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## Faith Lutheran Holds Fundraiser

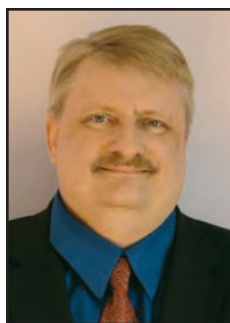
By Cheri Roshon

Faith Lutheran Church of Dodge Center is holding their annual fundraiser at 308 Second Street on Wednesday, November 6th. The Harvest Feast Dinner is a great event to come and mingle with your friends and family, and open to all.

This year we honor the farmers who are harvesting their crops, and providing for us all. It will be a dinner and bake sale, and feature quilts for sale, as well. Dinner will be served from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. The fare includes Meatballs and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, corn, rolls, relishes, and of course, pies. Cost for adults is \$15.00 and youth (ages 5 to 10) are \$5.00. The bake/quilt sale will be held from 4:30 to 7:30, so come early and get your baked goods and maybe a handmade quilt, too!

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## Two candidates for the Minnesota House of Representatives District 24A



Duane Quam



Heather Holmes

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the voters.

I am **Duane Quam** and I'm putting myself forward to be the servant of the people of HD 24A. As your representative I'll ask the questions you want asked, dig into the details, root out the waste, and strive for a responsible government. I pledge to be a diligent steward of your money and resources. As I proved while on the Byron School Board, where I saved hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars. I humbly ask for your support.

To introduce myself, I've included some general information below.

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I believe that core principles, conservative values, and an innovative vision will lead to responsible government. I stand for the following:

A smaller responsive government that respects the budget

The protection of individual liberties, including parental and property rights

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## 1st Congressional District Candidates



Brad Finstad



Rachel Bohman

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**Congressman Brad Finstad** was elected to Congress in a special election on August 9, 2022, and was sworn in three days later with his family by his side as he took the Oath of Office to proudly represent Minnesota's First District.

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## Turkey Day 5k

Submitted by Steve Gransee

I guess I'll just start from the beginning. In the fall of 2022 I decide to host a Turkey Day 5k to help raise some money for the Dodge County Food Shelf. After the run my family and a couple of friends helped me serve up Bloody Mary's to participants age 21+. The first year we raised about \$600 with 30 some people.

Last year I decided to go bigger. I ended up using a run sign up website to help with payment processing and registration. We had roughly 125 participants and were able to raise over \$5000 for the food shelf!

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## Announcements

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

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

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## Inside Out Kingdom

You are found guilty! You will pay all you owe to the last penny! The gavel comes down hard- the verdict is in- you and I are guilty as charged! “For the wages of sin is death...” Romans 3:23. You and I are sinners; you and I are guilty as charged- Satan stands ready to accuse each of us. Job 1 reads, “One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them.”

In Matthew Jesus is speaking to a large crowd and teaching them the truth of the Kingdom of God and at the end of chapter 5 we read about the justice of God and His mercy. Trying to balance these principals can be difficult when you don't truly understand the love and character of God and His Son Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 5:17-20, (Living Bible) “Don't misunderstand why I have come—it isn't to cancel the laws of Moses and the warnings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them and to

make them all come true. <sup>18</sup> With all the earnestness I have I say: Every law in the Book will continue until its purpose is achieved. <sup>19</sup> And so if anyone breaks the least commandment and teaches others to, he shall be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But those who teach God's laws and obey them shall be great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” <sup>20</sup>

“But I warn you—unless your goodness is greater than that of the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders, you can't get into the Kingdom of Heaven at all!”

Jesus wants us- you and me and all people to understand that He didn't come to throw the law away- to cancel the 10 commandments or even all the warnings of the prophets- but to be the fulfillment of them. What does that mean- Jesus came to not erase the law and its punishment, but to redeem the sinners. To pay the price of our sin- through His death.

God's justice and mercy can seem incompatible. After all, justice involves the dispensing of deserved punishment for wrongdoing, and mercy is all about pardon and compassion for an offender. However, these two attributes of God do in fact form a unity within His character.

Jesus wants us to see that being His follower isn't going to be 'easier' He is requiring an entire heart change! To be changed from the inside out. To go the extra mile, to recognize that lust leads us down the wrong road long before adultery takes place. He corrects our foolish notion that we can treat people right while we hate them. He dispenses the idea that it is ok to hate some, to

hold grudges, to obey the letter of the law without obeying the heart of the law. That's why the Pharisees and people of Israel failed so much- that's why we fail so much when we try to follow the list, the rules, without truly having a heart change that allows for mercy and grace!

Without God's mercy and grace- we would be hopeless. There would be no hope of living a 'good life' despite all our rules and work to follow them. The Bible showcases the fact that God is merciful, but it also reveals that He is just and will one day dispense justice on the sin of the world.

Forgiveness is the bridge between justice and mercy, allowing for the restoration of relationships and the healing of wounds. Justice, then, isn't solely about punishment, but also about restoration and reconciliation. It's through the connection between justice and redemption that God's ultimate plan for justice and mercy is revealed in the Bible.

Near the end of chapter 5 it reads, “The law of Moses; that was the law of the people of Israel. This was the law that the Lord had commanded them to obey when they came out of Egypt and became their own nation. They were to be a nation of one God and His law. Jesus knew his audience and wanted them to recognize and identify the law and the consequences of disobedience.

Verse 38 says, the law of Moses says; an eye for an eye and hit back. But the new way was a total contradiction- if you are ordered to carry a burden for a mile- carry it two. If you are slapped on the right cheek- give them your left, if someone needs your shirt- give them your coat! Jesus says- we

are changing the way we look at the 'law.' The law is still good- but now we have the law of the love of God. We have the joy of suffering with and for Christ. We are in pursuit of a better way- laying our rights down to further the cause of Christ. We are to choose love, not hatred. We are to choose mercy, not punishment.

I am a sinner saved by grace. I sinned, I made bad choices, I hurt the cause of Christ- but instead of hanging me out to dry- Christ redeemed me- he paid the price for my sin and ransomed me. I am saved by His blood. I am saved by His sacrifice on the cross.

I was His enemy- yet He loved me. He took my place, and He was good to me even when I was evil! As Jesus lived that out for my life- I am also to live that out daily in my own life- to love my enemy, to be friendly to those that are different from me- As a daughter of the King, as a daughter of Christ- with His spirit living in me- I too am to give mercy- to be long suffering, to forgive and to love even my enemy! I am to be perfect- holy- as my Father in heaven is. AND I can- because He lives in me!!! You and I can be perfect in the sight of God because of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Even though you don't deserve it- even though you deserve to die in your sins- God made a way through His Son Jesus Christ- to become pure and holy through the blood shed on the cross of us!

Have you taken that step- are you still holding on to the law to save you? LET IT GO!!! The law cannot save you- the law is there to show you that you are a sinner. Go to Jesus, Receive His forgiveness and begin a new life.

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DODGE CENTER	Area Church Directory	WEST CONCORD
<p><b>Singing Our Gratitude to God</b>  <i>Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord. . .</i>                      — Ephesians 5:18-19</p> <p>When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we begin to notice the fruit of the Spirit in ourselves. One of the Spirit's fruits is joy—a deep sense of contentment and gratitude in all things, even when life's circumstances are difficult. The early church had a rich practice of rejoicing through song: Paul indicates that they sang psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to the Lord with all their hearts.</p> <p>What kinds of songs do you sing in your congregation? Psalms? Hymns? Songs from the Spirit? Why do you do this? And how does it affect your faith and life?</p> <p>In singing, we express our gratitude to God for his great deeds, and we receive God's grace and edification in return. We bring God an offering of praise, but at the same time we hear him speaking to us and encouraging us. One could even say that singing praises to God can function similarly to prayer. Like prayer, singing can both support our individual faith formation as well as our corporate worship and fellowship with one another. When we sing together about the goodness and grace of our triune God, we grow in connection as a body of believers.</p> <p>How does singing help you to express your gratitude to God? What psalm, hymn, or spiritual song has been particularly formative in your faith?</p> <p><i>Holy Spirit, fill me with joy, that I may sing songs of praise today. Let everything that has breath join me in praising the Lord! Amen.</i></p>	<p><b>CLAREMONT</b></p> <p><b>1st Presbyterian Church</b>                      200 East Street, Claremont • 528-2320                      Pastor Doug Walters                      Sunday Worship at 10:00a.m.</p> <p><b>St. John Lutheran Church</b>                      4532 SE 84th Avenue, Claremont • 528-2404                      Pastor Alan Broadwell                      Sunday Service at 10:30a.m.</p>	<p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b>                      305 State Street N, West Concord • 507-527-2244                      Pastor David Brederland                      Sunday 9:30a.m. Worship; 10:45a.m. Sunday School  <a href="http://www.fcwc.org">www.fcwc.org</a>                      Facebook: WC Faith Community Church</p> <p><b>Hegre Lutheran, ELCA</b>                      51939 Highway 56 Blvd., Kenyon • 507-272-2353                      Sunday: 9:15a.m. Sunday School; 10:30a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran, ELCA</b>                      301 Highland St., West Concord • 507-527-2778                      Pastor Chad Christensen • <a href="http://trinitychurchwc.net">trinitychurchwc.net</a>                      Sunday worship video is posted on Facebook  <a href="http://Trinitylutheranchurchwestconcordmn">Trinitylutheranchurchwestconcordmn</a>                      Sundays 9:45a.m. Worship in building and live streamed on Facebook                      Sunday School 10:30a.m.                      Tuesday Men's Bible Study, 7:00a.m.                      at church and via Zoom                      Call church for more information on ministries and events.</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b>                      55087 200th Ave., West Concord • 507-527-2723                      Pastor Peter Moen                      9:00a.m. Sunday School; 10:00a.m. Worship  <a href="http://concordchurchmn.com">concordchurchmn.com</a></p> <p><b>Zwingli United Church of Christ</b>                      "The Berne Church"                      23148 Co. Hwy. 24, West Concord • 507-356-4340                      Pastor Karen Larson                      Sunday 10:00a.m. Worship; Find us on Facebook</p> <p><i>Email your church announcements, schedule, etc. to the The Messenger at: <a href="mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com">hometownmessenger@gmail.com</a></i></p>
<p><b>DODGE CENTER</b></p> <p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b>                      308 2nd St. NW, Dodge Center                      Pastor Jessica Bakken Busch • 507-374-2174                      Traditional Worship 9a.m.; Fellowship 10a.m.</p> <p><b>Grace Lutheran Church</b>                      404 Central Avenue N, Dodge Center                      Rev. Elliott Malm • 507-633-2253  <a href="https://gracede.church">https://gracede.church</a>                      Worship 9a.m.; Sunday School 10:30a.m.</p> <p><b>Praise Fellowship Church</b>                      602 Central Avenue S, Dodge Center                      Roger Langworthy • 507-374-6400                      Kids Church 9:15a.m.; Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.</p> <p><b>Dodge Center Methodist Church</b>                      201 1st St. NE, Dodge Center                      Rev. Chad Christensen • 507-374-6885                      Sunday Morning Worship at 8:15a.m.,                      Fellowship Time Following</p> <p><b>St. John Baptist De La Salle</b>                      20 2nd St. NE, Dodge Center • 507-374-6830                      Mass Saturday 5p.m.</p> <p><b>Living Water Assembly Church</b>                      104 1st St. NW, Dodge Center                      Roy Andrews • 507-374-6561                      Sunday 10a.m.</p> <p><b>Dodge Center SDA Church</b>                      410 3rd Ave. SW                      Dodge Center • 507-374-6895                      Sabbath School 9:15a.m.; Saturday Worship 11a.m.</p> <p><b>Anchor of Hope Church, a 7th Day Baptist Congregation</b>                      203 E. Main St., Dodge Center • 507-374-6755                      Saturday 10a.m. Worship; 11:45a.m. Sabbath School</p> <p><b>Bible Lutheran Church</b>                      (American Assoc. of Lutheran Churches)                      11 1st Ave. N.E., Dodge Center  <a href="http://www.biblelc.org">www.biblelc.org</a> • 612-803-1212                      Sunday School 9:15a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.                      (weekly sermons available on YouTube and on website)</p> <p><b>First Congregational Church</b>                      12 Second Street NW                      Dodge Center, MN 55927 • 507-633-6873  <a href="http://www.congregationalchurchdodge.com">www.congregationalchurchdodge.com</a>                      Keith Mosier, Pastor</p>	<p><b>THE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS SPONSORED BY:</b></p> <p><i>Fresh &amp; Flavorful</i>  <b>Mexican Cuisine</b></p> <p><b>PLAZA MORENA</b>      CAMPESTRE GRILL</p> <p><b>160 26th St NE, Owatonna</b>  <b>507-413-0819</b>  <b>Dining Room Open 7 Days a Week</b>  <b>11:00am-10:00pm</b>  <b><a href="http://www.plazamorena.com">www.plazamorena.com</a></b></p>	

## Richard Connelly

Richard Connelly died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 29th, in Mesa, Arizona. He was born on August 6, 1943, the sixth child to James and Violet (Hanson) Connelly.

He was preceded in death by his parents James and Violet, as well as his siblings, John and Wayne Connelly and Evelyn Kabage.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Charlotte (LeBeau) Connelly, as well as his four children, William (Bill) Connelly of Coon Rapids, MN, Brenda Uhlig (Dwayne) of Mesa, Arizona, Christina Connelly-Fischer (Richard) of Strongsville, Ohio, and Sharon Garritt (Mitch) of Poquoson, Virginia. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren, Caden and McKenna Uhlig; Perpetua, Agnes-Rose, Athanasius, Cyprian, Caterina, R. Fabian Francis, and Annunciata Fischer; Annabelle and Trevalyn Garritt, and Richard's sisters Jeanette Grinager of Eyota, MN and Jane Tyler of Phoenix, Arizona.

He was an active member of his community, both in Dodge Center, MN, where he was a lifelong resident, and Mesa, Arizona, where he retired. He retired from EEI, inc after many years of service. He enjoyed playing golf, suduko, as well as spending time with friends and family. He will be missed by many.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be on November 11th at 11 am at St John Baptiste de la Salle, Dodge Center, MN. A luncheon will

follow. Private interment.

## Larry Raymond Larson

Larry Raymond Larson, 75, of Claremont, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024, at Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center in Mankato.



He was born March 7, 1949, in Owatonna, Minnesota the son of Raymond Ole and Helen

(Selthun) Larson. He grew up and farmed the family farm in rural Claremont. Larry attended grade school at District 13 and attended high school at the Owatonna Senior High, graduating in 1967. Larry went to Austin Votec for 2 years and graduated with a degree in Farm Mechanics. He was then drafted and served in the United States Army from 1970-1971, stationed in Korea. Along with farming with his brother Wayne on the family farm, Larry was a rural mail carrier with the United States Postal Service for 7 years.

Larry loved to hunt deer, pheasants, and go fishing with family and friends. He also loved his Mopar Muscle cars, cheering on the Minnesota Vikings, and attending car shows. He was a lifetime member of the Morristown Gun Club, VFW, American Legion, DAV, and the Aurora Lutheran Church. Larry enjoyed taking bus trips across the United States and was proud he had visited 41 of the 50 states. Larry also enjoyed going to his

place in Florida to escape the cold Minnesota winters. He was proud of all of his nieces and nephews, and family members.

He is survived by his brother, Wayne (and Jean) Larson of Claremont; sister, Cheryl (and Steve) Thompson of Owatonna; 6 nieces and nephews, 11 great nieces and nephews, and 3 great-great nephews and niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents

Raymond Ole and Helen Larson.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 11AM at Aurora Lutheran Church with a visitation at the church from 9AM-11AM. Interment was in the Aurora Lutheran Cemetery in rural Owatonna. The Steele County Military Funeral Unit provided military honors. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Aurora Lutheran Church.

## Faith Lutheran Holds Fundraiser

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Faith Lutheran is a worshipping community where all are welcome. They are a part of the ELCA, and have a traditional service and a contemporary service, too. They have a Sunday School for the youth, and Holy Communion is celebrated the first and fourth Sunday of each month, and all are welcome to participate. Worship service is at 9 am, with fellowship at 10 am. 10:05 is Sunday School.

Their website is faithdc.org. The website is inclusive and says, "We gather. We encounter God's word. We share a meal at the Lord's table. And we are sent into the world. But we do not think about worship so much in terms of what we do. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing, and our response to

God's action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ." It also gives times and dates for the church's activities, such as quilting, excersize, various circles, and other gatherings. Some of the recent activities are October 6th was dedicated to First Responders. Tumblers were decorated and handed out with thank you notes. On November 3rd, our community veterans will be honored. December 1st will be the second annual Advent Fest with wooden Nativity sets and an Advent Wreath project. They hold Pantry of Faith food shelf on the 2nd Sunday of each month for local families. As you can see, Faith Lutheran is more than just going to church on Sunday, it is a community of friends who gather to do God's work.

For questions, or more information on any of the church's activities, you can email them at faithdcmn@gmail.com, or call between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm at (507) 374-2174, and Happy Holidays to all!

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Elected to the Byron School Board  
Past Chairman of the ZED governing board  
Chairman Minnesota State Academic Science Standards writing committee

Consultant on educational texts and participant on several MCA committees

Degrees in Engineering and Physics

Past United Way Community Resource Allocation Committee member

Biography

Born in Rochester and raised on farms in Olmsted and Dodge counties, now a resident of Byron

Graduated from Byron High School, then earned degrees in Engineering and a Masters in Physics

Was elected to the Byron School board, served on the ZED education district governing board, and chaired the Minnesota State Academics Science Standards writing committee

Have worked as an engineer, scientist, project manager, and department manager

Married to Pat Quam for 40 years. We have sons, Duey and Jacob, and grandsons Robbie and Dylan

I am **Heather Holmes** and I grew up in northern Wisconsin on the coast of Lake Superior. I've always been curious about the world around me and loved being outside in nature. This curiosity and passion for the environment led to me earning a Bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin Superior in 2005. My husband, Amos, and I moved to Byron in 2006. We share a home with our amazing daughter, Gabby, our tortoise (Yoda), and our two tree frogs (Luca and Alberto). I have worked in my current position in a research lab for over 17 years. In total, I have over two decades of experience working in various fields of scientific research ranging from coral reef ecology to agriculture to medical research. Our family is involved deeply in our community. I currently serve on the school board for Byron Public Schools. Amos is a firefighter with the Byron Fire Department, and all three of us serve on the Diversity and Inclusion Council in Byron. We are proud to call southeastern Minnesota our home (even if there are no natural lakes down here)!

Growing up in the Midwest, I was always taught that you help take care of your neigh-

# Election Day

## 2024 Tuesday, November 5

bors. You welcome people into your home and make space for them. I see this playing out in our communities all the time: the way we help shovel out our neighbors' driveways or lend a hand pushing a vehicle stuck in the snow, rally around a family during tragedy, and celebrate each other's achievements. We donate to our schools and local charities and volunteer in our communities. It is this spirit of community that I wish to take with me to St. Paul. A budget reflects the values of the people who set it. Our communities take care of each other, and our state's budget should mirror those values and take care of the people in this state. We in Minnesota can be an example for the rest of the country on what a caring and compassionate economy that works for everyone looks like. We can demonstrate what a welcoming and inclusive democracy looks like. We can support families and help small businesses thrive. We can ensure family farms are able to continue providing food for our communities. For too long, rural communities have felt left out of the conversation. I understand and will ad-

vocate for the issues affecting our district, and make sure everyone feels like they have a seat at the table. Pull up a chair and let's get to work!

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

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

## 1st Congressional District Candidates

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Brad is a fourth-generation farmer and resident of the New Ulm area. He and his wife, Jackie, met on the school bus in second grade and they are now the proud parents of seven children. A graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in Agriculture Education and an emphasis in Rural Leadership Development,

Brad and Jackie now operate an agriculture business in New Ulm while working alongside extended family to run their generational family farm.

Brad is proud to have served as State Director for USDA Rural Development in Minnesota where he worked to support infrastructure improvements, business development, homeownership, community services such as schools, public safety, health care, and high-speed internet access in rural areas. He previously served three terms in the Minnesota Legislature. He also held executive positions with the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association and the Center for Rural Policy and Development.

My name is Rachel Bohman, I'm a Rochester native, and I am so excited to share with you that I'm running for Congress here

in Minnesota's first district! I'm running because I believe in a vision of shared prosperity for Southern Minnesota and I know that this country works best when it works together.

I'm a former local elected official on the Rochester Township Board. When I ran in that very moderate area, I won because we built a campaign on neighbors talking to neighbors about the issues affecting them right here at home. I know that we can do the same thing all across this district.

I'm a former Assistant County Attorney. I know firsthand what it means to keep our communities safe, and that we all deserve a fair shot to thrive right here in our own neighborhoods.

And most importantly, I'm a mom. I was raised in Rochester by a single mother and



when I started my family 16 years ago, I knew that there was nowhere else in the world I wanted to raise my two daughters.

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## Talking Childhood Cancer with U of M



By Karim Sada, MD, MPH, MSE, University of MN Medical School

Karim Thomas Sadak, MD, MPH, MSE, with the University of Minnesota Medical School, Masonic Cancer Center and M Health Fairview talks about the most common types of cancer that affect children, the role of pediatric oncology specialists and treatments for childhood cancer.

**Q: What are the most common types of cancer that affect children?**

Dr. Sadak: There are many different types of childhood cancers. Leukemias and lymphomas are the most common types of cancer that affect children, but we care for children, teenagers and young adults with all forms of cancer. Our team has experience treating everything from the most common types to the exceedingly rare. It's crucial to get to know each child, teenager or young adult and

meet them and their family where they are — medically, emotionally and socially. The first few days after diagnosis are a whirlwind, so we start the journey together with our patients and families step-by-step, side-by-side.

**Q: How do childhood cancers differ from adult cancers?**

Dr. Sadak: There are several differences between adult and childhood cancers. Some are very obvious, such as differences in the type of treatment itself, and some are very subtle, like certain long-term side effects of treatments. We have the team and expertise to make sure we never just treat a disease — we are always treating a child first as well as supporting an entire family.

**Q: What role do pediatric oncology specialists play in treating and caring for children with cancer?**

Dr. Sadak: As pediatric oncologists, our role is all-encompassing! For every child, teenager or young adult with cancer, there is a large team behind the care patients and families receive. This team includes nurses, social workers, pharmacists, child and family life specialists, doctors, nurse practitioners, schedulers and many others. This team functions at a high level, delivering state-of-the-art, well-coordinated care to patients that rely on mutual trust, strong communication and always putting the patient first. Pediatric oncology specialists work together to ensure every need for our patients is anticipated, addressed and followed closely, including long-term follow-up, which is what we call "survivorship."

**Q: How have treatments for childhood cancer advanced in recent years?**

Dr. Sadak: In recent years, there has been more and more consideration of how treatments impact children as they grow up and enter young adulthood and beyond. This period of time — many years after treatment is wrapped up — is when our childhood cancer/bone marrow transplant (BMT) survivor program steps into the picture. We know exactly what long-term risks to look out for after each specific treatment a patient may have received. We can create a survivor care plan that serves as a roadmap for the future, specific to each patient and their unique prior cancer treatments and related health risks. Together, our childhood cancer/BMT survivor program team with patients and their

families grow together to be sure prior treatments do not cause severe long-term side effects. Modern treatments for childhood cancer have advanced to now consider the long-term potential implications of survivors' health.

*Karim Thomas Sadak, MD, MPH, MSE, is an associate professor and the director of the childhood cancer/BMT survivor program for the division of pediatric hematology/oncology in the Department of Pediatrics at the U of M Medical School. His clinical and research expertise focuses on survivors of childhood cancer. He has a particular interest in adolescent and young adult survivors and their transition to adult-centered care.*

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## Down on the Farm/ Up at the Cabin Spring Migrations

By  
Monica & Claudia Vanderborcht

Claudia and her husband joined Monica on the farm late in the summer of 2016. There was plenty of room in the house (it had 4 bedrooms, two bathrooms and even two kitchens). And more than enough room outside to keep everyone busy and out of each others' way.

Prior to their move, Claudia and her husband lived in a log cabin in upstate New York. (WAY upstate. 30 miles from the Canadian border upstate.) They often bought meat from a farmer who raised bison. The farmer would tell stories of the buffalos' biannual migration: every spring and every autumn, the bison would walk around and around and around their pasture for days. Seasonal migration ran deep in their DNA.

Dexter cattle were bred by the Irish 500 years earlier. Dexters are one of the 28 breeds of short-statured cattle. Rarely taller than 40 inches at the shoulder and weighing 700-900 pounds, they were a good breed for two middle-aged newbie women farmers to raise.

Intelligent and gentle, with tasty flesh and rich milk, the urge to migrate has been bred out of Dexter DNA for a long, long time.

Dexter cattle do not migrate.

But it had been a very long winter. And although most of the snow had melted, the pas-



Retrieving cattle with cars

tures were not green. The few green shoots of grass were quickly devoured by the livestock. Hay had become incredibly boring and everyone was ready for the lush, green, succulent grass.

You know – the good stuff.

Oops! Someone accidentally left the pasture gate open. The herd found it. And so the Dexter spring migration began. Down the long driveway they trotted. Monica ran for the ATV; Claudia ran to the barn for buckets of treats.

Right from the start, Monica had bucket-trained her cattle. Scooby, the bull, would do just about anything for a Scooby snack (an alfalfa cube or horse treat). Ameila, the herd

queen, knew exactly where the chicken corn was kept and knew how to pry the metal cover off the container. The cattle understood what rattling buckets meant.

But today, the herd only wanted fresh, green grass.

A bucket of corn in her hand, Monica raced through the muddy cornfield on the ATV, parallel to the driveway, hoping to divert the herd. The cattle took a right at the mailbox and trotted down the dirt road. Claudia, a bucket of Scooby snacks in her hand, jogged up the driveway. She could see that the cattle had no intention of returning to their brown pasture. They were looking for green grass.

Down the road they trotted – Scooby and Amelia leading the way. Monica phoned Rae, the neighboring farmer. The cattle were headed her way and maybe she could turn them with her truck or ATV. Slowly, so slowly, Rae drove up the road toward the cattle. Monica flanked them on the right. Claudia waited at the mailbox.

The Dexters could not wade through the ditches, still full with snow, to escape the vehicles: their legs were simply too short. Resigned, the herd turned back up the hill and headed for home.

Though this would not be their last walk-about, an important lesson was learned: double check the gates!

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**Initial Sign-up Night- Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm; at the West Concord Bell Tower (401 Main Street)**

**Practices (All practices held at the West Concord Bell Tower (401 Main Street):**

- Thursday, November 14, approximately 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 19, approximately 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm
- Monday, November 25, approximately 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 3, approximately 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Final Dress Rehearsal will be Friday, December 6, from 6:00-7:30 pm

Performance Night During the Christmas in West Concord Program at the Bell Tower, at 5:00 pm. (be at the Bell Tower by 4:30 pm)

We look forward to seeing our surrounding communities' kids on November 12<sup>th</sup> it is always a blast!

## Turkey Day 5K

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And yes, we had a bloody mary bar again with LOTS of fixins!

This year the goal is to hit \$5500. I was able to get some business sponsors (I'm currently at 20, but would be thrilled to pick up a few more) to help cover the cost of participant shirts and anything above and beyond what covers the shirts will be donated to the food shelf. This makes it so 100% of the proceeds raised through the event registration will go to the Dodge County Food Shelf. So far most of my business sponsors are from the Kasson area with a couple from Old Concord and Dodge Center.

I started this event because every Thanksgiving I would drive to a different community and do their Thanksgiving day 5k and I started thinking to myself, why don't I just start one in Kasson and help out my own community? It made sense as I own the Kasson Mini Mall and my business, The Main Alternative is right there. It works well as there's space for participants to gather before the 5k (and 2.5k) start and there's plenty of space to hang out afterward, enjoy a bloody or hot beverage (provided by the Dodge County Salvation Army) and get to know other community members.

It's been so fun to watch this event grow in



such a short period of time. I love running and promoting health and wellness (I'm a massage therapist) and I absolutely love being able to help out my own community. I'm also very lucky to have an extremely supportive husband and family/friends that go along with my crazy ideas and help me the day of the event. I couldn't do any of this without them.

I just wanted to get the word out about it so we can hopefully get between 150-200 par-

ticipants for this year's event! You really can't beat starting Thanksgiving day of any better-exercise, bloody Mary's, hot drinks, snacks and comradery all while raising money to help others in our community.

There's a Facebook event page that people can follow to receive updates as well as check out the business sponsors. You can search for the event by typing in the Facebook search bar "3rd Annual Turkey Day 5k."

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At 6:30pm there was a free dance with music by the New Quackenbush String Band. The featured guest artist, fiddler and dancer was Beth Hoven Rotto. The attendees enjoyed old time polkas, schottisches and waltzes.



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## Basic Rules of Hunter and Firearms Safety

By MN Department of Natural Resources

More than a half-million people hunt every year in Minnesota. The DNR's goal is that every one of them returns home safely at the end of every hunt. While hunting is one of the safest recreational activities there is, even one injury is one too many.

More than 21,000 students every year in Minnesota earn their firearms safety certification and since 1955, more than 1.3 million have done so. As more students have completed firearms safety training, there's been a corresponding decrease in the number of injuries and fatalities that occur as a result of firearms-related hunting incidents.

### The basic rules of safe firearms handling

By following these basic rules, hunters can avoid most hunting-related firearms incidents.

- **Treat every firearm as if it is loaded**  
Never assume a firearm is unloaded.
- **Always control the muzzle**  
Keep your muzzle pointed in a safe direction and remember that anything toward which the muzzle points is in the crosshairs. Don't overlook the possibility of a ricochet.
- **Be sure of your target and what is beyond**  
You're responsible for knowing what's in front of your target, near your target and be-



yond your target. If you aren't certain about any of the three, don't take the shot.

- **Keep your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot**

Your finger should be outside the trigger guard until you're ready to shoot.

- **Protective gear**

Hunters' eyes and ears are vulnerable to a number of potential hazards while hunting, so it's important to protect them. Firearms create a high decibel sound that can damage hearing. Also, when a firearm is fired, it sends the projectile down range. Along with the projectile, the firearm also discharges small particles of the projectile, burning gas and other residue that can damage your eyes. Always wear safety glasses and ear protection.

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## Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol



**Question:** Hello, we read your column every week. I've noticed more often lately on numerous occasions that when a school bus is stopped and dropping-off or picking-up kids, they do NOT have their red lights flashing or their STOP arm extended. The bus will only have the yellow lights flashing. When searching the internet for school bus rules/regulations I can only find information related to how other drivers are required to respond, rather I'm interested in what the bus driver is required to do. I was unaware that there are potential scenarios where the bus driver is not required to force traffic to stop.

**My question:** What are the rules/regulations with respect to a school bus that is stopping to drop-off or pick-up kids, when are they required to activate the red flashing lights and extend the STOP arm, rather than just activating the yellow flashing lights?

**Answer:** Thank you for the question and I am glad to hear that you read the articles. When transporting children to and from school in most scenarios they are to use the red lights and stops arms. Here is a list according to state law, when school bus drivers shall not activate the prewarning flashing amber signals or flashing red signals and shall not use the stop arm signal:

- in special school bus loading areas where the bus is entirely off the traveled portion of the roadway and where no other motor vehicle traffic is moving or is likely to be moving within 20 feet of the bus;
- when directed not to do so, in writing, by the local school board;
- when a school bus is being used on a street or highway for purposes other than the actual transportation of school children to or from school or a school-approved activity, except for regularly scheduled recreational or educational activity;
- at railroad grade crossings;

- when operating the bus under a "special event;" and

- when loading and unloading people at designated school bus stops where people are not required to cross the street or highway, while the bus is completely off the traveled portion of a roadway that has adequate shoulders. The driver shall drive the bus completely off the traveled portion of this roadway before loading or unloading people. A school bus stop is designated under this clause if the transportation director of the school district in which the bus stop is located, in consultation with the road authority, certifies the integrity of the shoulder and the safety of the location for loading and unloading people. Each designated school bus stop must be documented and approved by the school board.

**Question:** I was driving through town the other day and a driver opened their car door as I passed by. I had to swerve to avoid hitting their car door. Obviously, it was a safety issue but isn't there a law about this? I'd appreciate any info you can share. Thank you.

**Answer:** Correct, there is a Minnesota state law about this issue. When you are stopped or parked on the side of a road, do not open any doors until you have checked to make sure it is safe and will not interfere with other traffic. Look for vehicles, motorcycles, bicyclists, and pedestrians that may be approaching your vehicle. Do not leave any door on the side closest to moving traffic open longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.

**Question:** I have a medical condition that causes me to lose consciousness on occasion. I am hoping to get a driver's license. Is there anything I need to do?

**Answer:** When applying for an instruction permit or driver's license, you will be asked questions about medical conditions. Providing false information on the application could result in losing your driving privileges.

If you have a medical condition, you may need to provide a statement from a physician indicating whether or not the condition affects your ability to drive safely. If you already have a permit or license and are diagnosed with epilepsy or a condition that could cause loss of consciousness, you must submit a physician's statement within 30 days of the diagnosis. The statement must in-



dicating whether or not the condition interferes with your ability to drive safely.

Send medical statements to:  
Driver and Vehicle Services  
Driver Evaluation Unit  
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 170  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-5170

For more information, contact the Driver Evaluation Unit at 651-296-2025.

**Question:** My vehicle is equipped with airbags. Do I need to wear my seat belt?

**Answer:** Yes, seat belt use is required. An airbag is a supplemental restraint system. Airbags work with seat belts to prevent injuries but are not designed to keep occupants from being ejected. For safety reasons, children under age 13 must ride in the back seat if it is available.

Try to keep at least 10 inches between yourself and the steering wheel. Keep your hands at the 8 and 4 o'clock or 9 and 3 o'clock positions on the steering wheel.


Move front passenger seats as far back as possible. Read your operator's manual before driving or riding in a vehicle with airbags.

For more information about seat belts, airbags, and car safety seats, visit the Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/seat-belts-air-bags/Pages/default.aspx>

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and of course, drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. or reach him at, [Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us](mailto:Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us).

**FOR COMMUNITY RELEASE**



**Dakota County Sheriff's Office**  
Joe Leko, Sheriff

Bulletin #24-4  
10/01/2024

## REWARD OFFERED


**ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON**

**Nicole "Nikki" Anderson**

- 5' 10"
- 135 lbs
- Last seen wearing a long grey sweater and camouflage pants.


Nicole Anderson was last seen in Randolph Township in Dakota County the morning of Saturday, July 6, 2024.

She was on foot and does not have her cell phone, wallet, or medications.



Last known image of Anderson ^  
on 7/6/2024 at 08:54 hours.

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office is offering a reward of \$5,000 for information regarding Nicole Anderson's whereabouts or the prosecution of those involved in her disappearance. Private parties have pledged an additional \$40,000 reward to be distributed independently of the Sheriff's Office. Only tips received through the Dakota County Sheriff's Office or Crime Stoppers that lead to the location of Nicole Anderson or the prosecution of those involved in her disappearance are eligible for the reward.



Anyone wishing to provide a **completely anonymous** tip may contact Crime Stoppers at, **1-800-222-TIPS**, or [www.CrimeStoppersMN.org](http://www.CrimeStoppersMN.org)

Reference DCSO Case # 24-000819

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**FOR COMMUNITY RELEASE**

## Missing Nicole Anderson \$45,000 Reward

By Sheriff Joe Leko

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the disappearance of 56-year-old Nicole Anderson who left on foot from her Randolph Township home the morning of July 6th and did not return.

The previous reward of \$5,000 for information leading to Nicole Anderson's whereabouts or the prosecution of those involved in her disappearance is now \$45,000. Private parties have graciously pledged an additional \$40,000 reward to be distributed independently of the Sheriff's Office.

Only tips received through the Dakota County Sheriff's Office or Crime Stoppers that help lead to the location of Nicole Anderson or prosecution of those involved in her disappearance are eligible for the reward.

We continue our exhaustive efforts to locate Ms. Anderson. This remains an active investigation and no further information will be released at this time.

Tip information can be shared via phone by calling 651-438-TIPS, via email at [crimeandwarranttips@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:crimeandwarranttips@co.dakota.mn.us) or online in the link ReportATip



**TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SUMMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN & ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the September 16, 2024, Triton School Board meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing in the Triton District Office, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, or online at [www.triton.k12.mn.us](http://www.triton.k12.mn.us). Present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Duane Bartel, and Brian Ginder, Craig

Schlichting, Shane Van Beek, Tricia Johnson, Corey Black, Corey Lilledahl, Aimee Lake, Tina Kozisek, others.

The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the August 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer’s report; donations; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for students #091624A, #091624B, #091624C, #091624D, #091624E, #091624F, #091624G, #091624H, and #091624I; contracts for Makiya Vagt as Special Education Paraprofessional, Kelly Roussel as Special Education Paraprofessional, Julie Fuchs as ECSE Teacher, Stephanie Terwilliger as Special Education Paraprofessional, Kristi Tottingham as

Special Education Paraprofessional, Katie Wyro-Korbisch as Special Education Paraprofessional, Andrea Possehl as School Nurse, Lucy Welsh as Special Education Paraprofessional, Matthew Paquin as Bus Driver, Adam Anderson as Behavioral Specialist/Social Worker, Dave Hagen as Building, Grounds, and Transportation Supervisor; approve resignation for Kayce Munnikhuisen as Cobra Care/Preschool Assistant;

- Overnight stay for concert band and choir students in Nashville June 6-10, 2025;
  - 2023-2024 Audit Report;
  - Proposed 2024 Payable 2025 Levy Certification – “maximum amount.”
- Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2125  
(TRITON PUBLIC SCHOOLS)  
Claremont, Dodge Center and West Concord, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2125, (Claremont, Dodge Center and West Concord), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024, for the purpose of electing four school board members for four year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

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**Instructions to Voters**  
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s), like this:

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The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places shall be the same as those for the state general election.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. Most polls for said election will open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: September 16, 2024 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

*/s/ Lloyd Henslin*  
School Board Clerk

## Teen Driver Safety

Teens are at great risk on the road due to factors such as inexperience, risk-taking behind the wheel, speeding and distracted driving.

Parents and caregivers play a vital role in developing safe teen drivers. When learning to drive, teens need to know the Rules of the Road and gain experience in a variety of road types and environments. The teaching shouldn't stop when they get their license to drive. The greatest crash risk occurs during the first months of independent driving. Laws regulating cell phone use and the number of passengers allowed to ride with a teen driver have helped reduce teen traffic deaths and injuries. Parents and caregivers can talk with their teens about dangerous and deadly driving behaviors with these tips on how to influence positive behaviors.

Start the conversation and set the rules before they hit the road with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Five Rules to Drive.

- No Cell Phones.
- No Extra Passengers.
- No Speeding.
- No Alcohol.
- Always buckle up!

The bottom line is that we have more influence on teen drivers than we may think. Be a role model, get involved in their driving habits from the beginning – and stay involved! Together, we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.



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