cut thick toenails.

All of these clippers are available online at sites like Amazon.com or Walmart.com at prices ranging between \$10 and \$40.

Toenail Trimming Services

If you get to the point that you can't, or would rather not cut your own toenails, a podiatrist can provide both foot and toenail care. But be aware that routine foot care is not covered by Medicare unless you have an underlying condition or injury that requires a professional to tend to your feet.

If you are generally in good health, regular pedicures at a nail salon is good option for getting your toenails cut and is much cheaper than visiting a podiatrist.

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Walk-ins are also accepted.

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Motion by Klejeski to approve Resolution No. 23-11 for the DNR grant, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

PEOPLESERVICE

The Operations and Maintenance Agreement with PeopleService adjusts annually every May.

The contract states that the adjustment is based on consumer price index plus 1%, although the letter stated they are not charging the 1% this year. This new Agreement is \$144,696 for the year. Motion by Klejeski to approve the new Contract, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Olinger looked into funding the water tower project. Right now, the city is grant eligible with MN Public Facilities at 80% of the project costs. The total project cost is estimated at \$425,000 of which \$85,000 would be the city's responsibility with the grant. So, it appears that a 23% increase in water/sewer rates would be necessary which is about \$11/month for an average user of 3,500 gallons per month in order to get the grant. If the council would like to move forward with the project, the next steps would be updating the funding application materials with PFA, followed by bidding the project. The cost for Olinger to do that would be approximately \$5000 or less. Motion by McGovern to move forward,

second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

A schematic is needed to get some quotes for city signs on Highway 14. Olinger said he will work with Bolton and Menk's landscape architect to draft some basic dimensions and designs, with input from staff and council. Then they will reach out to some contacts for quotes. He will do that at the reduced rate.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Nothing at this time.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A resident asked if there was going to be a clean-up day this year. The council discussed maybe doing it every other year, so it would not be done this year.

Terri Schuette submitted a proposal for planting flowers in the 12 pots to be placed in front of the main street businesses, the city park sign, and the 4 pots in front of the Fire Hall. She will donate her time for gathering the materials, planting, and weekly maintenance. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$800, and the Chamber will pay half, providing the city pays the other half. Motion by Klejeski to donate up to \$400 for the city flowers, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

There is a CD that matures April 6. Interim Administrator Brimeyer suggested not having it automatically renew. Motion by Kle-

jeski to cash in the CD, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim Administrator Brimeyer's contract has a 30-day notice for termination by either party. There has been discussion for Clerk Sorg to start taking on more administrative duties. Job descriptions will be reviewed and updated and reviewed at the next meeting. The council agreed that this is Brimeyer's 30-day notice in this type of roll. He is still willing to help on a call-by-call basis when needed.

Ellis' 90-day training period ends May 8 and Maintenance Director Styndl's annual performance review would be May 5. Council asked Sorg, along with Brimeyer, to do the reviews with the employees. Council will then hold a special meeting to discuss the reviews starting at 6 p.m. on May 2.

Motion by Klejeski to close the meeting for City Clerk Sorg's annual performance review, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to reopen the meeting by Sultze, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

Council agreed that she can work between 32 - 40 hours weekly as she has been doing. Motion by Klejeski to raise Sorg's hourly pay to \$32 effective immediately, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

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DNR Shares Top 10 Tips for Planning a Camping Trip in State Parks, Recreation Areas and Forest Campgrounds

As Minnesotans prepare for the summer camping season, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources shares tips to help in planning an outdoor adventure.

“We know Minnesotans love being outdoors, and getting outside after a long winter is exciting,” said Ann Pierce, Parks and Trails Division director. “We also know time and knowledge can be barriers in planning a camping trip. We’re working to alleviate this for folks by providing information to help them prepare for a fun experience.”

Book campsites early, and be flexible if you can’t book early

Reservations for campsites in state parks and recreation areas can be made up to 120 days in advance. Reservations are in high demand for holiday weekends and at the most popular parks, like those on the North Shore.

If reservations are full, the DNR has three suggestions. First, sign up for the “notify me”

function on the reservation website to get notified by email if there’s a cancellation. Second, consider a camping trip on weekdays instead of the busy weekends if your schedule allows. Third, look for open reservations at less busy parks. Our list of quiet state park getaways on the DNR website opens in a new browser tab provides suggestions for locations more likely to have open reservations.

Looking for flexible camping options?

Try camping in a state forest.

If spontaneity is your style, try camping in a state forest where all campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and dispersed camping is allowed. Learn more on the DNR’s state forest camping web page opens in a new browser tab.

Buy a vehicle permit

A permit is required for each vehicle entering state parks and recreation areas. Permits can be purchased online or at park offices during open hours. The cost is \$7 per day or \$35 per year. If you’re camping just one night, a one-day permit will be valid until check-out time. Find details on the Minnesota state park vehicle permit web page opens in a new browser tab. State forests do not require a vehicle permit.

Pack smart

Sometimes it can be hard to figure out what to pack for a camping trip, especially for those who are new to camping. For a good starting point, the DNR has a camping supply checklist opens in a new browser tab.

Check equipment before you leave home

Broken tent poles or a leaky air mattress might ruin a camping trip or make it less comfortable. If your camping gear hasn’t been used in a while or is new, test it at home



before the trip to make sure it works.

Research events to enhance your trip

Events and programs are scheduled at state parks throughout the year, offering a wide range of activities from fishing and birding, to interpretive hikes, to crafting. Visitors of all ages are welcome, and no prior experience is needed. Find event listings on the state parks and trails event calendar opens in a new browser tab.

Check visitor alerts before leaving home

State park and recreation area websites post visitor alerts to communicate important information related to safety, closures, construction projects and other helpful details. Find visitor alerts by choosing a park from the state parks map opens in a new browser tab.

Don’t get lost, navigate with a smartphone

The Avenza Maps app uses GPS location tracking so visitors can stay found, even off the grid. After you download the app and a GeoPDF map, no internet or cell service is needed. DNR maps can be downloaded for free. Get details on the DNR’s GeoPDF web

page opens in a new browser tab.

Watch the weather

Stay in the know by enabling severe weather notifications on your smartphone. Because cell service is not available in all locations within state parks, recreation areas and forests, visitors may want to bring a weather radio to get information about severe weather warnings, watches and advisories.

Document your trip and share your photos

Make sure to bring a camera to document the great memories made on the camping trip, and we’d love for you to share your photos with us. Images submitted may be featured on the Parks and Trails social media accounts. Share photos on the DNR photo sharing web page opens in a new browser tab.

For more information about any of these camping tips, visit www.mndnr.gov opens in a new browser tab or contact the DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us opens in a new browser tab or 888-646-6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).

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Dog Cognition: Dogs Are Even Smarter Than You Think

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Dogs have been known to learn hundreds of words, do arithmetic, and guess what people and other dogs are thinking. We know all this and more, thanks to the growing number of scientists around the country and the world who have, since the beginning of this century, been turning their attention to the burgeoning field of dog cognition.

So what do you need to know about your dog's know-how? And how can you nurture that brilliant brain of his? The first thing to note is: there's no such thing as "the dog." Just like humans, each dog is different. So while scientists are working hard on collecting data about the way dogs experience the world, it's important to remember that their findings aren't designed to give you a blueprint to your particular pet. The studies can be interesting, useful guides, but the real joy of dog cognition is in getting curious about the way your own dog thinks. While you get to know your dog's mind, remember that there are many different kinds of intelligence. Some dogs might excel at gauging social situations, others might be adept at learning words, while still others might have great problem-solving abilities — or your dog might have some other cognitive skill entirely.

Although every dog is unique, there is enough evidence to indicate that species-wide one of the really special things about dogs is how well they understand humans. "They are very attentive to and responsive to us, which is a great social cognitive skill," Dr. Alexandra Horowitz, head of the Dog Cognition Lab at Barnard College, Columbia University, told me.

Researchers don't entirely agree on why dogs are so socially savvy. The prevailing view is that their social intelligence is evolutionary: that over the thousands of years since wolves entered the human sphere and started to morph into the pets we know today, breeding has favored qualities that make dogs good companions to humans, such as friendliness and an affinity for us, which make them good at reading our behavior.

There's also a theory that each dog simply acquires his or her social intelligence through the sheer amount of time spent around humans — that's why puppy socialization is so important.

This manifests in many ways. Zachary Silver, a Ph.D. student in the Comparative Cognition Lab at Yale University, studies the way dogs interpret the social world. "They're extremely skillful at following our communicative cues, especially our points and our gazes," he told me. "But it even goes a step further: they pay really close attention to how we interact with each other." For instance, there's evidence to suggest that, in some contexts, dogs will notice whether a human is helpful or unhelpful, and favor the helpful person.

Silver's current research focuses on dogs' understanding of humans' perspectives: he's working to build on previous findings indicating that, in some contexts, if food is hidden such that a dog sees one person observe the hiding and one miss it, they are more likely to take a hint about its whereabouts from the person who watched it being hidden. This suggests that dogs might be drawing all sorts of complex conclusions about what we know and feel.

As Silver observes, "Dogs do pretty sophisticated things regarding understanding our own perspective."

If humans want to understand what it's like to be a dog, the nose is an excellent place to start. It's well known that dogs have a much more powerful sense of smell than humans, but did you know just how much more powerful? As Alexandra Horowitz outlines in her New York Times bestselling book "Being a Dog: Following the Dog Into a World of Smell":

Explosives-detection dogs smell as little as a picogram—a trillionth of a gram— of TNT or other explosive. What might it be like to notice a picogram of an odor? ... The average cinnamon roll has about a gram of cinnamon in it. Sure, the human nose is on it, from the moment we open the door of the house. Now imagine the smell of one trillion cinnamon rolls. That's what the dog coming in with us smells when we enter.

This sense of smell gives dogs remarkable insights into their environment. Horowitz notes that a tracking dog can tell which direction someone is moving in from smelling just five of their footprints. And in some European countries, dogs' noses now have the legal seal of approval: if a dog is able to identify a suspect based on smells left at the crime scene, that evidence is admissible in court.

This sensory difference is important because it gives us information about how dogs experience and interpret the world. Humans are primarily visual creatures, navigating by sight. Dogs, by contrast, process the world through their noses, and thus have all kinds of scent skills that are difficult for humans to conceive of.

By applying a little imagination about what it might be like to live in a scent-based world, we can better appreciate dogs' cognitive abilities. For instance: dogs do not recognize themselves in mirrors, which had been thought to indicate that they don't possess self-awareness. But Dr. Horowitz has demonstrated that dogs do recognize changes in their own smell, demonstrating "perhaps something somewhat like self-awareness," she told me.

Since dogs' experiences are so scent-based, one of the best ways to nurture your dog is to indulge his or her nose. "My favorite mantra these days is 'let them sniff,'" Dr. Horowitz told me. "It's important to let them investigate the world with their noses." Dr. Horowitz and fellow canine behavior researcher Dr. Charlotte Durantoni have even found that dogs who are allowed to sniff have a more optimistic approach to the world.

Besides allowing them plenty of freedom to sniff, how else can dog owners keep their pets mentally stimulated? Experts consulted by the American Kennel Club agreed: it's all about communication. "Your dogs are constantly communicating with you — watch their behavior carefully, instead of presuming that you know what they want or know," Dr. Horowitz told me. "And they learn what we want or know best from our being consistent and clear when we ask things of them. Give them new challenges and expose them to new places and activities."

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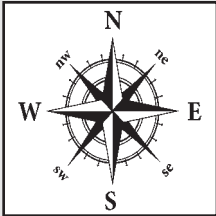
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Horse Sense and Character



By Terry Campbell

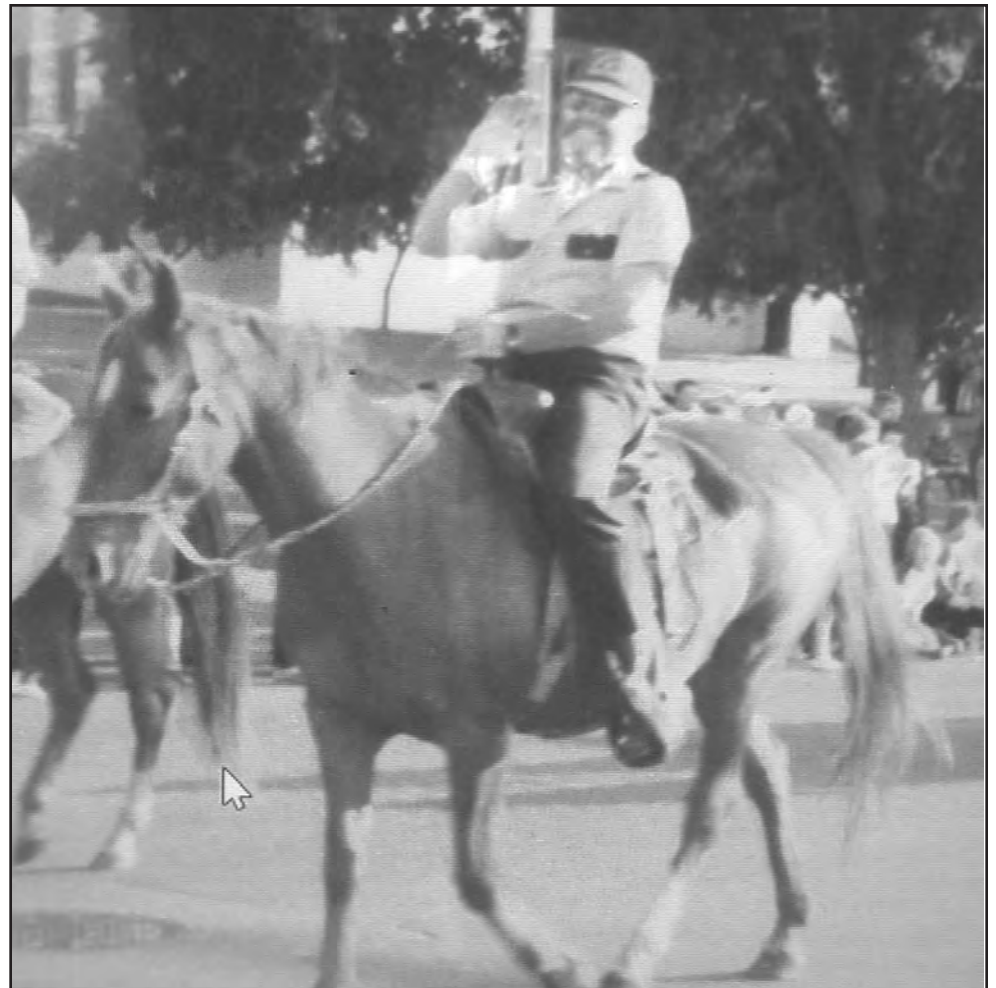
This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

This is a picture of my dad from 1984. I grew up with horses, but my dad did not like them very much. As a young kid he would take me to look at horses. He would wait while I rode them. And he would haul them back to the farm for me. There would be comments about how once cars were invented it was silly to go backwards to horse power. But once he joined the Sheriff's Mounted Posse it became a necessary evil. So, he bought this big Egyptian Arab geld-

ing. Azibelli loved to run and if you gave him his head he would flat out run like the wind. There is something exhilarating about pounding down the road on the back of a powerful horse, feeling as one with the beast, knowing that one miss step would likely be catastrophic. I was young and willing to risk life and limb on the back of this steed, even though I was a quarter horse guy and never much cared for Arabians, because this horse could run. I don't believe though, that my dad ever rode him at more than a walk.

My dad was very opinionated and stubborn and we butted heads often since I was the same way. He had me with more experience though. Anyone who has owned an Arabian knows what stubborn is. My dad loved a good theological argument with anyone who would engage him. He was certain he could make someone believe in Jesus if he just could talk to them long enough.

One incident I recall had little to do with horses and happened a few years earlier in life. It had to do with an old yellow school bus. As I recall, Dale Blanshan and a couple guys embarked on a cross country trip in a school bus. They were strumming and singing their way out west. They had the same idea my dad had, but they were more musical about it. I was around ten at this time, so my recollection may be a little hazy. At one point the bus broke down a long way from home and they needed funds for repair. My dad went to wire them money but it was a Saturday and the banks were closed. The only place to get cash for the wire transfer was the liquor store. My dad headed into West Concord to the Muni for \$300. The



Dad on Azibelli

guy at the liquor store had no idea who my dad was and questioned why they should let him write a check for cash. One might wonder how my dad could live his whole life in West Concord and there be people who didn't know him, but this was his first trip into the liquor store. If you knew my dad, you would know that too. So while he was trying to procure greenbacks with a check for three young guys on the other side of the USA in a broke down yellow school bus, Al Renner the hardware store owner showed up as a credit reference. When asked if my dad's check was good, Al said, "If Dana writes a check for a million dollars it will be good."

I was a young kid and a million dollars

sounded like a whole lot of money. I was certain that a poor farm family in Dodge County did not have that kind of money. So I wondered why someone would say that, not knowing our financial situation. In fact, I don't believe anyone one I knew could write a check for a million dollars. Over the last fifty years I have pondered this conversation and eventually came to understand it. It wasn't that my dad had a million dollars in his checking account. It was that he had a reputation of being a man of his word and if he said something it was backed up with integrity and truth. And that is worth more than a million dollars.

A Minnesotan: The Problem With Geese



By RosaLin Alcoser

There is nothing I fear more on this earth than geese... well maybe snakes, but geese are the more intimate threat. Because here in Minnesota geese are everywhere.

Geese are at the park, in the parking lot, on the sidewalks, and even standing in the middle of the freeway in some cases- like they own the place.

It started out when I was a small child and the geese would chase me around the park honking. Since I was about the same size as them I guess it made sense that they were going after me.

Thankfully in response to these attacks my sister would chase the geese away from me so that I was not mauled to death by a goose at age six.

However, it did not stop as I got older. To this day geese will still chase me if given

the chance. Now I can out run the geese or avoid them all together.

When I was in community college in Rochester the geese that would hang out on campus would chase me across the campus on an almost daily basis. Which my mother did not believe was happening until she saw me take off running at the sound of 'Honk! Honk!' and a flock of geese start charging at me.

Don't worry I made it to the car before the geese caught up to me and lived to tell the tale.

My fear is not just limited to grease either. It does extend to water brands as a whole. I have also been attacked by ducks and gulls. The only reason the loons, swans and cranes have not gotten to me is because I am not fool enough to go anywhere close to them after the incident with the duck.

A couple years later when I was in University back south I was at the park with some friends. We were sitting on a bench watching the ducks, but not doing anything to the ducks. When a duck walked up to me and bit me on the leg with its serrated beak.

While ducks do not have teeth it does hurt when they bite you with their serrated beaks.

It is because of that duck and many, many geese that I now stay clear of all water birds. As I now live under the belief that if I give them space they just might not try to kill me... or at least not have the opportunity to.

P.S. as I write this two ducks have landed on my patio and taunted me with their serrated beaks.

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