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## Ready, Set, Learn provides School Supplies

For over fifteen years local donations have provided school supplies for kids in Dodge County. The fund raising starts in the spring and included a bean bag tournament at the Dodge County Free Fair.



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## Enjoy a Meal, Write a Review



We are offering our readers a chance to write a review of one of the restaurants in our Diners Guide. Visit one of the restaurants featured on the Diners Guide in this issue and let us know what you think of the meal you enjoyed.

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# Minnesota Implement brings Fabrication to West Concord

By Tyler Weeks

With the metal fabrication industry expected to grow almost 5% by 2028, there is a rising demand for manufactured goods in construction, automotive, and aeronautics. While these sectors are essential for the growth of the metal industry, they must adapt to the increasing need for sustainability. Through companies pooling their efforts into minimizing waste and reducing energy consumption, they can continue this upward trend while leaving little to no carbon footprint.

One of the companies contributing to a greener practice is Minnesota Implement, the best source for custom skid loader and skid steer attachments in the West Concord community. Due to the freedom of their smaller shop, they can offer attachments custom-



made for any construction vehicle, providing you with something perfectly fitted for your

needs.

Just send one of your current attachments to them to copy and resize through a process that brings excess material to a minimum and runs less than 5% non-usable waste.

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## Announcements

• **GriefShare support group** for those seeking support and healing from loss of a loved one through death. At Anchor Of Hope Church, 203 E. Main St, Dodge Center, at 6:30 pm. Contact Rev Dale Rood at 507-633-2772 for further information.

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

Do you have an announcement?  
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## Local Youths Provide Yard Services

The Leon family of Dodge Center started a yard service this summer. Christopher, Soack and Andrea are looking to do yard and garden services, cleaning, cutting and removing branches and snow removal come winter. They come with their own tools and equipment and have both riding and push lawnmowers. The estimates are free and they price by the job. You can call them at 507-977-7744 or 507-977-7217.

## Triton Football Fall Preview 2024

By Pat Garry, Contributing Writer



Last season, the football Cobras finished 6-6, having won the section title over Maple River, before losing to Cannon Falls in the

state quarterfinals.

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## Do You Love Your Church?



By Peter Moen  
Concord Church of Christ

My wife and I enjoy going out to eat with each other. I know, I know, normal, healthy couples do this all the time and it is called a DATE. But really, we enjoy going to good restaurants and experiencing excellent food.

We were at one such place a couple of months ago. The service was spot on. The appetizers were just the right amount of food, but also spectacular. The main course lived up to the hype and wasn't even that expensive!

In fact, we might go so far to say we really liked this restaurant, maybe even say we loved the restaurant. It was just such an overall good experience and it made us want to go back. For me to say I loved something like a restaurant is a pretty big deal. I don't "love" many things outside of people.

Something else I love are my three daughters. I have a photo album on Facebook that is entitled "I love my daughters." I have a hashtag #ilovemydaughters for pictures of my daughters on Instagram or "insta" as the kids call it.

I am more aware than ever that these kids grow up fast! My oldest will be EIGHTEEN years in just over three years. They are getting taller. They are getting smarter. So when they ask me to do something I am sensitive to the fact that they will someday grow up so I get off my computer or whatever it is I am doing and I do it with them.

I play games. I go shoot some hoops. I volunteer at school. I go kick around a soccer ball. I proofread their writing assignment or go over math homework. And I do it with intentionality because I love them and I want them to not only know it, but feel it.

What do we mean when we say, "I love my church"? What does it mean to love one another? Does God want us to love one another like I loved my experience at the restaurant, or does He want me to love the church like I love my daughters?

With the restaurant I was experiencing something given to me, a place offering ME something. The restaurant fed me and provided a moment in which I could participate. If the experience itself was excellent, I could

rate it as so, give it a positive review on Yelp or Facebook, and recommend it to others. If it was the opposite type of experience, I wouldn't return and I'd tell others to avoid it.

With my daughters I was experiencing an important relationship. My daughters are people whom I am intrinsically connected with. My love for them isn't based on what I'm receiving or experiencing but based on who they are and what is involved in our relationship. Because I love them, I care for them, I play with them, we go through life together. That journey might bring about some not so great experiences, but we work through those.

The church was never meant to be like a restaurant; it's meant to be based on relationships. This begins first and foremost in a relationship with Jesus, and through that we are connected to one another. His death on the cross was an act of love for us. In the Gospel of John we are told it was because God loved us so much that He sent His son to die for us, that we might have real life. He intentionally loves us and serves us.

In being brought into that relationship, we aren't only brought into a relationship with Jesus but also into relationship with one another. Being in a relationship with Jesus means being part of the church, part of His kingdom, part of the family of faith. This family, like all families, is not always easy to get along with, but with Jesus as the head of the family we gain more than we could ever lose in being part of it.

My prayer for all of us is that we would see the church as the family of God. That we would see this family as worth investing in and cherishing. That we would be intentional in being with each other. Because we can be assured that with Jesus at the head of this family, we will be better off for it.

## Fall Senior Festival at Faith Community Church

The Fall Senior Festival and Hymn Sing will be held at Faith Community Church in West Concord, MN on Thursday, September 19th at 2:00 pm. All seniors are invited to come and enjoy singing favorite hymns. We will live-stream the Sr. Festival on Facebook: WC Faith Community Church. Refreshments will be available following the program. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends. Faith Community Church is located at 305 State Street North (Hwy. 56) in West Concord. The facility is handicap accessible.

This is a free event!. For more information call the church at 527-2244.



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404 Central Avenue N, Dodge Center  
Rev. Elliott Malm • 507-633-2253  
<https://gracedc.church>  
Worship 9a.m.; Sunday School 10:30a.m.

#### Praise Fellowship Church

602 Central Avenue S, Dodge Center  
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#### Dodge Center Methodist Church

201 1st St. NE, Dodge Center  
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## Area Church Directory

### Which of These Was a Neighbor?

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

— Luke 10:27

When we moved into our house 12 years ago, there were only five other houses on the street and a lot of empty lots where new homes would be built. We imagined what the houses and neighbors would look like—and now, with almost 100 houses on our street alone, we have made friends with many of our neighbors.

Along the way we decided to become "muffin people," delivering those treats to about a dozen houses nearby. We introduced ourselves without thinking who might be behind the door except that they were neighbors. We began a soup and buns night with neighbors too, learned their stories, and shared life with them. It may have cost us a bit, but the reward of sharing experiences has been life changing.

The parable of the good Samaritan offers a picture of what Jesus was trying to show a religious leader who wanted to test him. It is about risk and relationship with people who are not identical to us. It is about seeing the one that Jesus has placed in front of us and becoming involved in their story. It is about addressing hurts and loneliness because that is what Jesus is asking us to do. It is about paying attention to the needs of people around us and not stepping aside or walking by, thinking that someone else can take care of them.

Who is your neighbor?

*Lord, open our eyes and hearts to all the people whom you have given us to be our neighbors. Help us to see and share your love for all. Amen.*

### CLAREMONT

#### 1st Presbyterian Church

200 East Street, Claremont • 528-2320  
Pastor Doug Walters  
Sunday Worship at 10:00a.m.

#### St. John Lutheran Church

4532 SE 84th Avenue, Claremont • 528-2404  
Pastor Alan Broadwell  
Sunday Service at 10:30a.m.

### WEST CONCORD

#### Faith Community Church

305 State Street N, West Concord • 507-527-2244  
Pastor David Brederland  
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[www.fcwc.org](http://www.fcwc.org)  
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#### Hegre Lutheran, ELCA

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Sunday worship video is posted on Facebook:  
[TrinityLutheranChurchWestConcordMN](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityLutheranChurchWestConcordMN)  
Sundays 9:45a.m. Worship in building and live streamed on Facebook.  
Sunday School 10:30a.m.  
Tuesday Men's Bible Study, 7:00a.m.  
at church and via Zoom  
Call church for more information on ministries and events.

#### Church of Christ

55087 200th Ave., West Concord • 507-527-2723  
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## Gary Wandrey

Gary Wandrey, age 75, passed away surrounded by family August 8, 2024 in Owatonna, MN.



Friends greeted the family from 4:00-7:00 PM Monday, August 12, 2024, at Brick-Meger Funeral Home (1603 A u s t i n Road, Owatonna, MN)



and one hour prior to the funeral Mass at the church. A Knights of Columbus Rosary was recited at 3:45 PM at the funeral home on Monday.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 AM Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Litomysl (9946 SE 24th Avenue, Owatonna). Military honors were provided by the Steele County Funeral Unit.

Gary was born November 9, 1948, the second child of Alfred and Thedora (Valentyn) Wandrey. He attended St. Mary's School through 8th grade, he attended Dodge Center High School, Foothill High School (Bakersfield, CA), Brainerd High School and Owatonna High School.

He joined the US Army April 3, 1967. September 1967 he was sent to Vietnam serving through September 1968. He returned to Ft. Lewis near Tacoma, Washington. In July 1970 he served in Germany, Vietnam in 1971, and

in March 1972 was wounded and returned to the states. He served until December 1980. In 1985, he returned to the military, joining the Army Reserves until retiring in 1993 with 21 years served.

July 9, 1983, he married the love of his life Rita (Rysavy) Wandrey, together they had two children.

Gary worked as a truck driver with many area companies including Norseman Trucking, Waseca; Dietrich Trucking, New Ulm and Johnson Bros. Trucking, Waseca. He retired from Gallea Transfer, Owatonna, with 21 years of service.

He was a 3rd & 4th degree life member of the Owatonna Knights of Columbus; life member of V.F.W., Owatonna and Purple Heart Society. He was a Quilt of Valor recipient, May 2024.

Gary enjoyed camping, hunting, trap shooting, participating in the Big Island Rendezvous, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his wife Rita; children, Tricia (James) Edmonson, Kellie (Thomas) Mabin, Gary S. Wandrey, Regina (Keith) Hawk, Jamie (Jessica) Wandrey, Holly (John) Anderson and Jonathon (Teresa) Wandrey; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; siblings, Brian (Nan) Wandrey, Allienne (Odean) Haarstad, Sandy Beauoin, Dennis (Debbie) Wandrey, Dianne (Freddie) Engelhart, Greg Wandrey, LaRayne Wandrey and Patty Wandrey.

He was preceded in death by his parents,

Alfred and Thedora Wandrey; brothers, Alfred Wandrey, Richard Wandrey and Roger Wandrey and sister Pamela (Wandrey) Bowe; grandson, Trever Kelling; niece, Belinda Demming; father and mother-in-law, Jerry & Roselyn Rysavy; brother-in-law, David Rysavy and sister-in-law, Gail (Borchert) Rysavy.

In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to the American Cancer Society, Sacred Heart Church, Owatonna or Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Litomysl.

In Gary's words, "THERE YOU GO".

## Ruth Marie McColley

Ruth Marie McColley, Mom age 78, passed away August 9, 2024, at her home in Dodge Center surrounded by her family. Ruth fought a courageous 10-year battle with breast cancer. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter and kindness that touched the hearts of



all who knew her.

Ruth was born on April 10, 1946, she was the 7th of 8 children to Elmer and Edna (Dahl) Borgen. She attended Chatfield high school. She met her husband Wayne at the Playmore Ballroom where they fell in love quickly and married on April 6th, 1968. They were blessed with 3 daughters and 1 son, along with raising her granddaughters Kayla and Sarah after the passing of her daughter Tammy. Ruth and Wayne moved from Rochester, MN to Dodge Center, MN in 1971, where Ruth and Wayne worked side by side building their dream farm together.

Ruth and Wayne were long time members of Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center. Faith was a vital part of every stage of Ruth's life.

Ruth and Wayne enjoyed traveling all over the United States and abroad, they most enjoyed stopping at plantations in the South and exploring their rich history. They spent many years being a part of the friendship wagon train. Ruth was most proud of collecting donations for the wagon train to support the special Olympics each year.

Ruth's greatest joy was spending time with her family. She cherished every moment with her children and grandchildren, creating last-

ing memories, especially on Sundays as family always gathered together. Ruth valued all of relationships among her extended family members. Her warm smile and open arms welcomed everyone into her home. She had a love for collecting angels. Ruth and Wayne enjoyed dancing the polka and waltz.

Ruth's family remember her most of all for her donuts, meatballs and corn cob jam. She loved going out to eat, spending time with her family and her husband Wayne and going to Jackpot Junction. She enjoyed her quiet times alone, doing word find puzzles and spoiling Jax, the family dog.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tammy; brother, Howard Borgen, his wives, Shirley Borgen and Barb Borgen; sister, Marion Phelps and her husband, Sid Phelps.

Ruth's love extended to her 3 children, Robert (Jodi) McColley, Doreen (Allan) Nelson, Brenda (Owen) Moe, who remember her most of all for her beautiful smile and kind heart. Her 13 grandchildren, Kayla, Sarah, Samantha, Morgan, Justin, Haley, Braeden, Emery, Jacob, Jenna, Valerie, Janessa, and Ashlyn and 4 great grandkids, Jordyn, Colten, Brantley, and Brecken whom will carry her legacy of kindness and joy. Also she left behind a brother, Palmer (late Audrey) and Nancy, Eva (late Nado Jr) Bernard and Larry, Phyllis (Al) Blazing, Donna (late John) Ginggrass, Linda (Stan) Scott.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Ruth's Oncologists, Dee Smith and Dr. Haddad and the rest of Gonda 10 South team for giving us so many more years to enjoy and love her. Thank you for choosing to work in this field, you are needed, you are appreciated, and you are all heroes in our eyes. May God bless you and your sincere efforts.

Visitation was from 4:00pm-8:00pm on Friday, August 16th, 2024, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes in Dodge Center, MN (25 South Street SW) and one hour prior to the service at church on Saturday. Funeral services were at 11:00am on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, at Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center, MN (308 2nd St NW). Burial took place following the service at Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

Family wish for memorial gifts and donations be made to Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center or a charity of their choice.

Blessed be her memory.



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## That's the Latest Road Farming



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.

Even though I'm off the farm and off the air, I still keep up to date on agricultural news and markets. I still do a lot of road farming as well. I've written before about how I incorporated that name in to my website. Road-farming is an old term where you drive around the country and look at the crops through your windshield and determine how the crops are going to yield.

Unscientific and inaccurate as it might be, it is a lot of fun. To gain accuracy, I refer to the USDA grain reports to see just how far off my estimates are. Well, the August USDA crop report, which is the first one of the year that gives us a good idea of how the crops will fare, shows a lot more corn than I've seen through the windshield.

USDA is forecasting an average national corn yield of 183.1 bushels per acre (bpa) for a national total production of 15.147 billion bushels. That would be the third highest total production ever in the U.S. Also, as of August 4, 2024, 67% of the nation's corn is rated good to excellent condition which is 10 percentage points above last year at this time. Minnesota is expected to have an average yield of 185 bpa for a grand total production of 1.415 billion bushels from the 7.65 million corn acres in the Gopher state.

Soybean production nationally is estimated to yield 53.2 bpa for a total of nearly 4.6 billion bushels. That national yield of 53.2 would be a record. Minnesota's soybean yield right now estimated at 49 bpa for a total of just over 359 million bushels. Minnesota average statewide last year was 48 bpa for soybeans. The national soybean production in the August report was well above trade estimates thus the prices went down after the report came out.

As a farm broadcaster, I enjoyed going through all the numbers and then calling grain traders and farm leaders to get their reaction.



Armadillos, which are increasing in numbers in Iowa, are the state small mammal in Texas.

And every year there are those who won't even come close to those yields because of weather. This year, the torrential rains and flooding will hurt many farms that got hit hard. The flip side is a lot of farmers got just the right amount of rain and in a timely fashion. A number of states are looking at record yields for corn including Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska and South Dakota. Record high soybean yields are expected in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Arkansas and Mississippi.

I also peruse the ag news to look for offbeat stories. I found this one written by Abigail Kurten with KCRG, Cedar Rapids. She wrote about how armadillos are moving north into Iowa. Jim Coffey, an Iowa DNR Wildlife Biologist explained to Kurten that armadillos are not new to Iowa. They've had reports for many, many years about armadillo sightings but yet it's rare to see one this far north. Although, Coffey did say in the last 6 years of record keeping, they have had from 12 to 24 reported sightings. Armadillos could maybe survive a mild winter but if it is one of those brutally cold winters, they would not fare so well.

The only armadillo sighting I've had was at the armadillo races held in Austin, Texas, during a convention that I was attending. Racing of the miniature army tanks is quite common in Texas. The particular race I was at, the armadillos ran an oval course that was about 40 yards in length. They move fairly quickly once they're pointed in the right direction, so the races didn't take very long. Unlike the goldfish races I attended one year in Kansas City. There, the track was a 2 inch deep cake pan about 20 inches long. They had dividers in the cake pan so 6 goldfish could compete at once. They took about the

same amount of time to go 20 inches as the swallowing, however, is still a sanctioned armadillos that went 40 yards. And no, the sport. Sanctioned by frat houses on various winning goldfish did not get a gold medal. I college campuses. don't think this event caught on. Goldfish

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## Car Show Held at Grace Lutheran Church

A car show was held at Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5–8 p.m. The event raised \$7,686 for Grace Lutheran School, which just celebrated its 50-year anniversary.

After the organizer, Steve "Smokey" Peterson welcomed everyone, Pastor Malm offered an opening prayer. There were nearly 100 cars and an estimated 400–500 people in attendance for the night. Classic cars from as far as Lake Mills, Iowa, and Hastings, Minnesota, were present. Freewill offering was received for the food that was served... and we ran out of food. The program included music provided by the local band Rockin Hepcats. Patricia Marquardt was honored for her service as a teacher and principal at the school for all the years. It was a beautiful, summer evening, with many people from young to old enjoying time outside the church.



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## Minnesota Implement brings Fabrication to West Concord

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Practices like these contribute to a more sustainable metal industry for Minnesota- keeping our state green in the process.

The company has used American-made products since their release in 1998 but has worked in the landscaping industry for over fifty years. With experienced workers in welding, manufacturing, and fabrication, they specialize in attachments such as the Buckthorn Tree and Post Puller. Clearing land for agriculture has never been easier, as removing a tree or pole is as simple as ripping it out by its base. Their guarantee of providing the perfect attachment for any vehicle doesn't just apply to Buckthorn Pullers- lightweight and durable snow plows, grapple buckets to clear logs and debris, trench diggers, hoe arms,

grading planers, rakes, forks, and trailer hitches are all available through their website.

With such a vast selection of products, it's crucial to have a straightforward process of planning, building, and bringing the item into customers' hands to ensure the smoothest buying experience. After interviewing the company about their manufacturing process, it was clear that several steps outline this crucial part of fabrication.

What is your process of creating products, from receiving an order to putting it in the hands of a customer?

Minnesota Implement: Most of our equipment comes from a deep understanding of the product and how we can have it function to the best of the client's needs. When a customer comes to us with a unique idea or project, we refine their idea using decades of experience to turn it into the best product possible.

90% of our production process is done on-site, from the raw steel stock to cutting, machining, welding, painting, and assembling the order. Only the rolling process of our plow skin backboard and a few laser-cut parts are outsourced.

The design process is done entirely on paper and by fabrication and refinement. Being hands-on, our company doesn't use any com-

puter design in our manufacturing process. A laser cutter would help speed up our operations, but it isn't a high priority at our production level.

Which of your products is the most popular?

Snow plows and tree pullers are the bulk of our orders, with our total yearly production rate at around 200 to 270 units. While other market offerings focus only on efficiency, we specifically develop our designs to maximize fit and function for the client.

You used to have one location in Afton and the other in West Concord. What is the history behind them, and what differentiates the two stores?

We started fabricating equipment in 1998, operating under the original name of Koeckeritz Iron and Steel. Since it didn't fully represent what our company does, we rebranded to Minnesota Implement Inc. in 2014. Our original shop in Afton was a 600 sq ft addition on the side of my dad's pole building, which functioned very well for us as a two-person operation. However, its size severely limited the ability to grow our business and take on larger contracts.

In 2019, our wish to expand the shop came true after purchasing the old hardware store on 207 Main St. in West Concord. From

there, we would operate out of both locations, keeping daily fabrication work at Afton and making West Concord our dealer lot, warehouse, and alternate workshop. The "5-year plan" was to eventually build or buy a house in West Concord and fully move the business there.

Fortunately, Minnesota Implement's took shape before COVID hit when they bought a home in West Concord. Due to the small size of their shop, the pandemic seemed to benefit them, and they grew impressively despite the economic turmoil. While larger businesses were forced to shut down, their company was considered essential amidst the struggling time. In 2022, a welding shop bought on the other end of the block was the final puzzle piece they needed to complete their operations. With its purchase, they successfully moved their shop to West Concord and now work there full-time.

Our 3-year growth plan is to get the old hardware store set up and functioning as a dealer lot, showroom, and distribution center. The fabrication shop on 268 Main will grow from 3 workers to an 8 to 12 full-time employee operation. We are now seeking dealers and investors to help us with this next stage of our evolution. (Minn. Implement)

If you want to help make this plan a reality, need a new attachment for your vehicle, or a custom order like the eight-foot metal dog they built for a client's park, contact Minnesota Implement at 651-269-5688 or check out their website! They'll turn the ideas in your head or scribble on a napkin into something functional and beautiful.

While companies like Minnesota Implement are making great strides toward a more sustainable society, they can only do so much. That's not to say supporting your local businesses does nothing, but a massive part of keeping our community green depends on us. It's up to the people to do their part, conserve excess energy and power, limit disposable items and food waste, and, most importantly- make their impact sustainable.

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- Saturday, December 7th -  
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Find more events in the region here!





## West Concord National Night Out





# Community



On Saturday July 28th the Dodge County Historical Society hosted their third annual fundraiser in Wasioja from 11am to 4pm. Vintage tractors and classic cars were on display along with a selection of quilts at the Wasioja Church. The Onion Creek band was performing live and food was available on site. The Church, old school and civil war recruiting station were open for tours. There was miniature horse and wagon rides and vendors with booths selling items.





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## A Great Week of VBS in West Concord



Beautiful weather to have it outside at Lion's Park. We had 47 kids participate and 8 teen helpers and many adult helpers and teachers. Thank you to all of the church people and prayer warriors that helped make VBS 2024 a success.

Our mission was to raise money to buy goats through Compassion to help families have milk and a livelihood. Each goat cost \$100 and we were able to buy 5 goats because of the generosity of our wonderful community.

We also met our goal so the pastors had to take the "Pastor Plunge" and the helpers took the plunge too! The Friday Family Fun night was met with great enthusiasm and the Pool Party was a fun way to end the week.

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The fare is very tasty and agreeable to the midwestern palette with a variety to satisfy everyone. Evenings and weekends there is steak cooked to order hot off the grill as well. The East Wind Buffet has been an advertiser in our Diners Guide since the beginning and we are proud to recommend them to all our readers. There is plenty of seating in booths and tables for larger groups.

They are open from 11am to 10pm six days a week and closed on Tuesdays. You can find them across from Lowes in Owatonna at 1015 West Frontage Road.

### Enjoy a Meal, Write a Review

(continued from page 1)

Some of the establishments have a coupon you can clip out and bring along for a discount on your meal. Let them know you saw their ad in the Messenger Diners Guide.

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## Allergies Gone



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS  
Licensed Nutritionist

Are allergies affecting your quality of life these days? As we move into the fall season, many will be challenged with hayfever, but others have been dealing with pollens since spring began. We often associate allergies with pollens or animal dander, but an allergic

reaction can develop for anything. Under the right conditions, the human body will identify a potential threat and develop an immune response to that threat in an effort to decrease your presence near that item. Food allergies are increasing across the country with the most common food items being dairy, eggs, nuts, seafood, and wheat. Chemical allergies are increasing as our environment continues to be overwhelmed with perfumes, personal care products, agricultural chemicals, and plastics. Even electrical sensitivities are being observed more frequently as our culture spends increasing amounts of time with cell phones, laptops, and iPads. All of these challenges increase stress on our body and activate our immune system. The allergic reaction is a stress response of your immune system.

The stress response from the immune system can have different levels of intensity. You may be allergic to something and have such a low immune response that you do not recognize it as a problem. At the extreme end of allergic response we have a reaction where breathing gets difficult and heart rate increases, known as anaphylactic shock. Hives, body rashes, runny nose, and watery eyes are additional symptoms we recognize as allergic responses.

Three main systems of the human body express allergic reactions. The digestive system can generate cramps, bloating, or diarrhea immediately after eating a certain food. The lungs can have difficulty breathing after exposure to pollens, chemicals, or food.

Asthma is often related to allergies of food, pollen, and chemicals. The skin will present with rashes, eczema, or psoriasis as an allergic response. As you consider these three systems of your body, which one seems to be the area you experience?

How can this allergic response be changed? Your immune cells are the “front line troops” that respond to any food, chemical, or pollen you come across. The immune cells release chemicals to attack the challenge. Current ways of treating allergic responses involve shots, drops, or medicine to calm the immune cells and suppress the activity. But the immune cells receive instructions from your brain on how to act. To make a lasting change, the allergic response can be reduced by helping the nervous system to “change its mind” or “reset” about the offending item.

A client came to the office with an allergy to cow’s milk. The allergic response started after a car accident when a newly purchased gallon of milk hit the dashboard and sprayed all over the car. The brain registered the stress of the car accident with exposure to the milk and the result after the accident was an allergic reaction any time the client consumed milk. Another client reported some trauma in the family that took place at the same time he developed asthma. The brain will process information in such a way as to most effectively help the body survive. Allergy medications and shots only help to suppress the signaling but do not help resolve the issue.

There can be true allergy relief by providing

specific signals to the brain to reset on this information. An allergy response to pollen, animal hair, food, or chemical can be removed when the brain is given the proper stimulation to make a change. This stimulation is accomplished with a focused beam of light that carries the electrical frequency of the allergy to the nervous system to stimulate the brain to reset. Typically just one treatment is needed to resolve a specific allergy and remove the hyper-sensitive response. The light therapy is pain free and involves a simple clinic office visit. This therapy has been available across the country for more than 16 years and is quickly becoming the favored alternative to allergy shots and medication.

As a society we have become well trained to look to medications to reduce our symptoms of illness, and we have become ignorant of the true building blocks that sustain life. Allergies are a signal that the brain is hypersensitive about a specific item. You do not have to be dependent on allergy shots or medications to get through another day. A free video about this therapy is available at <https://www.drgramchiro.com/allergy-relief/>

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## How to Talk to Your Veterinarian About CBD Oil for Dogs

Unfortunately, conversations about veterinary CBD oil are restricted by law, which poses problems for dog owners.

CBD, or cannabidiol, is a cannabis compound used to treat certain medical conditions in people. Increasingly, dog owners are interested in incorporating CBD oil into their dogs’ healthcare plans. With so many CBD products to choose from, it’s important that you know how to talk to your veterinarian with questions and concerns.

We talked to AKC Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Jerry Klein to learn how dog owners can navigate CBD oil discussions with their veterinarians to get the information they need to make the best decision for their dogs.

The effects of CBD are being studied on dogs, specifically with dogs with epilepsy. “There has been a lot of talk about the use of CBD products to help with various health conditions for people, and naturally, this talk has extended to the use of CBD oil for dogs,” Dr. Klein says.

“There have only been a few studies published on CBD for animals, which limits true scientific data. Most of the available information is anecdotal. Studies on CBD oil for dogs, like the one being funded by AKC Canine Health Foundation, will hopefully provide the scientific data that’s needed to gain legal approval. These studies will also help determine appropriate medical use and dosage, which isn’t currently available.”

Additionally, owners often wonder if it is legal for owners to recommend CBD oil to their patients. “According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, ‘under current federal and state law, veterinarians may not administer, dispense, prescribe or recommend cannabis or its products for animals,’” Dr. Klein says. “Laws are changing rapidly, so this may change in some areas of the country. Your veterinarian is likely able to provide recommendations for other products or medications to treat your pet’s problem.”

Dog owners looking for more information on CBD oil should do extensive research. Be sure that your information comes from multiple, reputable sources. Look to publications that are peer-reviewed.

Veterinarians also advise owners to make themselves knowledgeable about the risks of CBD. “Currently, most of what veterinarians know about CBD oil and dogs is anecdotal, and there is limited scientific evidence about the effects of its use,” Dr. Klein says. “That said, anytime you give your pet something new, there is always the potential for side effects.”

Some of the reported risks of CBD oil include: drop in blood pressure, increased sedation, reduced saliva production and decreased liver enzyme activities used to metabolize prescription drugs.

Always check with your veterinarian before you start your dog on a new supplement, especially if your pet is already on prescription medications.

Bringing this up to your vet can feel awkward, but it’s worth asking about. “Ideally, clients should be comfortable talking about any topic with their veterinarians,” Dr. Klein says. “The law may limit how veterinarians can discuss CBD oil with their clients, but clients should always feel comfortable bringing it up.”

Legislation changes all the time. If you want to explore using CBD oil for your dog, let your veterinarian know. Veterinarians have access to the most up-to-date information about products like CBD oil. Keeping your veterinarian in the loop about your decision to use CBD oil for your dog will also help them advise you about any potential contraindications with medications your pet may be taking.

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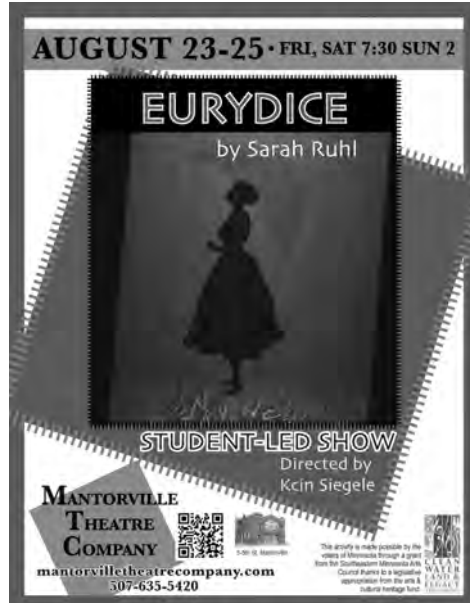


## Student-led "Eurydice" Leads Audience to the Underworld

Mantorville Theatre Company presents its second student-led production Eurydice by Sara Ruhl. The show runs August 23-25; Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2 at the Mantorville Opera House.

Eurydice reimagines the classic myth of Orpheus and Eurydice not through Orpheus's infamous pilgrimage to retrieve his bride, but through the eyes of its heroine. Dying too young on her wedding day, Eurydice must journey to the underworld, where she reunites with her father and struggles to remember her lost love.

Kcin Siegele directs the show and plays the role of Orpheus and will be a junior at Kason-Mantorville this fall. Jocelyn Moscatelli plays Eurydice and will be a sophomore at Byron High School. Emma Wilson portrays the Father of Eurydice. The Nasty Interesting Man and Child is played by Arlo Gall who will be a junior at K-M. A recent K-M grad, Bre Neher is the assistant director, set designer and plays The Littlest Stone. The Biggest Stone is played by Tyler Pries. Zoe Wallenstein portrays The Loudest Stone and will be a sophomore at K-M. Other student



crew members include Hayden Schauer and Logan Brewner on lights and sound and Elise Wilson works backstage.

This Mantorville Theatre Company student-led project gives an opportunity for talented youth to express themselves, build a sense of responsibility, and gain esteem within the community. Youth in our community can take part in school shows and summer theatre under adult guidance. However, they do not have options to create independently. This MTC project is student-run as much as possible. Students researched and proposed a script; they cast and directed the show, using student actors. Students designed and implemented the set and they selected-or-created costumes. They participated in



Student-led cast of Eurydice: Front left to right: Kcin Siegele, Arlo Gall, Jocelyn Moscatelli, Emma Wilson. Back: Bre Neher, Tyler Pries, Zoe Wallenstein. The show runs August 23-25, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 2. For reservations go to [www.mantorvilletheatrecompany.com](http://www.mantorvilletheatrecompany.com) or call 507-635-5420.

promotion of the show and in stage-management, lighting, and sound. Adult artists have been available to advise and ensure safety but adults have worked as instructors rather than implementers.

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## Get Real With Jill

By Cheri Roshon

Today I had the pleasure of meeting Jill Warner, Kenyon's newest realtor. She and her husband Brian have purchased Frank Peterson's building on Main Street, and she is now known as the "realtor with the gold door". Yes, her first renovation was to paint the front door gold. Why would she do such a thing? Because her "colors" are black and gold! And to be honest, she has a great imagination....

Imagine walking into a new house, and seeing all the possibilities it holds. That is one of Jill's favorite aspects of her job.

She has been in the real estate industry for over 20 years, and she has a keen sense as to what her clients are looking for, and how to bring their dreams to life. She prides herself on educating her clients as to the ins and outs of her business, and finding out what is important to them so she can help them to see the possibilities in each new showing. She says, "Buying a home is like going on a date. On the first date, you see what the house has to offer. If you see red flags, the first date is the last one. If however, you like the house, and you can see the possibilities, you go on a second date, and delve deeper into it." Great analogy!

I asked Jill what brought her to the real es-

tate business. She said she and Brian had been buying and flipping homes and businesses, and she decided that she may as well go the distance and become a realtor, not only for herself, but to be able to help others find their next home. After all, for most people, a home will be their largest investment. Many of her clients are first time home buyers, and don't really know what they are looking for. Jill makes it a point to find out things like, do they have or want pets? Do they like to have a close proximity to the town's school, daycare, or workplace? Are they thinking of having a large family, or would a smaller house do? She actually takes them around town if they don't already know it, and shows them the things they may be interested in knowing about. Like the pool, right in town and accessible for the kids. Or the walking trails and parks for evening strolls, or walking the dog. She makes it her job to understand the needs of the client, and point out what this area has to offer.

My next question was, Why Kenyon? Her family was living in Moose Lake, in northern Minnesota. When her daughter Isabel graduated from Aveda School of Cosmetology and moved to Texas, an opportunity to purchase Brian's grandparents' home became available, and they couldn't resist. Many of you will remember Lester and Doris Flom from Sogn. Well, they chose to make that their forever home, and here they are!

The next decision was, where would she locate her office? So she started calling around to the people who had buildings empty, not sure if she wanted to buy or rent. She wasn't sure if she should choose Kenyon or another

town, but the people of Kenyon were so welcoming, she knew this was the place for her. "I love living in a small town", she said. "People here are so kind and friendly. So many people know Brian's grandparents, and Eric and Mel Flom, his aunt and uncle, live just up the hill.", as well as his aunt & uncle Pam & Steve Tralle from Nerstrand. So, the decision was made, and now she is ready to help others with their next real estate adventure, whether it be commercial or residential.

I mentioned previously that the Warners had been flipping homes and businesses, but I didn't tell you that they also ran some of the businesses they bought, while upgrading them. Some of the properties she owned were insurance agencies and laundromats, a gas station and a restaurant! Quite a diverse collection, but the point is she knows how to make either a home or a business work for you.

So as you can probably tell, Jill is committed to her new clients, and willing to go the extra mile. She not only strives to educate her clients, but teaches other realtors how to be successful in their own company. She is also a consultant, and can help you get your business ideas flowing so you can be more efficient and creative in your own endeavors. All in all, Jill is about serving others and helping to make a difference in their lives. Her goal is to leave a lasting impression on those she works with. She invites you to pop in and say hello when her office is up and running, and to get to know her. She loves to hear the history of Kenyon, and of her build-



Jill Warner

ing, which has been many things. If you have any old pictures to share, she would love to see them, too.

She has a strong social media presence, and you can reach her at [jillwrealty@gmail.com](mailto:jillwrealty@gmail.com), or go to her website at [www.propertieswith-jill.com](http://www.propertieswith-jill.com). If you'd rather call, her number is (320) 279-3212. And you can always stop into her office....it's the one with the gold door! And you know she is here to stay!!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### To the Editors,

The West Concord Messenger is fortunate to have many talented local contributors. I especially look forward each month to the pieces written by Colleen Sathrum Haynes and Emery Kleven. Colleen and Emery are both K-12 graduates of the West Concord school system. Their glory days coincided, not incidentally, with the time I spent in the West Concord schools.

Colleen has a knack for finding dusty historical documents, a flyer for a long ago community picnic for example, and creating a vibrant word picture of an all but forgotten time when neighbors got together, often traveling long gravel roads, like-minded citizens out to have fun or do good, they were "days gone by" citizens that just happen to belong to many a West Concord family tree of today. Or, another example, Colleen's recent evocation of the many civic organizations common to towns of all sizes throughout America in the days before TV. The oddly named Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the even more mysterious Soroptimist Societies were unknown, maybe even exotic, entities for a 10 year old (me) that noticed those names etched high up on old brick buildings while walking local sidewalks. The many civic clubs so well described by Colleen were both cohesive and inclusive, they kept small towns united, and provided venues for meaningful social networking, before Social Networking sold advertising.

Emery goes in for the more personally experienced. That is great for me because Emery lived down the road and across the highway when I was growing up. He remembers the same farms, the same folks, the same sports, even the same bus ride. Except Emery remembers them better. He remembers what the basketball coach said at half-time, the murky hay mow in the heat and dust whether stacking hay or playing basketball, the sunburned neck in the middle of a 20-acre field while jouncing on an old iron two-row cultivator. Emery knew more than I did about the intricate connections built over the years between neighboring farmers and relatives, some of whom were both. Emery's experiences expanded over time. Job assignments throughout the Mid-West. Hobnobbing with national names we all recognize. Time spent overseas. Maybe he even got sophisticated. But the recollections have kept a local perspective and are told clearly with humor. Keep 'em coming.

Todd Montgomery  
Class of '70

### What's in Trump's "Project 2025" 920 Page Manifesto?

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## 49th Annual Rice County Steam and Gas Tractor Show Aug. 30, 31 & Sept. 1

Visitors can take a trip back in time with all the various exhibits and activities going on at the annual Rice County Steam & Gas Show just South of Dundas MN on Hwy. 3 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 30, 31 & Sept 1. This year the event features Minneapolis Moline Tractors and Equipment.

Attendees can expect to see many of the familiar attractions as they have in the past including the operating sawmill, corn shelling, thrashing, blacksmithing, and more.

The annual flea market will take place on the grounds and additional exhibits are many, including antique tractors, classic cars and trucks along with draft horses. Vintage Machinery, both horse drawn, and tractor driven, will be on display and used in various exhibits on the grounds.

The tractor parade takes place at noon each day.

Breakfast is served daily on the grounds as

well as other food stands offering food throughout the day.

The kids pedal pull is Saturday after the parade, and the tractor pull is Sunday at 9:00 AM. Minneapolis Moline tractors and implements are the feature of this year's show, and one is being raffled off for their annual fundraising raffle. The kids' play area includes a merry go round, swings, sandboxes and more.

A petting zoo will also be available for visitors, presented this year courtesy of Windy Willow Farm Adventures.

There will be live music all three days and a non-denominational church service will take place Sunday at 8:00 AM.

General admission is just \$10 for the entire weekend and all events are free for ages 12 and under.

The all-volunteer group works hard to preserve history, maintain the grounds and bring new pieces of history to visitors every year. The newest acquisition for the club was the former Waterford, MN schoolhouse and township building, which was moved to the grounds last year from its original location in Waterford (Just North of Northfield). The move south down Highway #3 was delayed several times last year due to weather and other factors. Photos of the historic move are available on the Rice County Steam and Gas Facebook page.

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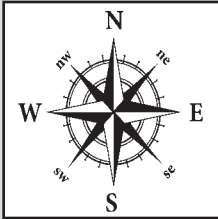
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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Young Farm Lads and Lawn Mowers



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.*

As a young boy on the farm in the early 1960's I was fascinated with machinery, and especially tractors. There was one tractor that was just my size. The garden tractor or lawn mower. I was too young to operate the first riding lawn mower my dad purchased. It was a Springfield and I believe it was purchased through the local Gambles Hardware store around 1960. It had very small rear tires and even smaller front tires and the mower deck cutting height was not adjustable.

But a few years later we bought a Homelite riding lawn mower from Pete Boe in West Concord. I think Pete sold more Homelite's than any other dealer. This was my first serious job on the farm. It had a 24' single blade



Massey Ferguson

deck and a 5 horsepower Tecumseh engine. A few novel things about this unit was the four speed transmission, which was a rubber disc spinning on a flat drive plate, and the crank starter on the engine. One would wind the crank until it stopped and then trip the little lever, which spun the engine over. Easy enough for a 7 year-old to operate.

It had a padded seat and a bar in place of the steering wheel. I would spend hours upon hours mowing the yard around the farm. I could only dream of having a radio to kill the monotony. One had to be careful filling the gas tank, as it was part of the engine and any spill would pour raw gas right over the hot engine cylinder. One time the grass was exceptionally thick and tall behind the shop and I complained to my dad that it couldn't hardly cut it in first gear. I was secretly hoping we would get a larger garden tractor. He simply informed me to only cut half as wide a swath. I wasn't the best at fractions as a second grader but I did know that half of 24 inches was one foot and that was forever to get the lawn finished.

The one shining reward was mowing my

him for dinner.

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

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

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

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

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



Homelite

grandmother's lawn. She lived at the south end of the farm and when I finished her lawn I was invited in for in ice cold Mountain Dew and some cookies. Nothing tasted quite as good as a cold glass bottle of innard tickling bottled by Zeke & Daisy Dew. Probably most Dew drinkers today have no clue.

My friend Ross Avery started selling Massey Ferguson Garden Tractors in the late 60's, at his dad's construction business. I wanted us to buy one of those so bad. The Massey Ferguson 7 was a thing of beauty to me. It had seven horse power, an electric start, a 34 inch deck and a hydrostatic transmission. It even looked like a tractor. I worked on my dad for a long time to convince him. A lawn mower was not a necessity in his mind. But the day did come and I felt like a king on this new machine.

I still mow the lawn. Now I find it a wel-

come time to think and come up with new ideas. Fifty-six years have passed and my young mind could not even conceive of what lawn mowing would be like in 2024. I use a 25 horsepower John Deere zero turn mower with a 54" triple blade deck. Spring absorbing soft cushion seat with arm rests, and a top mowing speed of over 9 miles per hour. What used to take more than a day for me to accomplish is now finished in about two hours.

## A Minnesotan: Goats



By RosaLin Alcoser

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

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

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

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# Triton Football Fall Preview 2024

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Head Coach Brandon Neseth, has an 11-12 record at Triton, and he holds a respectable 44-34 career head coaching record. He is assisted by Coltt Ullom, Sam Storle, Brady Essig, Cole Rollins, Mark Evjen, Dale Tate, and Joe Giesler. Top Returners: Pierce Petersohn, junior, QB/S, 6-5, 195 lbs., physically gifted athlete who started last year and was a big reason Triton made it to the state playoffs for the first time since 2010. Pierce threw for over 1,000 yards and had 13 TDs passing. The sky's the limit for him and he is equally adept running and throwing. Pierce is a potential college football player and had numerous schools invite him to their campuses this summer. Brody Munnikhuisen, senior, RB/LB, 5-10, 165 lbs., a dynamic athlete that can do special things when the ball is in his hands. He had two, deep receiving TDs in the section finals against Maple River last fall. Brody will be a focal point of what the Cobras want to do on offense. Craig Knutson, senior, OL/DL, 6-2, 245 lbs., a three-year starter on the OL/DL, an intelligent player that understands the game at a higher level; expecting big things from him this fall.

Top Newcomers: Graden Thomas, sophomore, WR/LB, a phenomenal athlete, who has a natural feel for the game; missed much of his 9th grade season with a shoulder injury, but had a great summer in the weight room and on the practice field.

Season outlook: Triton aspires to be a team that continues to improve throughout the season and to be playing their best ball come playoff time. They play in as good of a district as there is in the entire state for AA football, which helps come playoff time. "We don't have a large senior class in terms of student-athletes that play football, but we have a number of solid football players in the group that are also good leaders for us. We are excited for the opportunity to open up at Maple River, a team we played first last year and played in the section finals of 2AA," said Coach Neseth.



Captains this fall, seniors (L to R): Isaiah Selthun, Craig Knutson, Brody Munnikhuisen



Returning QB, Pierce Petersohn, threw for over 1,000 yards last year and 13 TDs. He will be a junior this year.

## Triton/Kenyon-Wanamingo/Hayfield Girls Soccer Fall Preview 2024

By Pat Garry, Contributing Writer



The 2024 Triton/K-W/Hayfield girls soccer team is primed and ready for a new campaign. Anchored by third-year Head Coach Jeremy Himli, the Cobras feature an exciting, knowledgeable assistant coach in Liam Dostal. Himli's Roster includes: Alyssa Knudson, Camila Medina, Miley Dostal, Romina Medina, Ryann Heimer, Rebekah Henslin, Haylie Budahn, Jade Scovill, Olivia Weber, Ashley Romero, Brianna Anguiano, RoseLyn Liudahl, Gigi Lundi, McKenzy Purinton, Courtney Chiccos, Salma Fernandez, Alisson Velasco.

Key Players: Alyssa Knudson, became the goalkeeper midway through 2023 and cut

the goals against by over 2 goals per game. Camila Medina, a great leader and solid 2-way midfielder. PB all-area in 2023. Romina Medina, led team with 7 goals in 2023. Gigi Lundi, is moving to forward full-time in 2024; team's most explosive athlete. Olivia Weber, stalwart of the defense; one of the top center backs in the area. Keep an eye on Rose Scovill, first year in soccer as a junior; athletic and picking up the game quickly. Rebekah Henslin, 7th-grader that has impressed in camp with explosiveness and competitiveness.

Key Losses: Graduated 3 starters: Jessica Willette, Ameryn Dostal, and Ivette Mendoza and one other letterwinner, Nancy Fernandez. Senior Salma Fernandez is out to begin the season with an injury, and she may miss the season, depending on how her rehab pro-

gresses. 2023 Season Recap: 1-13-4, no conference record as the Cobras are an independent; lost 6-0 to PIZM in the Section 2A quarters. 2024 Season Outlook: "We have an experienced team that should be able to notch more wins. but our lack of depth will test us. Newcomers will be expected to play a lot of minutes. How quickly and how well they can fit in will determine how competitive we can be," explained Coach Himli.

Competition: T/K-W/H was the 8th seed in Section 2A in 2023, but a couple of their ties turned to wins, which could have put them in 3rd or 4th. PIZM is the clear favorite with everybody else being a toss-up. Coach Himli's team captains change continuously, as two different ones are selected each game.

"We'll have a young squad in 2024, but we are excited with how hard they worked to put themselves in position to be successful in 2024 during the off-season. A lot of our success will hinge on the ability of our offensive line to gel in order to compete in the district and section we are in this fall," Coach Neseth added.



## The View From the Back *Part 2*

By Ted Gamble

*Ted Gamble is an avid runner and friend of The Messenger. This is the second of a 3 part series on his recent adventures that we will run in the Messenger in August and September. We hope you enjoy it.*

On my second lap in that area, I tripped over a rock and landed flat on my face. Not hurt, just embarrassed. I told myself to remember that, but I got a little careless on the last lap and tripped over this exact same rock.

Then we go over the bridge crossing the Zumbro river. This is another often photographed area.

Then we head into the river bottoms and there's some flat single track; it's really kind of an easy portion of the course. From there we go up onto a gravel road portion for a bit.

There's a little climb here before going down to the Sand Coulee area, then up a hill where you wind and snake through the woods eventually hitting a long downhill with really excellent views of the river. Then up a short little single track washout which when muddy is awful but when everything is dry, it's just kind of a short hill

to get you warmed up for what comes later. Winding trails take you to a nice little downhill trail to the first aid station. It's (mostly) unstaffed and only had water.

At this point it feels like you've come a long way, but you're only about 5 miles into the course with another 12 to go. There's a sign as you leave that aid station telling you have 8.2 miles to the next aid station, which is fully staffed and has food. On a normal run 8.2 miles isn't bad, but this is the longest and most discouraging stretch of the entire race, and it seems much longer. The trail snakes through the woods until it comes to the Pump House Trail. It's just a bit bigger and longer than the washout described earlier. This one is absolute hell when it is muddy but this year it wasn't that bad—well, it wasn't that good either! I brought my trekking poles and I'm really glad I had them as they were very useful for the hilly portions. At that point you're at the top of another hill and the next thing to look forward to is kind of a long rocky decline, which, if I was younger, stronger, and more nimble would be really fun to run down. But I am none of those things so I had to take it kind of slow.

It seems to take a long time to find this, but when you finally do get down the next portion is a flat stretch called Sand Coulee. And that's what it is. It's a ditch that's full of sand. It's hard to run the sandy portions but it is flat and there are some packed down dirt areas where running is easy.

There are some really pretty areas along here.

Eventually it ends, though and there's an intersection of various road and trails where we

are routed up a very steep, and thankfully, short single track before hitting the Scenic Overlook Trail. It is a very long trail and steep in parts, especially as you get near the top. But once you get up there, there is another great view of the valley. You can see where you were at the beginning of the race as well as the bridge over the Zumbro that was crossed only a few miles back.

Along the top of the ridge is an old horse trail that has been there so long, the trails are grooved down several feet in many places.

There's a cabin up there that I kind of wonder about, but probably built by the DNR for some forgotten purpose years ago.

After about two miles there is the Ant Hill, which is very steep and very rocky. At least it's downhill, but it has to be taken slowly, or the injury possibility can be severe. This is where Derrick cramped up and lost his eye. When the bottom is reached, the trail immediately turns left and goes up a fresh hell (yes, I spelled that right!) called Paddy's Hill. It's just like Ant Hill, but it goes up. 300 feet down, then 300 feet back up. At this point, you have come about twelve miles.

Next, comes a short single track along a cornfield followed by a logging road that leads to a downhill gravel road. From here, it's all downhill to the aid station. In the earlier stages of the race it's a good place to open it up and just coast down the hill. At the bottom is a fully staffed and supplied aid station. The sign says you're only 3 1/2 miles from the start/finish area, but the scenery is flat and unchanging so it seems much longer. These final miles are fondly known as the "Death March". After the Ant



One of the first rocky downhills

Hill descent, followed by Paddy's Hill, and then down the gravel road the flat should be easy right? Only it's not—your legs are trashed from the ups and downs, combined with the unchanging scenery, this part seems much longer than it actually is.

The first part of the "Death March" is a mostly flat gravel road that goes back to the bridge over the Zumbro that was crossed earlier in the race. After crossing the bridge, there is a narrow logging road that goes back to the start/finish. There is a nice view of the river at about the halfway point.

Zumbro is a very scenic area lots of good places for photos.

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### Paying for Nursing Home Care with Medicaid

Dear Savvy Senior,

**If my mother needs to move into a nursing home, what are the eligibility requirements to get Medicaid coverage?**  
--Caretaking Son

Dear Caretaking,

The rules and requirements for Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care are complicated and will vary according to the state your mother lives in. With that said, here's a general, simplified rundown of what it takes to qualify.

#### Medicaid Eligibility

Medicaid, the joint federal and state program that covers health care for the poor, is also the largest single payer of America's nursing home bills for seniors who don't have the resources to pay for their own care. (Note that some states have different names for their Medicaid program.)

Most people who enter nursing homes don't qualify for Medicaid at first but pay for care either through long-term care insurance or out-of-pocket until they deplete their savings and become eligible for Medicaid.

To qualify for Medicaid, your mother's income and assets will need to be under a certain level that's determined by your state. Most states (except California) require that a single person have no more than about \$2,000 in countable assets (\$3,000 for a married couple) that includes cash, savings, investments or other financial resources that can be turned into cash. Assets that aren't counted for eligibility include your mother's home if it's valued under \$713,000 (this limit is higher - up to \$1,071,000 - in some states), her personal possessions and household goods, one vehicle, prepaid funeral plans and a small amount of life insurance.

But be aware that while her home is not considered a countable asset to determine eligibility, if she can't return home, Medicaid can go after the proceeds of her house to help reimburse her nursing home costs, unless a spouse or other dependent relative lives there. (There are some other exceptions to this rule.)

After qualifying, all sources of your mother's income such as Social Security and pension checks must be turned over to Medicaid to pay for her care, except for a small personal needs allowance - usually between \$30 and \$160. You also need to be aware that your mother can't give away her assets to qualify for Medicaid faster. Medicaid officials will look at their financial records going back five years (except in California which has a 30-month look-back rule) to root out suspicious asset transfers. If they find one, her Medicaid coverage will be delayed a certain length of time, according to a formula that divides the transfer amount by the average monthly cost of nursing home care in their state.

So, for example, if your mom lives in a state where the average monthly nursing home cost is \$8,000 and she gave away cash or other assets worth \$160,000, she would be ineligible for benefits for 20 months (\$160,000 divided by \$8,000 = 20).

#### Spousal Protection

Medicaid also has special rules (known as the community spouse resource allowance) for married couples when one spouse enters a nursing home, and the other spouse remains at home. In these cases, the healthy spouse can keep one half of the couple's assets up to \$154,140 (this amount varies by state), the family home, all the furniture and household goods and one automobile. The healthy spouse is also entitled to keep a portion of the couple's monthly income - between \$2,465 and \$3,854. Any income above that goes toward the cost of the nursing home recipient's care.

#### What about Medicare?

Medicare, the federal health insurance program for seniors 65 and older, and some younger people with disabilities, does not pay for long-term care. It only helps pay up to 100 days of rehabilitative nursing home care, which must occur after a three-day hospital stay.

For more information, contact your state Medicaid office. You can also get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShipHelp.org), which provides free counseling on Medicare and Medicaid.

## The View From the Back

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Although I had my phone on me the whole time I think I only took one picture. And that was when I was going to quit and it didn't matter.

So, back to the race.

As we left the camp for the fifth time a little before six in the morning something really strange happened: a joint hallucination. It was just starting to get light out, and we were on the short stretch of gravel road leading up to Rock Hill. To our left was an unplanted cornfield. Chad asked, "What are those people doing?"

I looked and saw two people on the left side of the road. One was crouched over and the other was lying behind with his hand on the other person's hip. It looked like they were trying to either take a photograph of something in the field, or maybe they were guns they're trying to shoot something? Or maybe they were sighting in their rifles?

We both looked, expecting to see deer (it is not deer season) or a target off to the left; but there was nothing. As we got a little closer, Chad says "Hey wait a minute--that's just a wash out in the road!"



The bridge over the Zumbro


We kept moving, and he was right. Wow, how did that happen? That was really strange.

Chad reminded me several times that on this lap that I was executing my plan to perfection. With a six hour goal for each of the remaining two laps, I was still OK. But there was something deep inside that wanted to push it and go a little bit faster. I was getting very sore and very tired, but at this point I had made up my mind: I was going to finish this thing! It's funny how the mind can tell the body to do something it doesn't want to.

Anyway, we continued on and a few miles later we got to the portion that led down to the first unmanned aid station. I swear there was a woman with a large white dog standing on the side of the trail. As we got closer, it was actually just a stump.

From that point on I decided not to look into the woods. Just keep your head down and eyes on the trail and you won't see anything weird, I told myself.

(Watch for part 3 in the next issue of The Messenger)



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# Triton Times



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## Triton Youth Football Camp



Triton Football wrapped up our youth football camp last week. It was a great week with our K-6th grade student-athletes. On Monday, we went over basic skills of the game, such as blocking and tackling. Tuesday, we focused on our offensive skill sets. On Wednesday, we shifted our focus to defense and worked on the various position groups. Thursday, we worked on the skills needed for special teams and ended with a punt, pass, and kick competition. All week the youth participants had positive attitudes and brought plenty of energy despite high temperatures all week. Also, a special thank you to our varsity athletes for helping make it a great experience, we couldn't have done it without you.

**Pictured to the right: Congratulations to Asher H., Peyton L., Asher J., and Beckett G. on winning their respective age groups in the Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition**



## Cobra Communications



**Craig Schlichting**  
Superintendent

Changes are inevitable, and a quick comparison of last summer to this summer will give you a great example of how things change. Sometimes change is small and insignificant, other times it is overwhelming. Gearing up for my last year as the superintendent of Triton Public Schools is certainly a type of change for me. When I wrote my welcome back message to our staff, I couldn't help but compare how different things are now compared to when I arrived in 1993.

When I started in the fall of 1993, we had a gravel parking lot and driveway on the North side of the Dodge Center building. The district operated 5 different buildings with two in West Concord, two in Dodge

Center and one in Claremont. Cell phones and the internet didn't exist in our school system. There was no such thing as email, and grading was done by hand in gradebooks. We didn't have a track, turf field or permanent bleachers in our stadium. I could go on and on about the changes in our district, some big and some insignificant or unnoticed.

When I arrived at Triton, I was excited to teach and be a part of the activities. I coached football, basketball and track and field in my first year. I still remember having anxiety about teaching sex ed my first year as a teacher in health class. I don't think any amount of schooling can prepare you to teach that course to a group of eighth graders. The roles that I have had over the years have covered a variety of positions and responsibilities that ultimately led me to the position of superintendent. Even with all the different changes in positions I am still excited about being a part of this amazing school system.

With all these changes, I want to express

my pleasure at something that hasn't changed. The people in our communities. I remember feeling welcomed when I first arrived in 1993, and still feel that way today. I believe that our Triton communities are special in that way. I believe that is what has kept me here all these years. Whenever I am asked what I like most about Triton, my answer refers to the people in our community and school district. It has been such a blessing to work with so many amazing people over the years.

With everything going so well, why am I retiring from my role as the superintendent? People have asked if I am going to move away and head out to Wyoming...the answer is no. I love where I live, and I am rather fond of my residence in West Concord with 55985 zip code. I just feel that it was time to do something else and find a different job that isn't so stressful. I would like to have more time to do some things that I enjoy and be able to do them without feeling guilty or worrying about my phone ringing. My current reality is that my entire day can change in an

instant based off one phone call. Unfortunately, I have had to take some of those calls while sitting in a tree stand or shut down whatever work I may be doing out in the yard. I look forward to being able to unplug that type of stress. I have not really decided what I am going to do moving forward, but I am thankful that I have been able to have an amazing career with Triton Public Schools. The change in my career path at this time just feels like the right time to move on and try something new.

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have regarding our school district. You can email me at [schlich@triton.k12.mn.us](mailto:schlich@triton.k12.mn.us) or you can call me at 507-418-7530 to reach me at the district office. I would be happy to set up a time to meet with you or your organization. Communication is an important aspect of my job responsibility, and I welcome the opportunity to gain experience from your perspective. GO COBRAS!

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**ANNUAL PARENT NOTIFICATIONS**

Minnesota Statute requires we provide annual notification to parents of Triton Public Schools students of the topics below. If you have any questions, please use the contact number found in the notice.

**LEAD-IN-WATER ANNUAL NOTIFICATION**

Minnesota Statute 121A.335 requires public school buildings serving kindergarten through grade 12 to test for lead in water every 5 years. This statute also requires school districts to make the results of the testing available to the public for review and to notify parents of the availability of the information. Notification may be accomplished by publishing a statement in the "Back to School" newsletter or publication that is available to staff, student, parents, and the public. If a fixture exceeds 5 ppb and is not remediated within 30 days of receipt of results, parents/guardians and staff are notified, as required by Minnesota State Statute. The district reports lead-in-water test results and remediation activities to the Commissioner of Health annually.

MN State Statute 121A.335 created a reporting requirement for schools as follows:

Starting July 1, 2024, school districts and charter schools must report their test results and remediation activities to the commissioner of health in the form and manner determined by the commissioner in consultation with school districts and charter schools, by July 1 of each year. The commissioner of health must post and annually update the test results and remediation efforts on the department website by school site.

A district or charter school must maintain a record of lead testing results and remediation activities for at least 15 years.

Triton Public Schools is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for employees and students. The district has developed a lead in water management plan and testing program that complies with Minnesota Statute 121A.335, as well as recommendations from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA) of 1988 and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Minnesota Department of Education (MDE).

For more information on Triton Public Schools lead reduction and testing program, please contact Dave Hagen at 507-418-7540.

**INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

Triton Public Schools has an indoor air quality management plan that outlines specific policies and procedures used in the district to address indoor air quality issues. The District Health and Safety Committee chaired by Dave Hagen (507-418-7540) and the Institute for Environmental Assessment, the district's health and safety consultant, review the plan annually. If you have any questions concerning indoor air quality or would like to use the EPA's Tools for Schools checklists, please contact Dave Hagen.

**AHERA ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION**

During the past school year and continuing into the 2024-2025 school year, the following asbestos management plan activities have been or are currently being completed. These activities are pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency 40 CFR Part 763- "Asbestos Containing Materials in Schools; Final Rule and Notice."

- Two (2) Semi-Annual Periodic Surveillance Inspection
- Notification of Asbestos Locations for Short-Term Workers (Electricians, Plumbers, etc.)

**Training of District Personnel**

Triton Public Schools has contracted with the Institute for Environmental Assessment to provide environmental consulting services.

The complete updated Asbestos Management Plan for Triton Public Schools can be found in the district office. The Management Plan can be viewed, without cost or restriction, during normal working hours. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.10 per page.

Any questions concerning this notice, or an explanation of our Asbestos Management Plan can be directed to Dave Hagen, Triton Public Schools, at 507-418-7540.

**PESTICIDE NOTICE**

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The majority of the food items were obtained through the Channel One Food Bank. Unfortunately, Channel One Food Bank is no longer offering food items to purchase for area backpack programs. So, starting this school year we will be purchasing food bags through the non-profit organization called "Every Meal" located in Roseville, MN. This is the most economical option for our program. Each food bag, purchased, packaged and delivered to our school, costs \$6.22. In the 2023-2024 school year our volunteers purchased, delivered to school, packed and distributed 2,050+ food bags! This year we estimate the program to cost approximately \$13,000.

We are asking you to please consider supporting this vital program. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated! Please feel free to reach out with any questions by contacting: backpack@triton.k12.mn.us

Thank you for considering this needed program for our communities' kids!

Sincerely,

Terri Hallaway and Barb Schrandt, (co-chairs of the Triton Backpack Program)

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### TRITON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2024-2025

KINDERGARTEN	FIRST GRADE	SECOND GRADE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 plastic 2 pocket folder (Any color)</li> <li>• 3 boxes CRAYOLA crayons</li> <li>• 2 boxes CRAYOLA markers</li> <li>• 8 EXPO whiteboard markers (BLACK)</li> <li>• 8 Glue Sticks</li> <li>• 3 containers of Clorox disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• Water bottle</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• 1 box Kleenex</li> <li>• Pencil Box</li> <li>• 12 pencils</li> <li>• Headphones</li> <li>• 1 whiteboard eraser</li> <li>• Backpack</li> <li>• Gym shoes (to stay at school)</li> </ul> <p><u>Optional Needed Supplies</u> Gallon size zip-lock bags Quart size zip-lock bags Sandwich size bags Coffee filters Toothpicks Small dixie cups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 box of 8 classic color Broad line Crayola markers</li> <li>• 1 container of disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• 1 large box of kleenex</li> <li>• 1 student scissor</li> <li>• 1 whiteboard eraser</li> <li>• 12 sharpened #2 pencils</li> <li>• 2 pink rectangle erasers</li> <li>• 2 spiral wide- ruled notebooks</li> <li>• 2 two-pocket folders</li> <li>• 4 boxes of 24 crayola crayons</li> <li>• 6 glue sticks</li> <li>• 8 black dry erase markers</li> <li>• Wired headphones in a ziploc bag(labeled with first &amp; last name)</li> <li>• One 5 x 8 plastic pencil box</li> <li>• Gym shoes (to stay at school)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wired Headphones</li> <li>• 24 #2 Sharpened pencils</li> <li>• 2 ink pens (any color)</li> <li>• 4 highlighters (any color)</li> <li>• 2 boxes of 24 crayons</li> <li>• 2 boxes of 8-10 markers</li> <li>• 8 glue sticks</li> <li>• 2 large erasers</li> <li>• 1 pair of scissors</li> <li>• 1 subject spiral notebook- Wide Ruled</li> <li>• 1 yellow plastic two-pocket folder</li> <li>• 2 additional two- pocket folders (any color)</li> <li>• 4 dry erase markers (any color)</li> <li>• 1 whiteboard eraser</li> <li>• 1 large box of kleenex</li> <li>• 2 containers of disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• Gilliland &amp; Rud- 1 box of Gallon size Ziploc bags</li> <li>• Wohlfel- 1 box of Quart size Ziploc bags</li> <li>• Non-marking shoes for gym to keep at school</li> </ul>
<p><u>THIRD GRADE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 box of 24 crayons</li> <li>• 1 box of 12 colored pencils or 1 box of 8 markers</li> <li>• 3 dozen #2 pencils sharpened</li> <li>• 1 pink erasers</li> <li>• 4 glue sticks</li> <li>• 1 scissor</li> <li>• 8 dry erase markers</li> <li>• 1 whiteboard eraser</li> <li>• 1 wide ruled composition notebook</li> <li>• 2 zipper pencil pouches</li> <li>• 1 two-pocket folder</li> <li>• 2 highlighters</li> <li>• Wired headphones</li> <li>• Non-marking shoes for gym to be left at school</li> <li>• 1 box of Kleenex</li> <li>• 1 container of disinfectant wipes</li> </ul> <p>**Please no spiral notebooks</p>	<p><u>FOURTH GRADE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 box of ten thin markers</li> <li>• 1 box of 24 colored pencils</li> <li>• 48 pencils (supply for school year)</li> <li>• 4 glue sticks</li> <li>• 8 black dry erase markers</li> <li>• 1 scissor (any size)</li> <li>• 2 spiral notebooks- WideRuled</li> <li>• 1" 3-ring binder</li> <li>• White board eraser</li> <li>• 2 highlighters (any color)</li> <li>• 2 boxes of kleenex</li> <li>• 1 container of disinfecting wipes</li> <li>• Non-marking shoes for gym to be left at school</li> <li>• Wired headphones</li> <li>• Students with last names A-M- 1 box of Gallon Size Ziploc Bags</li> <li>• Students with last names N-Z- 1 box of Quart size Ziploc Bags</li> </ul>	<p><u>FIFTH GRADE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 two-pocket folders (any color)</li> <li>• 1 three subject notebook</li> <li>• 2 one subject notebooks</li> <li>• 4 fine tipped dry erase markers</li> <li>• 1 whiteboard eraser</li> <li>• 48 #2 pencils (No mechanical)</li> <li>• Extra erasers (Pencil top or rectangle)</li> <li>• 4 highlighters (1-yellow, 1-orange, 1-blue, 1-green)</li> <li>• Scissors</li> <li>• 1 box 24 colored pencils</li> <li>• 4 glue sticks</li> <li>• Headphones or Earbuds</li> <li>• Non-marking shoes for gym to keep at school</li> <li>• Deodorant to keep at school</li> <li>• 2 containers of disinfection wipes</li> <li>• 1 large box of kleenex</li> </ul>

TRITON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# SPANISH IMMERSION

# CHILDCARE

Children Ages 3 & 4

Mondays through Fridays 7:30AM-12:30PM: \$140/week

\*\* Limited Extended Childcare Available, please inquire with Triton Community Ed for more information

**CHILDREN LEARN SPANISH THROUGH PLAY**

**STARTING FALL 2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

**QUALIFIED STAFF**

A secure environment and constant attention are provided to children.

Play spaces and activities that foster fun while learning to speak spanish.



**REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1**

Triton Community Ed

507-418-7550





# Our preschool department is growing!

This year we have added a second full-time, Licensed Teacher and an Early Childhood Coordinator.

We also have plans to expand our ECFE programming, including adding infant programming and supporting a staff member to get her Parent Educator license so that we can provide a broader spectrum of services for our district's birth-age 5 families. We love our littlest learners, and we love serving them and their families! To support this expansion, Otto Bremer Trust has awarded us an \$18,000 grant.

This project was funded in part by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation through a partnership with Otto Bremer Trust and its Community Responsive Fund.



*Thank You*

Otto Bremer Trust,  
For supporting our  
preschool expansion!

*OTTO BREMER TRUST*





## Triton Preschool Updates




### August 2024

**We have extremely limited spots open for preschool. If you'd like to enroll your child for this school year, please contact the Community Education office as soon as possible!**

Teachers will meet with all incoming preschool families for 15 minutes on September 3rd or 4th. The link for these appointments will be sent out on August 15th. Preschoolers will also have their school pictures taken at that time!

Early Childhood Screening is scheduled for October 22nd and February 7th. Visit our website, <https://www.triton.k12.mn.us/page/preschool> to make an appointment for your 3 or 4 year old.

ECFE classes will be starting soon! We are planning some new class formats that we are really excited about. Stay tuned to our facebook page for the latest updates!



## Mrs. Vermilyea

### ABOUT ME

Hello! This will be my 10th year teaching at Triton. Most of those years were in kindergarten, but this will be my second year in preschool. I have 4 kids (Cami, Cooper, Casey, and Colby) and 4 dogs. We have lived in Dodge Center for 15 years. My kids are involved in lots of sports so I am often in a hockey rink or a gym. I am looking forward to a great school year!

### FAVORITES

Food: Plaza (Mexican food)  
Animal: Dogs  
Color: Red  
Drink: Bubbl'r or Caribou

### CONTACT

Email: [avermilyea@triton.k12.mn.us](mailto:avermilyea@triton.k12.mn.us)  
Phone: 507-418-7550

### REMINDERS

An email will be sent on August 15th for families to sign up for a 15 minute "Meet The Teacher" appointment on September 3rd and 4th!

Preschool starts September 9th (Monday classes) and 10th (Tuesday classes)!



## Mrs. Olevson

### ABOUT ME

Hello! I have taught first grade at Triton for 12 years and I am excited to say that this will be my first year in preschool! I live in Dodge Center with my husband and kids, Bode and Abrielle. I am super excited for my change and cannot wait for a great year in preschool!

### FAVORITES

Food: Pizza and Tacos  
Animal: Penguins  
Color: Green  
Drink: Coffee and Dr.Pepper

### CONTACT

Email: [eolevson@triton.k12.mn.us](mailto:eolevson@triton.k12.mn.us)  
Phone: 507-418-7550

### REMINDERS

An email will be sent on August 15th for families to sign up for a 15 minute "Meet The Teacher" appointment on September 3rd and 4th!

Preschool starts September 9th (Monday classes) and 10th (Tuesday classes)!



# TRITON COMMUNITY ED YOUTH ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

## Baby Steps with Mrs. V

### Parent/Caregiver and Infants ages 0-12 months

This class is for parents/caregivers looking to connect with other adults and talk about all things infants. The class will include open discussions on infant development, offer activities and resources to support your family and give you a space to relax while connecting with your infant.

**Cost: \$20 for all 8 meetings**

**Mondays: September 16, 30, October 7, 14, November 11, 25, December 2, 9**  
**1-2PM at Triton Elementary Room #315**



## Evening Adventures

### Children aged 2-5 and an adult

Join us this session with your preschooler, ages 2- 5 years (not yet in kindergarten). Mrs. Vermilyea will plan a special evening centered around a theme. You will participate in activities, games, explorative play, reading and art around the same topic. Mrs. V has also invited many experts from our community to join you and share their knowledge and resources to make these truly amazing experiences for all who participate. Snacks will be provided, so PLEASE alert us if your child has any allergies or sensitivities to food. Please pre-register for each of these classes, so that we can provide the appropriate number of materials and supplies needed.

**Cost: \$8/class or \$20 per semester/family**

**Dates: Sept 11 and 25, Oct 9 and 23, Nov 6 and 20, Dec 4 and 18 from 6-7:30PM**  
**All classes will be in Mrs. Vermilyea's Room #315 in the Elementary School.**



## Parenting Book Club with Mrs. V!

Explore parenting topics with other parents in this casual and supportive atmosphere, led by Mrs. Vermilyea. The group will individually read an assigned section of the book, followed by a discussion session each Monday. Participants are welcome to join this group in person or join by Zoom each week. Each book club will be a 6-week session. We will order the book for you, which will be yours to keep.



**Session One: "The Whole Brain Child: 12 Revolutionary Strategies to Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind"**

**Deadline so that we make sure to get you your book on time: September 3**

**Cost: \$21, includes book**

**Mondays: September 16- October 21**

**Noon-12:45PM, in person at Triton Room # 315 or Via Zoom**

**Session Two: "Raising Good Humans: A Mindful Guide to Breaking the Cycle of Reactive Parenting and Raising Kind, Confident Kids"**

**Deadline so that we make sure to get you your book on time: October 16**

**Cost: \$21, includes book**

**Mondays November 4-December 9**

**Noon-12:45PM, in person at Triton Room # 315 or Via Zoom**

## Triton Youth Volleyball Camp!

### Grades 1-6

Join The Triton volleyball coaches and players for this fun-filled camp. Players will work on basic foundations, skill development and game play. Kids are guaranteed to "dig" this camp and the sport of volleyball!

**Cost: \$31 | September 16, 25, 30, October 9, 14 | 6-7:15pm each night | Triton Activities Area (East and West Gyms)**

**Other Dates: October 14 scrimmage night,**

**October 15-Community Ed Night at the Triton Home VB Game!**

**Registration deadline for camp t-shirt is September 13. Please indicate shirt size on the registration form.**



## Community Ed and the Cobra Cheerleaders Youth Cheer Camp 2024

**Instructors: THS Cheerleaders**

**Grades K-6**

Join the THS Cheerleaders for this exciting camp!

The Triton Cobra Cheerleaders will teach you all the cheers you need to know to cheer for the Cobra's. At the end of the camp all mini cheerleaders will get to perform at a Football game on September 30!

Register by September 16, to guarantee a t-shirt

Cost: \$28

includes t-shirt, pompoms, instruction and performance



Camp dates: September 24,25,26

3:15-4:15 PM in the Large Multi-purpose Room

\*\* Cheerleaders will meet in the main cafeteria right after school and we will walk down to the Large Multi-purpose Room together. Parents should plan on picking their kids up inside the Activities Entrance of the school located on the North side. More performance information will be handed out at cheer camp.

**PLEASE INDICATE SHIRT SIZE ON REGISTRATION FORM**

## Firearm Safety Class

Registration: Friday September 6th 2024 from 6pm-7pm at Triton High School (813 Hwy St W Dodge Center MN) and 7-10pm for Class following registration. Parent or legal Guardian must accompany student for registration, no exceptions.

Other Class Dates and Times:

October 10th (Thursday) 6pm-9pm

October 11th (Friday) 6pm -9pm

October 12th (Saturday) 8am-4pm or Completion

October 13th (Sunday) 10am -2pm or completion – Range Day (Dodge Center Sportsman Club 62458 190th Ave Dodge Center MN 55927)

Class Location: Triton High School, Dodge Center MN

Seating is limited to 50 students. CLASS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT AT REGISTRATION NIGHT DUE TO THIS BEING THE FIRST CLASS NIGHT!!!**

**BOOKS WILL BE HANDED OUT ON REGISTRATION NIGHT AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY Thursday October 10th!**

🕒 Certification is available to students 11 years and older. DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after December 31, 1979 to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota.

General Information: There is NO online or early registration for this class, it is in person only on registration night. We are unable to accept online students into our field day as the online field day is structured differently than the field day for the classroom setting. The firearm safety class consists of a minimum of 12 hours of classroom and field experience in the safe handling of firearms and hunter responsibility. The field experience allows students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the handling of firearms. It includes live fire on a rifle range. Upon successful completion of this course, students receive a temporary certificate. This certificate will allow the bearer to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota and other states where certification is required.

Any questions please email James Lee. @ james.lee@dodgecountymn.gov



## We Are Hiring!

Triton's Cobra Care Childcare Program is looking to add an adult to our team!

This part time job requires an individual who enjoys working with children and parents.

Candidates must be willing to work as a team member with other staff, have good people skills, and be active with children.

Please call Tiffany

at 507-418-7550 or 507-226-3985

or email her at tlamoree@triton.k12.mn.us

to inquire about this position.





# TRITON COMMUNITY ED ADULT ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

## Safe Driving Class Jim Jensen

In the Safe Driving Class, you will learn driving strategies that can keep you safer on the road. You will learn updates to traffic laws, how to reduce distractions to driving and how to navigate different intersections. Driver's aged 55 years old and older who successfully complete the Safe Driver Class will qualify for reductions in their automobile insurance premiums. Please remember to bring your driver's license with you to class. It's important to pre-register so that Jim can ensure accommodation for all. Please call Triton CE at 507-418-7550.



4-Hour Refresher Course (for those that have taken the 8-Hour before)

**Cost: \$20, checks should be made to Jim Jensen**  
**September 12**  
**5-9PM in the THS Media Center**

## Branson Country Christmas— A Special Tribute To Veterans

**Branson's Ozark Jubilee**  
**Treasure Island Resort and Casino**  
**Kristy Faber, Triton Community Ed**



Direct from BRANSON the OZARK JUBILEE features an all-star cast of Branson's top entertainers. This year presenting, "AN ALL-NEW CHRISTMAS SHOW", WITH NEW MUSIC, NEWJOKES, but the same, WORLD CLASS TALENT THAT YOU HAVE COME TO EXPECT! This year the OZARK JUBILEE will be honoring and paying tribute to our VETERANS and thanking them for their SPECIAL SERVICE. The entire second half of our show is a total variety of Christmas music. From traditional standards you'll remember such as Silent Night, White Christmas and many more to some more contemporary Christmas selections. We will share with you the TRUE meaning of Christmas with music, comedy and message to provide an evening of entertainment that will touch your heart. The Jubilee features Branson's funniest comedian and world class fiddler DOOFUS DOOLITTLE! Doof will have you rolling in the isles with his unique brand of humor, and you will be captivated by some of the best fiddle and word class violin music ever. Doofus has an all-new line up of jokes and hilarious routines this year not to miss! Having performed with several of these artists, Doofus will be sharing stories from some of those legends. A real treat this year, Doofus will be saluting the great comedians of yesteryear! Folks such as Archie Campbell, String Bean, Minnie Pearl and many more of your favorites! If you like Country Music, and Good Clean Family Entertainment, you'll want to bring all your friends & come out & see the: OZARK JUBILEE! 45 tickets available.

We will arrive early enough for you to gamble if you'd like to do so, or simply have a coffee and people watch! We will also enjoy a group lunch during the show. Menu includes turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls and butter, dessert and coffee/water.

**November 7**

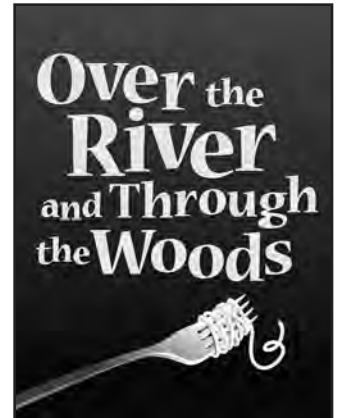
**Cost: \$92, includes coach bus ride, lunch and ticket to the show**

<u>Bus</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Approx. Returns</u>
<b>Dodge Center</b> Triton Activities Entrance	9:20 AM	4:40PM
<b>Kasson</b> Football Field Parking Lot	9:35AM	4:25PM
<b>Byron</b> Community Ed Parking Lot	9:50AM	4:10PM

## Over the River and Through the Woods

**Sidekick Theatre at the Ives Masonic Heritage Center, Bloomington MN**  
**Kristy Faber, Triton Community Ed**

Every Sunday, Nick crosses the river to New Jersey and has dinner with both sets of his Italian American grandparents. But Nick has dreams, and when he receives the perfect job offer from the west coast, he is determined to take it. His grandparents – Frank, Aida, Nunzio, and Emma – are just as determined that he would stay put. Thus begins a series of shameless schemes and hilarious shenanigans that will have you roaring in your seat while reminding you of the wonderful zaniness that is family. 45 tickets are available for this trip.



We will have lunch in the ballroom prior to the show. The menu includes Creamy Chicken Breast, with Rosemary Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Dessert, Coffee, Hot Tea (Special dietary meals available by request ahead of time).

**COST: \$82, includes coach bus ride, lunch at the theatre and ticket to the show.**  
**Thursday, October 10**

<u>Bus</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Approx. Returns</u>
<b>Byron</b> Community Ed Parking Lot	9:30AM	5:15PM
<b>Kasson</b> Football Field Lot	9:45AM	5PM
<b>Dodge Center</b> Triton Activities Entrance	10 AM	4:45PM
<b>Owatonna</b> Target Parking Lot closest to the Hotel	10:25 AM	4:20PM

### Registration

- \*Walk in/Drop off at the Triton Community Ed Office, located in the Elementary Building.
- \*Call us at 507-418-7550
- \*Go On-line at [triton.k12.mn.us](http://triton.k12.mn.us)  
Click on the Menu Tab, and select Community Education under the Community Header, Choose Class + Activity On-line Registration.

**Please note that for students the software does not automatically update their grade, teacher, age or shirt size. Please update these pieces of information each year.**

**Mail the registration form to:**  
 Triton Community Education  
 813 West Highway St  
 Dodge Center, MN 55927

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Participant Information:

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade if a student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tshirt Size if signing up for Cheer or Volleyball: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade if a student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tshirt Size if signing up for Cheer or Volleyball: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade if a student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tshirt Size if signing up for Cheer or Volleyball: YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Payment Information: Total Due: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2024-2025 Bus Information

\*\* All times are subject to change due to families moving to the district.

Please note the designated stops and times to determine which stop is nearest to your residence. The one that is nearest to your residence without crossing a major roadway will be your child's pick-up point and time. Remember, students should be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus comes, not any earlier. On the first day of school, the bus drivers ask that students come to their stop 10 minutes early. \*\*\* Please have 1 primary stop\*\*\*

The pick-up points and approximate times are as follows:

Dodge Center	Bus Number
7:32 Corner of 4th St SE & 6th Ave SE	19
7:34 Corner of 3rd St SE & 6th Ave SE	19
7:37 208 3rd St SE	19
7:38 2nd St NW & Corner of 2nd Ave NW	20
7:32 Corner of 2nd St NE & 9th Ave NE	11
7:33 Corner of 2nd St NE & Cty Rd 34	11
7:34 1st Ave NE & Cty Rd 34	11
7:35 Valley View Trailer Park	11
7:38 Corner of 5th Ave NW & Cty Rd 34	11
7:29 Corner of 1st St SW & 2nd Ave SW	1
7:31 Corner of 2nd St SE and Central Ave	1
7:32 3rd St & Central Ave	1
7:33 Corner of South St & Central Ave	1
7:34 Corner of 2nd Ave & South St	1
7:32 Corner of 11th St NW & 4th Ave NW	14
7:33 Corner of 10th St NW & 6th Ave NW	14
7:34 9th St NW & 6th Ave NW	14
7:35 Corner of 9th St NW & 5th Ave NW	14
7:36 Corner of 8th Ave & 5th St NW	14
7:37 410 8th St NW	14
7:38 304 8th St NW	14
7:17 Corner of 1st Ave & North St	16
7:23 814 East Main St	16
7:25 East Main St & 6 1/2 Ave	16
7:26 Corner 2nd St & 6 1/2 Ave NE	16
7:27 Corner of 2nd St & 3rd Ave NE	16
7:29 Main St & 2nd Ave	16
7:36 Main St & 4th Ave NE	4
7:38 Corner of Main St & 1st Ave (Library)	4
7:39 Corner of Main St & 2nd Ave	4
Claremont	Bus Number
7:22 Front St by Post Office	13
7:23 Front St & East St	13
7:25 Church and Julia	13
7:28 Church & McKinley	13
7:18 533 2nd St	3
7:19 413 2nd St	3
7:20 2nd & Elm	3
7:21 129 2nd St	3
7:22 East St and Trailer Park	3
7:23 3rd & Main	3
7:24 505 3rd St	3
West Concord	Bus Number
7:14 Ellington St & Front St	20
7:16 405 Front St	20
7:17 Corner of Olive St & Front	20
7:19 Corner of Olive & First St (Historical Building)	20
7:24 2nd St & Ellington	2
7:26 3rd St & Arnold	2
7:28 Third St & Eugene	2
7:30 1006 1st St	2
7:27 620 Main St	15
7:29 Highland & Irvin	15
7:30 Corner of 6th St & Irvin	15
7:31 Corner of South and 5th St	15
7:32 Highland & South St	15

# COLLEGE COURSES @ TRITON HIGH SCHOOL



## 55 College Credits

English 1 - 8 credits	Food Science - 4 Credits
English 2 - 6 Credits	Introduction to Education - 3 Credits
Tech Math - 3 Credits	FYEX - 1 Credit
College Algebra - 3 Credits	Plant Science - 3 Credits
Environmental Science - 3 Credits	Speech - 3 Credits
Biology - 3 Credits	Anatomy/Physiology - 3 Credits
Physics - 3 Credits	Fundamentals of Statistics - 3 Credits
American Government - 3 Credits	Tech Writing - 3 Credits

# #WeAreTriton

## TRITON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Wednesday August 28</b>	<p><b>TMS - THS OPEN HOUSE</b> 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Students should pick up Chromebooks, and schedules, set up their lockers, get their school pictures taken, and meet with their teachers. Food Trucks (Hammer D and Unbakeable) will be available outside the activities entrance. Bring the whole family!</p> <p><b>6TH GRADE FAMILY INFO. NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM Sixth graders and at least one parent/guardian are encouraged to attend the Family Information Night presentation in the PAC at 5:30 PM.</p> <p><b>12th GRADE FAMILY INFO. MEETING</b> 8:00 PM Seniors and at least one parent/guardian should attend the meeting at 8:00 PM in the PAC.</p>
<b>Tuesday September 3</b>	<p><b>6TH AND 9TH GRADE, 1ST DAY</b> Students in sixth and ninth grade will be the only students who attend school on Tuesday, September 3. On this day we will have orientation experiences. Transportation will run as scheduled. This is a scheduled school day for students in 6th and 9th grade.</p> <p><b>TES - Interview Day 1</b> Information on the elementary teacher interviews was sent out in the last Elementary Cobra Connections. Please access for sign-up information.</p>
<b>Wednesday September 4</b>	<p><b>TMS - THS, 1ST DAY ALL STUDENTS</b> All students in grades 6-12 attend.</p> <p><b>TES - Interview Day 2</b> Information on the elementary teacher interviews was sent out in the last Elementary Cobra Connections. Please access for sign-up information.</p>
<b>Thursday September 5</b>	<p><b>TES - 1st Day of School</b></p>





#ADVENTUREON



Use this QR Code to complete an online youth application for Pack 348!



Sign-up also available at [BeAScout.org](https://BeAScout.org)

**Exciting adventures are underway for Cub Scouting!**

Cub Scout Pack 348 of Dodge Center welcomes all Boys and Girls in grades K-5. Cub Scout Pack 348 meets at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW, Dodge Center, MN 55927. Sign up for outdoor adventure, pinewood derbies, and fun with friends!

**Cost:**  
\$170 per youth, which includes one year of Council membership.

For more information, contact: Pack Leader Jason Kozisek  
Phone: 507-633-9100  
Email: [jasonkozisek@gmail.com](mailto:jasonkozisek@gmail.com)



# Triton Times

**Craig J. Schlichting, Superintendent**

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## 2024 Dodge County Fair FFA Projects and Livestock Results

Placing	FFA Member	FFA Chapter
<b>Horticulture/Floriculture</b>		
Champion	Ruby Kellogg	Kasson-Mantorville
Reserve Champion	Ambra Andrist	Kasson-Mantorville
<b>Agriscience Projects and Displays</b>		
Champion	Neven Horesji	Triton
Reserve Champion	Hayley Herrick	Triton
<b>Crops</b>		
Champion	Braxton Erickson	Stewartville
Reserve Champion	Noah Kasper	Triton
<b>Small Woods, Engines and Metals Projects</b>		
Champion	Corbin Lamphere	Kasson-Mantorville
Reserve Champion	Corbin Lamphere	Kasson-Mantorville
<b>Large Woods, Engines and Metals Projects</b>		
Champion	Tristan Nelson	Triton
Reserve Champion	Carter Murphy	Hayfield
<b>Beef Show</b>		
Grand Champion Angus	Schuyler Sullivan	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Gr. Champion Angus	Sadie Sullivan	Kasson-Mantorville
Grand Champion Red Angus	Layne Nelson	Hayfield
Res. Gr. Champion Red Angus	Layne Nelson	Hayfield
Grand Champion Simmental	Noah Kasper	Triton
Res. Gr. Champion Simmental	Noah Kasper	Triton
Grand Champion AOB	Maggie Paulson	Hayfield
Res. Gr. Champion AOB	Maddy Johnson	Hayfield
Grand Champion Commercial	Charlie Hesel	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Gr. Champ. Commercial	Charlie Hesel	Kasson-Mantorville
Supreme Breeding Female	Maggie Paulson	Hayfield
Res. Supreme Br. Female	Noah Kasper	Triton
Supreme Ch. Market Animal	Maggie Paulson	Hayfield
Res. Supreme Ch. Mkt. Animal	Liam Schaudenecker	Byron
<b>Dairy Show</b>		
Champion Jr. Holstein	Mackenzie Alberts	Pine Island
Res. Ch. Jr. Holstein	Cadence Spearman	Triton
Champion Jr. Ayrshire	Cadence Spearman	Triton
Res. Ch. Jr. Ayrshire	Cadence Spearman	Triton
Champion Jr. AOB	Elyssa Robinson	Triton

Res. CH. Jr. AOB	Elyssa Robinson	Triton
Champion Jr. Jersey	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
Res. Ch. Jr. Jersey	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
Champion Jr. Crossbred	Alita Reinhart	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Ch. Jr. Crossbred	Brooklyn O'Brien	Kenyon-Wanamingo
Champion Sr. Holstein	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
Res. Ch. Sr. Holstein	Trey Alberts	Pine Island
Champion Sr. Jersey	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
Champion Sr. AOB	Cadence Spearman	Triton
Gr. Champion Holstein	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
Res. Gr. Ch. Holstein	Trey Alberts	Pine Island
Gr. Champion Jersey	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
Res. Gr. Ch. Jersey	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
Gr. Champion AOB	Cadence Spearman	Triton
Res. Gr. Champion AOB	Elyssa Robinson	Triton
Supreme Dairy Animal	Cadence Spearman	Triton
Res. Supreme Dairy Animals	Jacob Schimek	Pine Island
<b>Goat Show</b>		
Gr. Champion Dairy Goat	Ella Aarsvold	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Gr. Ch. Dairy Goat	Emma Aarsvold	Kasson-Mantorville
Gr. Champion Meat Br. Doe	Emma Kruckeberg	Triton
Res. Gr. Ch. Meat Br. Doe	Ella DeCook	Byron
Gr. Ch. Market Goat	Aubrey Quam	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Gr. Ch. Market Goat	Aubrey Quam	Kasson-Mantorville
<b>Sheep Show</b>		
Champion Dorset Ram	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Res. Ch. Dorset Ram	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Champion Dorset Ewe	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Res. Ch. Dorset Ewe	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Champion Babydoll Ram	Brooklyn O'Brien	Kenyon-Wanamingo
Res. Ch. Babydoll Ram	Brooklyn O'Brien	Kenyon-Wanamingo
Champion Babydoll Ewe	Brooklyn O'Brien	Kenyon-Wanamingo
Res. Ch. Babydoll Ewe	Brooklyn O'Brien	Kenyon-Wanamingo
Champion AOB Ewe	Ashlyn Olson	Stewartville
Res. Ch. AOB Ewe	Braxton Erickson	Stewartville
Champion Xbred/Wether Dam Ewe	Hayley Dennison	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Ch. Xbred/Wether Dam	Cole Dennison	Kasson-Mantorville
Supreme Breeding Sheep	Brooklyn O'Brien	Kenyon-Wanamingo
Res. Supreme Breeding Sheep	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Champion Speckled Face Market Sheep	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Res. Ch. Speckled Face Market Sheep	Kenzie Boehm	Stewartville

Champion Black Face Market Sheep	Meredith Faulhaber	Hayfield
Res. Champion Black Face Market Sheep	Meredith Faulhaber	Hayfield
Supreme Market Sheep	Meredith Faulhaber	Hayfield
Res. Supreme Market Sheep	Meredith Faulhaber	Hayfield
<b>Swine Show</b>		
Champion Breeding Gilt	Elyssa Robinson	Triton
Res. Ch. Breeding Gilt	Wyatt Sullivan	Kasson-Mantorville
Champion Market Gilt	Aubrey Quam	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Ch. Market Gilt	Sadie Sullivan	Kasson-Mantorville
Champion Market Barrow	William Ulland	Hayfield
Res. Ch. Market Barrow	Wyatt Sullivan	Kasson-Mantorville
Supreme Market Hog	William Ulland	Hayfield
Res. Supreme Market Hog	Aubrey Quam	Kasson-Mantorville
<b>Poultry Show</b>		
Champion Market Pen	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Res. Ch. Market Pen	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Champion Brown Egg Production	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Res. Ch. Brown Egg Production	Joshua Gillespie	Hayfield
Champion Breeding Pen	Emma Kruckeberg	Triton
Res. Ch. Breeding Pen	Wesley Scanlan	Hayfield
Champion Bantam Br. Pen	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Res. Ch. Bantam Br. Pen	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Champion Market Pen Ducks	Joshua Gillespie	Hayfield
Res. Ch. Market Pen Ducks	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Champion Br. Pen Ducks	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Res. Champion Br. Pen Ducks	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
Champion Br. Pen Bantam Ducks	Ethan Johnson	Hayfield
<b>Rabbit Show</b>		
Grand Champion Small Breed Rabbit (Buck and Doe)	Ruby Kellogg	Kasson-Mantorville
Res. Gr. Champion Small Breed Rabbit (Buck and Doe)	Emma Kruckeberg	Triton
Grand Champion Large Breed Rabbit (Buck and Doe)	Emma Kruckeberg	Triton
Res. Gr. Champion Large Breed Rabbit (Buck and Doe)	Ruby Kellogg	Kasson-Mantorville
Grand Champion Market Rabbit	Emma Kruckeberg	Triton



## WEST CONCORD CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2024 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Council members Nielsen and Peterson.

**ABSENT:** Council Members Burse and Ripley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Palen of Stantec, Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer, Administrator/Clerk Paula Even Trenda, Accountant Michelle Lee, and Police Chief Shannon Boerner, Fire Chief Chad Finne, Chris Sanders of People Services.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA;

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Consent Agenda

• Approve of Council Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2024

• Resolution 2024-36: Approval of new fire dept volunteers Mike Naze and Grant Erler

• Resolution 2024-37 Ap-

proval of 2 new reserve officers Gavin Boerner and Aden Kadner

• Approval for City Administrator/Clerk to attend LMC Clerks Academy Sept 5 & 6

• Approval of Payment of Claims: June 14, 2024 – July 11, 2024: \$453,158.58

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion made by Council member Nielsen, seconded by Council member Peterson

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Nielsen, Peterson

Nays: None

Motion passed

### PUBLIC COMMENT -

Sandra Sullivan – Wanted Stantec to address the issue of the tree that was damaged by road construction work. As well as ask when she would be able to access her driveway again.

Ross Cameron – Felt his water bill/usage was way too high when they were out of town. He will work with the city to see if we can adjust

his billing but wants to know if there is an issue with meter. Chris thought the meter was fine, but Ross said he doesn't have an internal leak.

### CITY BUSINESS

**Resolution 2024-38: Agreement and approval to pay the new 2025+ contract for CAD Software for squad cars.**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Resolution 2024-38 Agreement and approval to pay the new 2025+ contract for CAD Software for squad cars. Chief Boerner explained that this is the only software available and is managed through Dodge County Sheriff's office.

Motion made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Nielsen

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Nielsen, Peterson

Nays: None

Motion passed

**Review Road Closures for Survival Days. Discussion and information only for city residents, staff, and vis-**

itors.

**Resolution 2024-39: Accept Amendment #1 for grant deadline extension for the Residential Rehabilitation Program from September 2024 to September 2025.**

**MOTION:** Accept Amendment #1 for grant deadline extension for the Residential Rehabilitation Program from September 2024 to September 2025. Motion made by Council member Nielsen, seconded by Council member Peterson.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Nielsen, Peterson

Nays: None

Motion passed

### Resolution 2024-40: Affidavit of Ripley Electric for \$675

Affidavit for \$300 work done for swimming pool and \$375 for pump house door.

**MOTION:** To accept Affidavit for \$675 for Ripley Electric.

Motion made by Council member Nielsen, seconded by Council member Peterson.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Nielsen, Peterson

Nays: None

### Joe Palen, Stantec Engineering

Joe Palen of Stantec was present to provide an update on the street projects. The contractor is adding geo-tech fabric to the new roads and repairing, at no cost to the city, repair and burying of "floating" sewer pipes contractor didn't secure properly. Sand and class 5 material will be installed throughout the week, as weather permits. The road should be able to be driven on and walked on during Survival Days. An update for residents will be out the week of July 22.

The municipal parking lot is completed and will be stripped on July 22. Unfortunately, as lovely as the large tree is that is slated to be removed, needs to be taken out. The damaged tree will be fine once work is completed. Also, driveways should be less than 30 days out from being installed, but again, weather dependent. The mayor requested that the sidewalk by Bell Tower be left until after July 28.

Approve: Request for payment #3 on 2024 Street &

Utility Project - \$71,860.85

**MOTION:** Motion to approve payment #3 to contractor. Motion made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Nielsen.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Nielsen and Peterson

Nays: None

### REPORT OF OFFICERS ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

It was reported that the city received from the Historical Society a check in the amount of \$3,763.49 for the gambling rent at the Municipal Liquor Store. Municipal On & Off Sale Report was included for council review. Sales remain strong but looking into expenses, as they seem high compared to the high sales. The current year to date budget was provided to the council to review.

The EMS work session was held, and we are looking for a meeting between Dodge Center and West Concord to discuss their "proposed" fees. In addition, we are looking at 2 or 3 other options for continued service of EMS by our own crews both volunteer and/or paid.

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## WEST CONCORD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Budget to Actual revenue and expenses was provided to the council through June 30th.

### LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Heather Fredericks was on vacation, so the Administrator touched on her high points for upcoming events.

### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer reported EBA Grant trees are looking good. He is purchasing a used fire hose from Claremont for use at the pool.

### PEOPLESERVICE REPORT:

Wastewater Supervisor Chris Sanders verbally reported on his report.

### POLICE CHIEF:

Police Chief Boerner said National Night Out is August 6th. There will be an Open Swim along with a bounce house and other fun activities.

### FIRE CHIEF:

Fire Chief Chad Finne mentioned it has been a busy few weeks for EMS, along with a small shed fire.

### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn.

Motion made by Council Member Nielsen, seconded Council member Peterson.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Peterson, Nielsen

Nays: None

Motion passed  
By: Mayor Jeffrey McCool  
Attest: Paula Even Trendera Clerk/Administrator

## CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

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

City staff and others present: Administrator Elizabeth Sorg, Maintenance Director Casey Dahl, City Engineer Derek Olinger, Mike Bubany, Matt Durand, Jamie Sultze, Jarrod Sultze, Ethan Reed,

Alec Vaughn, and Donna Gregory.

### AGENDA

Motion by Ellis to approve the agenda, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC INPUT

Donna Gregory asked the council to consider adopting or clarifying an ordinance relating to decorative overhead lights by pools.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the June 4, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting. Motion by Sultze to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

#### PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Peter Hanson applied to be on the fire department. Motion by Hedberg to approve Hanson to the fire department, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

#### EDA

Matt Durand gave the council an update on his housing project. The basements are almost finished. The houses are completed, and they are planning to bring them in in mid-July.

#### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Nothing at this time.

#### PARKS COMMITTEE

Hodgman Drainage submitted an estimate for expanding the ball field parking area in order for buses to come in and park. The council tabled it in order to get another estimate.

Three companies submitted electric bids for the scoreboard and lights. The bid request was to put the scoreboard in now and place conduit where the lights will go for installation later on. The council tabled to review how many lights they want and where to place them.

Ethan Reed has planted the food forest in 3 areas by the walking trail very similar to the food forest flyer he had

presented to the council. He also planted some raspberry bushes. He has removed a lot of the invasive garlic mustard.

### PEOPLESERVICE

Their monthly reports were in the packet.

They sent the city a refund of \$2025 for the unused maintenance and chemical budget.

### CITY ENGINEER

All but 40 properties have completed their water service inventory. In mid-July Bolton and Menk will submit a draft copy of the lead service inventory to MDH. The final inventory will be submitted in August.

There are 134 properties that have compliant sump pump connections, 40 have not been completed yet, and a few are non-compliant. For those that don't have a compliant sump pump or will not schedule an appointment, a \$100 surcharge per month will be added to their water and sewer bill.

Motion by Hedberg to set a deadline of 14 days to schedule an inspection, and 30 days for those that need repairs and schedule a reinspection, staff will send the notices and

apply the \$100 to non-compliant properties, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously. The Administrator can give individual waivers for more time, if requested.

Previously, the city has discussed having a larger street project in 2025 (in order to get a better price) and financing the costs with a loan. Mike Bubany was here to explain funding options. A new 15-year bond will create annual payments which will need a revenue source. The city will have approximately \$90,000 in new revenue available in 2028 from the Al-Corn TIF. In order to do the street project in 2025 some amount of tax levy increase will be necessary until that revenue can take its place. Per a standard amortization, the project will cause an impact of \$16 per month for \$100,000 of residential value. The city could ignore the fact that there will be a large tax base coming in 2028 from the Al-Corn TIF or the city could design the current bond issue to be interest-only payments for a few years so that the ethanol plant tax capacity prevents any impact on this current project, or the city could

do a blend of these options. The council would need to make a decision by September. Council will set up a workshop to discuss this further.

Bolton & Menk submitted a response to MPCA regarding the new sulfate limits. The city can't achieve consistent compliance with the proposed sulfate limits as it is not technically or economically feasible at this time. The city will ask for a variance from the sulfate limits.

On May 22, Bolton & Menk engineers toured the wastewater treatment facility with some city staff. They looked at the various pieces of equipment that need attention or replacement. They had a prioritized list of improvements with anticipated costs and budgeting suggestions which will be worked into the budget in future years.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The council asked Casey Dahl if he would like the meeting closed for his annual performance appraisal summary, he said it can stay open. Mayor Dahl abstained from this part of the meeting.

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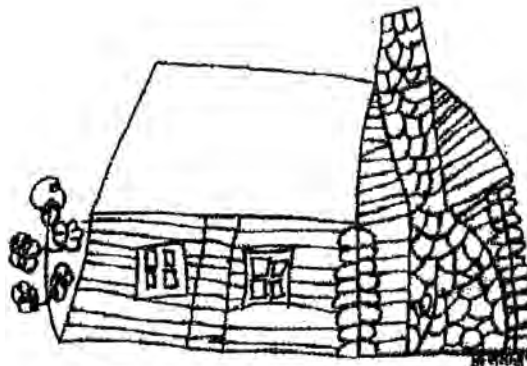
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## CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Administrator Sorg evaluated Casey Dahl and came up with an average of "meets or exceeds expectations" in the requirements of his position. He has been helping People-Service with some of the water and wastewater duties. Motion by Hedberg to increase Dahl's wage 4%, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

The pavilion has been rented 6 times in the month of June, which is the highest amount of reservations so far.

MetroNet has discontinued video services so they will not have any more franchise fees.

### CITY ATTORNEY

The sump pump ordinance will be reviewed next month.

A public hearing will be held next month for those non-complaint properties that have been issued administrative fines.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Ellis to let the Ameriprise investment auto renew, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Klejeski to cash in the CD with Luminate Bank since the bond payments are all due August 1 and the levy has not been received yet, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Sorg prepared job descriptions for a Maintenance Supervisor, Maintenance Worker and a part-time maintenance worker job ad. Motion by Hedberg to approve the part-time maintenance worker job posting with an anticipated wage of \$18-\$21 per hour, depending upon qualifications and applications will be accepted until August 8 or until the position has been filled, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

The council will have a workshop for July 23 at 6 p.m. to start discussing the budget and the items for the ball field that were tabled.

Motion by Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m., second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

### ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg,  
Administrator  
Tasha Dahl, Mayor

## TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SUMMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

### TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN & ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING (WOODSPRING SUITES 121 WELLS ST., WILLISTON, NE 58801)

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the July 15, 2024, Triton School Board meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing in the Triton District Office, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, or online at [www.triton.k12.mn.us](http://www.triton.k12.mn.us).

Present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, J. Jensen, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., D. Jensen, Duane Bartel, and Brian Ginder (via ZOOM), Craig Schlichting, Luke Lutterman, Shane Van Beek, and Tina Kozisek.

The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the June 17,

2024 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's report; designate Heritage Bank of West Concord/Dodge Center, Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund and Bremer Bank as official depositories for ISD #2125 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; Board stipends, paid quarterly, \$40.00 per full Board meeting, \$25.00 for other related meetings, \$80.00 for full day meetings, \$250.00 additional yearly stipend for Board Chair; authorize the use of Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney, P.A. as our designated legal counsel for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The following positions are authorized to contact the legal counsel: Board Chair, Superintendent, and Administrators who have received prior approval from the Superintendent; district staff authorized to make electronic fund transfers; open enrollment agreement for #071524A and #071524B; contracts for Adrianna Rath, Topanga Spencer, and Carly Landsteiner as Cobra Care Assistants;

- Designate the Dodge Center Messenger as the official newspaper for the 2024-2025 fiscal year;
- Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the

School District General Election;

- Resolution Adopting Independent School District No. 2125 FY 26 Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Ten-Year Plan;
- Food Service Agreement with Taher;
- SRO Memorandum of Agreement for 2024-2025.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SCHOOL BOARD STUDY SESSION WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024 TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN -Meeting Proceedings-

Chair Wendy Kenworthy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Wendy Kenworthy, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Duane Bartel, Jim Jensen, Brian Ginder, and Dale Jensen; absent: none; present via ZOOM: Rebecca Knutson. Also present: Superintendent Craig Schlichting, Principal Luke Lutterman, Principal Shane Van Beek, and Dean of Students Tricia Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Items discussed were:

Review Assessment Data

Review Handbook Changes Policy Update Discussion Other  
Preschool Registration.  
Chair Kenworthy adjourned the meeting 7:18 p.m.

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## DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 22, 2024

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Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson, Deputy Jeff Brion, Meredith Brose, Mark Barwald, Kathy Freeman and others  
Absent:

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and amended consent agenda to include: Minutes from July 8, 2024 City Council Meeting, June 11, 2024 HRA Meeting, June 18, 2024 Park Board Meeting, Payment of Bills; Center Clinic Request to close road on September 15, 2024, Reverand Langworthy's request to close road on August 6, 2024 and a donation request from St John's Catholic Church;
- Public Hearing on Nuisance:

The order to abate 308 2nd St NE, 508 3rd St SE, 508 East Main St; Extend time allotted to 208 E Main St to August 22, 2024 at which time the City will order to abate said property; Extend time allotted to 611 2nd St NE to August 22, 2024 at which time the City will order the abatement of said property; Extend time allotted to 709 2nd St NE to August 22, 2024 at which time the City will order the abatement of said property;

- Public Hearing by City Council on the updated Floodplain Ordinance;
  - Authorizing staff to execute any documents required to close out the KMTel Fiber Optic Project grant;
  - Appointment of John Fox, Assistant Ambulance Director;
  - Offer of employment to James Paulson for Maintenance position;
  - TKDA's proposed fee of \$69,500 for professional services in design of Jet-A-Fuel Tank Expansion Project;
  - Extend Airport land lease for same term as original lease;
  - Annadine closing off two parking spaces in front of the restaurant on August 2, 2024
  - Aquatic Center to close pool for the season on August 18, 2024.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm



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 Saturday, August 31: *Marv Gohman* 10:00am-Noon  
*Charlie Sticha Band* 1:00-5:00pm  
 Sunday, September 1:  
 Non-Denominational Church Service 8:00am  
*Marv Gohman* 10:00am-Noon  
*Dakota Ramblers Band* 1:00-5:00pm

Registration of all golf carts & ATV's will be required at Exhibitor's Gate. Proof of insurance. No cycles.

### RAFFLE TRACTOR TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SITE



1st Prize - Minneapolis Moline Tractor or \$2,000 Cash  
 2nd Prize - Minneapolis Moline Pedal Tractor  
 3rd Prize - 1/16 Scale Minneapolis Moline Tractor

### Activities & Demonstrations

All Makes & Models of Tractors and Equipment Welcome  
 Food Stands \* Flea Market \* Parade of Tractors  
 Live Music \* Tractor Pull \* Petting Zoo  
 Horse Drawn Wagon Rides  
 Kids Play Areas \* Kids Pedal Pull  
 Horse & Tractor Plowing \* Sawmill Demos  
 Blacksmithing & More!

**ADMISSION**  
**\$10.00 Adults**  
**FREE 12 & Under**  
**Good for all 3 days!**

*The Rice County Steam and Gas Engines, Inc. is a non-profit organization. The farmers, exhibitors and workers time is all donated. All income is used to improve the show! Thank you for attending.*

*Leashed Pets Only \* Primitive Camping  
No Alcoholic beverages allowed on grounds.*

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