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#### How to Vote for a **Write-In Candidate or Unopposed Candidates**



There are number of write-in candidates in this election as well as many unopposed candidates. Here are some tips on voting. There is also a constitutional amendment on the Minnesota ballot this election. One thing to understand about this constitutional amendment is that it takes away the decision making authority from the legislature, permanently and gives it to an appointed individual who may not be accountable to voters. (continued on page 25)

#### 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 in-
- 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.

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# **Quilt of Valor Ceremony**

On October 5th, 12 men were given a Quilt of Valor to thank them for their service to our country. Vernice Engelken, coordinator for the event, asked me to cover the ceremony for the Messenger, and I was honored to be a part of it.

Vernice found out about the Quilt of Valor organization a few years ago when she was invited to go to join a ceremony honoring one of her relatives, and it touched her heart, so she decided to take it upon herself to do the same for the veterans of Dodge Center. Last year was the first time she organized an event like this, and it was so well received, she decided to do it again this year.

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Twelve veterans were awarded a handmade quilt at the event

### **Dodge County District 5 Commissioners race**

the county before someone gets hurt or killed in the construction work zones.

Two candidates are running for the District 5 commissioners position. Dave Kenworthy is the incumbent and William Sanson is challenging him as a write-in candidate. District 5 is all of Wasioja Township and Concord Township including West Concord and most of Dodge Center. Here both candidates introduce themselves to our

My name is William Sanson. I grew up in Dodge Center and raised my family in Dodge Center and now my grandkids are growing up here. I retired from the operating engineers at 40 years of service. We own a couple businesses in Dodge Center. The

What I have seen in this district, it's totally ignored.



**David Kenworthy** 



William Sanson

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reason I'm running for commissioner; I would like to help watch out for public safety in

Jim Jensen

**Candidates** 



Rebecca Knutson

Three candidates are running for re-election on the Triton school board.

**Triton School Board** 

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Religion

# Mark 10:17-31 & Psalm 146: Living the Faith **Having Enough**

By Rev. Chad Christensen, **Trinity Lutheran Church, West Concord and Dodge Center United Methodist Church** 

Enough. It is a word that gets very little attention these days. Knowing that one has enough, however, is liberating. John C. Bogle was the late founder and CEO of The Vanguard Group, one of the largest mutual fund companies in the world, and he created the Vanguard 500 index fund. Bogle tells the story of Joseph Heller, the 1940s author of Catch-22, a WWII novel, which was one of the great literary works of last century, who responded when someone pointed out that his billionaire party host made more money in a single day of hedge fund trading than Heller had ever earned from his book Catch-22. Heller replied: "Yes, but I have something that he will never have: Enough."

To know that one has enough allows others to have the same possibility. When one can say to oneself, "I have enough," the noisy, grinding gears of endless acquisition come to a halt, and we're drawn deeper into life with all its wonder and pain and beauty.

We have a lot of choices in our lives. There are many options for us to take given by our abundant society—even as we right now feel there are shortages all around us... in our pocket books, trying to keep ourselves and our family healthy, and provide our children with what we had when we were their age. Yet, there is still abundance in our midst. I walk across the room at home and pass two television sets and three computers in the process. I know I am not the only one who experiences this, but rather takes this far granted. I take several bags of clothing to Goodwill and other charitable places each year. It follows from what a former Lutheran bishop told me he did with his family the last week of every year. At year's end, they culled the clothes and the books and the kitchen items they had not touched in many years, and gave them away. It is a good practice. A kind of "holy shedding" of things not needed. It is an act that states that reveals that we have more than "enough" right now.

The rich man in Mark 10:17-22 questioned Jesus on what he must do to inherit eternal life. In his response, Jesus pointed the rich man rather to having treasure in heaven.



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Jesus replied, "follow the commandments" to which the rich man said he had. And then Jesus said, "Go, sell what you own, give the money to the poor, and then you will have treasure in heaven; then come and follow me." The rich man was shocked at what Jesus said at the end, so much so that he walked away grieving.

It is important here to remember that Jesus loved the rich man. Jesus knew what would bring true contentment and peace to this man's heart, so it was not a harsh response by Jesus to the rich man at all. Yet ill-found perspectives of what is "enough" don't always take good news as good, as the rich man was worried over his many possessions.

There will always be a wideness between our notions of what "right living" is for us and what God's will is for our right living. This is why, for Christians, the flow of God's activity is a kind of "down and out" activity:

God's will for right living flows down upon believers who, inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit, live out such right living through our various actions that benefit our neighbor.

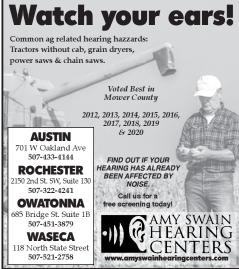
When we know that our faith and trust in God is in and of itself "enough," we make room and provide relief for those who are lacking basic necessities. If the rich man from Mark 10 had remembered Psalm 146, the outcome may have been different from him. Psalm 146:7-8 suggests that we'll be moved to joy, moved to praise when we trust God above our wealth and possessions:

"The Lord lets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.'

We will be like freed prisoners from what binds us, which includes unnecessary wealth. God will give us things, but God holds out something more to the faithful—the peace of knowing that we have enough. That knowledge makes us partners in God's work in the world. Without the good, quieting power of "enough," the notion that God will provide is superficially optimistic and impractical. It can even be dangerous and devastating, as national financial debacles have shown us.

It is tempting to interpret these Biblical texts from Mark 10 and Psalm 146 to mean that God wants endless gain for us and that we do not need to consider the destructive consequences of endless acquisition nor take responsibility for our own financial circumstances or debts. It is easy to interpret these Biblical texts in these ways, but such interpretation requires suspending any sense of personal responsibility. It is also a perverse distortion of "God's care."

I'm still working on my faith, as I am sure you are too. It is a never-ending process until we take our last breath in this life. Faith development for all of us is a work in progress-especially when it comes to money. Faith is knowing that God provides all that we need. And every now and then we can taste—you and I—the glimmer of joy, clarity, and contented generosity that is God's gift of "enough."







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#### **Area Church Directory**

Wake Up

Wake Up

"Young man, I say to you, "Get up!" — Luke 7:14

I am not a morning person. I wish I were I have learned to get up early out of necessity, but it takes some time and coffee to get me going.

In our reading from Luke 7 today, we see a remarkable awakening. A young man has died. Jesus sees the funeral procession, and his heart goes out to the young man's mother, who is also a widow. He walks up to the funeral stretcher and says, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" Jesus uses a Greek word here that literally means "wake up." Jesus treats the young man as if he is not dead but asleep. And when he wakes up, the young man starts to talk, which seems like a funny detail to include. Maybe he is a morning person!

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Later in the passage, the same word is used again. The crowd that had seen this miracle declared with awe, "A great prophet has appeared among us." More literally, this can be translated: "A great prophet has awoken among us!"—meaning that the people could see they were in the presence of someone specially sent by God. They didn't know much about Jesus yet, but they would soon learn

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I don't know if you are a morning person or not, but here is a helpful prayer we can offer anytime: "Jesus, please awaken mel" Ask the Lord to wake you up to see and care about the people around you.

Dear Jesus, as you worked your resurrection power in that young man, will you work the same power in my life and spirit today? Help me to serve you faithfully. Amen.

#### **CLAREMONT**

1st Presbyterian Church

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

St. John Lutheran Church

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#### WEST CONCORD

Faith Community Church

305 State Street N, West Concord • 507-527-2244 Pastor David Breederland Sunday 9:30a.m. Worship; 10:45a.m. Sunday School

Facebook: WC Faith Community Church

Hegre Lutheran, ELCA 51939 Highway 56 Blvd., Kenyon • 507-527-2353 Sunday: 9:15a.m. Sunday School; 10:30a.m. Worship

Trinity Lutheran, ELCA 301 Highland St., West Concord • 507-527-2778 Pastor Chad Christensen • trinitychurchwc.net Sunday worship video is posted on Facebook:

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# Gaylord Gossard

Gaylord Gossard, beloved husband, father,



grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 80 on October 4, 2024. Born and raised on a farm near Kasson, Minnesota, Gaylord's life was

d e e p l y rooted in f a m i l y , farming, and

community service. His early years were spent helping his father on their family farm, where he became his dad's "right-hand man" after a farming accident.

Gaylord attended West Concord High School, where he played football and basketball and was actively involved in 4-H and FFA. After graduating, he joined the Army Reserve before fully committing to farming. In 1965, he married his beloved wife, Penne, and together they raised three children and operated a successful family farm in Dodge Center with his sister and brother-in-law Quentin and Marion Kleinwort.

In 1968, Gaylord survived a near-fatal accident involving an electrical wire, a life-altering event that left him with lasting memories but no serious health issues. He continued farming and remained active in his community, serving on the West Concord school board, Dodge County Farm Bureau, and the American Dairy Association. He also worked at McNeilus Steel for 18 years, traveling as far as Japan for his work, and later took on a role with the USDA, conducting farm surveys.

A devout Christian, Gaylord was a long-time member of Faith Community Church in West Concord and served with Gideons International, raising funds to distribute Bibles around the world. His faith deepened after the passing of his father-in-law in 1976, leading him to a personal relationship with Jesus. Gaylord and Penne also welcomed 17 agricultural exchange students from across the world into their home, fostering lifelong connections and cross-cultural exchange.

Gaylord's love for family, his dedication to God, and his commitment to helping others defined his life. He is survived by his wife Penne, their children Chad (Andrea) Gossard of Mantorville, MN.; Shannon (Kerry) Mattson of Mound, MN.; and Gunar (Erica) Gos-

sard of Minneapolis, MN.; as well as eight cherished grandchildren Thomas, Olivia, Sophia and Alayna; Meagan and Kendra; Eleanor and Maren. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents Carlyle and Viola Gossard, sister Joanne Bennerotte, brother in laws Charlie Bennerotte, Bill Harvey, and Harvard Jendersee. Sisterin-law Peggy Jendersee and parents in law Charles and Gladys Twitchell.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at Faith Community Church in West Concord, MN from 4:00-7:00 PM. A memorial service was held at Faith Community Church on Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM with visitation open at 10:00 AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Community Church or Gideons International in Gaylord's honor.

#### Brian "Fuzzy" Bohlman

Brian "Fuzzy" Bohlman passed away on



October 8, 2024, after a more than 2-year battle with cancer.

Brian was born on May 5, 1958, to Lyle and DeLoris (Neuman) Bohlman in Owatonna. Brian grew up in Owatonna and graduated from OHS in 1976.

He started his lifetime career as a meat cutter when he was a teenager working with Carl Adams at Adams Grocery Store. He worked for many grocery stores in Owatonna before spending more than 25 years working at the Byron Grocery Store. He ended his career working in Kasson at Hy-Vee. Brian was well known for processing deer for more than 45 years, which brought him so much happiness. He was known as the "Meat Man" and for his infectious smile (which was always on his face).

Brian was an avid fisherman and hunter; he looked forward to hunting each year and gave everything he had to get his deer. Camping and road tripping all over southern Minnesota with Naomi was his passion for the last 10 years. Brian was a kind and generous man who was always there to help when anyone asked. He especially was there for his kids when they needed him.

Brian married Angela DeGeus on November 18, 1989. They had two sons and were later divorced but remained good friends. On July 9, 2011, he married the love of his life and soulmate, Naomi Colmer-Anderson. They resided in Dodge Center and had an amazing marriage; they were truly meant to be together. During his battle with cancer, Naomi was by his side everyday as his cheerleader and support.

Brian is survived by his loving wife Naomi; father, Lyle Bohlman; sons, Jansan Bohlman and Jackson (Brian Darrington) Bohlman; brothers, Stuart (Angela) Bohlman, Leon (Lori) Bohlman; sister Cheryl (Ed Wurst) Bohlman; children by marriage Alex (Jenny) Anderson, Max Anderson, Madison Anderson; grandchildren, Jayce, Trinitee (Ben Roussopoulas), Tye, Skylee, Amelia, Robert, and Stanley; brothers in law, Roger (Lee) Stennes and Pete (Jane) Stennes.

He was preceded in death by his mother, DeLoris Bohlman, maternal and paternal grandparents, many aunts and uncles, and son by marriage Zach Anderson.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM . Funeral services were held on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM at Michaelson Funeral Home with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Pastor Roger Langworthy officiated. Interment was in the St. John Cemetery in Owatonna.

#### **Rhoda Ann Ehler**

Rhoda Ann Ehler, 76, of Hayfield, MN,



passed away on October 9, 2024 in the comfort of her home surrounded by family after a long battle with cancer. She was born on July 3, 1948, adopted by Reuel and Maud "Peg" Olson of Canton MN. She graduated from Canton

High School in 1966, which was the last graduating class. She started her nursing career at as a nurse aid at St Mary's hospital and continued on to obtain her nursing degree.

In 1969, she married Roger Ehler who was her high school sweetheart. Together they built a family consisting of three children; Katheryn, Kevin and Kollin, where they lived in Dodge Center for approximately 30

years before moving to Hayfield. She worked in the nursing field for nearly 44 years working for St Mary's Hospital, Mayo Clinic Kasson Family Practice, and Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center.

In addition to her professional career of caring for others, Rhoda was an avid bowler, enjoyed her pet cats, loved crocheting blankets for family and friends and enjoyed trips out west to Montana and Wyoming exploring nature. She was a devoted Catholic, active with her church, serving as an organist for 46 years and received the Bishop's Medal Award for her dedicated service. In 2017, she was the recipient of the Olmsted County Sheriff's Lifesaving Award for providing heroic measures in administering CPR to a person in need. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her friends and family including holiday celebrations, sporting events and any other activities that her children and grandchildren enjoyed.

Rhoda is survived by her husband of almost 55 years, Roger; children, Katheryn (Luke) Lejcher of Bayport, Kevin (Christina) Ehler of Cottage Grove, Kollin (Mary) Ehler of Brownsdale; her nine grandchildren, Connor (Chloe), Mitchell (Emma), Isabella, Adelyn, Isaac, Melissa, Cammi (Justice), Paige and Alex; her sister, Maryellen Schaefer of Eagan; and half-brothers, Kerry Kjome, Dana Kjome, Randy Kjome, and Rory Kjome. She was preceded in death by her parents and her half-brother Shaun Kjome.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude and appreciation to the Mayo Clinic staff at Gonda 10 Oncology Unit who assisted her during her 4-year battle with cancer, which included nearly 100 chemotherapy treatments and the tremendous team at Eisenberg Station 6.2 who kept her comfortable during her final days.

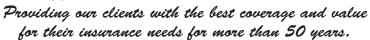
For many years Rhoda was active in the Cancer Relay for Life held in Kasson. In lieu of gifts and flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Cancer Telethon or a cancer charity of your choice.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 18, 2024, at St. John Baptiste de la Salle Parish, 20 2nd St NE in Dodge Center, MN. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South St SW in Dodge Center, MN and one hour prior to her service at the church on Friday. A private family burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

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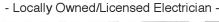
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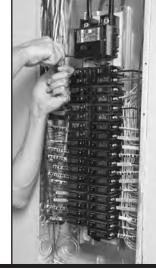


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# That's the Latest & Obituary

# That's the Latest My Friend Jerry



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.

In August, 2018, I shared two columns that my friend Jerry Nelson wrote about how, through DNA testing, his cousin and wife were reunited with a daughter they gave up for adoption. You can go to Roadfarming.com and look at all my past columns and you could reread it as I did. The adopted girl, Tammi, was raised on a dairy farm near Kenyon. It's a fascinating read or re-read in this case.

I got to know Jerry as I did a lot of broadcast work in South Dakota over the years. Jerry grew up on a farm near Volga, South Dakota which his great-grandfather homesteaded in the 1880's. Jerry and I have known each other since about 2003. Jerry was a dairy farmer who had a near death experience several years ago in a manure pit when he was overcome with hydrogen sulfide. Six weeks in the hospital including a month in ICU gave Jerry a new look at life. So what do you do after that? Well in Jerry's case, he became a writer. His

stories are mostly about rural life and his obscure look at the simple things on and off the farm. I've told him that many times I think he and I are twin cousins separated at birth. Our stories from the farm are very similar. Only his were in Volga and mine in West Concord.

You may recall that 1996 there was extreme flooding in eastern South Dakota. It was similar in 2024. Jerry called his county agent to ask how he can keep jet skis out of his corn field holding out hope he could still get some kind of crop. Later in life, Jerry started writing a dairy column which in turn led to him writing a book. From his experience trying to figure out how to keep the jet skiers out of his fields, the book was titled 'Dear County Agent Guy'. I still have the manuscript that I got to read prior to it being published.

Not only do Jerry and I share a similar background, we also have that same warped sense of humor. His book covers the jet ski experience along with how on their wedding night, his wife Julie, declined to help him chase cows back into the barn while still in her wedding dress. There's also the story how Jerry offered the delivery room doctor the use of his calf puller during the birth of his first son. They have two boys who he taught to vaporize bugs on an electric fence. It only gets better from there.

In spite of some things he's gone through and going through a tough time now, Jerry keeps finding the lighter side of things. Jerry was recently diagnosed with tonsil cancer. His oncologist recommended chemotherapy combined with radiation treatments. His chemotherapy drug of choice contains plat-

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### **OBITUARY**

#### Irmgard "Irmy" Madsen

Irmgard "Irmy" Madsen, 82, of Claremont, died Saturday, September 28, 2024, at her home with her family by her side.



She was born July 24, 1942, in Poland to Emil and Hilda (Nebowski) Schieffelbein. Irmy grew up in Europe until she was nine years old when they moved to the United States. She graduated from Chatfield High School before attending Rochester Community College. Irmgard met Richard Madsen and on October 13, 1962, they were united in marriage in Dodge Center. They were married for 61 years and blessed with four children.

Irmgard loved to crochet, macramé, go to garage sales, ride around town on her golfcart, and read books with a coffee in her hand. She would bake with her grandchildren, have coffee with her girlfriends, and help out with church events and with the

American Legion Auxiliary. Irmy was a very happy, jolly, positive person, and never let pain get in her way. She loved her husband, children, and grandchildren dearly.

She is survived by her husband Richard Madsen of Claremont; daughters, Tracy Madsen-Kettner of Dodge Center, and Bonita Gianforti of Jacksonville, FL; grandchildren, Jessica and Justin Madsen, Jake Gianforti, Natasha King, and Dakota Hester; great grandchild Tenley Madsen; sister, Siegrun Mills, and brother Erwin Schieffelbein.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Hilda Schieffelbein; sons, Bryan Madsen and Blake Madsen; and sister Erika Kohlmyer.

Visitation was at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM, with the funeral service starting at 2:00 PM. Kaye Fate officiated. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery in Claremont. Memorials are preferred to any Colon Cancer or Breast Cancer Foundation of your choice.

inum, which Jerry noted, means he was probably worth considerably more after each infusion. Without going into all the detail, Jerry described some of his many medications that come with a long list of possible side effects. He thought some of them in theory, should cancel each other out. For instance, one drug had possible side effects of both constipation and diarrhea. He found out the hard way that they do not cancel each other out.

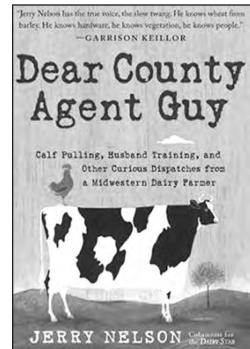
His treatments are behind him now so it's a matter of waiting and testing to see how effective all the treatments were. He was told that his type of cancer has an 85% cure rate.

In our similarities in many things, I found out he likes to quote song lyrics like what I have done many times as well. At the end of his telling the story of what he's gone through, he quoted from the song; I Can See Clearly Now by Johnny Nash. In part, it goes like this:

"I can see clearly now the rain is gone. I can see all obstacles in my way.

Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind. It's gonna be a bright, bright sunshiny day."

Jerry added that's how he feels now. 'Because look all around, there's nothing but blue skies. Look straight ahead, nothing but blue skies!'



Jerry's book, "Dear County Agent Guy" can be found at www.workman.com and in bookstores nationwide.



Saturday, October 19th, 2024, 6:30 PM Old time polkas, schottisches and waltzes Featuring guest artist, fiddler and dancer, Beth Hoven Rotto

Free and open to the public at the WCHS gym.

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# Museum Alusings

# WHAT'S NEW IN 1902

#### By Colleen Sathrum Hayne

I spend a great deal of time in a building constructed in 1902. Our Museum is the oldest public building in West Concord whose interior still shows how structures were built at the turn of the century. Our school is 122 years old and we can definitely say it was built to last. I love the oak woodwork, the hardwood floors, the transom windows and the tin ceilings. I miss the large windows that were originally in place—whose outline you can see when you look from the outside. They were replaced in the 1980's with smaller, energy-efficient windows and the extra space infilled. A dream is to one day have the original large windows back. Those windows were so important because the original school did not have electricity or plumbing until the south addition in 1914. The windows provided the main light source for the school for twelve years.

So what was happening in America in 1902? U.S. citizens were recovering from the tragic assassination of President McKinley in the fall of 1901. Teddy Roosevelt, McKinley's vice-president, succeeded him and Teddy Bears were invented. Enrico Caruso made the first gramophone record that sold a million copies. The very first movie theater opened in Los Angeles. The Isthmian Canal Act authorized the building of the Panama Canal and Cuba gained independence from Spain. Theodore Roosevelt became the first president to ride in an automobile.

In West Concord, times were "booming". The 17 year old town was experiencing much building and opening of new enterprises. Imagine, two lumber yards were thriving, the Wisconsin Lumber Co. and Carpenter's. From horse blankets to women's hats, you could buy everything you needed in West Concord.

There was some controversy about the school in the spring of 1902. Some folks in town thought the new school should be built right where the old one was—approximately where our former car wash is today. Other people were adamant that a new site in the middle of town would be best. After more than one vote to settle the controversy, the new site was settled on, purchased, and construction begun. The new school was to have a capacity of 250 with a high school room upstairs that could accommodate 75 students. When the school did open in the fall of 1902, the teachers had a complaint that was registered in the Enterprise. Parties for children under the age of 13 had been abundant on school nights—sometimes three a week.

The teachers asked if partying could be restricted to Friday and Saturday nights so that social life wouldn't interfere with the school work of the children. As a former teacher, I understand all too well. On William McKinley's birthday the new school focused on lessons about his life out of respect for the martyred president. The WRC (Women's Relief Corps) hosted a program and supper fundraiser in honor of McKinley's birthday, too. The country was still struggling with his loss.

Phones were gradually being installed in various businesses. They were big news and were duly reported in the newspaper. The Concord House Hotel had one put in and E.A. Parkins had a "hello" placed in his residence. When bananas were being unpacked in a grocery store in town, it was discovered a tarantula had come with them. The spider soon found a home in a glass jar at the store.

All kinds of entertainment were passing through West Concord with performances at the Opera House. Even the Euterpean Quartette, who had recently performed "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" at President McKinley's funeral and were an especially top-flight group, performed in West Concord's concert series in 1902.

Vehicle accidents were common, but they weren't motorized vehicles yet. When D.D. Avery was driving to West Concord from Concord in the snow to attend lodge, he tried to "turn out to let a team of horses pass, and ran into a pile of stone that someone had kindly put on the roadway." The cutter tipped over and dumped Mr. Avery in the snow, but he escaped without injury. Carrie Dingler, her brother, and a friend were driving home in their buggy in "quite a storm" after a Rebekah Lodge meeting. After they crossed the bridge their horse "stepped off the embankment in the ditch, turning the buggy completely over, and bruising and shaking up the occupants considerably." Carrie's collar bone was broken in two places, the buggy was wrecked, but the other two occupants were spared serious injury.

The West Concord Flouring Mill was struggling. Mr. Phelps, the present lessee, gave up his lease and moved to Moorhead. He had put over \$1100 of his own money in the enterprise, but could not make a go of it. (That would be around \$40,000 in today's economy). The town was sad to see him go. Two gentlemen from Montana saved the day by leasing the Flouring Mill for two years. Hopes were high that they could make a go of it, both having had experience in the industry.

80 acres, five miles southwest of West Concord, was for Sale for \$36.00 an acre. The ad reported that the land was all "improved" with some small buildings. When the Farmers' Mercantile and Elevator Company met for their eighth Annual Meeting, it was reported that 42,029 bushels of barley had been received during the past year—the highest amount of any grain. Oats and wheat followed closely behind, with flax and rye received in much smaller amounts. All were pleased that it was a profitable year for the Company.

Crews of railroad men were in West Concord that year taking up old rails and replacing them with extra heavy steel rails. Heavy rains were causing washouts on the railroad near town, often delaying trains for hours.

The possibility of laying cement sidewalks in West Concord was the topic of the day. It was a much needed improvement for the young town. The City Fathers wanted to begin by having cement sidewalks laid on both sides of Main Street between Front and State Streets. Their idea was that the village would pay for excavating and sand and gravel while individual owners would purchase the cement and lay the walk. Petitions were circulating for signatures to accomplish this.

Music was everywhere. West Concord had several bands that year: the Workmen Band, the Woodmen Band, The Union Star Band of Berne, and the Quackenbush Orchestra. They played for every kind of occasion all year long and were a matter of pride in town.

A front page article of a 1902 Enterprise reminded me of how far we have come in advocating for the equality of men and women in the past 122 years. I'm going to quote it here because it's a definite sign of the times:

"Young women, do you expect to get a husband who will work for you, live for you alone, who will devote all his mind and energy toward making you happy and comfortable? If you do, keep off the streets at night, don't spend an hour before the looking glass curling your hair, penciling your eyebrows and making a doll of yourself.

Don't put your pocket money into ribbons and laces, tan shoes and chewing gum.

Don't gad about the streets from morning till night and let your dear old mother do all

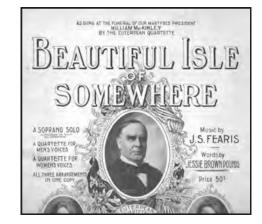
the housework. Good men don't want such girls. A sensible man wants a girl who is likely to make a good woman, and be a comfort to him and a joy through life."

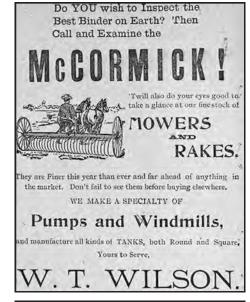
Short moral lectures were interspersed throughout the Enterprises of 1902. Now you've read one. Next time you drive by the Museum, think about 1902 and what it represented in the life of the young town of West Concord.

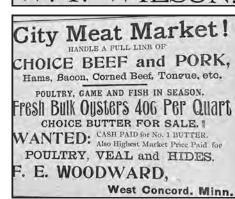




The north entrance of the original school before the 1936 gymnasium addition was built.







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

**Dodge Center** 

**Fire** 

**Department** 

**Pancake** 

**Breakfast** 

Community

#### The Dodge Center Fire Department held their annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday October 6th from 8am to 12:30pm. They served pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, biscuits

This old 1931 Fire Truck was purchased new ninety- three years ago. The department is hoping to raise \$30,000 to refurbish the fire truck as a valuable piece of city history.

# and gravy. There was also a silent auction held with the funds going to restore "Old 31".







### **TRITON TEACHER SPOTLIGHT**





Katie Fitzgerald is the Triton middle and high school Ag Teacher and FFA advisor.

Katie graduated from Triton in 2020 and graduated from SDSU in My of 2024 with an animal science degree. She is looking forward to using her agriculture and FFA experience and background to help educate students.

Growing up in West Concord Katie showed cattle on the county, state and national levels and was the 2020 Minnesota FFA Star Farmer.

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# Community

# Come, spend a "Night in the Nutt House"! Bwa-ha-ha-ha, tee-hee!

Mantorville Theatre Company's dinner theatre began Oct. 11. Advance reservations required.

A cast member once quipped, "If Neil Simon had written a melodrama for the Addams Family, it might look like this!" It was a dark and stormy night as a young innocent couple approaches a creepy mansion, uh, oh... but instead of screaming, don't be surprised to find yourself laughing at The Wedding Will Out or Night in the Nutt House written by Greg Miller and directed by Becca Messick!

Mantorville Theatre Company presents its October dinner theatre event October 11-27; Friday and Saturday nights at 6:30 and Sundays at 12:30. Doors will open 30 minutes be-

fore showtime.

What's it about?

Baxter and Barbra want to get married by the Justice of Peace but find themselves taking shelter on a stormy night at his home while he is out. Mrs. Nutt is mysterious, as is the butler... and the house! Her three daughters, each eccentric in different ways, try to get Baxter's attention to marry one of them instead. Lots of thrilling things start to happen with hilarity, hijinks and surprises in this fun, haunted house-esque, slapstick, melodrama!

#### Who's in it?

KCIN SIEGELE plays Baxter Devonwich, our hardworking, diligent, loyal and honest hero. His fiancé Barbra Doyle, our educated socialite heroine, born with optimism and sweetness to spare is played by ANNIE BU-RESH. The mysterious matriarch of the Nutt family, Mrs. Phobia Nutt, with her sinister schemes is portrayed by STEPHANIE NEHER. Her henchman, the demented butler Mord, is played by BOB SOLAND. The Nutt sisters, Chollera, Rubella and Influenza, played by BROOKLYN REDING, BRE NEHER and ELIZABETH OSBORN are quirky, macabre and maybe a little crazy. DAVID KLICKMAN has multiple roles such as a villager and the-thing-that-goesbump(giggle)-in-the-night.

What's for supper?

Catered by Powers Ventures, owners of the Hubbell House, the food will be served buf-



The "Nutt House" cast. Front: Kcin Siegele (Baxter), Annie Buresh (Barbra), Elizabeth Osborn (Influenza), David Klickman (Villager). Back: Stephanie Neher (Mrs. Nutt), Bob Soland (Mord), Brooklyn Reding (Chollera), Bre Neher (Rubella). "Night in the Nutt House" runs October 11-27 (Fri, Sat, Sun). Reservations must be made 72 hours in advance at mantorvilletheatrecompany.com.

fet style throughout the evening during breaks in the show. First, salad with garlic toast, next Chicken Kiev with potatoes and green beans, and Bunnie's coconut cake for dessert. Water will be provided. There will also be a cash bar of pop, beer and wine.

Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free meals are available only if arrangements are made 72 hours prior to your show date. Contact the

Wedding

Will Out

box office by email mantorvilletheatre@gmail.com or call 507-635-5420 (leave a message).

Reservations – a must.

All seats are reserved and must be purchased at least 72 hours prior to all show dates. Go to www.mantorvilletheatrecompany.com to reserve your seat. Cost for dinner and the show is \$50.

Night in the

**Nutt House** 

by Greg Miller



Come join us for an old-fashioned (made from scratch) Chicken & Biscuit dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, cranberry salad and apple cake at Claremont First Presbyterian Church.

Adults: \$15 Kids 5-12: \$7 Under 5: free

Dine in or carry out available

Location: 121 East St N Claremont, MN

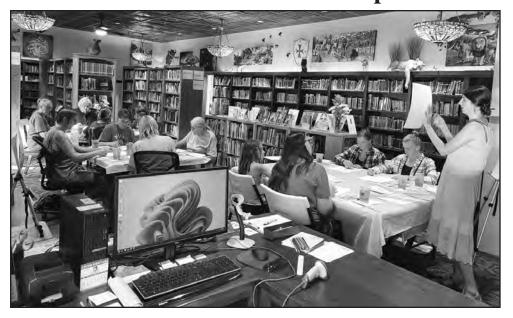
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# City Highlights

# Watercolor Painting Library Legacy Event with Willomina Art Studio on September 26





Pat Dohrmann and Rita Gilbert



Melonie and Ella Croney



Olivia and Sophia Kinniburgh

# **New West Concord City Employee**

Beth Albers started as accounting clerk and administrative assistant this month in West Concord. Beth and her husband Brian, currently live in Owatonna. They have two adult daughters and a son in high school.

Beth was employed for seven years at the First State Bank or Red Wing in Medford. She applied for the position in West Concord because she was looking for new things in an accounting career. Her husband Brian is a journeyman glazier, a construction professional who specializes in installing glass windows.

She enjoys fishing, kayaking, tubing and camping with the family and their dog and two cats.



**Beth Albers** 

## West Concord Fire Department Pancake Breakfast Sunday, October 13th



Firemen serving pancakes, scrambled eggs and sausages



Miss West Concord royalty serving milk and juice

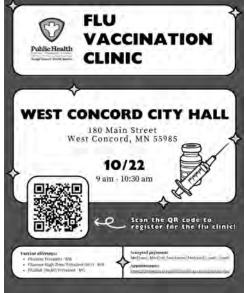




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www.westconcordmn.com





### **2024 West Concord Events**

- Public Hearing on Street Assessment 6:00pm October 17 at the Bell Tower Center, followed by City Council Meeting.
- Flu Shot Clinic October 22 from 9-10:30a at City Hall
- · Voting at City Hall November 5
- · Christmas in West Concord will happen on Saturday, December 7th, 2024. Many activities are planned with something for all ages. One of the favorites is the Silent Auction at City Hall. Proceeds from the auction provide funds for our parks. Bring the baskets to city hall. Contact Karen Peterson with more questions.
- Truth in Taxation Meeting 6:00 pm on December 19 at the Bell **Tower Center**

## **Snow Emergencies**

It's that time of year again! Although our fall has felt a little more like summer, winter is right around the corner. As a reminder, the City of West Concord has a snow ordinance for all city streets. Every effort is made to keep streets clear of snow and ice during and after a snowstorm. The city can't do it all alone and we rely on you, to help us, by following the snow rules set in place by council.

Snow Emergencies: No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any city street or alley during a declared snow emergency. A snow emergency is defined as any time the quantity of snow warrants the deployment of snowplows. During snow emergencies, no parking shall be allowed on the road or alley for 48 hours after the start of a snowfall. Warnings and/or citations will be issued to vehicle owners parked in the path of snowplow on the first pass. Any vehicle violating this article may be towed without notice to the property owner, at the owner's expense.

Piling of Snow: Persons shall not push or deposit snow or ice into a street or alley from private property or public boulevards. Do not pile snow at street corners or at the ends of public drives so it interferes with the view of the traveling public.

Property owners will be charged removal costs if such piles must be removed by City staff or other agent of City.

As a reminder, the city code states:

800.01 Repair and maintenance of sidewalks. The owner of property within the city abutting a public sidewalk must keep the sidewalk in repair and safe for pedestrians. The owner and occupant of the property must use diligence to remove snow, ice, dirt or rubbish from the sidewalk. Snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours after a snow or sleet storm. Sidewalks must be kept free of debris, including the trimming of tree limbs.

1310.11 Subd. 1 'A "snow removal period" as used in the subsection means a period of time commencing at the beginning of each snowfall and lasting for 48 hours after a snowfall even if the snow has been removed from city streets.'

1310.11 Subd. 2 'Parking prohibition. During a snow removal period, it is unlawful to park or leave standing a vehicle on any street between the hours of 1:00 o'clock a.m. and 6:00 o'clock a.m.

Thank you for your help in keeping our streets and sidewalks free from snow and ice this winter.



# It's Election Time!

Be sure to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 5th! Polling in the City of West Concord takes place at City Hall (180 W Main Street). The polls will be open from 7:00am - 8:00 pm. If you are unsure of where you vote, visit https://pollfinder.sos.mn.gov/ and enter your address.

The 2024 General Election will have the following items on your ballot:

- U.S. President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- State Representative
- Judicial seats
- MN Constitutional Amendment
- Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to protect drinking water sources and the water quality of lakes, rivers, and streams; conserve wildlife habitat and natural areas; improve air quality; and expand access to parks and trails by extending the transfer of proceeds from the stateoperated lottery to the environment and natural resources trust fund, and to dedicate the proceeds for these purposes?
- City Officers
- Mayor (1 seat, 4-year term)
- Councilmember (2 seats, 4-year term)

# Election Day 2 Tuesday, November 5



# **Constipation Checklist** By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS Licensed Nutritionist

Almost everyone has experienced difficulty passing a bowel movement at least once in their life. For some, the challenge is a regular occurrence. Dr. Alan Gaby defines constipation as having less than 3 bowel movements in a week. Dr. Bernard Jensen raised concern if an individual was not having 3 bowel movements a day. There are numerous reasons why constipation may be happening, but let's consider the basics.

The digestive system starts at your mouth and ends with the anal opening. This amazing system allows food to pass through the middle of your body with only the nutrients your body wants getting absorbed. All the rest of the remains of food will provide some support for the trillions of bacteria in your intestines and then will move out with the next bowel movement. The colon is the last section of the digestive system, and a primary role of the colon is to absorb water so that you do not constantly have diarrhea. When this system is working well, your intestines should be regularly moving food remains through with ease.

In order to see regular bowel movements occur with ease, consider the following checklist:

Water – since a primary role of the colon is to absorb water make sure you are consuming enough water that the colon cannot absorb it all. Other beverages like coffee, tea, and carbonated beverages do not count. These beverages will stimulate the kidneys to pull more water out of the body, so additional pure water needs to be consumed to compensate.

Fiber - fiber is that portion of fruits and vegetables that is indigestible. It serves a purpose in absorbing water and toxins from the digestive track and removing them from the body. Consider fiber to be the broom which sweeps through the intestines and keeps them clean. Beans of all kinds, oatmeal, fruits and vegetables are quality sources of fiber. An adult should consume around 30 grams of fiber per day, but the average American only consume half that amount.

Probiotics – Probiotics are the beneficial bacteria you need in your intestines to maintain quality health. These probiotics can be obtained by supplement or through fermented foods like yogurt, sauerkraut, or kimchi. These beneficial bacteria feed on the fiber and produce helpful chemicals that stimulate healing and bowel activity. I recommend a probiotic supplement that has at reasons for constipation to develop. These least 10 different bacteria listed in the ingredient list and to take between 50 billion CFU and 100 billion CFU in the evening before

Food Allergies - make a journal of the foods you eat from day to day and note if constipation is experienced after eating a certain food. Any food can produce an allergic reaction. Some common foods associated with constipation include Cow's milk, cheese, wheat, and beef.

Flaxseed - Flaxseed oil and flaxseed meal consumed regularly can improve bowel movements and regularity. Recommended intake is 1-2 tablespoons of flaxseed oil, or 2 - 3 tablespoons of flaxseed meal per day. Flaxseed provides multiple benefits to the human body from the essential fatty acids, fiber, and additional nutrients packed into this tiny seed.

Magnesium – The intestines only absorb the quantity of magnesium the body needs. However, most Americans are deficient in magnesium as mentioned in a previous article. When you consume more magnesium than your body needs, a laxative effect will be produced to increase bowel activity. Magnesium citrate is an easy supplement to take and 400 mg in the evening before bed will be appropriate to increase bowel activity for most people.

Vitamin C – The intestines only absorb the quantity of Vitamin C the body can use at that time, so excess Vitamin C will also increase bowel movement. If you notice bowel movements are loose or too frequent, check your Vitamin C intake.

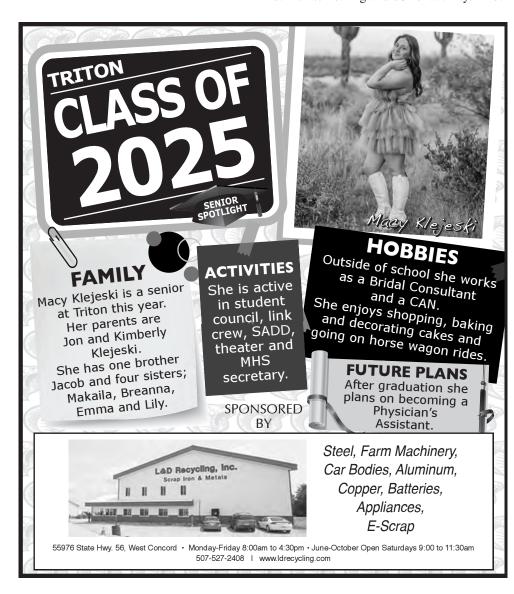
As mentioned earlier, there are numerous

causes can include hormone levels, medications, stress, sedentary lifestyle and diet. This checklist helps to identify some of the ways constipation may be relieved. Review this checklist and apply what seems best to you. I am happy to discuss individual cases and help you experience a more positive life.

Contact me to discuss your health goals for 2024. I can help you realize greater health freedom in 2024. You can contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

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Health & Wellness

# Chiropractic **Care for Colds** and Flu By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

During cold and flu season, many people look for ways to stay healthy and ward off sickness. One option is chiropractic care, which can be a great ally for keeping your body in fighting shape. Chiropractors focus on adjusting the spine to improve how the nervous system functions. This is important because the nervous system is closely linked to the immune system. When your spine is aligned correctly, it can help boost your body's ability to produce more white blood cells and resistance enzymes, both crucial for fighting off colds and the flu. Another benefit of chiropractic care during this time is that it can help your body recover faster if you do get sick. Regular chiropractic adjustments can help reduce stress and improve circulation, which are key factors in maintaining a healthy immune system. When your body is less stressed and your blood flows better, your immune system doesn't have to work as hard to keep up with viruses and bacteria. This means you might experience milder symptoms and get back on your feet more quickly. Plus, chiropractic care often includes lifestyle advice, which can guide you in making healthier choices all season long.

Monkeypox is a rare viral zoonotic disease similar to smallpox, characterized by fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes, typically transmitted to humans from animals. As of the most recent data available, monkeypox has been associated with a low mortality rate, with deaths being relatively rare. Most cases reported have been mild, with fatalities occurring in less than 1% of those infected. Most individuals infected with monkeypox recover completely. Recovery typically occurs within two to four weeks after the onset of symptoms, although some complications can extend the recovery period. A vaccine approved in August by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for people deemed to be at "high risk" for mpox infection may cause more harm than good, according to the FDA's own medication guide for the product. The FDA medication guide comes with a list of "serious complications," including myocarditis, death and fetal death. The FDA's medication guide also warns that people who receive the vaccine may spread it to unvaccinated people, who also risk developing vaccine side effects, including

According to the opinion of respiratory therapist Mark Bishaskey. thousands of patients hospitalized for COVID-19 died because of a rush to put people on ventilators — while denying them medications like ivermectin, hydroxychloroquine and vitamin D. A respiratory therapist is a healthcare provider who helps diagnose, treat and manage conditions that affect the lungs, according to the Cleveland Clinic. They are the clinicians who perform intubation — inserting a tube through a person's mouth or nose, then down into their airway — so the patient can receive oxygen from a ventilator machine. As published in an interview with the Children's Health Defense, Bishofsky tried to convince doctors that "this wasn't the right thing to do." He explained:

"When I started my career in 1999 I went to ... a huge symposium talking about the risks of intubation — the risks of using a ventilator — and even back then it was known that intubation should be a last resort. "At that time, they were reporting a 25% increase in mortality of patients that were getting intubated and put on a ventilator. And now we know during COVID it was upwards of 80 to 85% of people that were on ventilators passed away." Ventilators are "one of the most important life-saving tools we have," Bishofsky said, but they are also "extremely dangerous" because they typically cause bacterial pneumonia. In the first week of the pandemic, the doctors at Bishofsky's hospital used hydroxychloroquine. "We had extremely good outcomes," he said. But then



an "absolutely bogus" study came out in the British medical journal Lancet on hydroxychloroquine. "The doctors would cite that." At the end of his tenure at the hospital, Bishofsky told its medical director, "You know, this whole early intubation thing was completely hideous." The medical director admitted it was hideous but said, "We were doing the best we could." Patients were being intubated "when they were needing as little as three liters of oxygen," according to Bishofsky, who said he'd never seen that before in his 25 years of practice. "That's so little oxygen to the point where if you took the patient off of it, they're gonna be fine," he said. "But there was this rush to intubate these patients."

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The West Concord American Legion Auxiliary feels every child should have a Merry Christmas experience.

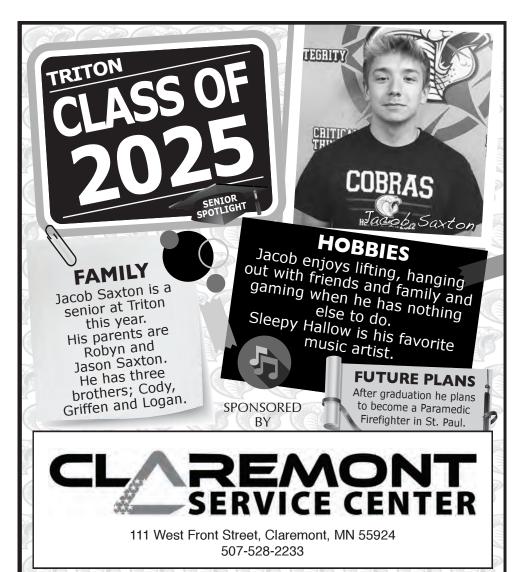
If you or someone you know has had a major crisis, excessive unexpected payments, unemployment, or are just otherwise financially unable to provide for their family this year, we would like to help.

This program is only available to full time residents of West Concord, with children 18 years and younger who are living at home and attend school, or are not old enough to attend school at this time.

Applications are available at Casey's General Store, Heritage Bank, and City Hall in West Concord.

Completed applications must be returned to the Caring & Sharing drop box at the West Concord City Hall before November 18th, 2024.

"Angels" with gift suggestions for each child will be available on the City Hall Christmas tree about November 18th, 2024. Please stop in and share the spirit with a contribution.



# Community

# Quilt of Valor Ceremony

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She is in charge of the time, place, donations to make it happen, entertainment and food!

She received so many donations from local individuals and businesses. HammerQ BBQ smoked the pork donated by Sunshine Foods, and Omars Catering furnished the salads. The West Concord Ladies Auxiliary of the Amer-

ican Legion Post 295 donated dozens of homemade doughnuts, and monetary donations were received from Sunshine Foods, Thrivent, National Fleet Graphics and Mc-Neilus. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day special!

I was also privileged to meet a few of the active members of the Quilt of Valor seamstresses. I found out they meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 1:30 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester to discuss the nominations, and plans for the quilts being made not only by their group, but by people from all over the country. Anyone interested can sit in or join the group. Any veteran with an honorable discharge, or active duty service persons can be nominated. Marie Wilson is the group leader, and one of the ladies who began the group in S.E. Minnesota in 2018. Other members present were



Veteran Richard Staub is 101 years old

# **Dodge County District 5 Commissioners race**

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I've spent 40+ years in the construction field traveling all over the world. In that time, I have worked in Supervision. And doing so I had to deal with contracts, union trades, Federal, state and local governments on safety and environment issues . This I believe would help me navigate through today's issues, and help the people in the district

As commissioner I would like to be open to the public . To where the people can call me on questions dealing with the county. I will address and research all problems.

I am Dave Kenworthy and I have been a 5th District County Commissioner for almost 8 years.

As one part of a 5 member board, I cannot claim any accomplishment as being completely mine, but in my tenure we have worked hard to keep the budget as low as possible while continuing to provide the service that our residents have come to expect. This is reflected by the current property tax rate being at a level last seen in the mid 1990's. We now have a canoe launch park along County Rd 24 and Restoration Park in Kasson that provides hiking trails. We have secured funding to improve the number of county roads we can repair every year.

Keeping our tax rate as low as possible. I have been an advocate in having our county adopt the Minnesota State building code, so that our residents can be assured that the construction project they spent their hard-earned money on is built to state standards. I would

like to see more parks be available to our residents to not only give our residents a place to go, but to also draw people into our county to visit and see how great Dodge County MN

I directly represent 2 communities. Dodge Center and its surrounding area has some large commercial businesses that provide good paying job opportunities that draw people in to our county work, spend money and hopefully decide to stay and live. West Concord has resilience. Though smaller, it works hard to draw in new businesses and housing opportunities. Their community spirit and events are second to none.

I would like to see continued improvement of our county roads and bridges. I would like more state and federal advocacy for issues faced by rural communities (EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement, schools, etc).

I have been married to my best friend for 26+ years, we have 2 children together. I have 3 children from a previous marriage. I am a 50+ year resident of Dodge County and an Eagle Scout. I am head deacon of my church which I have attended since age 5. My wife and I together were named Dodge Center Citizens of the Year for 2023. I have been a volunteer firefighter for combined total of nearly 35 years serving in the communities of Dodge Center and Kasson. I am an 8+ year volunteer for Dodge Center Ambulance. My priorities are family, God, and community service.

Mary Pyfferoen, Kathy McMullin and Nancy Zimmerman, along with "honorary member" Clint Wilson, who helps with everything but the sewing!

"The Dodge Center American Legion has been very generous to us," said Mary Wilson. "Not only with donations, but letting us use their space for these occasions." Most of the donations given by anyone are used to purchase batting for the quilts. The women sew the quilts at home, and put them together as a group. White Horse Quilters from Iron Springs Christian Ranch, and individual quilters donate their finished quilts to the chapters around the country who gift them to our deserving veterans. So far, the S.E. Chapter of Quilts of Valor have given out 227 quilts since they began this project in 2018!

This year, 12 veterans were given a quilt. As the vets and their families entered the room, you could feel the pride they had in their family member being honored. The quilts are an expression of gratitude for their time in the military. Jean Bartel accompanied Richard Staub to the meeting. Richard served in WW2 and is 101 years young! I thanked him for his service, and took a few pictures of him and all the men there. The men honored were as follows:

Richard Staub Army 1944-1946 Richard Bennerotte Army 1971-1972 Arlen Scherger Army 1968 - 1970



Vernice Engleken coordinated the Quilt of Honor event

Randy Lennon Army 1969-1970 Robert hadler Army 1962-1970 Mike Anderson Army 1971-1973 Robert Christianson Airforce 1968-1972 Richard Highum Airforce 1965-1969 Edgar Adams Airforce 1960-1964 Tom Bowman Army 1971-1972 Wayne McColley Navy 1964-1967 Dave Livingston Airforce 1961-1965 Lloyd Rhower Army-Korea 1951 -1953 will be honored on October 12th at 2 pm at Circle Manor, West Concord, Highway 56, if you would like to join them in gifting him his

As people were congregating and finding their seats, a tribute in song from Sister Luv, a quartet (minus one who was ill) sang songs starting with the Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy From Company B. We ate while we listened to the entertainment, and then began the ceremony with the pledge of allegiance, and a prayer. The names of our guest veterans were called one by one, and a short introduction to each was made as the quilts were wrapped around them like a hug of gratitude for their service. It was a very touching ceremony, and I witnessed many tears of pride and joy. The quilt is meant to say, "Thanks for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nation."

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# Ten Things You Should Never Do When Taking Your Dog for a Walk

Walking a dog who pulls on leash can be a frustrating experience. Thankfully, one of the best no-pull dog harnesses can help you train your pup to walk well on a leash. These harnesses designed to prevent pulling make outings safer and more enjoyable for you and your dog.

To pick the best no-pull harnesses, we consulted veterinarians, dog trainers, and professional dog walkers who shared insights that helped inform our recommendations. We then tested 15 popular anti-pull harnesses with over two dozen small, medium, and large rescue dogs to see which harnesses helped stop leash pulling. Our top pick is the Blue-9 Balance Harness, a highly adjustable harness that significantly reduces pulling. If you're looking for a budget option, we like the Petsafe 3-in-1 No-Pull Dog Harness, a durable harness that's around \$30.

Though dogs need regular exercise to stay happy and healthy, a fun walk can quickly become an uncomfortable or dangerous experience.

Here are a few common mistakes dog owners make when taking their pets for a walk, according to veterinarians:

• You shouldn't approach unfamiliar dogs without speaking to the owner - Veterinarian Jamie Richardson, medical chief of staff at Small Door Veterinary, told Insider that approaching unfamiliar dogs without asking their owners could lead to a dangerous situation.

"No matter how friendly your dog is, you don't know how the other dog might react," said Richardson. "It's never safe to let your dog greet another dog unless you've checked with their owner."

Even friendly dogs may bark, snarl, or bite if they feel uncomfortable, so if either pet seems nervous or shy, it's best to separate them.

• Avoid walking your dog on de-iced sidewalks or streets - Snowy and icy weather can mean that chemical de-icing agents or rock salt have been distributed on streets and sidewalks.

"These de-icers can cause burns on your dog's paws," said Richardson. "The chemicals can also lead to sickness or potential poisoning if your dog licks their paws clean after the walk."

Consider equipping your dog with booties if you can't avoid pavement treated with chemicals or rock salt.

• Using an extendable leash can be unsafe - Though you may prefer using extendable leashes to give your pup more freedom, this can actually be dangerous for pets and owners.

"Extendable leashes don't give you full control over your dog," said Richardson. "When a dog runs into an unsafe situation, like traffic, many owners instinctively grab the cord and receive serious burns or deep cuts."

Similar injuries can occur if the cord becomes twisted around an owner's legs when a dog runs away.

Richardson advised using a regular, non-retractable leash with a 6-foot maximum length, especially when walking in the city.

• Don't tug on the leash when your dog pulls - Though it may seem natural to tug on a dog's leash when they pull away, this isn't an effective way to train your pet to walk well.

"Counterintuitively, pulling on the leash actually causes your dog to pull harder in order to stay balanced and not fall backwards," said Richardson.

Instead, Richardson recommends standing still and waiting for your dog to look back at you.

"When they look back, reward your dog with praise or treats and start walking in your intended direction," he said.

• Letting a dog off the leash inappropriately is a major mistake - Richardson said recall training — when an owner teaches a pet to return when called — can take a long time to master and may not work during an emergency or if a dog is distracted.

"Owners should never let their dog off the leash unless they are 100% confident the dog will always come back," said Richardson. "Even then, only let them off the leash in safe areas like fenced parks or dog runs."

• Don't forget to reward good walking behavior - Just like teaching your dog to sit or stay, training your pet to walk well is an important skill.

"Many owners forget that each walk can be a training opportunity to instill good walking habits," said Richardson. "When your dog displays good behavior, immediately praise them and give a treat."

Rewarding your dog for good walking etiquette will help them associate walking calmly with praise.

• Never use a choke or prong collar to prevent pulling - Choke and prong-style restraints — known as aversive collars — use discomfort to teach dogs certain behaviors by tightening or pinching the skin when they pull on the leash.

"These collars rarely work and can actually cause significant harm to your dog," said Richardson.

Richardson recommends using a head halter or headcollar, which steers a dog's head when they pull and discourages this behavior while protecting the pet's neck.

• Walk your small-breed dog in a harness instead of a neck collar - Small breeds such as chihuahuas, terriers, and miniature dachshunds should not wear traditional neck collars.

"A small-breed dog should always be walked in a harness rather than a collar to avoid damaging their sensitive tracheas,' said Richardson.

You can ask your vet about which kind of restraint is best for your particular dog.

• Don't ignore weather conditions - Veterinarian Heather Venkat of VIP Puppies told Insider that one common mistake dog owners make is not adjusting the length of a walk based on the weather.

"An owner might be used to walking their dog for 30 minutes every day, but extremely hot or cold weather could make them sick or injured," said Venkat.

Walk times should be reduced and routes should be changed in very hot or cold weather to avoid hot pavement or slippery ice.

• Don't forget to bring dog-waste bags - Besides earning you dirty looks from passersby, not using waste bags to clean up after your dog can be unsafe to others.

"When you leave a dog's messy waste on a neighbor's lawn or elsewhere in the environment, it can attract unwanted bugs and wildlife," said Venkat.

Animal waste can also carry bacteria that may harm passing children or pets. Venkat suggested keeping waste bags attached to your pet's leash or harness to avoid forgetting them





# Community

## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

# Tennessee Hurricane



**By Terry Campbell** 

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

On Friday September 27th the storm surge from Hurricane Helene struck the east side of Tennessee. Hurricanes don't usually affect Tennessee. But Hurricane Helene is one of the strongest to come ashore in many years. There is a town 30 miles south of us named Hurricane Mills, but it is only known as the home of Loretta Lynn.

There had been a couple days of warning about the impending storm as the weather forecast predicted where it would be heading, but the storm stalled out and dumped over twenty inches of rain in one day at the end of a week that had already seen almost a foot of rain. The mountainous terrain created a deluge of water through the valleys. This

was the worst flooding the area had experienced since 1916.

Local efforts to rescue families cut off by the destruction began with private helicopter pilots flying stranded people to safety aided by independent drone operators scouring the hills for signs of life. One man signaled with a large bathroom mirror to flag down help. Tempers flared when FEMA showed up and told the helicopter pilots they would be arrested if they refused to cease the flights. The airflight issue was resolved a day or so into the disaster but the fiercely independent locals had already had their fill of the feds. Private donations were brought in and dispensed from a school building until FEMA arrived and confiscated the inventory. Then the donations were redirected to churches, which were allowed to distribute freely to the needy. Church group t-shirts were handed out to all volunteers as workers wearing the garments of a religious organization were not hassled. Reports of trailers full of water, food, sanitation items and clothing being told to turn around a leave by FEMA officials fueled the public distrust. Some started using four-wheel drive trucks to take the supplies to four wheelers which could reach farther into the hills where the natives resided. From there horses and hikers with backpacks pushed on even further. For some reason many Gen 5 smart phones went into SOS mode and wouldn't communicate when the power grid failed. A few of the residents already owned Starlink Internet systems and were able to communicate with the outside.

Mules were used to haul whiskey into the affected areas for those who were suffering from DT's which was reminiscent of hundreds of years prior when mules were hauling moonshine out of the Tennessee hills.

was probably not quite the same thing.

I did go in with the assumption that it would be somewhat similar. Instead of watching lumberjacks do their thing we would get to watch firefighter's run their drills. Which sounded like a great time to me.

Well first off I was wrong, that's not what we were going to see. Secondly it was so much better than that. It turned out that it was a firefighter water battle.

If you are like me and have never seen or heard of a firefighter water battle before then you are missing out. Teams of two to three firefighters faced off against each other in the middle of the street with the fire hose. Over their heads was a long rope pulled between two poles.

The rope had a marker in the center and a knot on either end with a big black ball hanging from it. They would pull the ball into the middle and then spray it with the water trying to push it to the other team's side.

Each round lasted one minute or until one of them made the ball hit the other side's knot

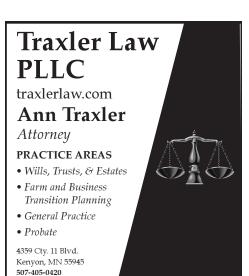
As white jets of water shot out of the fire hoses. Crossing with one another while fighting for control of the ball. It was one of the most existing things ever to watch and something that I now feel should be at more town festivals.



In our hometown of Dover, Tennessee three large trailers were filled with donations in a couple days during a friendly competition between out friend Madison Campbell and Sheriff Frankie Gray. Madison has a 1977 black Trans Am and the Smokey and the Bandit challenge was underway. They were East bound and down, loaded up and truckin' supplies to Marshall, North Carolina loaded with bottled water, baby formula, diapers, blankets, non-perishable food items, can openers, garbage bags and work gloves.

The Cumberland Power Cooperative sent some local linemen and trucks to help restore power to east Tennessee and the western Carolinas. One thing the linemen were requesting was Benadryl because the wasps had been displaced as well and were very aggressive and stinging workers trying to do their jobs.

My wife ordered some 10-gallon handheld sprayers from Harbor Freight to be sent to a guy near the flood area who was painting them black and distributing them with bottled water to be used as portable shower units for those with no running water. The sun would heat up the water for a primitive hot shower. Based on the scale of the destruction it may be months before power is restored in the mountain communities.



# A Minnesotan: Water Show



By RosaLin Alcoser

Over the course of my life I have attended and taken part in a number of festivals. From county fairs to street festivals and town festivals I've been to just about little of everything. The most recent one I've had the pleasure to attend was Mantorville's Marigold Days.

The main reason I went to Marigold Days this year is because one of my friends asked me to come down to the fire-fighter show. Which I readily agreed to do. Now I had never been to a firefighter show before, however, my brian immediately went to the lumberjack show. Which I have seen before. Even though I knew that



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# Supporting the Local Foods Economy

October 16, 2024



By Tim Penny Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

This time of year, the farmers' markets in southern Minnesota are rich with vegetables, bread, meat, jam, honey and apples. It's a visual testament to the abundance of our region and the ever-growing local foods economy that is sustained by consumers who want to buy directly from area farmers. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), we support the local foods economy through a variety of initiatives.

Since 2014, SMIF has supported the FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace, an event where over 1,500 people gather to shop for gifts from regional food vendors. This event is the region's largest local food festival, and

the premier place to find outstanding food and beverage companies from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. The local foods scene has grown so much that last year Mayor Kim Norton of Rochester declared the first Saturday in November "Local Foods Day." The Marketplace will be held on this day, November 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester.

The FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace will also feature cooking demos, music, kids' activities, craft alcohol tastings, prize drawings and more. FEAST! is presented by SMIF, Renewing the Countryside, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, and Compeer Financial and participating members of the FEAST! Local Foods Network. Tickets for the event can be purchased online at www.local-feast.org/buytickets or at the door.

SMIF also champions local entrepreneurs, many of whom are deeply invested in the local foods movement, directly through our business financing services. From the farmfresh slices at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm in Waseca to the handcrafted spirits at Black Frost Distilling in New Ulm, our loan clients are helping to transform the regional food scene. But it doesn't stop there—SMIF also fosters collaboration through its Local Foods Peer Network, a vibrant community where entrepreneurs regularly gather to exchange ideas, tackle challenges, and celebrate their successes together.

What I truly appreciate about our region is the abundance of organizations dedicated to uplifting local food producers. Alongside our support for FEAST!, SMIF is proud to have provided grants to numerous other organizations throughout the region over the years. Cannon Valley Grown and Driftless Grown are both networks of farmers, makers and producers that are located in either the Cannon River Valley or in the Driftless Region which covers parts of Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. Sharing Our Roots (Northfield) and The Village Agricultural Cooperative (Rochester) both provide land access and resources to farmers and gardeners, many of whom are immigrants and refugees.

As we enter this season of abundance, it's clear that supporting local food producers not only strengthens our communities but also sustains the heart of our regional economy. By attending events like the FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace and choosing to buy from

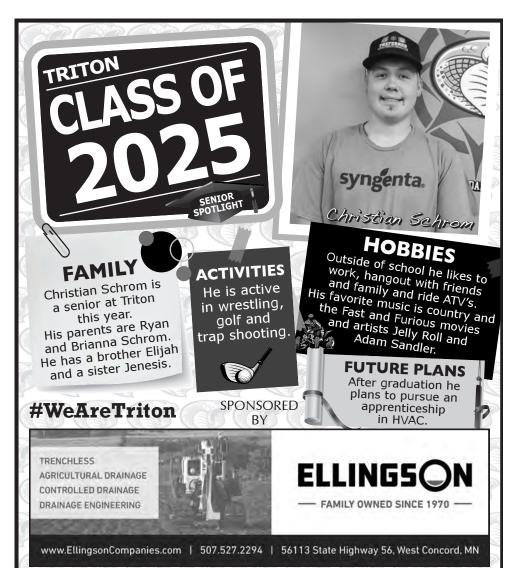
local farmers, makers, and artisans, we help preserve the vibrant, sustainable food system that makes southern Minnesota so unique. Together, we can ensure that these hardworking producers continue to thrive, contributing to the health and vitality of our region for years to come. Let's celebrate and support the incredible diversity and richness of local foods this season and beyond.

You can learn more about the regional food scene by picking up the most recent copy of the Local FEAST! Magazine in different locations around the region, or by viewing it online

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

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#### Letter to the Editor; Check Your References

I was desperate for a salesperson and we only had one applicant. In talking with his references, there was hesitation as they made benign comments. I could tell there were things they avoided saying. I hired him anyway. We soon discovered he was misleading customers. I talked to him, "Dude, (not his real name) honesty is really important to us..." His (eyeroll) response, "Okaaaay..." was not reassuring.

Even though he was bringing in revenue, we let him go. Keeping him would have hurt our business' reputation and morale in the office.

So, I need to know how Trump's references check out. A great resource would be the people who worked with him day to day. Talking with these smart folks who were "in the room" with the former president during his first term would offer great insight. What do they have to say? How do they feel about Trump having a second term? (A partial list is included below)\*

Of the 44 former cabinet members who served with Trump, 40 refuse to endorse him. That is a definite red flag.

\*Here's a partial list with some quotes from people who worked with and supported Trump but now renounce him:

Mark Esper, U.S. secretary of defense July 2019-Nov. 2020. Trump is not "fit for office because he puts himself first, and I think anybody running for office should put the country first."

Stephanie Grisham, White House press secretary, July 2019 - April 2020 and chief of staff to first lady Melania Trump, April 2020 - January 2021. "He used to tell me when I was press secretary, 'Go out there and say this.' And if it was false, he would say, 'It doesn't matter, Stephanie. Just say it over and over and over again, people will believe it.' "He knows his base believes in him. He knows he can basically say anything and his base will believe what he's saying."

**Mike Pence, l**oyal Vice President for four years. "Donald Trump is pursuing and articulating an agenda that is at odds with the conservative agenda that we governed on during our four years. And that's why I cannot in good conscience endorse Donald Trump in this campaign."

**Bill Barr,** Trump's hand-picked attorney general. Trump is like "a defiant nine-year-old kid who's always pushing his glass towards the end of the table, defying his parents to stop him from doing it".

James Mattis, U.S. secretary of defense January 2017- January 2019 (retired four-star general). "His use of the Presidency to destroy trust in our election and to poison our respect for fellow citizens has been enabled by pseudo political leaders whose names will live in infamy as profiles in cowardice."

John Kelly White House chief of staff first six months of Trump's presidency (former Marine Corps general) "...a person that has no idea what America stands for and has no idea what America is all about. A person who admires autocrats and murderous dictators. A person that has nothing but contempt for our democratic institutions, our Constitution, and the rule of law."

Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff October 2019 - September 2023. (Trump is a) "wannabe dictator." "We don't take an oath to an individual. We take an oath to the Constitution, and we take an oath to the idea that is America—and we're willing to die to protect it."

John Bolton, U.S. national security adviser April 2018 - September 2019 (prominent foreign-policy hawk). "There will be "celebrations in the Kremlin...Putin thinks that he is an easy mark." "Donald Trump wants Americans to treat him like North Koreans treat Kim Jong Un. Get ready..."

Cassidy Hutchinson, assistant to Chief of Staff Mark Meadows. "If Donald Trump is elected president again in 2024, I do fear that it will be the last election where we're voting for democracy because, if he is elected again, I don't think we'll be voting under the same Constitution."

Sarah Matthews, White House deputy press secretary June 2020 - January 2021. Trump has a history of making "unhinged comments." "...helped incite a deadly insurrection on our nation's Capitol"

Anthony Scaramucci, White House director of communications for just 10 days, July 21 - 31, 2017. "This really is going to be a battle for the democracy, this one. He's going to expand executive power. He's going to make things rougher for people. He has already said he's going after his adversaries using the Department of Justice. "When someone's telling you they're going to flex and be a dictator on day one and go after their adversaries, this is against the 200-plus-year experiment of America."

Alyssa Farah Griffin, White House director of strategic communications and assistant to the president, April- December 2020. "He walked into a room of Black journalists and it seemed like he was kind of blurting out loud what he says privately with his advisers." "He didn't even try to hide or mask the racism and that to me is a sign of decline," she added. "He was asked should he take a mental acuity test. I think he should. He does not seem right. He kind of came off like your crazy great uncle that you hope doesn't show up to the family event."

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# Devices To Get Rid of This Winter That can Add Hundreds to Your Electricity Bill

Winter is right around the corner, and cooler days mean an increased need to turn on the heat. Unfortunately, this can also translate into higher electricity bills.

Fortunately, we got some experts to share several tips on which devices you can get rid of to lower your electricity bill.

Electric Clothes Dryers can consume up to 5 kWh of electricity during a single cycle. In some states, this can cost over a dollar per cycle.

According to Liam Hunt, director at Gold IRA Guide, a more energy-conscious solution is to wring your clothes out with a high spin cycle before hanging them up to dry using either an outside clothesline or a foldable indoor drying rack.

Hunt also noted that switching to energy-efficient lighting can save you

"Did you know LED bulbs use at least 75% less energy and last 25 times longer than incandescent lights," he said. "Swapping out your incandescent bulbs for LED bulbs can save a ton of energy and money over time. LEDs also emit very little heat, so they can help keep your home cooler in the warmer months."

One device that can add hundreds to your electricity bill is a space heater. Whether an electric fire replica or fiery-looking orb, space heaters consume a lot of electricity and can quickly increase your heating costs, according to Scott Lieberman, founder of Touchdown Money.

"Instead, choose a more energy-efficient heating system for your home, like a programmable thermostat or central heating," Lieberman said. "If you must use a space heater, choose an energy-efficient model and use it sparingly, turning it off when you're not in the room and directing it at you to warm up quickly and then turn off."

You can't just get rid of your water heater, but you can make an adjustment to save money. Check the temperature of your water heater and lower it to 120°F.

"This helps conserve energy and reduces the risk of scalding," Hunt said. Kate Colarulli, head of strategic insights at CleanChoice Energy, suggested investing in a smart thermostat.

"By allowing you to adjust the temperature from your smartphone and automatically self-adjusting based on the current weather, smart thermostats can help keep you comfortable when you're home and save energy when you're not."

Just because you turned the device off, doesn't necessarily mean it stops using electricity. Some electronic devices that are off but remain plugged into a power source will continue to draw electricity. These devices are called "energy vampires," according to Cisco DeVries, a former aide to the U.S. Secretary of Energy during former President Bill Clinton's administration and executive vice president of Renew Home.

Devices such as cable boxes/DVRs and game consoles, microwaves, coffee makers, space heaters, phone chargers and even powered toothbrushes can account for 20% of your monthly electricity bill, DeVries said.

For instance, cable boxes/DVRs can use around 35 watts — about \$96 annually. And, if left on standby mode, it could be tacking on an extra \$130-\$180 per year, he noted.

In addition, heaters in your coffee machine typically consume up to \$8 extra in energy costs per month, wasting up to \$96/year. Newer, single-serve coffee makers tend to keep water hot all day long, sucking another \$5 of energy per month, totaling \$156/year.

"To overcome these energy vampires, use smart plugs or smart power strips. These smart devices will detect when you're no longer using a device and turn off the power supply," said DeVries, adding that this could amount to an average of \$432 in savings.

In that same vein, Colarulli said that in the home office, computers can drain 15-20 watts when idle — so turning off the computer/laptop and printer when not in use can save another \$20 a year.

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#### To the Editor,

In an Aesop Fable, an ass is loaded with the

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fullness of a journeyman's items. Upon requesting of his travel mate, a horse, that he help bear the burden on his back lest it kill him, the ass found the horse imperturbable; the horse refused. As per his fear, the mule was killed by his burdens, and to the horse's regret, all the items and the mule's body were placed atop himself.

To every citizen of Minnesota, especially those who hold to the Bible's teachings, I would warn that under the current DFL Trifecta, we are at the point of decision like the horse. In 2023, the Trifecta revised the Minnesota Humans Rights Act to exclude wording providing for religious exemption of non-discrimination based upon gender orientation. On Feb 29th, 2024, when an amendment (HF4021/SF4292) was proposed to fix this, thinking it was an oversight, Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn stated, "It was not an oversight" (see video below, 16:50). Rep. Brion Curron even called proposal of the amendment "disturbing," (26:38) and Rep. Peggy Scott was accurate to say that the faith community is being "marginalized" and the DFL is trying to "erase religious liberties"

Fast forward to May 7th, 2024, the legislature unanimously approved the amendment restoring religious exemption; May 15th it was signed. What? Did the DFL change their stance? May 19th, 2024, the Equal Rights Amendment (HF17/SF37) passed in the house, and was in position to pass the senate when the session ran out of time. This would have put on the ballot an amendment to the

Minnesota constitution accomplishing the same attack on religious freedom that the MHRA did. Only, a change to the Minnesota constitution is much more permanent.

I think we would be as ignorant as the horse to say they are not attacking religion or that they will not pass the ERA in the 2025 session if no leadership change occurs. I entreat you, vote and pick up the burden of political involvement now before there is a burden we never wished to carry.

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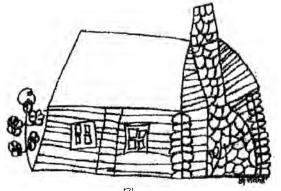
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#### CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

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

City staff and others present: City Administrator Elizabeth Sorg, Maintenance Director Casey Dahl, City Attorney Mark Rahrick, City Engineer Derek Olinger, Matt Durand, Bryon Wolf, Alec Vaughn, and Donna Gregory.

#### **AGENDA**

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

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Alec Vaughn wanted to mention 3 things. His neighbor has a large mural on his fence that faces Vaughn's house which he feels is directed to him and devalues his property. He requested the council review the ordinances. He also stated he has ruts in his yard and ditches from the houses being moved in and would like them repaired. His 3rd issue was the old electric poles in his yard. The company put new ones in but didn't hook up the utilities to them yet and didn't take the old poles out. Mayor Dahl stated council can't make formal decisions on issues from public input, but she did say they are aware of the fence mural, the ruts will be looked into, and the poles are not city property. He can call the electric company about the poles, but someone thought that they are installing new poles currently and probably will be hooking them up then removing the old ones.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the August 6, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting and Minutes of the August 26, 2024, Special City Council Meeting. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Consent Agenda,

second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

# PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE Nothing at this time. PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

EDA

Matt Durand with Arden Homes stated the 3 houses have been moved in. In September they will close on 2 of them. The Extension Agreement between him and the City expired August 31 and he is asking for an extension to get them finished. Motion by Ellis to approve a 3-month extension for Arden Homes, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously. Durand stated he would check on the ruts and see what he can do.

# MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT Nothing at this time.

#### PARKS COMMITTEE

A dedication ceremony for Harmer Park will be set up in the spring when the field will be ready to be used.

#### **PEOPLESERVICE**

Their monthly reports were in the packet.

#### **CİTY ENGINEER**

The soil borings and sewer televising were completed. The purpose of the sewer televising was to check out the source of the larger, 8-inch sewer line into the East Street main on the north ditch of 3rd Street. Due to the pipe condition and thick sediment, they think the line was used temporarily during the 1995 sewer replacement project and should have been disconnected and sealed. During the street project they will excavate the line and once identified, disconnect and seal the line.

# CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The council will hold a public hearing on the 2025 budget and levy on Tuesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The bricks are disintegrat-

ing, and the concrete is disappearing from an area on the outside wall of City Hall. Staff will contact the building official and get quotes to repair it.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

City Attorney Mark Rahrick drafted an Order to allow the city to abate the public nuisance at 300 E Front Street and remove the dilapidated garage because it is a public safety hazard. Once Mr. Stein has been served the Order, he can respond with a plan to take care of the issues, or the city will hire a company to take care of the violations and assess the cost to the property. Motion by Ellis to move forward with the Order for 300 E Front Street, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Dahl and Administrator Sorg were present for another zoom meeting with the 4 cities regarding the DCA EMS Special Taxing District/Joint Powers Board. As drafted currently, the taxing district would allow 1 council member of each city to be on the board and have a vote. Kasson is insistent on

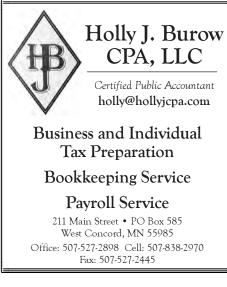
having more than 1 member/1 vote on the board. Dodge Center would allow Kasson to have more than 1 vote, Mantorville had no input and Claremont City Council said equal votes for all cities. The cities will be meeting again on September 19th and hope to finalize the draft of the Joint Powers Board. After discussion, two council members are not in favor of any city getting more than 1 vote, two council members didn't want to lose the ambulance service but also didn't want any city to get more than 1 vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

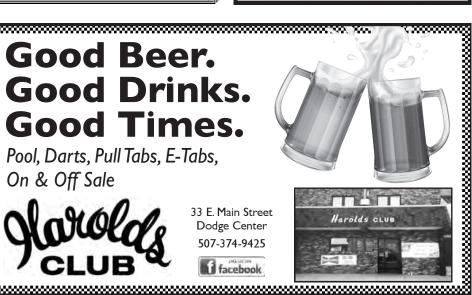
Bryon Wolf with Claremont Insurance Agency went over the city insurance policy renewal. The 2025 premium is \$32,301. Motion by Sultze to approve the insurance renewal, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mayor Dahl to not waive the tort limit, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

In July, an investment matured and was cashed in to make bond payments.

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#### CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL

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Administrator Sorg recommended the city invest \$225,000 into a 6-month money market account with Ameriprise Financial as they have the best interest rate available currently.

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

Motion by Klejeski to approve the 2025 Contract Between City and Council to Provide Law Enforcement Protection, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

Klejeski got prices for a new tractor and 12' mower which was approximately \$74,000. It would have been nice to have to get the mowing done faster but since a new maintenance worker will be starting next week another truck is needed first. Motion by Klejeski to have the Maintenance Director purchase another truck for no more than \$30,000, second by Ellis. Klejeski amended the motion to have the Administrator approve the purchase also, second by Ellis, Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m., second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg, City Administrator Tasha Dahl, Mayor

> WEST CONCORD CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 15, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Meeting held at the City of West Concords Bell Tower Center

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

#### **ABSENT:**

ALSO PRESENT: Maintenance Supervisor Keith C l a m m e r , Administrator/Clerk Paula Even Trenda, Library Director Heather Fredricks, 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 July 18, 2024

• 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 Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Burse, Nielsen, Peterson and Ripley Nays: None

Motion passed

**PUBLIC COMMENT -**

**Sandra Sullivan** – Wanted an update on street project and details.

#### **CITY BUSINESS**

Ross Cameron Utility Bill/Meter **Issues:** Cameron is concerned the meters read too high and are not always reading correctly. He found issues with June's billing and felt the fluctuations were abnormal even with city street and utility project. He wants the council to know he has done research and the meters installed are not reliable. The city approved an adjustment to his summer readings of \$39.10.

MOTION: Motion to approve \$39.10 utility billing

adjustment to Cameron Usage for June and July.

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

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Burse, Nielsen, Peterson, and Ripley Nays: None

Motion passed

Stantec Utility & Street Update: Discussion and information only for city residents, staff, and visitors.

**Request for payment:** Approve request for payment #4 on street & utility project for \$239,375.24.

MOTION: Accept request for payment #4 motion made by Council member Nielson. Second by Council member Ripley.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Burse, Nielsen, Peterson and Ripley Nays: None

Motion passed

# Mayor Update and EMS Proposal:

Mayor McCool presented a proposal to add the staff position of Director of Ambulance Services as a full-time position and 1 or 2 EMTs for the city. The proposal includes rolling over the funds from 2024 that have not been spent, the use of the one-time fees from the State, and a potential grant. His proposal also works with the county and legislators to start to ad-

dress the EMS concerns nationwide, but specifically Dodge county residents. The mayor asked for approval to post two new job descriptions.

MOTION: To accept approve Director of Ambulance and EMT position descriptions.

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

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Burse, Nielsen, Peterson, and Ripley Nays: None

Motion passed

# **EAB** Grant Approval for acceptance of lowest bid:

Keith has a RFQ out for removal of additional Ash Trees and would like approval to accept lowest bid so trees can be removed quickly this fall.

MOTION: To accept Lowest Tree Removal Bid.

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

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Burse, Nielsen, Peterson, and Ripley Nays: None

Motion passed

#### REPORT OF OFFICERS ADMINISTRATOR/CLE RK REPORT:

It was reported that the city will receive from the Historical Society a check in the amount of \$2,500.59 for the

gambling rent at the Municipal Liquor Store for July. 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.

Budget to Actual revenue and expenses was provided to the council through July 31.

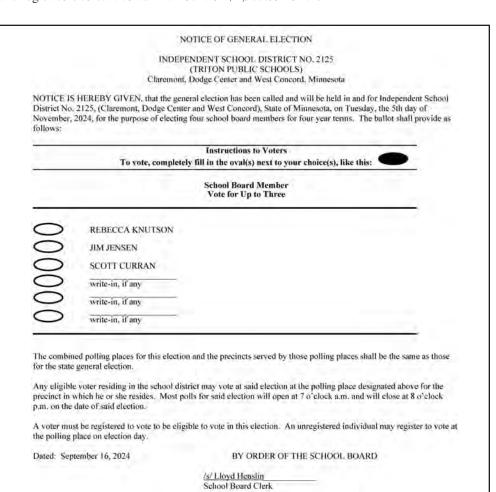
gWorks (formerly UBMax) used for Utility Billing is being unsupported after December 31, 2024. They provided a quote for moving from current system to the new system. Although I thought the improvements were good, I am waiting on a demo from another recommended software and pricing from them. Would like to switch from Banyon to an allin-one that has Fund, Utility, and Payroll to streamline the process.

#### LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Heather Fredericks gave a brief update on the report provided for the meeting. Summer has been good and visitors, especially kids, have increased.

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October 16, 2024

#### WEST CONCORD CITY COUNCIL

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PUBLIC WORKS RE-PORT:

Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer reported Tree

Pruning will be done Sept 14th. \$26k left in grant for additional trees next year. Getting bids to clean on drainage ditch.

PEOPLESERVICE REPORT:

DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2024

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the September 23, 2024

Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing

at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us.

Wastewater Supervisor Chris Sanders verbally reported on his report. Water sampling complete. Water is in compliance.

#### **POLİCE CHIEF:**

Police Chief Boerner said

Supervisor National Night Out was successful, although attendance seemed lower. Still the Legion ran out of food. Next year possibly shorten hours.

#### FIRE CHIEF:

Fire Chief Chad Finne mentioned it has been a busy few weeks with a larger number of calls. Said the burnouts during Survival Days were too harsh, too loud, and too long. This leads to an increase of tires bursting and causes safety concerns. He has discussed with Survival Days and Car Show organizers to adjust for next year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 7:30pm.

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

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Burse, Nielsen, Peterson, and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed
By:\_\_\_\_
Mayor Jeffrey McCool
Attest:
By:\_\_\_\_
Paula Even Trenda

Clerk/Administrator

# DO YOU HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Email:

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# Present: Bill Ketchum, Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Matt Maas, Paul Blaisdell, Lee Mattson, Deputy Josiah Rehmann, Mark Barwald, Kathy Freeman and others

Absent:

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda to include: Minutes from September 9, 2024 City Council Meeting; HRA August 13, 2024 Meeting, EDA June 17, 2024 Meeting, Park Board July 16, 2024 Meeting; Payment of Bills amended to include a \$40 bill from MN State Treasurer:
- Purchase of mixer from KLM Engineering in the amount of \$13,068 for Southeast water tower:
- Quote from Sorensen & Sorensen Painting in the amount of \$19,760 to refinish slides and interior of the bathhouse at the Aquatic Center;
- Hiring of O'Rion Forthun for the open Maintenance position;
- Resolution 2024-024 A Resolution Approving the Proposed 2025 Budget of the City of Dodge Center and Authorizing the City Administrator to Certify the Proposed Tax Levy Request to the County Auditor;
- Public Hearing set for December 9, 2024 regarding the Proposed 2025 Budget and Tax Levy;
- Funding request from SEMCAC in the amount of \$5,925/year for the next 5 years and to amend the 2025 Proposed Budget to include this funding and the proposed resolution, 2024-025, allocating the funding;
- Rate increase for Dodge Center Airport hangar leases to 0.17/square foot. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm





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# NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2024 Utility and Street Improvement Project

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TIME AND PLACE: Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of West Concord, Minnesota, will meet at City of West Concord Bell Tower Center located at 401 Main Street on October 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM to conduct a public hearing to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed special assessments for street, concrete curb and gutter and utility improvements along a portion of Irvin Street and Second Street. Adoption by the City Council of the proposed assessments may occur at the hearing.

AREA PROPOSED TO BE ASSESSED: The area proposed to be assessed for the project includes properties within the following areas: Parcels abutting Irvin Street between State Street (TH 56) and Highland Street and abutting Second Street between Arnold Street and Main Street. All the proposed project improvements are located in the City.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: The total estimated cost of this project is \$1,346,892.49 of which the City's portion of the total cost of such improvement is \$998,865.44.

The total amount to be assessed is \$348,027.05. A copy of the proposed assessment roll is on file with the City Administrator and open to public inspection.

OBJECTIONS: Written and oral objections by the affected property owners concerning the assessments will be considered by the City Council at the hearing.

RIGHT OF APPEAL: An owner of property to be assessed may appeal the assessment to the district court of Dodge County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or City Administrator within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the District Court within 10 days after service upon the Mayor or City Administrator.

LIMITATION ON APPEAL: No appeal to District Court may be taken as to the amount of any assessment adopted by the City Council unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Administrator prior to the assessment hearing or is presented to the presiding officer at the hearing.

DEFERMENT OF ASSESSMENTS: Under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Sections 435.193 to 435.195 and Chapter 15 of the City Code, the City Council may, at its discretion, defer the payment of assessments for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability for which it would be a hardship to make payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in the statutes or the City Code, all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest becomes due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of the statutes and the City Code, may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the City Administrator for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on his or her property.

DATED: September 19, 2024

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Paula Trenda, City Administrator

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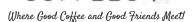
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# A write-in Candidate for Mayor of Claremont

**Donna Gregory is running for Claremont city council.** Her name was not on the first list of candidates, but is on the ballot for city council. She introduces herself in her own words.

I purchased my Claremont home 2 years ago this month. I am an avid gardener. In my two Spring, Summer & Autumn seasons here numerous citizens continue to stop by my home via their bikes, golf carts, and walking with their children & dogs for their well-being. During those times many have shared with me their thoughts and concerns- the positives, the challenges and the realities of life in Claremont. Thus, I understand why many citizens have told me that in recent years they chose not to attend the monthly council meetings. Their experiences were frustrating and unsatisfactory. They often felt unwelcomed. I have attended most monthly council meetings to 'see for myself' the process of living in a small and still viable town. Most often I have been the only one there who attends as a general citizen. While attending council meetings, I too have often felt unwelcomed and intentionally ignored; my genuinely asked questions were sometimes unprofessionally answered or dismissed. Such an atmosphere needs immediate and positive change without the fear of negative repercussions.

Our city has a good and diverse range of hardworking, pleasant and intelligent residents. Their presence at council meetings should be welcomed and acknowledged every time and allowed time to speak and respond to the council's agenda. The purpose of a city council and the admin duties - is to genuinely serve for the betterment of - We The Taxpayers and community. The council's job and obligation is to work -for us. Nepotism, favoritism and a small group power control presence defeats a council's true purpose. Big cities or small, this is their duty. If it does not work, then positive and constructive change must be implemented. I believe we have the potential for building a solid and happily growing community/town when our ideas are welcomed, discussed and when

possible, actualized.

As a council member, I will focus on actualizing- much more transparency, clarity, and easier access to information and answers regarding: where/how our taxes are spent, the budget structure, the high water costs, complete and easier access to past and current information on the city's investments of our money in cd's and savings; what are the monetary amounts? We require more details/summations of the work and accomplishments of hired employees. Raises should be earned, not assumed. More clarity is required here. I feel that We The People should have much more input as to how decisions are made and actualized. The council has an obligation to ask our community first, as often as possible. It is the council's duty to let the people know they are welcome and encouraged to partici-

It is said that across America "drugs are everywhere". This harm and danger also occurs in Claremont. I would like to sincerely thank our Sheriffs for continually working to remove/defeat this unsafe challenge to all of us; adults and the children. The drug activity harms our city's reputation and may affect the future growth of our city. As your council member I commit to staying available and approachable to hear, address and actualize solutions for your concerns and suggestions. I BELIEVE there is HOPE for our City of Claremont. Your vote is appreciated.

# Casey Striver is running for Mayor of Claremont as a write-in candidate.

Casey stated that he decided to run for Mayor because he is a member of the community affected by the issues in town. He has a strong commitment to improving and growing the town and raising the quality of living for all citizens will be his key priority.

His main objectives are to cut unnecessary spending, fix longstanding issues and bring a voice to all citizens.



Donna Gregory is running for Claremont city council



Casey Striver is running for Mayor of Claremont as a write-in candidate

"Every day residents bring up in conversation that the city is spending too much money but none of that money goes to benefit the people," Casey says. "A mayor's job is to fix problems to improve the quality of life. We must open are ears and focus more on what really matters to our neighbors. My ears are open, I hear you and know that I'm working with you. It's time for REAL change."

Casey grew up in Owatonna and moved to Claremont. He is married and they have a sixteen year old son and a six year old daughter. He came from a close family consisting of ten brothers. His grandparents owned and rented houses between Owatonna and Waseca and he credits their values with instilling a good work ethic in him s a young man growing up. He started out buying and fixing cars and now invests in properties by buying and remodeling homes. He has always liked to make things better by fixing them. In the past he has helped to build Habitat for Humanity homes. His crew includes his son and brother.

He believes in taking away the barriers and allowing people to succeed on their own and help the town to prosper by encouraging economic activity.

### **Triton School Board Candidates**

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**Jim Jensen** has served on the Triton School Board for 9 years the first time he was on and currently I have served for 8 years.

Jim states he is part of the Triton School Board, and the Board makes decisions together. "I served as Chairman of the Board for 2 years and I am currently the Treasurer of the Board. I would like to see the State of Mn increase the funding to education, so the school districts do not have to go to the voters for extra operating levies. I believe most people in the communities of West Concord, Claremont and Dodge Center support the Triton School district. The Triton communities have a strong mixture of farming, business, industry and people that commute to jobs outside of the communities. Having such a diverse mixture helps to make the Triton communities strong."

Jim would like to see the school enrollment increase and the state funding increase, so we do not have to continually make cuts in the budget every year.

Jim grew up in the Claremont area and graduated from Claremont High School. He is married and have lived in Dodge Center for over 30 years. They have 5 children that have graduated from Triton. He has been involved with the school district by volunteering for school trips, Wolf Ridge trip, 6th Grade Whitewater trip for 31 years, Elementary carnival, Post Prom and many other things. Jim taught the D.A.R.E. program to the Fifth grade and also taught the Junior High D.A.R.E. program. He was the School Resource Officer for Triton for 5 years. While the SRO, he helped with the placement and installation of security cameras in and around the school.

He was also a member of the Dodge Center Lions and volunteered on many committees for the Lions.

**Rebecca Knutson** has been on the Triton School Board for 8 years (2 terms), 3 years of which she was the board chair and is currently the vice-chair.

Her accomplishments have been to work together with the administration to help make Triton a school to be proud of for a quality education and provide a wide choice of extracurricular activities for the students. "It's the team work of everyone in the Triton school district that makes it a great place!"

In her tenure she would love to see the student population grow at Triton schools.

"I believe the strengths of our community are our schools with caring staff members, great people in the community, and thriving businesses."

Rebecca has been a licensed Family Child Care Provider for 29 years. She maintains the website for the Dodge County Licensed Child Care Association. Her husband is Steve, and they have four adult children, all are Triton graduates. Two of their children are married, andtheyI have two young grandchildren who are future Triton Cobras.

**Scott Curran** is also running but did not respond to our request for an interview.

# How to Vote for a Write-In Candidate or Unopposed Candidates

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Voting for a write-in candidate usually involves entering the candidate's name in a designated space on the ballot. However, it's crucial for voters to know the exact spelling of the candidate's name and follow any specific instructions provided on the ballot to ensure that their vote is valid.

In some places, unqualified write-in votes for president will invalidate the entire ballot, so it's important to write in someone who went through the process to qualify for inclusion. Currently, Virginia is the only state that allows virtually unrestricted write-in candidacy for all elected offices, but candidates for president and vice president must register. Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and South Dakota are among the states that bar write-in votes altogether. It's also illegal in every state to write in a candidate whose

name appears elsewhere on the ballot.

Some jurisdictions use electronic voting systems that have different methods for write-in votes, so familiarizing yourself with the voting machine's instructions is essential. In Oregon, write-in votes are only counted if the total number of write-in ballots reaches or exceeds the number of votes for an establishment candidate for the same office. This is due to the fact that write-ins cannot be scanned or validated on the state's voting equipment and must be hand-counted. In other words, the demand must meet the effort.

Knowing the rules in your particular state for write-in candidacies, whatever office they seek, will ensure that your ballot won't be declared spoiled and that down-ballot choices won't be lost.

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### How to Vote for a Write-In Candidate or Unopposed Candidates

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The act of leaving one option blank on a ballot while filling out other options is commonly referred to as under voting. For example, a voter that is permitted to cast one vote for a presidential candidate and does not select a candidate, or a voter who has only cast two votes in a contest allowing three, has under voted. Voters have the right to undervote if they choose to do so.

A ballot will not be canceled or disqualified as the result of an undervote. An undervote can be intentional (e.g., protest votes, tactical voting, or abstention) or unintentional (e.g., oversight on the voter's part or confusing ballot design).

Under voting does not directly affect candidate elections with a majority requirement to win. Under voting can affect ballot meas-

ure results, however. In seven states, constitutional amendments must be approved by a certain percentage of all voters casting a ballot in the election, making the effect of a blank vote different. In states requiring majority approval from all ballots cast in the election, leaving the question blank is the same as voting against the measure.

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# 2024 Triton Homecoming



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Craig Schlichting Superintendent

I hope you have found some time to be outside and appreciate the amazing fall season. It is my favorite season of the year when the fall colors are brilliantly on display. It is also the harvest season, and we learn about the

yield from the crops and what impact the weather has had on this year's harvest. We have certainly been blessed with some great weather, but the early rains seem to have impacted several areas. It has been weird knowing that I am in my last year at Triton, and I continue to reflect with pride on our great school district.

I wanted to share my thoughts on the outstanding learning environment we've cul-

# **Cobra Communications**

tivated here at Triton Public Schools. Our upcoming Profile of a Graduate (POG) Celebration is a wonderful example of the great dedication of our teachers to support the engagement of our students on the important attributes of the POG. Our students continue to demonstrate their commitment to academic excellence. From impressive growth on assessments, to their willingness to engage in concurrent courses, the dedication to learning is evident in every classroom. Our teacher' tireless efforts to create engaging, challenging curricula are paying off, as we see students pushing themselves to new heights of achievement.

One of the highlights of our fall calendar is the Community Service Clean-Up Day. Students from grades 9-12 come together to beautify our town, earning valuable volunteer hours while making a tangible difference in our community. From raking leaves in elderly neighbors' yards to cleaning up local parks, our students show that they are not just learners but also responsible, caring citizens.

I do believe that one of the strengths of our district is our unique size. As a smaller school we can adapt and adjust to the specific needs of ALL of our students. The POG Celebration is a great example of our ability to recognize students and celebrate their strengths. None of these accomplishments would be possible without our outstanding staff. Their unwavering commitment to our students' success is the backbone of our district's excellence. From innovative teaching methods to countless hours of after-school support, our teachers and staff consistently go above and beyond to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.

As we move deeper into the school year, I'm excited about the many opportunities that lie ahead. Our district continues to explore new ways to enhance learning experiences, support student well-being, and strengthen our community ties. To our students, staff,

parents, and community members: thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we are creating an educational environment where everyone can be the best they can be. Let's embrace the spirit of the harvest season — a time of abundance, gratitude, and coming together. Here's to another fantastic year of growth, learning, and achievement in our district!

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 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!

#WeAreTriton

# 2nd Graders at the Annual Bus Safety Training









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# **Tri-Community Backpack Program**

The Tri-Community Backpack Program would like to sincerely thank all the community members, organizations, and businesses that have donated funding for this year's backpack

Dan Blaisdell, George and Carol Gunderson, Fahning and Associates, Dan and Sue Welsh, Energy Economics, Clean Plus Inc, Heritage Bank West Concord, Doris Gilman, and KMTelecom.







Elementary Families (Kinder-5th): Do you have a member of your family who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. Military?

> We want to honor them during our Veteran's Day Program on Mon. Nov 11th, 2024 @ 9am

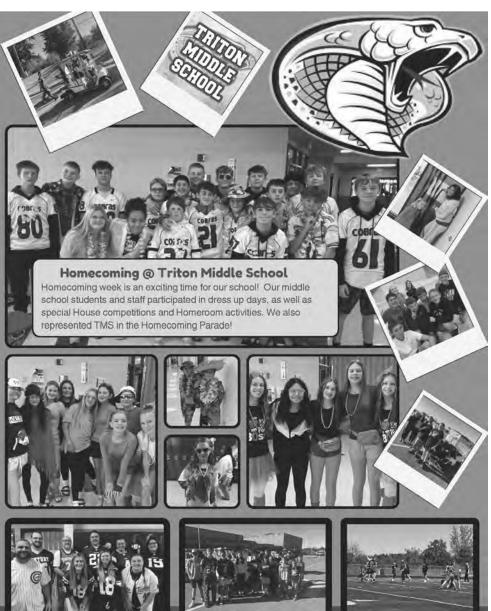
Please send the name of your service member, what military branch, & a picture to Whitney Hesse- whesse@triton.k12.mn.us INFORMATION DUE BY: NOVEMEBER 4TH!

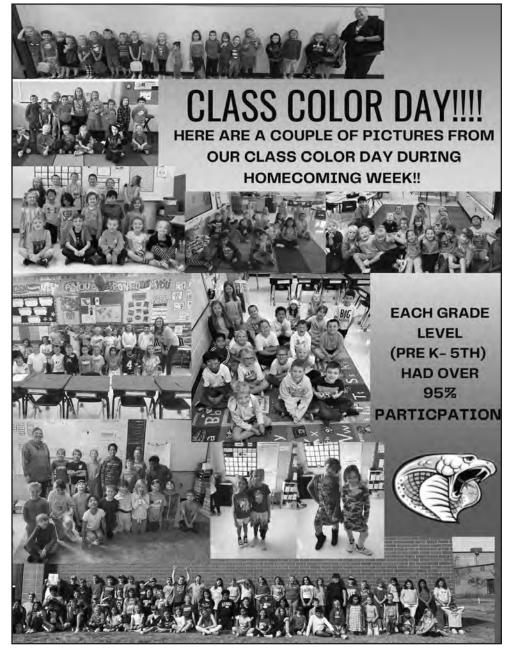
\*If you have previously sent this information in, you don't need to send it again. Only send if there is someone new you would like to honor.













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# Triton Homecoming



King and Queen: Brody Munnikhuysen and Romina Medina Triton's Homecoming week was September 30-October 5. Coronation was Monday, Sep-



Hawaiian Day: Student Council celebrated homecoming week with some special activities



Cake pops from Allisha's Sweet Treat for all during lunch



Family Feud Cobra style



4 square volleyball games



**Homecoming shirts** 

# Triton Homecoming



Pepfest on Friday, October 4



Mini Cheer Camp at the JV football game



Volleyball



**Cheerleaders at the Pepfest** 



Inflatable races at half time of the varsity football game



Soccer

# Triton Homecoming



Homecoming Parade Friday, October 4: Marching Band



Freshmen float



Sophomore float



Junior float



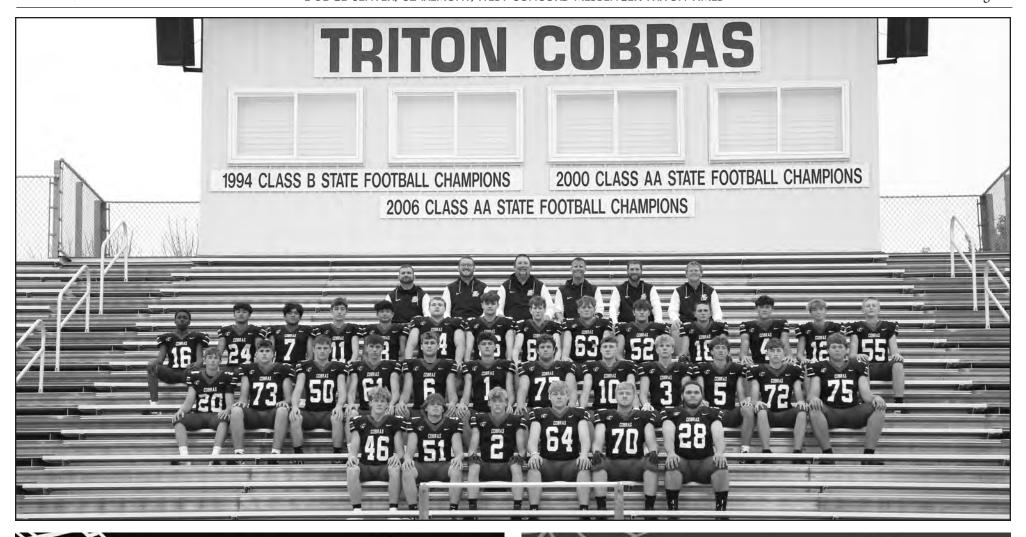
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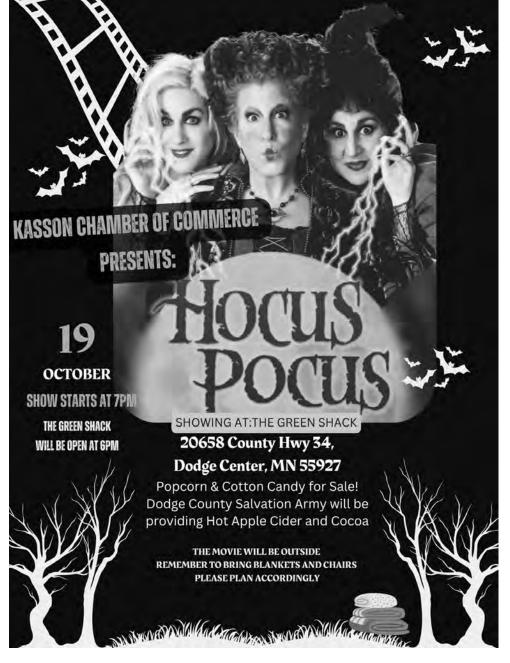


Senior float



Senior float the "Last Rodeo"







## TRITON COMMUNITY ED YOUTH ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

# Triton Preschoolers learned about Fire Safety this month.

Thank you to the Dodge Center Fire Station for a fun and informative program!







# 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 Tiffaney at 507-418-7550 or 507-226-3985 or email her at tlamoree@triton.k12.mn.us to inquire about this position.





### COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY



Trunk or Treat Sponsored by the Dodge Chamber of Commerce
5:30-6:30PM
Located in the Triton's MAIN ELEMENTARY PARKING LOT

#### Family Halloween Dance and Costume Contests

Halloween Games and Activities
Spansared by the Triton Student Council Dadge Contections bared by the Inton Student Lounch, bodge Center Lians, and the bodge Center Cha 6:30-7:45PM Located in the Triton Wrestling Room (Enter through the Main Activities Entrance)

OCTOBER 16 TRITON PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARK IN THE TRITON NORTH HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Featuring the Salvation Army's Winter Wear Clothing Drive Drop Of & Triton Student Council's Trick or Canning Food Driv Drop Off



#### All Activities are FREE

All Children must be accompanied by an adult, and costumes must be family appropriate.

# Triton Grads: Where are they now?

#### By Christi Runnells

Once the senior class graduates, I always wonder where they end up and what they're doing these days. This school year I'd like to showcase some of our awesome Triton alums!

#### Student: Johnathon Jaeger Graduation Year: 2017 Current City: South Saint Paul

When Johnnie was at Triton High School he was heavily involved in theater. Johnnie shared that he has many favorite memories of Triton, and many tied to the theater productions he was involved with. He said he had so much fun as Johnathan Brewster in Arsenic and Old Lace. He also has fond memories of his teachers, particularly Mr. Felten, who teaches junior chemistry, freshman physical science and a senior physics elective. "He did a wonderful job of making his classes informative but also not taking it too seriously. Even if science isn't my favorite subject, his classes were enjoyable and memorable," Johnnie said of Mr. Felten. Instead of science, Johnnie's favorite class was AP United States History taught by Mr. Day. This class taught Johnnie some of the foundational historical skills that he is using in life today.

Six and a half years after his high school graduation, Johnnie is currently in his master's program at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He is finishing up the "Heritage Studies and Public History" program planning for a career with museums and historical societies. If any of you know Johnnie, this should come as no surprise as he was quite the history buff while in high school. In fact, Johnnie's senior project was with the Steele County Historical Society. When asked how

his experiences at Triton prepared him for what he's doing now he felt that senior project is what taught him how to handle large projects and in general put him down the path he's on now. "While the project might feel like an unnecessary burden at the time, it can help you workshop what kind of career you would like."

Johnnie shares his advice for today's high school students: "Take school seriously but have fun with the time you have. For better or worse, you may not keep in touch with your classmates after. Also, choose a career path that works for you; no post-high school plan works for everyone." Everyone's path is different, but everyone needs a plan to get there!

#### Student: Samantha Fernandez Graduation Year: 2017

We just finished up homecoming at Triton during the first week of October and this is what Sam remembers as her favorite times while she was in high school. She loved that homecoming was so fun and full of excitement and also enjoyed the dress-up days. Ms. Luskey, a former Triton art teacher, was her favorite because she helped Sam with her art and motivated her to be a better artist. Ms. Luskey always believed in her and gave her confidence. Unsurprisingly, any of the art classes were her favorite classes as she loved creating and being creative. Sam also enjoyed foreign language. Additionally, she shares that some of her most helpful classes proved to be computer applications and computer programming, along with English classes. She feels these classes prepared her



**Johnathon Jaeger, Triton Class of 2017** 

for her current college writing assignments. She also believes her math and science courses at Triton helped to prepare her for her current college courses as well.

Nowadays Samantha is working at Viracon while she also attends South Central College-North Mankato full-time. Currently she is studying to be a medical laboratory technician. She will work towards her associate's degree now and is considering getting a bachelor's degree after that. Sam recom-



Samantha Fernandez, Triton Class of 2017

mends that high school students "pay attention and ask for help if they need it." "Another piece of advice I have is to sign up for various school clubs and do volunteer work if you can while still in school." Triton's service day is coming up on October 21st so all Triton High School students can start following Sam's advice soon!

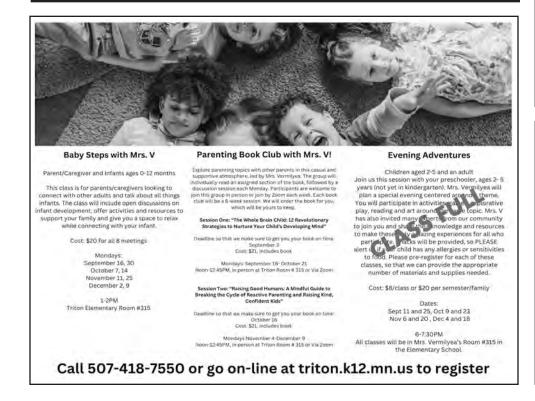
Thank you for updating us, Johnnie & Sam! We wish you luck as you complete your education!

## TRITON COMMUNITY ED YOUTH ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

Triton Community Ed Office Hours: M-F 8am-3:30 pm Check Out Our Website

## www.triton.k12.mn.us

and click on the Community Education tab



#### Intro to Video Game Design with Nintendo Characters

#### **Grades 1-4**

Create YOUR OWN VIDEO GAME! Love video games? Choose your storyline with popular Nintendo characters as your stars. Add challenges and difficulty levels.

#### Additional Technical Requirement:

Scratch and Scratch Account – Instructions will be emailed PC Needed (Windows or MacBook), will not work on a Chromebook, tablet or phone.

Cost: \$50 2 Saturdays- 11/16 & 11/23 8AM-9:30AM both days



### 3D Printing: Dungeon & Dragon Die Design

#### Grades 3-7

Learn the ins and outs of 3D Design and TinkerCAD. Students will design a custom D&D D4(4-Sided) and D10 (10- Sided). Dies will be printed and mailed to the home.

Additional Technical Requirement:

TinkerCAD (login information provided during class)

PC Needed (Windows or MacBook), will not work on Chromebook, tablets, or phones.

**Cost: \$65** 

2-Saturdays 10/19 & 10/26 10:30AM-Noon each day

A link will be provided prior to the class via email for participation



# TRITON COMMUNITY ED 507-418-7550

#### **Green Shack MEA Break Offerings**

Don't get bored over MEA break. Join the Green Shack for these exciting classes! These are all located at the Green Shack (20658 Cty Hwy 34, Dodge Center).

Macrome Wall Hanging Grade K-6

October 17 10AM-Noon



#### Crochet a Shawl Age 11+

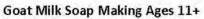
Receive a pattern, yarn, hook and instruction! October 17

1-5PM \$54





#### Fairy Garden Grade K-6 October 18th 10-11AM



October 18 1-2pm Or 2-3pm

\*\* Please specify which time slot you are registering for







🗮 Halloween Party 🕇 🏐







# Green Shack

20658 County Highway 34 Dodge Center, MN 55927

Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm

Wear your costume!

FREE

Trunk or Treat, Petting Zoo, Cider and Hot Cocoa

Punch cards are \$10 for 1 card with 12 punches. Good for Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Soda, Activities, Games and Crafts

Bake Sale \$2 plates!



-Hair Spray Color 1 punch per color

-Apple carving 2 punches

-Cotton Candy 1 punch

-Popcorn 1 punch

-Soda or Water 1 punch

-Sucker Game 1 punch

-Painting ornaments 1 punch

-Decorate foam cut out 1 punch

-Stick the Spider to the web 1 punch

-Panning for Gems 4 punches

-Decorate your own cookie 2 punches

-Petting zoo free

-Picture opportunity in cut outs for free

-Cocoa and Cider provided by Dodge County Salvation Army free

-Trunk or Treat with 12+ vehicles from local families, businesses, and organizations.







Lost Canyon Mule Drawn Wagon Ride Sightseeing Excursion on Lake Geneva

Shopping along the shore

Guided Tour of Lake History and Wind Point Lighthouse Tour & Kringle Sampling at Lehmann's Bakery

> Hob Knob Supper Club Fireside Theater Show

#### Package Includes:

2 nights lodging, 6 meals (2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, 2 Lunches)

Motorcoach Transportation

All Activities as Listed

All Taxes & Luggage Handling

#### Pricing (Per Person): Single: \$999

Double: \$909

Triple: \$849 Quad: \$789

#### Deposit:

\$100 check due at registration



Book Now 🖨

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507-444-7900

For More Information: Owatonna.CE.Eleyo.Com



# TRITON COMMUNITY ED ADULT ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

# Social Media for Business

Driving new customer traffic to your website and promoting your business is imperative in today's technological world. Don't let your skillset or company get left behind by missing the key social media rules you need to know! In this class, you'll learn how to craft a simple but effective social media marketing strategy, listen di-



rectly to customers and implement tips to grow your business all while staying organized without technology overwhelm.

#### **Benefits for the Students:**

Students will leave the class with action items they can easily implement themselves to see results for their business or role within their company and organization. Students will also benefit from having a plan for the rest of their year and know how to be effective with their time on social media for maximum results for gaining new clients or customers.

Cost: \$21 November 5th 12pm – 1pm

A zoom link will be sent to you prior to the class you have registered for.



#### **Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People**

**Craig Coffman** 

In just a few hours you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment! Learn to play piano the way professionals do-using chords. Since this class is being held online with ZOOM you will be able to sit at home with your piano or keyboard in a relaxed environment. This course includes an online book



and follow-up video lessons, so that you can continue to practice on your own. An optional periodic question and answer session is also included. A recording of the class is also included. This lecture is partly lecture/demonstration and partly hands on instruction.

Topics include how chords work in a song, how to get more out of sheet music by reading less of it, how to form the three main types of chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, how to avoid "counting", how to simplify over 12,000 chords

Cost: \$69, includes all training and materials

November 25 6:30-9:30PM

Via Zoom, you will be sent a link prior to the class

# **Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People** Craig Coffman

Ages 13+

Have you ever wanted to learn the guitar but simply find it difficult to find the time? In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you to play along with your favorite songs right away. Since this class is being held online with ZOOM, you will be able to sit at home with your guitar and take this class without any pressure. This class includes an online book and online follow up video lessons, so that you can continue to practice on your own. An optional periodic online question and answer session is also included. A recording of the class is included.

Topics include how chords work in a song, forming the 3 main types of chords, tuning your guitar, basic strumming patterns, and how to play along to simple tunes.

Cost: \$69, includes all materials and follow up November 26

6:30-9PM

An online link will be sent to you via email prior to the class for you to access the class and materials.

# HELP SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY IN DODGE COUNTY!

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library mails one FREE high-quality, ageappropriate book to registered children each month until the child reaches the age of five. And while this program is free for families, it costs about \$16,000 per year to administer the program with current enrollment numbers in Dodge County.

We need community partners to help financially support this amazing program. Please scan the QR code to donate online, or you can send a donation to:

K-M Community Education Attn: Jenny Carrier (DPIL) 606 16th St NE Kasson, MN 55944





# TRITON COMMUNITY ED ADULT ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

#### A Perfect Wedding

Side Kick Theatre, Masonic Heritage Center, Bloomington, MN

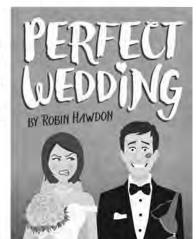
The big day gone hilariously wrong!

A groom wakes up on the morning of his wedding day with a hangover and a strange woman in his bed. Mix in the bride, her mother, the best man, and a maid that knows too much, and you have a recipe for disaster. Wedding bells or running for the hills? Their big day will be far from a piece of cake! We will have buffet lunch in the ballroom prior to the show.

Cost: \$92, includes guaranteed coach bus, lunch and ticket to the show.

#### April 23, 2025

Bus	Departs	Approx. Returns
Byron	9:30AM	5:15PM
Middle School Parking Lot		
Kasson	9:45AM	5PM
Football Field Lot		
Dodge Center	10 AM	4:45PM
Triton Activities Entrance		
Owatonna	10:25 AM	4:20PM
Target Parking Lot closest to ti	ne Hotel	



YOU MUST CALL TRITON COMMUNITY ED AT 507-418-7550 TO REGISTER FOR THIS TRIP!

#### 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

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:		
First/Last Name:		
Class Title:		
Grade if a student:		
First/Last Name:		
Class Title:		
Grade if a student:		
Payment Information: Total Due:		

#### Attention SCHA or UCARE Insured Families:

If your child has South Country Health Alliance (SCHA-could cover up to 5 classes up to \$15 per calendar year) then discounts MIGHT apply. Eligible UCare members may get up to a \$15 discount on many community education classes in Minnesota. Members must have UCare insurance at the time of registration and throughout the duration of the class. Members need to provide their UCare ID number when registering for class. Limits and restrictions may apply. Registration is not complete without this insurance information.

Call 507-418-7550 with questions-Thank you!

#### **Adult ESL and GED Classes**

\*\*\*\*FREE\*\*\*\*

Triton Community Ed offering free Adult ESL and GED classes!

Our instructors, Tara Bradford,

Sue Torgerson, and Mayra Monarrez are here to help you reach your adult learning goals, whether it's finally accomplishing your GED or to learn English as your second language.

All levels of ability are welcome.

Please call 507-418-7550 for more information and to get started on your learning goals!

Tuesdays and Thursdays Starting October 1st 3:30-5:30PM GED 6-8PM ESL TES Room #308

#### **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. It's important to pre-register so that Jim can ensure accommodation for all. Please call Triton CE at 507-418-7550.

#### Two Class Dates Available:

November 21, 2024

\*\*\*\* Veteran's Appreciation Class—all Veterans will receive a \$10 discount on this day!

#### January 23, 2025

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

#### Grease, The Musical

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

Greased-back hair and leather jackets, ponytails and poodle skirts, fast cars and rock 'n' roll, Grease is back at

Chanhassen Dinner Theatres! Experience the nostalgia of high school in the '50's—peer pressure, love, and teenage life set against the campy backdrop of Rydell High! Discover the drama, comedy, and pop-culture satire that has made Grease one of the most popular productions of all time! Don't forget the music with songs like "Summer Nights," "We Go Together".

"Greased Lightening" and "Beauty School Drop Out".
Have fun as you groove and bop along! Lunch is included, and you will order off the menu. Soda, alcohol and dessert are extra and will be at the individual's responsibility. 45 tickets available so don't delay!

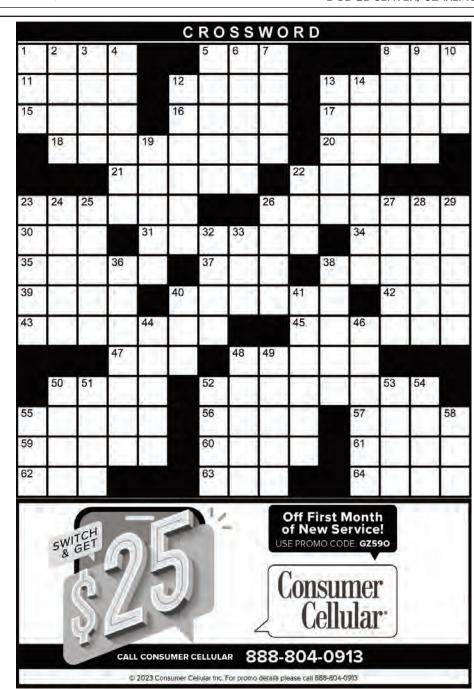


#### February 26, 2025

Cost: \$115, includes guaranteed coach bus ride, lunch and ticket to the show. Please indicate all who will be in your party when you register so that we seat you together.

Bus	Leaves	Approx. Return
Byron		
Middle School Parking Lot	8:45AM	5:30PM
Kasson		
Football Field Parking Lot	9AM	5:15PM
Dodge Center		
Triton Activities Area	9:15AM	5PM
Owatonna		
Target Parking Lot closest to the Hotel	9:45AM	4:30PM

YOU MUST CALL TRITON COMMUNITY ED TO BOOK THIS TRIP AT 507-418-7550



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#### THEME: FAMOUS WORLD SITES **ACROSS**

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- 5. Tire meas.
- 8. Flock member
- 11. Hollywood sidewalk mark
- 12. Architect's drawing
- 13. Muhammad's teachings
- 15. \*Leaning Tower city16. Co-eds' military org.
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- 20. Like some Christmas sweaters
- 21. Walt's Mickey 22. Blunder
- 23. Emerge
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- 30. \*Avenue des Champs-...lysÈes, technically
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- 34. Prescribed food selection
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- 39. Hissy fit
- 40. Political "shelter"
- 42. The night before Christmas
- 43. Eyewash vessel 45. Food tester
- 47. King Kong, e.g.
- 48. Milk quantity
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- 52. \*Black Hills' Mount \_\_\_\_ National Memorial
- 55. Short-trunked ungulate
- 56. Geometric calculation
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- 4. Gram, in Great Britain
- 5. Walks weary
- 6. Composer of "GymnopÈdies" fame Erik
- 7. \*Machu Picchu empire
- 8. Twelfth month of Jewish civil year
- 9. On one's guard
- 10. Ostrich-like bird
- 12. Marcel of "Remembrance of Things Past" fame
- 13. Harden
- \_ FamÌlia, Spain
- 19. Autocratic 22. Earlier in time, archaic
- 23. Use blunt end of pencil
- 24. Sack fabric

- 25. Change shoelace knot, e.g.
- 26. \*China's Great attraction
- 27. \*Mt. Everest's northern slope location
- 28. Tool handle
- 29. Ranch grazer
- Strait. Alaskan cruise destination
- 36. \*Famous onion-domed cathedral's namesake in Russia
- 38. Ingratiating behavior
- 40. Gobbled up
- 41. Relating to Utah
- 44. Like exes
- 46. Violent weather, pl.
- 48. #13 Across' sacred writings
- 49. Site frequenters
- 50. First one on a ship
- Long narrative poem
- 52. Loan attribute
- 53. Heavy metal's Quiet
- 54. E-commerce website
- 55. Sylvester, to Tweety
- 58. Broadway musical about wives of Henry VIII

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