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Claremont Area Business Introduces New Product

GenAer of Claremont has introduced a new generator for the spray foam industry. The business is owned by two brothers who started out in the spray foam insulation business years ago and found the need for reliable portable power.



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Local Election Results

Last week's general election vote counts are complete and we have the totals here for residents of Claremont, Dodge Center and West Concord.

In Dodge County the results for the presidential race totals are Donald Trump with 8,095 votes for 65% over Kamala Harris with 4,108 votes or 33%. In the District 1 congressional race Brad Finstad won with 58% of the votes over Rachel Bohman with 41%. In the District 24A Minnesota House of Representatives race Duae Quam received 63.5% of the votes to Heather Holmes 36.5%. Dodge County commissioner for District 1 John Allen was unopposed and received 2,202 votes. In District 5 incumbent commissioner David Kenworthy received 1,737 votes for 87% over the write in candidate with 12% or 256 votes.

In the Claremont mayor's race incumbent Tasha Dahl received 68 votes, challenger David Stein received 50 votes and there were 107 write in votes. Casey Striver who ran a write in campaign in the last month of the race received 100 of the write in votes for mayor of Claremont. In the Claremont city council race there were two seats open. Deborah Ellis received 130 votes and Donna Gregory received 149 votes and there were 24 write in votes.

In the Dodge Center city council race there were four candidates who filed for two open positions. The two highest vote recipients won the positions. Incumbent Kathy Skogen received 720 votes, Braedon Dostal received 749 votes, David Myrom received 248 votes, Matt Legler received 241 votes and there were 19 write-in votes.



In West Concord mayor Jeffery McCool received 251 votes (70.0%) and there were 103 write in votes. The West Concord City Council had two open seats in the election and the top two total counts won the position. Karen Johnson received 217 votes, Jeffery Burse received 198 votes and Nic Kilen received 188 votes and there were 16 write in votes.

Announcements

- West Concord City offices will be closed for Thanksgiving November 28 & 29. Library closed, as well, including Saturday.
- A GriefShare "Surviving The Holidays" one day support group for those who have lost a loved one will be at Dodge Center Public Library on Monday, November 25 at 3:30 pm and again at 7:00 pm. This is offered free of charge to the community by Anchor of Hope Church. For further information, contact Dale E Rood at 507-633-2772.
- 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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Peter Moen and family at Johnson City in 2013

Local Ambulance Director Has Long History with Hurricane Ravaged NC

The Messenger had a few minutes to sit down and talk with Peter Moen last week. Peter and his family lived less than 90 miles from Asheville, NC until 2013.

Here is what we talked about:
"My name is Peter Moen and I am the pastor at Concord Church of Christ. My family includes my wife, Bethany, and three daughters: Kiley, Hannah, and Emma. We live in the parsonage next to the church.

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West Concord Community Thanksgiving Service November 27

The West Concord Community Thanksgiving service is Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in West Concord (301 Highland St). Let us join together to give thanks.

Pastors Peter Moen and Dave Breederland will be sharing devotional thoughts.



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A Thankful November Perspective

By Pastor Dave Breederland,
Faith Community Church
of West Concord

When it comes to November, people often think about many events which happen during that month - deer hunting, high school football playoffs, Christmas shopping, and of course this year, the presidential election. But we must not forget about Thanksgiving.

As followers of Jesus Christ and his Word, we know that we are to show that attitude of gratitude in all times and circumstances, not just during November. Jesus modeled his gratitude for the material provisions of loaves of bread and fishes prior to his feeding the 5,000 and 4,000. Jesus also gave thanks for the bread and cup at the Last Supper. We can learn from Jesus' example to give thanks for our daily bread. Jesus expressed his thanks to his Father for hearing his prayer at the tomb of Lazarus (see John 11:41). Then there is the healing of the ten lepers by Jesus in Luke 17. It is a classic text illustrating thanksgiving by one from a despised background, despised at least from the perspective of the Jews. Still, the ones who should have known and acted better - didn't.

Thanksgiving should cause us to think about giving thanks. How would you respond to a national holiday called "Thanksforced?" or

"Thanks-because-you-have-to?" Thanksgiving is a great term because it reminds us to give (because we want to) thanks (because we are grateful). When we have trouble with either the giving or the thanks part - it may be because we haven't slowed down in our living life to ponder the blessings which we've received. When we consider the blessings which we've received from our great God, it is hard to keep from freely giving our thanks to the Lord for who He is and what He's done. We've all received many blessings this past year as individuals, as families, as a community, and as a country. Some things which we received perhaps are still "blessings in disguise" as we're not sure how God is going to use certain events and cir-

cumstances. But God hasn't changed, and he is still the source of our blessings and is to be the recipient of our thanks. With Advent just around the corner, we can be thankful for our Savior Jesus who came into the world to save us.

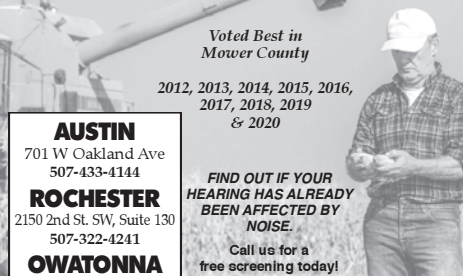
It is interesting to note that in the Bible, God the Father is the recipient of thanksgiving, but he does not give it. When Jesus told the story of the master and a servant in Luke 17:7-10, the servant was simply to do his duty. He was not the recipient of thanks by the master. The servant did what was expected by the master. Jesus was like that servant. Jesus did the work of his Father - dying on the cross for our sins. Jesus stated from the cross, "It is finished" as a testimony to the fulfillment

of his assigned work. God expected it and because of Jesus' redemptive work we have lots of reasons to give thanks to God. Jesus' obedience didn't depend on his reception of thanks by his Father. We can be thankful that Jesus made possible our redemption. Will we give thanks?

Therefore, this November, when there is so much push for "Black Friday," don't forget that "Good Friday" when Jesus died for our sins. That's the best deal ever and just has to be received by faith. And that's worth giving thanks! May gratitude be our attitude at all times.

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Area Church Directory Singing Our Gratitude to God

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...

— Ephesians 5:18-19

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.

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?

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.

How does singing help you to express your gratitude to God? What psalm, hymn, or spiritual song has been particularly formative in your faith?

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.

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Joan Paulson

Joan Paulson, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2024 at the age of 85. She was born on February 28, 1939 in Cheyenne Wells, CO. She was the eldest of five children born to Wally and Josephine Bruce and raised in Haxtun, CO with her siblings John, Barb, Carol and Bob. After graduating from Haxtun High School in 1957, she attended the Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, MN where she earned her RN. Next she attended the University of Colorado in Boulder, CO where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. She moved back to Minnesota to become a nursing instructor at Rochester Community College (RCC) and later at RCTC.

Joan and Delano Paulson were married at the Free Church in Rochester on December 27, 1968. Joan was married to her loving husband, Del, for over 55 years and they had 6 children, 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. They raised their family in their country home near Dodge Center, MN. Her family was her pride and joy. She loved to cheer her kids and grandkids on in their various interests and activities.

Joan's faith in Jesus Christ defined her life. She passionately prayed for her family, her church and community. She faithfully studied the Bible and asked God for His grace to be a faithful servant. Throughout her life she served in her local churches of First Baptist Church (now Faith Community Church) in West Concord and New Life Church in Wanamingo. She also served as a member of the Gideon's International Auxiliary. She touched the lives of all who knew her, and her legacy of love and service will live on in our hearts.

Her hobbies and interests were diverse as she had an active mind. In addition to her Bible studies, she typically read multiple books at once. She loved to travel with Del to learn about new places and cultures. Music was a passion of hers as she enjoyed singing in the church choir and playing piano. She played clarinet in her high school and in the University of Colorado pep band. The West Concord Historical Society was a place she enjoyed volunteering because she loved history as well as researching and updating family genealogies. She created many special memories for her family with delicious food and fun activities during holidays and special events including celebrating her Swedish heritage and traditions. The West Concord Study Club and the Investment Club allowed her to learn new ideas and share with friends over

several decades. Her home state of Colorado held a special place in her heart along with the many family members who she would visit there and on their visits to Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by infant son Timothy Paulson; parents Wallace and Josephine Bruce; brother John (Marilyn) Bruce; and sister Carol (Dick) Loftis.

She is survived by her husband, Delano Paulson of Kasson, MN; her children Brad (Susan) Paulson of West Concord, MN; Sonja (Gary) Cowles of Staples, MN; Glenda (Dave) Andrews of West Concord, MN, Lance (Kristen) Paulson of Chaska, MN; and Bruce (Kathy) Paulson of Woodbury, MN; sister Barbara (Mac) Brown of Holyoke, CO; and brother Bob (Karolyn) Bruce of Eaton, CO; her grandchildren, great & great-great grandchildren; and her many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Joan's life was held at Faith Community Church, in West Concord, on Friday, November 1st, 2024. With a visitation at 12:30 PM. A service followed at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Community Church (West Concord, MN) or New Life Church (Wanamingo, MN).

Dr. Melvin Friedrich Kirchoff, DVM

Dr. Melvin Friedrich Kirchoff, DVM, of Kenyon, died peacefully on October 22, 2024 at The Pillars of Lakeville in Lakeville, Minnesota.

Melvin was born April 21, 1933, on the family dairy farm in Gibbon, Minnesota. He was the son of Fred A.

and Bertha Emma (Bethke) Kirchoff. His early grade school education was at the nearby Moltke Parochial Lutheran School. Melvin and his identical twin brother Marvin often liked to switch the names on their desks to confuse their teacher. Melvin's sense of humor remained unchanged ever since.

Melvin graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BS Degree in 1955 and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree in 1957. Following graduation, Melvin was employed by the Animal Research Service of the Federal Government and stationed in Moberg, SD. This job involved monitoring livestock sales barns and working with local veterinarians to help eradicate disease in the beef industry. Much of this work covered five counties on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Melvin was a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association, and charter member of the Academy of Veterinary Practice.

In 1957, Melvin married Esther (Kayo)

Mattila at Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis. Melvin and Kayo moved to Kenyon in 1958 when Melvin joined the Kenyon Veterinary Clinic. After 33 years of working with large and small animals, Melvin retired from the Veterinary Clinic in 1991. During retirement, for many years, Melvin especially enjoyed working on the Kevin Hildebrandt farm during spring planting and fall harvesting.

Throughout his life, Melvin enjoyed time at the family cabin on Ten-Mile Lake, near Hackensack, traveling and golfing with friends and family. Annual Canada fishing trips were highlights with his Kenyon fishing buddies. Inspired by a trip to Door County, Wisconsin in 1985, Melvin had a love for wood carving. Starting first with Loons and then Santa's. For the next twenty-two years, Melvin would carve and hand paint 20-30 Santa's each year for family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Kayo; three sons, Mark (Beth) Kirchoff of Apple Valley, Michael (Terry) Kirchoff of Sartell and Tom (Sarah) Kirchoff of Wau-paca, WI. Grandchildren; Meg Kirchoff Singh (Sid), Nell Kirchoff (Tres Barbatelli), Andrew Kirchoff and Matthew Kirchoff.

Besides his parents, Mel was preceded in death by an older sister, Esther Grischkowsky, an older brother, Edwin Kirchoff and his twin brother, Marvin Kirchoff.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Friday, November 22nd, at 11 am, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 309 Forest Street, Kenyon, 55946. A luncheon will be served after the service in the church basement, where all are welcome to continue to visit and share stories of Mel's life.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials to the church or to a charity of your choice.

Mary Ellen (Trahms) Rehwaldt

Mary Ellen (Trahms) Rehwaldt, 94, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Mary was born on June 26, 1930, the daughter of George Robert and Ellen Emma Anna (Fitzloff) Trahms, at Immanuel Hospital in Mankato, MN. She



grew up in rural Smith's Mill near Janesville, MN. Mary Ellen was baptized on July 27, 1930, a member of Smith's Mill Lutheran Church, and confirmed on April 30, 1944. She attended high school at Bethany Lutheran College, graduating in 1948, where she met Harold Rehwaldt, the love of her life, during her senior year. After graduation she attended Kahler School of Nursing in Rochester, MN for 2 years. Mary and Harold were married at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Janesville, MN on June 22, 1951. They made their home in Dodge Center, MN where they farmed from 1951 until 1995, when they retired. During those years they were blessed with five children. In 1999 they moved from the farm to the city of Dodge Center.

Throughout her life, Mary was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church. In 1964, Mary and Harold built the Dairy Queen in Dodge Center. Mary owned and operated the Dairy Queen until 1971 when the store was sold. She then worked at Bowie and Mosier, CPA office as the office secretary for 15 years. In 1974, she was instrumental in the creation of the Dodge Center Volunteer Ambulance Service; she served the community as an EMT for 15 years. No one was ever a stranger to Mary. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She was a generous, creative soul. She loved sewing, baking, reading, traveling, and listening to good music. But more than that, she loved sharing those interests with others, and passing on life's little secrets. She was forever teaching.

Mary is survived by her loving husband Harold, four sons and one daughter; Jeffrey (Leesa) Rehwaldt of Kasson, MN, Bradley (Carol) Rehwaldt of Deland, FL, Timothy (Judith) Rehwaldt of Sauk Rapids, MN, Sue Ellen (Jerry) Rehwaldt Hays of Clarinda, IA, Gregory Rehwaldt of Las Vegas, NV; brother, Drs. George (Carol) Trahms of Novato, CA; sister-in-law, Dr. Nancy Trahms of Tiburon, CA; twelve grandchildren, Nathan (Sarah) Kobi, Nicholas (Mary) Kobi, Dylan (Carly) Rehwaldt, Devin (Lauren) Rehwaldt, Jon (Elizabeth) Rehwaldt, Thom (Laura) Rehwaldt, Audrey (Paul) Ryberg, Heather Hays, Heidi (Darin) Orme, Kelsey (Thomas) Heeren, Seth (Jamie) Rehwaldt, Sutton (Annalise) Rehwaldt; twenty one great-grandchildren, Paige, Landon, Jackson, Adaline, Gwendolyn, Elinor, Lillian, Oliver, James, Ian, Samuel (Kelsea), Max (Megan), Natalie, Evan, Matthew (Brittney), Riley, Ryan, Lawson, Oscar, Kennedy and Atticus; six great great-grandchildren, Bodhi, Theobelle, Eugene, Charles, Kai and Charlotte.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Dr. Robert Trahms and Ray Trahms; in-laws Edgar and Frieda Rehwaldt, Dorothy and George Williams, Charles and Gloria Rehwaldt, Irma and John Rehbein and Arlene and Roger Prigge.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 16, 2024, at Grace Lutheran Church, 404 Central Ave N in Dodge Center, MN with Pastor Elliott Malm and Pastor Robert Lentz officiating. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, November 15, 2024, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW in Dodge Center, MN and one hour prior to her service at the church. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN. Mary's entire being was rooted in kindness and giving. She gifted hundreds of her Lizzies during her lifetime. In the spirit of Mary's far-reaching love, we invite you to bring your Lizzie to the service on Saturday, November 16th. Also, we encourage you to celebrate Mary's love of the color purple in your clothing and accessories. Memorials for Mary are with the Alzheimer's Association and Grace Lutheran Church of Dodge Center, MN.

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

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DO YOU HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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Mark Allen Moenning

Mark Allen Moenning, 70, of Hayfield, MN passed away on Thursday, October 31, 2024, in Dodge Center, MN.



Rain was in the forecast. The last of the round bales had been hauled off the field. It was late in the day when our Lord and Savior called Mark Moenning,

age 70, of Hayfield, Minnesota, home, proclaiming your work on earth is done good and faithful servant. The family found Mark peacefully sitting in his truck where he likely was checking markets or the weather on his tablet, having a snack and wishing his phone charger worked better. The harvest was complete. The rain came and so did the tears.

Mark was born July 5, 1954, in Norfolk, Nebraska, to Arno and Deloris Moenning, the second of three sons. The family moved to Dodge Center, Minnesota, in 1958 where his father farmed, and with the help of his sons, developed Moenning Farms selling Hampshire breeding stock to commercial and purebred producers throughout 23 states and internationally. Mark loved and nurtured the land, its resources, and the livestock raised on the farm which through the years also included Simmental and Angus cattle, and Holstein market steers.

Mark attended Grace Lutheran Elementary School and graduated from Dodge Center Public School in 1972. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Waseca in 1974 and farmed in Dodge County ever since.

Mark was a champion of family, farming and faith, using his life's work to create a legacy through his children and his service to agriculture.

Mark's 4-H activities included raising and showing livestock in Dodge County, the Minnesota State Fair, and ARKSARBEN. Once he graduated, his involvement continued as he helped others with their livestock projects, coached the 4-H livestock judging team, and served on the Dodge County Fair Board for several years. According to a former 4-Her, Mark was respected and appreciated as a mentor by many.

Mark will long be remembered for his passion for the livestock industry. He was active in Dairyland Beef Producers, Dodge County Feedlot Advisory Committee, and served on the Dodge County Farm Bureau Board for more than 35 years. His leadership, knowledge and passion were evident in numerous rural, agriculture and animal health issues. He served on the Farm Bureau Resolutions Committee and the Minnesota Cattlemen's Policy Committee, and working closely with his father Arno and others, laid a foundation to proactively address pseudorabies which devastated the pork industry in the 1980's. Mark also participated in the MN-IA Leadership Program; he valued the friendships made and the agricultural tour of Russia.

Mark had the memory of an elephant and could remember conversations and other technical details from the past 40 plus years. As one friend explained, this is probably why a

ten-minute phone call could last an hour.

Most notably, Mark was on the Minnesota Beef Council from 1986 to 2007 where he served as treasurer, on the executive committee, and chaired the Nutrition Research Committee. From 1996 to 2008, he was appointed nationally to the Beef Industry Council, and later the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, where he chaired the Issues Management subcommittee and later, chaired the Producer Communication Committee. He was knowledgeable, insightful, a strong leader, and a voice of reason to those who worked with him.

Mark's involvement in the beef industry led to meeting his wife, Donna who worked at the National Live Stock and Meat Board in Chicago. As their relationship blossomed, the two created their family farm by Hayfield when they married in 1995 and raised three children, Mary, Samuel and Martha. Working alongside them, Mark provided the foundation that helped them raise and exhibit 4-H and FFA livestock projects and later their own herd of registered Simmental cattle. Mark was the rock that kept the farm going as the children engaged in church, school, 4-H and FFA activities, county and state fairs, Junior Simmental shows, Minnesota Beef Expo, civil war re-enactments, college, collegiate livestock judging events, military milestones and the travel required of Donna's career.

His acts of love and faith were shown in numerous ways; ensuring the trailer was ready to haul pigs to market and cattle to shows, giving endless belly rubs to the dogs, helping with school assignments, cutting tree limbs for decorating at church, clearing snow from cars, patiently explaining technical farm equipment in understandable terms to his kids and nephews, tearing up over patriotic music as he thought of his son, planting crops every spring and trusting God would provide a harvest.

He was an exceptional caretaker of the land, livestock, friends, and most importantly his family. Mark and Donna loved one another unconditionally and he loved his children the same.

Mark leaves behind his wife, Donna Moenning, Hayfield, MN; son, Samuel Moenning, Columbus, GA; daughters, Mary and Martha Moenning, Hayfield, MN; two brothers, David Moenning, Dodge Center, MN; and Paul (Cathy) Moenning, Dodge Center, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arno and Deloris Moenning.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, at Community Celebration Church, 27337 County Hwy 34 in Kasson, MN. Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 501 2nd St NW in Hayfield, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Sargeant, MN. Blessed be his memory.

To share a special memory or condolence please, visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes ~ 501 2nd Street NW ~ Hayfield, Minnesota.

Inger Dortehea Pearson

Inger Dortehea Pearson, 91, of Dodge Center, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN.



Inger was born on July 25, 1933, in Bergen, Norway to Freydar and Borgny

(Kristansen) Bergesen. She attended business college and went on to become a bookkeeper for Claremont School. She also was the bookkeeper for her and her husband, Norman Pearson's family business, Standard Oil Bulk and Standard Gas Station in Dodge Center, MN. They both retired in 1989. She was a member of the Dodge Center American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of Norway. She enjoyed her many travels to Norway and wintering in Arizona with her husband. She also enjoyed knitting, tending to her flowers, and spending time with her family.

Inger is survived by her children, Judith Caron (Tom) Kropiwka of Kasson, MN and John (Ann) Pearson of Lebanon, OH; sister, Nina Zak of Owatonna, MN; sister-in-law, Kathy Ludwigson of Bloomer, WI; brother-in-law, Emery Pearson of O'Fallon, MO; 4 grandchildren, Amy Kay (Jason) Dumais of Kasson, MN, Brian Kropiwka of Kasson, MN, Dan Pearson of Xenia, OH, and Scott (Rosemary) Pearson of Westchester, OH; 9

great-grandchildren, Jacob (Ally Ogden) Dumais, Jessica Marie (Noah) LaFavor, Ashley Kay (Joe Jacobson) Dumais, Hunter Pearson, Ella Pearson, Mabel Pearson, Nora Pearson, Audrey Pearson, Emma Pearson; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Borgny Stangler; father, Freydar Bergeson; husband, Norman Pearson; sister-in-law's, Deloine Pearson, Dorothy Pearson, and Iris (Andy) Monda; brother-in-law's, Ross (Bibie) Pearson and Norbert Ludwigson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, and Faith Lutheran Church.

Inger would like to express a special thank you to Larry and Rosemary Miller for all of their loving care they have provided her over the years.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2nd Street NW in Dodge Center, MN. Pastor Jessica Bakken Busch officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Inurnment was in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

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

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Glennis Jane Franko

Glennis Jane Franko, 93, passed away on Monday, November 4, 2024, at Prairie Meadows Senior Living in Kasson, MN.

Glenny was born on the family farm near Estherville, Iowa on September 26, 1931, to Clarence and Lida (Work) Saxton. The family later moved north to farms in rural Blooming Prairie and Dodge Center. She attended country schools and graduated from Dodge Center High School in 1949. She then attended the Kahler School of Nursing. While still living at home, one day she went to town with her father to attend a farm meeting. Bored with the meeting, she and a friend went to Maroo's Tavern to get a hamburger and soda. There they noticed a cute guy sitting out back at a picnic table. This cute guy turned out to be her future husband, Marty Franko. Marty was enlisted in the Air Force. So, during their first years of marriage they spent time in Texas, Nebraska and back home to Dodge Center while Marty served in Korea. Upon his return, their next assignment was in Bangor, Maine. Upon his discharge, they moved to a farm south of Dodge Center where they started farming and raising a family. In 1959 they moved the family to northern Minnesota near Askov. During this time Marty took on various jobs to make ends meet. Glenny became the "main supervisor" and "chief hired hand" of the farm, while also keeping track of the family which by now



numbered 6 kids. In 1962 they re-evaluated, and the family moved back to the farm north of Dodge Center where they increased the family size by 2 more for a total of 5 boys and 3 girls! They spent the last 50+ years on the farm until moving to Prairie Meadows last year.

During her nursing career, Glenny worked at Fairview Nursing Home. She retired after 35 years. She cared for many over the years – patients, friends and family. She always did so with much love and sincerity.

Glenny was involved with: Wasioja Ladies Club, Farmers Union, United Methodist Church, and American Legion Auxiliary. She was always willing to lend a helping hand. Favorite activities included: gardening, singing, listening to music, playing the organ, dancing, playing cards, sewing, crocheting, cooking, baking, fishing, traveling and spending time with family.

She is survived by her husband, Marty Franko; children, Lynn (Peggy) Franko, Deb (Rick) Papenfus, Randy (Karen) Franko, Dale (Darilyn) Franko, Tami (Bill) Garness, Cherri (Dan) Mlenar, and Scott (Sherrie) Franko; grandchildren, Jackie (Justin) Streiff, Nick (Katelyn) Franko, Pat (Danielle) Franko, Cody (Kindra) Papenfus, Melanie (Andrew) Schiek, Chris (AJ) Franko, Brent (Tanelle) Franko, Jeannine Franko, Brett (Ashton) Franko, Danielle Franko, Rylee Franko, Shane Mlenar, Garrett Franko, Shelby Franko, Brock (Mackenzie) Franko, Morgan Franko, Kylie Franko; 24 great-grandchildren all of which she truly cherished and adored; one sister, Beverly (Bill) Elving; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Bruce; parents; and

her sister, Arlene (Bud) O'Donnell.

Memorials are preferred to Wildwood Cemetery, United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary or Fairview Nursing Home.

A funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, November 9, 2024, at the Dodge Center United Methodist Church, 20 1st St NE in Dodge Center, MN. Pastor Chad Christensen officiated. Visitation was from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South St SW in Dodge Center, MN and one hour prior to her service at the church. Interment was in Wildwood Cemetery in Wasioja, MN. Following her service there was a luncheon at United Methodist Church.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com. Blessed be her memory.

Sharon Lee Alice Darr

Sharon Lee Alice Darr, age 83, a lifelong resident of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at St Mary's Hospital, in Rochester, MN, surrounded by the love and strength of her family.

Sharon was born on February 10, 1941, to Guy Thompson and Caroline (Duncan) Thompson in Rochester, MN. She attended and graduated from Dodge Center High School in



1959. She married the love of her life, Darrell Darr and together they just celebrated 65 years of marriage. Sharon was a homemaker, raising her four daughters, Tamara, Londa, Michelle, and Darla. As her family grew up, they spent many weekends at the family cabin on the lake in Faribault and Mankato. Her love for water included just about any water sport or just family time at the lake. Sharon could often be heard cheering loudly for her children and grandchildren in the stands as she loved attending all their sporting events. Sharon loved to sing and performed with the Sweet Adeline's and sang in the church choir at the United Methodist Church. She also shared her amazing gift, singing at many funerals, weddings and Christmas programs as a soloist. She enjoyed canning and working in her garden, providing the freshest food for her family. Sharon was a wonderful cook and had no problem cooking for a large crowd, especially family holidays and get togethers. She absolutely loved family gatherings and especially enjoyed playing games with her children and grandchildren. She was an avid golfer, playing with friends and family here in Dodge Center and in Arizona where she wintered with her husband for 24 years. Sharon loved dancing, traveling, going with her husband to car club events, crocheting, and playing cards with friends. Her smile and laughter were infectious and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Guy and Caroline Thompson; and her sister, Dawne Clapper.

She is survived by her loving husband, Darrell; her children, Tamara (Robert) Pfeffer, Londa (Robert) Osborn, Michelle (Tim) Fitzgerald, and Darla Newcomb; her grandchildren, Jared, Hannah, Logan, Danelle, Elizabeth, Samuel, Grace, MiKayla, Sarah, Mallory, Delaney, Presley, and Aubrey; great grandchildren, Ashton, Addison, Hendrix, Burke, Caroline and Wrenly; sisters, Hope Holz, and Suzanne Pennington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2024, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South St SW Dodge Center, MN, with Pastor Chad Christensen officiating. Visitation will at 10:30 a.m. until the time of her service at the funeral home. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

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That's the Latest On the Farm



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.

My friend and colleague at the WC Historical Society, Colleen Hayne, does a lot of research before she writes her Museum Musings that you see on the next page. The museum has old WC Enterprise papers that go back to before 1900. Me, I usually make up stuff or go from memory of some event. However, for this column, I did a little research. I was actually looking for my pocketknife but then I ran across some old radio scripts from 1989/90.

While working at KDHL, I would write

and record Ag commentary programs for the Minnesota Farm Network that would be broadcast statewide. My 90 second commentary would air Monday through Friday during the weeks I was scheduled. The programs would deal with the current activities of agriculture. Other farm broadcasters including Don Wick and Mike Murphy, would do these programs on a rotating schedule. The program was called 'On the Farm'.

I kept all of my scripts that were typed out IN ALL CAPS on an IBM Selectric, much like the typewriter that I learned to type on in Mrs. Peterson's typing class at West Concord High School. One of the scripts I found was about living on the farm. When you live on the farm, you take a lot of things for granted. But if you're a new person on the farm, there are some rules you need to learn. For instance, never chip, chop or scrape frozen manure with your mouth open. Never let a farm dog lick you in the face. Never question someone yelling 'Run for it!'

If you make a gentleman's agreement, eventually you'll need a lawyer. If you shook hands on it, you may need two lawyers. The chainsaw that always starts on the first pull will need three men and a boy to start it at the auction sale. If your wife empties your pockets to wash your work clothes, you'll feel lost for about a week until you get everything back in your pockets where they belong. (This, by the way, is why I was looking for my pocketknife). Never spread manure with the wind and never go to town

without first checking your face in the mirror.

Another program dealt with how to teach kids about living on the farm. To teach kids what animals are, we tell them that they're all cows, even if it is a bull or steer or heifer. It's a bit technical for a 5 year old. But by the time they're say 29 or so, it's okay to tell them that a bull is a man cow. A steer, well now that's a has-been bull. A heifer, that's a future cow. You can do the same for other animals. Horses for example, we teach our children or grandchildren to look at the horse, but is it a stallion, mare, Philly or gelding? Eventually we need to call a cow a cow and a bull a bull.

Finally, I came across an old market report I did one day. Helium was up, feathers were down. Paper was stationary. Fluorescent tubing was dimmed in light trading. Knives were up sharply, Cows steered into a bull market while pencils lost a few points. Elevators rose while escalators continued their slow decline. Weights were up in heavy trading, Light switches were off. Mining equipment hit rock bottom while diapers remained unchanged. Shipping lines stayed at an even keel while the market for raisins dried up. Coca Cola fizzled and caterpillar stock inched up a bit. Balloon prices were inflated, Scott Tissue touched a new bottom and batteries exploded in an attempt to recharge the market. That's the latest!

FINALLY! Cuisine Worthy of that Beautiful 1900's Building in Kenyon

By Ashley McGuire

Listen, Cahill Bistro & Bar in Kenyon. Breakfast. In particular: The Eggs Benedict with the green sauce, the paneer cheese and sweet potato cake and the Breakfast Steak was incredible.

Also, the Shrimp Taco, the Mexican Tres Leche Cake, the flourless chocolate torte, and the Ecuadorian Flan.

You'll thank me. I promise.

The food was bold and delicious, super fresh and great quality. Every bite was a flavor adventure. Even the ketchup I asked for tasted "extra good". The chocolate was "much muchier" than most. I don't know how they're making it, but it was stunning.

Cahill's is a sensation. I am so grateful I was able to go. Cannot wait to return. I highly recommend it!

Owner Christian Pino has developed an outstanding menu.

By circumstance and choice, I find myself living in rural SE MN and while I enjoy the privacy and lack of hubbub the country affords, some days I just miss a place with linen napkins, shining silverware, sparkling goblets

and splendid windows.

I miss rich, full-bodied coffee, served table side, with cream in a real cup. I call it "hotel coffee" and it is one of the most comforting things I know.

I found both at Cahill's in Kenyon.

Take your friends and family. Or go and sit at the bar. It's beautiful.

Cahill's is a "must-do" for Date Night but also fine for Happy Hour, lunch and breakfast.

I mean, they've nailed it. This is not just some experiment they're doing. These people are crushing it. It's delicious fine dining in a casual atmosphere.

The service is low-key, professional and friendly. And accurate. I love that.

The room is spacious, impressive and spotless. There is good division between intimate seating and larger groups.

I like their online presence. Its organized, which I like.

I am not much of a drinker, but they offer what look like great cocktails, plus wine and beer.

Dessert offerings are impressive.

I expect the patio will be packed in the summer.

I hope they decide to cater events, too.

The food: Hands down, some of the most spectacular food I have eaten.



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Giavanni Lundi

FAMILY

Giavanni Lundi is a senior at Triton this year. Her mother is Thersa Lundi. She has four brothers; Tony, Damian, Triston and Joaquin and one sister Thersa.

ACTIVITIES

She is active in soccer and softball.

HOBBIES

Outside of school she enjoys bedazzling, cooking and hanging out with friends. Her favorite music is classic rock. Her favorite movies are Mamma Mia and Benchwarmers. She likes the music of Adele and Bruno Mars.

FUTURE PLANS

After graduation Giavanni plans to become a nurse.

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Museum Musings

LIFE IS A SONG - SING IT!

By Colleen Sathrum Hayne

We have many wonderful, interesting artifacts at the Museum, but unquestionably, one of my favorites is the Quackenbush violin. It was featured in October at the Minnesota State Fiddlers Association gathering at the Museum and played and enjoyed by the fiddlers, as well as the audience. It has a story, of course, and it all began with a man named David Quackenbush.

David's family was of Dutch descent, known as Quackenbosch in the Netherlands, and were among the early families to come to America, arriving in the mid 1600s. David was born in Rockland County, New York in 1853 and moved with his parents to Concord Township in 1856 where they were among the group of first settlers from the eastern United States. David helped on the family farm during his eight years of public education and afterward. When David's father determined that he was old enough, he gave David 36 acres of his own to farm on the southwest corner of section 17, directly south of his father's 80 acres. In 1874 David married Emma Carr who grew up on a nearby farm. They had a family of five children, one of whom was Ivan, the father of Marian Monical, a well-loved teacher in West Concord.

We don't have any records telling us how David's love of music and talent developed, but we do know that he formed the Quackenbush Orchestra in 1879. It was comprised of 4 musicians from the Concord area and later became a family group.

They were in demand all over the area. The early West Concord newspapers are sprinkled with items like this: "The Quackenbush Orchestra played for a dance in Dodge Center Friday evening." "Thanksgiving night the Quackenbush String Band was at Zumbrota." "The Quackenbush Orchestra was at a dance in Richland on the 4th of July." At the Hubbell House in Mantorville is a framed invitation to a New Year's Eve ball with music furnished by the Quackenbush String Band. They were in demand because they were good musicians. The West Concord Enterprise frequently gave glowing accounts of their playing. "There is scarcely a ball of any note in Dodge County but what it is in demand, for this orchestra is noted for its excellent playing and perfect time." And this—"a love of dancing still lingers like a bewitching sin around old Concord, where Quackenbush & Co. played to a big crowd of happy young people."

The establishment of West Concord in 1885, when the railroad came through, prompted David to engage in a new enterprise connected to music. He and M.S. Bayless started a music store in 1891 on the northwest side of Main Street. After a year David bought out his partner's interest and operated the store until 1910.

How I wish I could have visited the Quackenbush Music Store! David sold so many things that I love. His stock included sheet music, pianos, parlor organs, books, strings, Victor Talking Machines, and more. The turn of the twentieth century was the heyday of pianos and parlor organs in the home. Just think about it. When the lamps were turned on between supper and bedtime what did families do? There was no telephone, radio, or car. Often the daughters of the home played the piano or parlor organ and provided the evening's entertainment. In 1900 there were a million pianos in American homes.

They were viewed as something of a status symbol and a sign of respectability in middle class homes. American factories were busy producing pianos in an affordable price range for the mass of buyers who wanted them. This was a promising time for a main street music store.

One of David's sales was recorded in the Enterprise. "Dave Quackenbush has sold to Joe Erath of Skyberg, his fancy Crown organ for \$125. Joe has a daisy." "Daisy" in those days meant the cream of the crop.

A 1904 Enterprise lauded David's successful business by reporting, "From every nook and corner of the county, patrons come when in need of anything in the musical line whether it be a grand piano or a string." David proved himself to be an entrepreneurial businessman. Besides musical instruments he sold sewing machines, bicycles, tuned and repaired instruments, and was a drop-off site for watch repairs.

In 1902 David reported to the West Concord Enterprise editors that he had come into possession of a "very rare old violin of the David Hopf make. The instrument shows great age, and when repaired, is worth \$250.00." You've perhaps guessed? That is the very violin that was given to the Museum in 1996 by David's granddaughter. Something that adds interest and value to the instrument is that it has a label that reads "Repaired and adjusted by O.M. Robinson." Robinson began his career as a gunmaker in New England and eventually moved to St. Paul, Minnesota where he began to make and repair violins. David often took the train to St. Paul to replenish his stock and, no doubt, left his new acquisition with Mr. Robinson to be repaired and brought to optimal condition.

David was such an important figure in West Concord's early life. His orchestra is listed as the music providers for many an early 20th century West Concord High School graduation. He was also postmaster in West Concord during the time of Grover Cleveland's presidency. He served as Justice of the Peace and was director of the bands of two lodges, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen of America. He also took time to train a "Kid" band of 15 members.

In 1910, at age 57, David sold his store and farm and he and Emma moved to a fruit farm near Corvallis, Oregon, where their daughter Jennie lived. There he was fond of taking a daily three mile walk or bike ride to the village to socialize with other residents. Sadly, David gradually lost his eyesight and developed other physical problems which led to his hospitalization in the Rochester State Hospital. He died there in 1929 at age 76. He is buried at Concord cemetery at the north end of the middle section. My "family" grows as I learn about these people who shaped West Concord's early history. I visited David's grave this past week and thanked him for his music.

As Maria von Trapp once said, "Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens." Thanks, David, for joyously opening so many hearts with your music.



Quackenbush Music Store is the short building second from the right on the picture. The sign reads D.Quackenbush, Musical Instruments & Strings.



David Quackenbush, in the middle with his fiddle, surrounded by A.O.U.W. members.



NOTICE: Open Council Seat Appointment



If you are interested in the open council seat, the council will be appointing the seat at the council meeting on November 21 at 7:00 PM. West Concord Bell Tower Center 401 Main Street. **Please provide a letter of interest to city hall by November 18.**

West Concord Community Thanksgiving Service November 27

The West Concord Community Thanksgiving service is Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in West Concord (301 Highland St). Let us join together to give thanks. Pastors Peter Moen and Dave Brederland will be sharing devotional thoughts.



WATER & SEWER UTILITY UPDATE Past Due Accounts: Important Notice for Residents

As we approach the end of the year, the City of West Concord is reviewing past due accounts for water and sewer services. Properties with outstanding balances exceeding 30 days will see their amounts assessed to property taxes. If this applies to you, a notification letter has already been sent from the city. For residents needing assistance, payment plans can be arranged by contacting City Hall at (507) 527-2668.



A Public Hearing will be held on November 21, 2024, during the Council Meeting at 7:00 PM to discuss these matters further.

New Due Dates and Late Fees

Starting January 1, 2025, the due date for all water and sewer bills will be standardized to the 21st of each month. Should the 21st fall on a weekend, payments will be due the preceding Friday to prevent any late fees. Additionally, ACH payments processed through City Hall will be automatically withdrawn around this due date.

It's important to note that while late fees were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, this will change as of January 1, 2025. Any bills not settled by the 21st will incur a late fee of 10% of the total billed amount, which will be added to the next bill for the account holder.

These adjustments aim to simplify billing processes and help residents better manage their water and sewer expenses. For further inquiries, residents are encouraged to reach out to City Hall at (507) 527-2668 or via email at administrator@westconcordmn.com.

Stay Informed and Prepared

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement these changes for the benefit of our community. Remember, the City Council meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month unless it is a public holiday. Please do not hesitate to ask questions or seek assistance with your accounts or any city business. The City of West Concord staff are committed to serving our residents.

Join us for Book Group at the West Concord Library Saturday, November 30 from 9-10am

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi, Geoffrey Trousselot (Translator)

In a small back alley in Tokyo, there is a café which has been serving carefully brewed coffee for more than one hundred years. But this coffee shop offers its customers a unique experience: the chance to travel back in time.

In *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, we meet four visitors, each of whom is hoping to make use of the café's time-travelling offer, in order to: confront the man who left them, receive a letter from their husband whose memory has been taken by early onset Alzheimer's, to see their sister one last time, and to meet the daughter they never got the chance to know.

But the journey into the past does not come without risks: customers must sit in a particular seat, they cannot leave the café, and finally, they must return to the present before the coffee gets cold...

Toshikazu Kawaguchi's beautiful, moving story explores the age-old question: what would you change if you could travel back in time? More importantly, who would you want to meet, maybe for one last time?

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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.

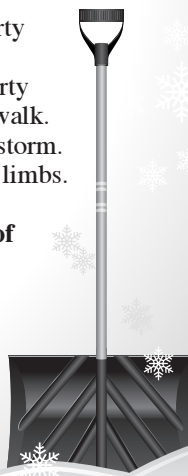
As a reminder, the city code states:

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.



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.



Christmas in **18TH ANNUAL**
West Concord
 Community Celebration
DECEMBER 7TH

7 - 11 AM	FRESH HOMEMADE DOUGHNUTS	American Legion
7 AM - 4 PM	"TOYS FOR TOTS" COLLECTION	Centennial Park hosted by Fire Dept
8 - 10:30 AM	BREAKFAST	Wescon Lanes
8 AM - 2 PM	FREE COFFEE & REGISTER FOR DOOR PRIZES	Casey's General Store
8 AM - 3 PM	REGISTER FOR DOOR PRIZES & CANDY FOR KIDS	Dollar General <small>Drawing at 3:00pm</small>
9 - 11 AM	"COFFEE & COCOA" WITH CITY COUNCIL	Bell Tower Center
	FESTIVAL OF TREES (two sessions: 9-11am and 3-7pm, bids close at 5 PM)	
	LIMITED EDITION CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS Fundraiser for Parks by the Cardinal Club	
9 AM - 12 PM <small>NEW</small>	"FA LA LA LLAMA" MEET THE CHRISTMAS LAMAS Sponsored by the Cardinal Club	
9 - 11 AM	CHILD'S VISION CHECKS BY THE LIONS	Heritage Bank
9 AM - 12 PM	SANTA CLAUS, COLORING CONTEST, SHARING TREE <small>Children receive a book from the Cardinal Club & Goodie Bag from Cardinal Club, Friends of WC & Historical Society</small>	
9 AM - 2:30 PM	CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE <small>Lunch Available 11 am-1 pm. MENU: BBQs, Cole Slaw, Chips, Pickle, Candy Cane Dessert, Coffee, Cider, & Water</small>	West Concord Historical Society
9 AM - 12 PM	CRAFT ACTIVITIES AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY "COOKIES WITH THE COPS"	City Hall
10 AM	SNOWPLOW SAFETY with West Concord Public Works.	
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11 AM - 3 PM	FREE BOWLING & LUNCH SPECIALS	Wescon Lanes
3 PM - 7 PM	FESTIVAL OF THE TREES <small>(bids close at 5 pm; winners announced during program)</small>	Bell Tower Center
5 PM	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (Upstairs. Broadcast to basement for handicapped accessibility) <small>Tree Lighting, Bell Ringing, Candle Lighting, Concert (Organ, Piano, Harp, Vocal), Live Nativity, Christmas Drawings (must be present to win) & a visit by Santa with a gift!</small>	
5:30* - 7 PM	CHRISTMAS SUPPER - FREE Sponsored by West Concord EDA <small>Menu: Spaghetti, French Bread, Salad, Cookie, and Beverages. *begins at conclusion of Christmas Program, served until gone</small>	
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Come to the Bell Tower (401 Main Street) from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. for one of the hunts, and 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for the other hunt, during Christmas in West Concord on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Find the Mayor's medallions (2- one in the AM, one in the PM), examples pictured below. The medallions are hidden somewhere within the Bell Tower Center, in plain sight, in a public location. You are asked when located to inform the Mayor where it is located, and you will win one of the American Eagles (examples pictured below). Only two chances, one prize for each medallion found, first come first serve! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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West Concord Community Christmas Celebration is once again holding a basket silent auction. The money raised will go into the Cardinal Club of West Concord's programs for the parks, recreation, & education.

If you have an auction basket you would like to donate, please drop them off at (180 Main St.) West Concord City Hall by Thursday, December 5, 2024, 5:00 pm.

Your donation is appreciated and will benefit the West Concord Area!

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Join us Saturday, December 7, 2024
 The Festival of Trees is a great way to start your Holiday season off with family and friends while supporting the Cardinal Club of West Concord.

Event Times
 Saturday, December 7, 2024
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Tree Silent Auction
 The silent auction opens December 7 at 9:00 a.m. and momentarily closing at 11:00 a.m. for a brief break; it then reopens at 3:00 p.m. and closes to final bidding at 4:00 p.m. Please note the festival will be located on the second level and it is stairs only access. Trees will remain on site and available for viewing until 7 p.m.; no trees will leave the premises on December 7. Winning bidders may pick-up their trees on the following days & times: Sunday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Monday December 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other arrangements may be made if needed. Silent auction winners will be announced at the evening program (if you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate that when obtaining your bid number).

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Want to Make a Tree Next Year? - Watch for forms in November 2025 to register (cost is free). Forms will be available on the city website or in City Hall. All forms must be dropped off to City Hall by the due date to be accepted.

Local Ambulance Director Has Long History with Hurricane Ravaged NC

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My daughters attend Kasson-Mantorville. I have been the pastor at Concord for almost ten years. I am also the Ambulance Director and an EMT with the West Concord Fire Department. I am also a chaplain with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

My two older daughters Kiley (15) and Hannah (12), were born in Elizabethton, TN. We were living in Johnson City, TN as I was attending Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan University. Elizabethton was a local hospital where a generous OB/GYN doctor delivered seminary students' babies for a minimal fee. It was a ministry of his to help serve those who were training to go into ministry.

Once I finished seminary with my Master of Divinity degree, we moved back to Minnesota to find ministry in the local church. I started at Concord Church of Christ in April of 2015.

Since that time, I have visited the region 10 times, and my family has made the trip three times. We made some great friends while

down there and it is always good to visit and catch up with them.

Johnson City, along with Kingsport, TN and Bristol, TN, are major population centers and are called the Tri-Cities. Elizabethton is a decent-sized city of around 15,000 and we spent a lot of time shopping, enjoying the restaurants & coffee places, and learning about the history of Revolutionary War and the part this area and its citizens played in it.

The area we lived is in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range and only 30 minutes from an entry point to the Appalachian Trail. Due to the topography of the mountains, roads wound around the mountains and in lots of valleys, often following the rivers.

In general, the climate in East Tennessee is temperate and our winters were mild compared to the Upper Midwest. I remember only once experiencing the latent effects of a hurricane, which by that time was a heavy, constant rain that did not affect the area adversely.

We would receive sporadic snowfalls normally with little accumulation. However, even the threat of snow would cause most schools to close and drivers to be on edge. With the occasional heavy snow events, much of the region was crippled for a couple of days as they do not have near the resources like we do for removing snow.

In mid-September I flew into Charlotte, NC and drove a rental car through the mountains to Elizabethton for a series of meetings that I was a part of. Our meeting place was First Christian Church in Elizabethton.

When Hurricane Helene made its way through the region, I was in shock of what it was doing to the area. To have had firsthand knowledge of the area for four years and even just a couple of weeks prior to the storm and then see the destruction was devastating.

Elizabethton was hit hard with flooding, downed trees, and electrical outages, but they were relatively safe from the long-lasting effects of what happened just east of them in the mountains.

Many of our friends were directly affected by the hurricane. They have mostly recovered with electricity being restored and tree removal efforts being performed.

Elizabethton has become something of a gateway into the mountains where supplies and rescue efforts could assemble. With so

many roads being washed away, mudslides that were wreaking havoc on towns and homes, and the loss of homes and lives, it is hard to put into words the devastation in the region.

The First Christian Church where our meetings were held became a central hub for dispersing supplies for a mission organization called International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES).

With the recent news of colder temperatures in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, recovery efforts from Hurricane Helene are being made more difficult. Many are seeking shelter from the cold.

The biggest concern is road access. It will take months if not a year or two for some of

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Gracelyn Hodgman is a senior at Triton this year. Her parents are David and Adrienne Morgan and Ryan and Brooke Hodgman. She has one brother Tucker Hodgman and a sister Tristen Morgan.



Gracelyn Hodgman

ACTIVITIES
She is active in FCA, student council, AFS, cheer and golf team.

COBRAS

HOBBIES
Outside of school she is busy babysitting, Miss West Concord and working at Kasson Hy-Vee. Gracelyn's favorite pastimes are: Theater, diamond Art, being with my nieces, movie conasure and baking. Her favorite movie is Tangled.

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the roads—including interstates—to be repaired. Closely related is the massive rebuilding effort that will need to take place for communities and individual living spaces. The amount of water damage along with mud and silt build up in homes and in neighborhoods will take a long time to clean up and will cost a lot of money. And many of these areas are inhabited with lower-income folk

who will struggle to get the money to rebuild. Being so far away from the disaster often makes it difficult for us to fully comprehend how lives have been altered forever due to this historic storm. We can see the videos and the pictures and hear the stories, but to be on the ground is an entirely different perspective. What we must realize is how long it will take for them to recover; to rebuild roads & homes, to regain a sense of normalcy in their lives where they do not have to think about just getting the next thing accomplished in order to live in a home, to not have to worry about food or money.

Thankfully, there are many good relief organizations and churches who are on the front lines of distributing food and water, but also feeding workers and being a safe haven for those in need of a shower or a place to sleep.

We are praying for them, and we want to help however we can.”

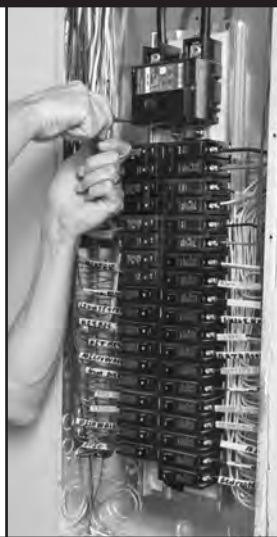
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FAMILY

McKenna Swenson is a senior at Triton this year. Her parents are Erica Swenson and Adam Hoeft. Her brothers are Ean Smith, Damian Swenson and Wesley Hoeft. Her sisters are Elizabeth Hoeft, Alyssa Hoeft, Katherine Chappuis, Leanne Hoeft, Amanda Hoeft and Serenity Swenson.

McKenna Swenson

HOBBIES

Outside of school she is active babysitting. She enjoys playing video games and hanging out with friends and family. Her favorites are pop music, horror movies and actors Jensen Ackles and Jared Padaleck and musicians Youngblud and ashnikka.

FUTURE PLANS

After graduation she plans to go to college and major in veterinary science and minor in photography.

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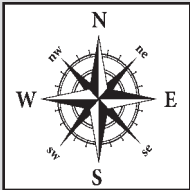
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Transistor Radios



By Terry Campbell

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

One of the earlier favorite memories I had as a kid was the radio. I enjoyed listening to the radio. But I had no control over the stations when I was real young. The radio in the barn was on KDHL. Polka music, weather and farm market reports was all it played. There was a radio in the milking barn and one in the hog barn. My dad said it calmed the livestock to hear music all day. It sure helped beat the monotony when I was cleaning and feeding the animals.

In the car it wasn't much different. My dad controlled the dial and it was usually WCCO and the Minnesota Twins with Herb Carneal and Halsey Hall. About the only music they

played was the Hamm's beer commercial. All we knew existed back then was AM (amplitude modulation) and I had no idea what that meant. Just that it got fuzzy when it stormed and clicked in time to the electric fence around the farm.

My dad had an old red transistor radio that operated off D cell batteries. I would take it out with me when I did farm work like cleaning calf pens and listen to KYMN in Northfield. Its range was quite limited and that was all I could find in my musical tastes.

Somewhere around 1971 I purchased my own transistor AM radio. I believe I bought it at the Gambles Hardware store. It was a futuristic style in the form of a round yellow globe with a silver chain and ring attached to it. It was a Panasonic Panapet designed to commemorate the World Expo in Osaka, Japan. It had two chrome dials for volume and tuning and the AM display inset on the surface of the ball.

This was great, now I could listen to my favorite radio station, 1270 KWEB Rochester. I kept it in the headboard of my bed and listened to it before I went to sleep and the first thing when I woke up. C.J Stevens was one of the deejays at KWEB and I remember he was killed in a tractor rollover accident on his dad's farm in the early 1970's. This radio used the small 9-volt batteries which lasted much longer than the big old D cells.

Our tractors didn't have radios. They didn't even have cabs. I bought a fender radio at Farm and Home and put on the John Deere .4020. It was only an AM radio but it kept me from falling asleep in the field.

The radio is a great marker of time for me. Often when I hear a song I will be trans-

ported back in my mind to the time and place when I first heard it. Some of these are a trip of almost sixty-years into the past.

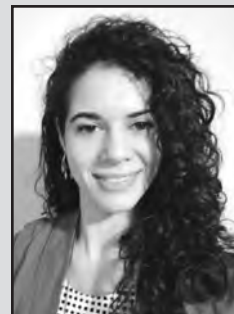
I developed a habit of having a radio in each farm building. They are always on. That way I do not miss a song as I go from one building to another doing chores. They are all tuned to KRPR, 89.9. That is the classic rock station in Rochester. Classic rock without the talk, twenty-four hours a day. On five radios in five farm buildings all simultaneously cranking out the music. I do wear out radios every year, but the one in the shop is a Radio Shack boom box I have had since the mid 1980's. It just keeps on running.

In Tennessee I listen to WTPR 101.7. The greatest hits of all time in Paris, Tennessee. They have the Swap Shop every morning six days week at 9am. It is like a hillbilly Facebook marketplace. But the best is a couple weeks before Christmas, they switch to all



Christmas music, all the time, during the holiday season. Music is timeless and a very enjoyable part of life.

A Minnesotan: Holiday Fires



By RosaLin Alcoser

Other than watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on the television my family does not have any other Thanksgiving Day traditions. There was a short time when I was in college back in Southern Missouri where my sister and I did have one.

For two years it was the Alcoser sister's transition to go out for dim sum on Thanksgiving Day. It was a fun tradition that involved me driving across the state to visit her and going out on Thanksgiving; after we watched the parade of course. Prior to this she had come to my place exactly once.

That year I cooked a semi traditional Thanksgiving meal. We had turkey, a vegetable and a pumpkin cake. I know pie would have been more traditional but we had cake and it was excellent. After that my sister declared that all the work I put into making that meal was too much bother for just the two of us.

However, I think the real reason she decided that I would come to her and we would go out was due to my dishwasher catching on fire after dinner. At the time I still lived in student housing and the dishwasher in my apartment was probably from the late 1990s or early 2000s.

Right was we were getting ready to head out to go for a walk; which you can do on

Thanksgiving in the south. When my sister looked over and saw smoke rising out of the turned off dishwasher. She threw open the door to see that the bottom coil was on fire. While she threw baking soda onto the fire I threw the breaker to the dishwasher to keep the fire from restarting.

Thankfully nothing was damaged and did not restart on fire after its power was cut. The dishwasher did get replaced by a different and less flammable old dishwasher. Making that Thanksgiving the one and only time that my sister has ever come to my apartment for a holiday. Even though I now have a much more reliable dishwasher.

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Cholesterol Truths



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

What do you know about cholesterol? Is it good to have cholesterol, or is it bad? Is it possible to have too much of a good thing? What is the big deal about cholesterol? It is one of the most frequently mentioned topics at the physical exam in the doctor's office, so what is the big deal? Let's identify some truths about cholesterol.

First, "25 percent of the total amount of cholesterol found in the human body is localized in the brain," according to Dr. Kelly Brogan, MD. All of your nerve tissue is dependent on cholesterol to provide a protective layer around the nerve strands so the

electrical signals move to the right destination. Think of cholesterol as the insulation around an electrical wire. If the insulation is missing, charges can misfire, and injury can happen. Dr. Brogan states, "the brain is the most cholesterol-rich organ in the body." Sounds like a pretty important nutrient.

Second, your body makes cholesterol every day from the food that you consume. According to the Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition, between 600 – 800 mg of cholesterol are made throughout your body each day to be used in a variety of chemical reactions to support your health. This amount your body makes is more than twice the amount of cholesterol any person will typically eat in a day. So, challenges with high cholesterol are not due to eating too much cholesterol.

Third, your body needs cholesterol to survive. Not only is your brain dependent on cholesterol but every cell of your body requires cholesterol to construct the cell membrane that makes a functional cell. Cholesterol is an important structural piece of the cell membrane helping to hold together the microscopic layers that make up the cell membrane. Without cholesterol the cell membrane falls apart and cellular function is lost.

Fourth, cholesterol is an important chemical for a number of essential activities in your body. Your body uses cholesterol to build all the hormones that direct your body activities. Bile acids that help you digest food are based on the cholesterol structure. Vitamin D, one

of the only vitamins your body can make on its own, is made from cholesterol that is energized and transformed by ultra-violet light from the sun. When you get a suntan during the summer months, you are also getting a boost of Vitamin D as the sunlight converts cholesterol into this essential vitamin.

Fifth, cholesterol is shuttled throughout the body in different packages. The Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL) delivers cholesterol to the various cells of the body. Many times the quantity of LDL begins to get high, and some of these LDL can get oxidized, which means inflammation can start and blood vessels can get damaged. This damage is where build up in arteries can begin to take place. The High Density Lipoprotein (HDL) picks up cholesterol from the cells of the body and returns the cholesterol to the liver. A healthy liver controls distribution of cholesterol and the recycling of cholesterol. Higher levels of HDL are important because this indicates your body is recycling cholesterol well. Therefore, you want to see a healthy ratio of LDL to HDL when you have cholesterol blood test completed. A healthy ratio is about 2 to 1 for LDL to HDL.

Finally, statin medications for reducing cholesterol levels are not as helpful as you may believe. Dr. David Diamond and Dr. Uffe Ravnskov published a research paper in 2015 in the journal Expert Review of Clinical Pharmacology, showing an overall improvement of only 1% when statin medication is used. In addition, statin medication can also

turn off the natural process of the body to make Coenzyme Q 10, which is an important molecule for you to generate energy. Additionally, a 2012 paper in the Archives of Internal Medicine described a study completed at a Mayo clinic that found older women in menopause were 48% more likely to develop diabetes when taking a statin medication. The drug interventions for cholesterol modification are not producing the healthful effects that are promoted.

The cholesterol debate has many complicated pieces, but the facts listed above provide some basic truths for you to begin to process. There are healthy food combinations that can help you manage cholesterol without the intervention of drugs and most of the drugs will not be as effective as you would like anyway. As you review your health goals for the coming year, consider what changes you are willing to make to be less dependent upon the local pharmacy and more knowledgeable about the foods that will promote your health.

Contact me to discuss your health goals for the coming year. I can help you realize greater health freedom in 2025. You can contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

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How Can I Remove Plaque from My Dog's Teeth?

We love our dogs and many of us won't say no to puppy smooches – but to be fair, not all furballs have the freshest breath out there. If your dog has bad-smelling breath, the culprit might be plaque buildup and the bacteria overgrowth that comes with it.

We all know that bacteria are responsible for all things smelly, and when it comes to oral hygiene, the reason why bacteria are there in the first place is bits of leftover food that slowly but surely turn into tartar on your pet's teeth. The best way to prevent plaque on a dog's teeth is to brush them, but what about existing buildup? How can you remove plaque from your dog's teeth at home – or is it something that has to be done professionally? Here's what you need to know about plaque and tartar and how best to remove them.

Maintaining good dental health in dogs is crucial for their overall well-being. Addressing plaque in your dog's teeth is not just about maintaining a bright smile; it's a key aspect that contributes to their overall health, happiness, and longevity. Regular dental care is an investment in your dog's well-being that pays off in various ways - it's sure way to prevent dental diseases such as gingivitis and periodontitis, eliminate bad breath odor, avoid tooth decay and loss, and maintain your dog's good appetite. After all, dogs depend on their teeth to eat properly. Just imagine the effect of bad or missing teeth. Unchewed food, indigestion, vomiting – the list is long. So it goes a long way to act on this ahead of time and prevent tartar buildup and remove any existing one. Here are just a few tips to consider when dealing with persistent dog teeth plaque:

• Prevent Buildup With Regular Brushing

Dogs need to brush their teeth just like us! They'll need your help to do it, of course. Remember that it is never too late to start. Start slowly and gently with short brushing sessions, gradually increasing the time as your dog becomes more comfortable. Of course, you should use a toothbrush that is designed specifically for dogs or a similar fingerbrush. The toothpaste also needs to be for dogs only (never use human toothpaste as it may contain ingredients harmful to dogs).

• Offer Raw Bones

Including raw meaty bones in your pet's diet can be a natural and healthy way to remove plaque. However, you should be cautious and choose appropriate-sized bones to avoid choking or dental damage. Remember that bones can splinter, so exercise caution. Another thing to keep in mind is to source the raw bones from trusted suppliers to reduce the risk of salmonella.

• Use Dental Chews and Toys

You should stock up on special dental chews and toys for dogs that are meant to be chewed and gnawed on. Such toys and yummy treats are especially useful for fighting plaque, essentially not allowing it to build up. Look for products with ridges or textures that are particularly efficient in this role.

• Professional Dental Cleaning:

If all else fails, you should explore the option of a professional tooth cleaning service. Sometimes, the plaque is too severe to be treated at home and requires the use of dental tools that can be only found at a vet's office. In most cases, your dog will also be sedated for the duration of the process so you don't have to worry about them getting stressed – it's pain-free and can make a drastic change for the better.

In the end, remember to consult with your veterinarian if you are worried about the amount of plaque on your pet's teeth as they can provide guidance on the most suitable products and techniques for your specific dog. Regular veterinary check-ups are crucial for monitoring your dog's oral health and addressing any dental issues promptly so don't skip them!

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DODGE DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 20-PR-24-658 In Re: Estate of William Scott Wessels, a.k.a. William S. Wessels, Decedent. NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is given that an Application for Informal Probate of Will and Informal Appointment of Personal Representative was filed with the Registrar, along with a Will dated February 11, 2010. The Registrar accepted the application and informally appointed Margaret J. Finders, whose address is 24515 County Rd. 24, Pine Island, MN 55963, to serve as the personal representative of the Decedent's estate. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Any objection to the appointment of the personal representative must be filed with the Court, and any properly filed objection will be heard by the Court after notice is provided to interested persons of the date of hearing on the objection. Unless objections are filed, and unless the Court orders otherwise, the personal representative has the full power to administer the estate, including, after thirty (30) days from the issuance of letters testamentary, the power to sell, encumber, lease, or distribute any interest in real estate owned by the Decedent. Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

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Tammy L. Merchlewitz,

Deputy Probate Registrar, October 28, 2024
Aimee McCormick, Court Administrator

WEST CONCORD CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 19, 2024 7:00 P.M.

City of West ConCORD Bell Tower Center

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley.

ABSENT: Councilmember Burse

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator/Clerk Paula Even Trena, Police Chief Shannon Boerner, Fire Chief Chad Finne, Chris Sanders of People Services, Joe Palen of Stantec, and Jeanne Vogt of Ehlers, Inc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA;

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Consent Agenda

• Approve of Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2024

• Approval of Payment of Claims: August 10 – September 12, 2024: \$609,396.76

MOTION: Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

PUBLIC COMMENT -

Karen Johnson – Noticed new windows at bowling alley and thought they looked nice. Wanted council to push lightly on raising taxes.

CITY BUSINESS

Resolution 24-46: Accepting donations for Library. The library received three donations for use on what they deem necessary.

MOTION: Motion to approve Library Donations.

Motion made by Councilmember Ripley, seconded by Councilmember Nielsen

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Resolution 24-41: Hiring of Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant: Paula Trena, City Administrator mentioned we have hired Elizabeth Albers as the

new full-time Accounting and Administrative Clerk for the city. She will begin her role on September 30, 2024.

MOTION: Motion to approve Hiring of Accounting Clerk/Administrative Assistant.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Resolution 24-42: Change of signatory for banking accounts. Remove former accounting clerk Michelle Lee and replace with Elizabeth Albers.

MOTION: Motion to approve change of signatory at Heritage Bank.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Resolution 24-43: Acceptance of Councilmembers Peterson's resignation.

MOTION: Motion to accept Councilmember Peterson's resignation.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Karen Johnson: Resident Karen Johnsons requested permission to host Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 12 at Centennial Park from noon to 1:00pm and hang banner beginning at 11:45a. This prayer rally will be to pray for the direction of our country and our governmental leaders.

Mayor McCool thanked Karen for asking permission and said since it's a peaceful gathering, at a public park, she was fine to host it.

MOTION: Grant permission for rosary rally on October 12. Motion made by Councilmember Nielson. Second by Councilmember Ripley.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Burse, Nielsen, Peterson and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Stantec: Joe Palen

• Project Update: Every-

thing is prepped, and they hope to finish paving and seeding the boulevard next week. There are a few man-hole adjustments to make. Irvin Street will not get a final wear coat until spring 2025 to allow for settling.

• Approval of Payment #5 for contractor in the amount of \$221,220.86.

• Motion to Approve Payment made by Councilmember Ripley. Second by Councilmember Nielsen. Motion approved.

• Resolution 22-44: Declaring costs to be assessed and ordering preparation of proposed assessment.

• Joe Palen went over the breakdown of project costs, how the assessments were calculated, and shared that even though bond fees were higher, the project came in under budget. A sample assessment letter and public notice were provided to the council.

MOTION: Motion to approve street improvement assessed costs and order preparation of assessment.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

• Resolution 22-47: Declaring public assessment hearing for 6:00pm on October 17, 2024

MOTION: Motion to approve street improvement assessed costs and order preparation of assessment.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council members Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Ehlers: Jeanne Vogt

Jeanne Vogt from Ehler's was at the council meeting to go over the preliminary budget and ask for acceptance of the preliminary max levy amount. Jeanne went over the changes we had made during the previous budget meeting, historical overview of tax levy in West Concord, as well as the changes to the homestead tax credit and how it impacts city tax base. No questions were asked. City staff will continue to adjust the budget and make changes to lower levy

increase prior to the truth in taxation hearing on December 19, 2024.

MOTION: To approve Resolution 24-45 setting Max Tax Tavy and truth in taxation public hearing.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Resolution 24-48: Accepting donations for Fire and Police Departments from Historical Society Gambling proceeds.

\$1000 will go towards a fan ventilator for the Fire Station and \$2000 will go towards radios for the police department. Mayor McCool thanked the Historical Society for their generous gift.

MOTION: Motion to approve Fire and Police Donations.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Resolution 24-49: Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer pending background check.

Thomas Walek is currently undergoing necessary background checks to become a PT officer with West Concord. We hope to have him on board in October.

MOTION: Motion to approve hiring of PT Officer Thomas Walek.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

Resolution 24-50: Approve the 2025 City of West Concord Insurance Plan.

The city appoints Jeff Stevenson/Stevenson Insurance as our agent of record. Approves a worker's comp deductible of \$2500, non-waiver of tort liability cap, approve liquor liability and discuss if we wanted the additional premium for excess liability. Excess liability was declined by council.

MOTION: Motion to approve 2025 Insurance as presented.

Motion made by Coun-

cilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

REPORT OF OFFICERS ADMINISTRATOR/ CLERK REPORT:

The Historical Society donated \$3780.08 for August gambling rents for the Municipal.

The Municipal had our main commercial freezer compressor go out. Using insurance, a new commercial freezer was purchased with a deductible of \$250.

The administrator shared a pool recap from Glenda Andrews. There were more family passes sold in 2024, but daily attendance was low, especially in June when the weather was cold and wet. Aquasize and adult lap swim remain popular.

The administrator met with other Dodge County clerks, administration, and public health to discuss the Cannabis Ordinance for the county. The city of West Concord will begin creating our ordinance for discussion in October or November. The county hopes to have their ordinance discussed and approved in November. The county will allow 2 licenses for the county, based on population. Administrator will submit a draft ordinance to the council and public in October.

Currently we are in the process of updating all job descriptions for all staff positions to bring them into 2024/2025 compliance and make them digital. Administrator will bring as a consent agenda item when all are complete.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

Heather Fredericks was not present but submitted her report to the council.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer was not present but submitted his report to the council, along with a tree report for the EAB Grant.

PEOPLESERVICE REPORT:

Wastewater Supervisor Chris Sanders verbally reported on his report and requested \$2880 for replacement of a refrigerator and heater needed for collecting water samples.

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WEST CONCORD CITY COUNCIL

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He has attempted to repair it, but it needs replacement. The administrator will check with insurance to see if this qualifies as an equipment breakdown replacement. Regardless, Council member Nielsen made a motion to replace the unit. Council member Ripley seconded the motion.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Ripley

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley

Nays: None
Motion passed

POLICE CHIEF:

Police Chief Boerner provided monthly call log to council. He would like to see signs installed stating the parking area behind city garage is not a through street. He understands a sign will not stop people from driving through but hopes it will eliminate some, as it can be dangerous for officers and staff to back in and out of garages. Council agreed to allow signs to be installed.

Police Boerner also requested adding an ordinance for Jake Breaking under our noise ordinance. He will provide an ordinance for review at the next council meeting.

Chief Boerner also brought up that the Cannon Falls Mason's donated a FST (Fire Suppression Tool) to the city. He explained it assists first responders in controlling fire in an enclosed area and lowers temperature to save people or animals.

FIRE CHIEF:

Fire Chief Chad Finne mentioned things are going well. The pancake breakfast is October 13 from 7a-1p and will

include a raffle. The Fire Relief Association will send out invitations to all households. The administrator said she will add to October water bill.

A brief discussion on EMT and Ambulance Director was had. We have a number of EMT applications, as well as 3 or 4 Director applications. We hope to start interviewing in late September or early October.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to Adjourn at 8:02 pm.

Motion made by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded Councilmember Ripley.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Councilmembers Nielsen and Ripley.

Nays: None
Motion passed

By: _____

Mayor Jeffrey McCool

Attest:

By: _____

Paula Even Trena
Clerk/Administrator

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.

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 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.

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 Rahrack, 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.

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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.

CITY 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 disintegrating, and the concrete is dis-

appearing 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 Rahrack 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.

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

DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, October 14, 2024

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the October 14, 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.

Present: Bill Ketchum, Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Paul Blaisdell, Lee Mattson, Deputy Tyler Vermeersch, Mark Barwald, Larry Van Hout and Vanessa Hines – Widseth; and Kathy Freeman

Absent: Matt Maas

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda to include: Minutes from September 23, 2024 City Council Meeting; HRA September 10, 2024 Meeting, Surplus Office Equipment, American Legion Temporary Licenses; Payment of Bills;

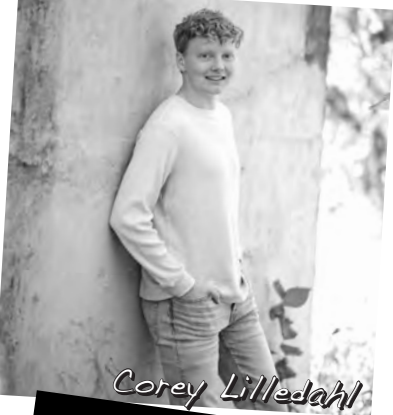
- Proposed preliminary design of Wastewater Treatment Plant as proposed by Widseth;
- Widseth Grant Administration Services Agreement for administration of 2023 SCDP Grant;

- Quote from Sparkling Clean to clean City offices twice per month at \$190/month;
- Resolution 2024-026 - A Resolution Approving a Lot Split and Combination for Josh Jorgenson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

TRITON CLASS OF 2025

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Corey Lilledahl

FAMILY

Corey Lilledahl is a senior at Triton this year. His parents are Kris and Tom Lilledahl. He has one brother Derek Lilledahl and one sister Abbie Thieman.

HOBBIES

Outside of school he is a CNA at Fairview Care Center. In his spare time he enjoys hanging with friends and watching Grey's Anatomy.

ACTIVITIES


He is active in MHS, student council, BPA, FCA, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Link Crew, band, choir, theater, AFS and SADD. He plays Triton Baseball and basketball.

FUTURE PLANS

After graduation he plans to major in biology and Spanish at a four year University and become a Physician's Assistant.


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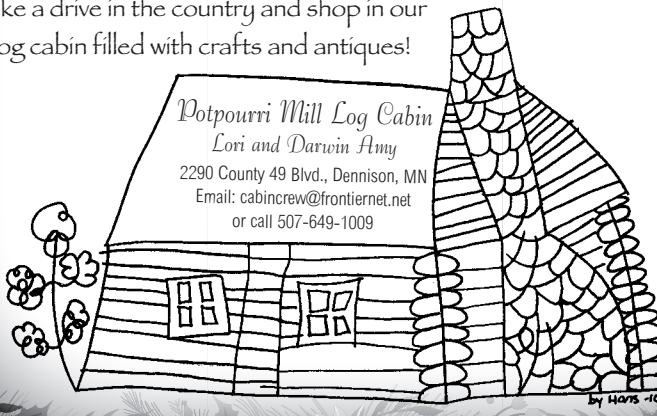
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Dodge County's Reuse Center: A Decade-Long Dream Comes to Life

By Joshua Schuetz, CEDA

After nearly a decade of planning, Dodge County is finally moving forward with a reuse center that will help reduce waste and give community members access to affordable building materials and household goods. The project got to the finish line thanks to the work of CEDA team member Laura Qualey and Dodge County waste management administrator Rita Cole.

The Dodge County Renovation ReUse Center diverted 2,157 items, totaling 32,555 pounds, from landfills.

"In Dodge County, I work with the environmental services department, and I've worked with them for two and a half years," said Qualey. "This has been a pet project of Rita Cole, the waste management administrator. She's always had this dream of having one of these reuse centers where people could drop off home goods and building materials, extra two-by-fours or tile, and things like that, to reduce the amount of solid waste going into the landfills at the transfer station."



The county had secured a Greater Minnesota Recycling and Composting grant in 2022 for \$123,000 to get the project off the

ground. But when the city of Kasson decided not to build a road to the proposed site, the county had to divert funds toward building the road, leaving less money for necessary infrastructure like HVAC, making it impossible to operate the building in winter.

The breakthrough came when Qualey helped secure a \$200,000 grant to push the project forward. "It will allow them to upgrade the insulation and plumbing for the bathroom and get some cameras because they can't have the center open in the wintertime without these improvements." The grant also includes funding to hire a staff member for one year, with the hope that the center will generate enough revenue to become self-sustaining. As of October 14, the center has di-

verted 2,157 items, weighing a total of 32,555 pounds, from the landfill.

"They weigh everything that's dropped off to keep track of how much is kept out of the landfill," said Qualey. "They can convert that into statistics on the energy saved by not having to convert it to waste."

The center will operate with designated drop-off and sale days, offering a wide variety of items, from building materials to athletic equipment, though electronics will not be accepted. "This is a great alternative to throwing these items in landfills," Qualey said. "We've all been to thrift shops or rummage sales, and this offers the community something similar, while reducing waste at the same time."

Claremont Area Business Introduces New Product

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In 2005 they started building gas powered generators specifically for the on-site contractor.

Originally building the equipment in a 40' x 40' building in Wisconsin, they grew as they developed the solution to their needs. Having lived in Dexter, Minnesota and growing up in Brookings, South Dakota they relocated the facility, where they now assemble the equipment, to Claremont in 2016. They employ three full-time and one part-time person.

Originally a trailer mounted power unit weighed around 2,000 pounds. They designed a smaller lightweight, durable model to fit in a trailer van. Their new GenAer PG22G is a gas powered 2.5 liter, four cylinder liquid cooled, forty horsepower, Mitsubishi engine that provides 22KW of continuous power in single phase or three phase 220 volts. When properly maintained the PG22G provides up to 18,000 hours of service life. This is four times longer than an air-cooled gas generator and comparable to a much more expensive diesel model. It also offers 50% greater fuel efficiency than the air-cooled gas models by using electronic fuel injection and reducing the engine speed to 1,800 rpm. By using a four-pole generator head the efficiency is significantly increased. All this in a convenient package for under 1,000 pounds.

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The company builds about one hundred units each year and has a product line of fifteen different generator and air compressor models mostly used in the spray foam, coating and cement lifting industry. The sell through a dealer network and advertise through trade magazines and at industry trade shows. The company also distributes accessory equipment and is looking to grow in this market. You can find more about this business and their products online at <https://genaer.com/>



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Supporting the Ambitions of Small Towns



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

In a small town—like my hometown Kiester—everyone knows everyone, and most people want to do their part to help their town and neighbors thrive. Motivation and inspiration to improve the community is easy to find, but a lack of funds can often hinder growth. When given the resources, people in small towns swiftly come together, pick up a hammer (so to speak) and enrich their communities. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we seek to be the key that unlocks equitable development in the small towns of our 20-county region.

One way SMIF unlocks potential is through our Small Town Grant. This program invests in projects that enhance the quality of life in communities under 10,000. Each collaborative initiative aims to create a more welcoming town. I'm excited to share that this year we surpassed \$1 million in investments through this grant since 2017. This summer, SMIF awarded 25 grants totaling \$200,000 and impacting over 20 small communities across the region. I would like to share a few projects recently set in motion by these grants.

Thanks to a Small Town Grant, the Madelia Community Theatre is expanding into the Madelia Arts Collaborative to better serve their community's diverse needs. The recipients hope the new multi-disciplinary arts hub will enrich the cultural fabric of their community (population 2,396) and engage residents of all ages.

In Caledonia (population 2,847), Main-spring will launch Caledonia's Creative Community Design project, the renovation of their building's lower level into a vibrant, multi-use community space for artists, makers, farmers, cooks, community members and other local entrepreneurs and artists.

With their grant, the MN Agricultural Interpretive Center will expand Farmamerica's farm-to-fork experiences to diverse age groups and ethnicities within the community of Waseca (population 9,229). They hope the project will foster a sense of belonging and cultural exchange by partnering with local farmers, chefs and organizations like the Hmong American Farmers Association. The hydroponic lab will provide educational op-

portunities, promoting a different style of agriculture while also producing fresh vegetables for the farm-to-fork events and the community food shelf.

The Small Town Grant will also support an adaptive cycling clinic series in Dundas (population 1,712), a pocket park in Le Roy (population 957), National Ruby-Throated Hummingbird Center exhibits in Henderson (population 960) and many more projects across southern Minnesota.

More information about Small Town Grants and their impact can be found at smifoundation.org/smalltowngrant. We are grateful to Paul Johnson's children, Amy De Jong, Paula Rehder and Scott Johnson, for continuing their father's legacy by supporting this program.

This year, we are also pleased to partner with another family seeking to support small towns. SMIF received a generous gift from Glen Taylor via the Taylor Family Farm Foundation to fund rural capital improvements and child care needs in towns of 10,000 or less. In this pilot year, we were able to invest \$297,600 into the region.

With the aid of these Taylor Grants, the town of Rushford Village (population 1,860) will rebuild a well-loved merry-go-round at their city hall park. The merry-go-round will be the first accessible amenity in the park for people with disabilities.

The GFW School District in Gibbon (population 784) will use their grant for a resource bus. Educational materials, healthcare services, food assistance, clothing, daily hygiene products and more essential resources will be packed into a bus and delivered to low-in-



come families. The district hopes that putting their current program on wheels will create more accessibility for underserved populations in the area.

This grant program is also supporting a child care start-up in Springfield (population 2,027), a local history museum in Lake Crystal (population 2,539) and an art-filled trail experience called the "Trout Route" in Preston (population 1,322).

New amenities not only brighten a town but swell the pride of residents and afford them new opportunities to grow. We are appreciative for Glen Taylor's discernment in recognizing the impact that capital projects have on small communities.

I am always in awe of the accomplishments of small-town residents when they are provided the resources to realize their ambitions. By investing through small town grants, we are helping to build resilient, vibrant communities.

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



TRITON CLASS OF 2025
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Kianna Skalicky

FAMILY
Kianna Skalicky is a senior at Triton this year. Her parents are Brianna and Brandon Skalicky. She has one brother Bronson and three sisters; Danika, McKenna and McKayla.

ACTIVITIES
She is active in FFA.



HOBBIES
Outside of school she enjoys cornhole, fishing, four wheeling/mudding, lake days and driving. Her favorite music is anything country.

FUTURE PLANS
After graduation she plans to attend college for a career in nursing.

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To ensure that you and your loved ones are prepared follows these steps:

Create an Emergency Kit: it should have essential items like food, water, blankets, winter clothing sand or cat litter, phone charger, and flashlights. Be sure to have one in your home, car, and at work.

Stay fire safe: keep combustibles away from wood stoves and space heaters. Have fireplace and wood burning stove chimneys inspected and cleaned prior to use, extinguish candles before leaving room. Stay in the kitchen when cooking.

Be alert for CO: Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, and invisible byproduct of fuel and wood burning appliances and vehicles. Install CO alarms on every level of your



home and in each sleeping area. Consider adding a CO alarm in your ice fishing shelter as well. Signs of CO poisoning includes headaches, nausea, fatigue, vomiting, and disorientation.

Give snowplows room to work: check road conditions on 511mn.org before heading out. be patient and stay five car lengths behind the plow. Slow down to a speed that's safe for current conditions and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination.

Buckle up and ensure your young passengers are in the proper seat for their age and stage of development. Avoid unnecessary travel if road conditions are poor.

Enjoy the outdoors safely: There is no such thing as 100% safe ice; carry ice picks and know how to self-rescue if you fall through. Wear layers of loose-fitting warm

clothing, hat, and mittens. Be alert for frostbite and hypothermia. Protect your back and listen to your body when shoveling. If something doesn't feel right or you are tired take a break and reevaluate how you feel before shoveling again.

Prepare early to ensure your family's comfort and safety.



**TRITON
TEACHER
SPOTLIGHT**



Karlyn Buchanan
*Elementary
Title One Teacher*

Karlyn Buchanan is the elementary Title One teacher this year. Karlyn is a WSU-Rochester graduate Elementary education K-6 para to teacher program. She has worked as a Title One para for two years at K-M and a First Grade teacher at K-M for four years. Karlyn is looking forward to making new relationships with staff and students at Triton and helping the students learn new ways, gain confidence in themselves and grow. Her hobbies are cheering on Minnesota sports, fishing, hunting and reading.

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Best Pill Boxes and Medication Management Tools

Dear Savvy Senior,
Can you recommend some good pill boxes and medication reminding devices? I've recently started taking several new prescription medications along with some vitamins I normally take and need to get a pill box that helps me organize them. What can you tell me?
 --Almost 70

Dear Almost,

Pill boxes (a.k.a. pill organizers) play an important role in keeping people healthy because they help you stay on top of your medication regimen. While there are many options, here are a few tips to help you choose, along with some top-rated pill boxes as recommended by expert reviewers.



Identify Your Needs

When choosing an appropriate pill box for you, you first need to ask yourself a few questions, such as:

How many pills do you take and how big are they? If you take only a few medications, a smaller pill box may be sufficient. But if you're taking multiple medications and large vitamin supplements, you'll want to get a large compartment pill box that can hold your daily dosage.

Do you take your pills once a day or multiple times a day? If you take medications only once a day, a simple pill box with one compartment will do. But if you need to take medications multiple times a day, you'll want to get a pill box with either two, three or four compartments for each day of the week.

Do you have problems remembering to take your medications? If so, there are organizers that have built-in alarms and reminding features, or you can download a free medication reminding app on your smartphone.

Do you have a difficult time opening your medication containers? If so, there are easy-open pill boxes or automated medication dispensers that are ideal for those with dexterity problems.

Do you need a portable pill box for when you're away from home? There are smaller portable pill boxes made for traveling, some of which have sealed-shut cases that prevent moisture and dust from entering.

Best Pill Boxes

With help from The New York Times (Wirecutter) and USA Today (Reviewed), some of the best pill boxes in 2024 are offered by Auvon and Sukuos which make a variety of single and multiple compartment pill organizers that are big, colorful and easy to open.

Their top-rated options include the "Auvon Weekly Pill Organizer" for once-a-day medication users; "Sukuos AM/PM Weekly 7 Day Pill Organizer" for twice a day use; "Auvon iMedassist Moisture-Proof Weekly Pill Organizer" for four times a day; and the "Auvon Moistureproof Monthly Pill Organizer" for those who want to organize their medications monthly.

Or, if you're interested in a travel pill box, the "MUchengbao Travel Pill Organizer" is considered an excellent choice.

All of these pill boxes cost around \$10 and are available on Amazon.com or Walmart.com.

High-Tech Pill Organizers

If you need more help keeping up with your medication regimen, there are smart pill boxes that will organize your pills, remind you to take them, track your progress and even text or email caregivers if pills are missed. A popular option to consider here is EllieGrid (elliegrid.com, \$149), which connects the pill box to the EllieGrid app (via Bluetooth) that you would install on your smartphone.

Or if you need even more help, there are automated medication dispensers like the Hero (herohealth.com, \$45 per month), which is a comprehensive, Wi-Fi connected, app-based system that will remind you when to take your pills and dispenses them to you.

Medication Reminding Apps

If you're interested in a medication reminding app, some top-rated choices include MyTherapy (mytherapyapp.com) or Medisafe (medisafeapp.com). These are free apps that you can download in the Apple or Google Play app stores that will send you timely notifications to take your pills, and reminders to refill your prescriptions.



Triton High School's Student Council: A Fall Full of Service and Teamwork

This Fall, the Triton High School Student Council has been hard at work, not just within the walls of their school, but out in the community. Through two incredible initiatives—the Trick or Canning Food Drive for SEMCAC and the Adopt a Highway cleanup in West Concord—the Council has shown what can be accomplished when a group of passionate and dedicated students come together for a common cause.

Trick or Canning Food Drive for SEMCAC

One of the highlights of this Fall has been the annual Trick or Canning Food Drive, benefiting SEMCAC (Southeastern Minnesota Community Action Council). The Student Council took on the task of organizing this event, rallying students to go door-to-door in their neighborhoods, collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for families in need. The event combined the fun of Halloween with the spirit of giving, as students dressed up and went out to make a difference.

The drive was a huge success. Council members worked tirelessly to sort and package the donations, ensuring that each item would be distributed to those who need it most. Thanks to the Student Council's efforts, SEMCAC will be able to provide food assistance to dozens of families this holiday season.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup in West Concord

As part of their Community Service Day, the Student Council also took part in the Adopt a Highway program, dedicating their time to cleaning up a stretch of highway in West Concord. With gloves/vests on and bags in hand, Council members worked together to pick up litter, making a significant difference in the appearance of the area and promoting environmental stewardship.

The cleanup was a team effort, with each



Council member taking ownership of the project, from organizing transportation to dividing up the areas to be cleaned. In just a few short hours, the group filled dozens of bags with trash, leaving the highway looking pristine and showing their commitment to keeping the community beautiful.

Both events not only made a tangible impact on the community but also strengthened the bonds within the Student Council itself. From brainstorming ideas to executing plans, it was clear that teamwork was at the heart of everything the Council did.

Looking Ahead

Fall has been a season of giving back for the Triton High School Student Council, but their work is far from over. These projects have shown how much can be accomplished when students come together to support their community, and they've set the bar high for future initiatives. The Student Council continues to be a shining example of leadership, teamwork, and the power of community service.

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Cobra Communications



Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

We have entered the second quarter of the school year. Fall sports are winding down, along with the fall play, and winter sports are getting started. I am excited to see our students continuing to excel in the classroom and in all their activities. The fall weather in our area has been amazing this year. We experienced a dry spell that never interrupted the harvest. Thankfully, we have recently started to get some much-needed precipitation, and most of it has not been in the form of snow.

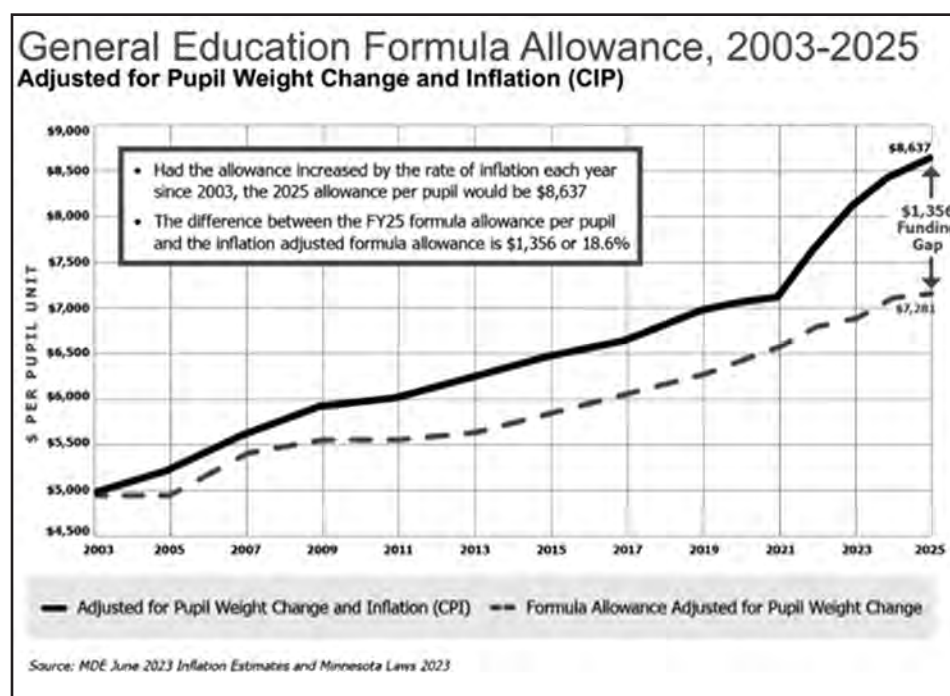
During the past legislative session, several measures were passed that have impacted and will continue to impact our schools. The state government passes mandates that need to be implemented in our schools. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but when we are asked to implement these mandates without proper funding, they are referred to as unfunded mandates.

Unfunded mandates put a strain on our budget and create a situation where we need to cut other expenses to pay for them. There was significant media coverage about the record funding provided to schools in the past legislative session. However, much of that money does not cover the full cost of implementing the mandates.

It's like going to the grocery store and having someone give you five dollars, but then making you purchase \$20 worth of extra groceries that you didn't plan on buying. Sure, you might like having those additional items, but if you had a choice, you would have likely spent your money on things that better serve your needs. This is why local control is so important - it allows us to choose how we use our resources.

School districts receive the majority of their funding from the state. The largest portion of this funding comes from the basic general education formula. The formula has not kept up with inflation, resulting in school districts receiving \$1,356 or 18.6% less per student than we did 20 years ago.

Please reach out to me with any questions you may have regarding our school district. You can email me at schlich@triton.k12.mn.us or 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 part of my job responsibility,

and I welcome the opportunity to gain insight from your perspective.

Go Cobras!
#WeAreTriton

Triton Kindergarten Class Tours Triton Nature Center



Mrs. Mueller's Nature Based Kindergarten was fortunate to have two local residents, Jim and Sonja Hruska, lead the class in a tour of the Triton Nature Center. They taught the students to use their 5 senses to explore the prairie and the seeds.

Students learned the various ways seeds travel; through air, water, gravity, explosion and even as a "Hitchhiker" on animals or people. Many of the Kindergarteners were able

to recall a time when seeds had stuck to their socks and shoes!

A few highlights of the event were discovering a Goldenrod gall with a worm inside, squishing walnuts, and finding turkey foot seeds

Jim and Sonia are looking forward to joining Mrs. Mueller's class this winter to look at animal tracks in the snow.



Triton Elementary Library

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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! We're moving up in the years now to learn about a grad from the Triton Class of 2018.

Student: Courtney West

Graduation Year: 2018

Current City: Denver, Colorado

Courtney was very involved during her time at Triton. She participated in Business Professionals of America (BPA), Student Council, AFS, Link Crew, Minnesota Honor Society, the spring musical, volleyball, basketball, cross country and track & field. Not only did she participate in all of these activities, she excelled in many of them. Courtney's favorite Triton memory was qualifying for BPA Nationals with fellow 2018 grads, Kayce Redican, Deacon Schlichting, and McKenna Jennings. She noted that this was the first time she had seen how her hard work could garner positive results in a professional setting (having already experienced this in sports and academics). In fact, Courtney said that one of the teachers that impacted her the most was her BPA advisor, Mrs. Goossens as well as Ms. Swanson, Courtney's track coach and Student Council advisor. She explained, "Not only were their classes ones I tended to enjoy, even if I wasn't earning an A, but they were also hugely supportive of me outside of the classroom. Whether it was volleyball, track, BPA,

or student council, they have been huge contributors to my time in high school and beyond." On a different note, Courtney said that Environmental Science was the Triton class that impacted her the most. She shared, "I am eternally grateful to Mrs. Horejsi for teaching me in her Environmental Science class. ... What I learned in that class continues to fuel my passion for the environment and preserving our beautiful planet."

Six and a half years later, Courtney is now the Assistant Director of Event Marketing and Communications at Metropolitan State University of Denver. She works in the Office of University Events to execute the necessary marketing and communications tasks for "Presidential-level events." Courtney's favorite event to help put on is Commencement. "It's so special to celebrate the successes of nearly 2,000 grads each semester," she added.

When Courtney thinks back to her time at Triton she reflected, "As silly as it sounds, I think learning how to fail and then how to try again is one of the most valuable skills that I learned while attending Triton. ... I didn't have the picture-perfect college career that I had hoped for, had a rough go-of-it when I began working in marketing and then failed a few more times after moving to Denver. If I hadn't tried and failed a few times earlier [in high school], I'm not sure I would have even attempted to reach those larger goals after high school." That doesn't sound

silly at all Courtney—it sounds very wise.

Courtney's advice for future grads: "I think it is worth the time and effort of every student to take the personal finance class. The class gave me the information I needed to approach my finances seriously, in particular, after college when I worked to pay off all my student loan debt in one year after graduating." Courtney you will be happy to know that personal finance is now a graduation requirement for all students, something that the state of Minnesota enacted starting with this graduating class of 2025. Congratulations Courtney on paying off all your student debt in one year (an impressive accomplishment) and to your now found successes in Colorado!



Courtney West, Triton Class of 2018

Triton Profile of a Graduate - Intentional Experiences

As previously mentioned the Triton High School Activities Department has a mission of developing the profile of a graduate characteristics within our students. The eight characteristics that define a Triton graduate are communication, work ethic, resilience, problem solving, dependability, critical thinking, integrity and self awareness.

In addition to teaching our students about these characteristics, our coaches and advisors also develop intentional experiences for our students to demonstrate these skills. This can be seen in numerous ways throughout all of our extracurricular activities.

The Triton FFA program completes a massive corn drive each and every year. During this time students need to be able to utilize their work ethic and communication skills to be able to communicate with different groups of people ranging from students, farmers and school administrators to make sure that everyone is on the same page, and meet expectations from both the school and the local community.

The Triton Wrestling program exemplifies dependability every time we host a wrestling meet.

Our custodial staff loves our wrestling program due to the fact that our wrestlers will set up our mats and scorer's tables, as well as clean our bleachers before and after each and every meet.

It is a known fact that the student-athletes will complete this for every home meet.

Our volleyball program holds a "Give Back Night" every year in which donations of gift baskets are raffled off and the proceeds are donated to a local charity. The coordination and communication for the night is completed with help from our student-athletes.

Every week our Triton Football players have a "Becoming a Better Cobra" assignment. This assignment can range from learning and demonstrating proper etiquette of a handshake, to connecting with alumni of the Triton Football program to learn about the history of the program and to make connections with former players.

This process allows us to connect our student-athletes to the communities of West Concord, Claremont, and Dodge Center, as well as develop the characteristics that we hold dear.

Additionally this integration of culture across all extracurricular activities provides us with more opportunities to demonstrate our pride in the Triton community.

When we pair this foundation of culture with the success we have seen in competition, be it state and national recognition in BPA and FFA, a section championship in football, or setting the school record for wins in girls basketball the culture built around the development of the Profile of a Graduate characteristics will push Triton to new heights in the community, the classroom and competition.



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Triton High School's Student Council: A Fall Full of Service and Teamwork

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Triton High School's Student Council isn't just making a difference in the lives of others—they're also building a stronger, more connected school community, one project at a time.





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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 program.

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The purpose of the screening is to identify children who may have developmental or health needs as early as possible. The screening gives you information about your child and community resources, but it is not a “readiness test” for kindergarten.

The best time to schedule your child’s screening is when he or she turns 3 years old. The tasks your child will be asked to complete are age appropriate.

Our next group screening date is February 7, 2025. Please call 507-418-7550 to set up an appointment.



EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

The Triton Public School System offers early childhood screening clinics during the school year for all children between the ages of 3 and 5 years. The state of Minnesota recommends this at AGE 3 and requires this for kindergarten entrance. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and learning. The screening includes a developmental assessment, vision and hearing tests, height and weight measurement and an immunization and health history review.

The purpose of this free screening is to identify children who may need additional time and assistance to be ready for school. The sooner we get started, the more likely your child will begin school with the necessary skills to succeed.

NEXT SCREENING DATES:

- Screening dates for the 24-25 school year are set. Please email mknutson@triton.k12.mn.us to set up an individual screening IF unable to make either date listed below.
- We will be offering Early Childhood Screening on February 7, 2025
- Screening takes about an hour.
- Students enrolled in preschool 24-25 will need to be screened within the first 90 days of school, if they haven't already. We will offer an October screening date to meet this requirement.
- Call 507-418-7550 with any questions!

WHAT SCREENING DOES FOR YOU:

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Triton Community Education Pre K-6th Grade Youth Wrestling 2024-25

Kick Off Meeting: November 12, 6 PM in the Triton Main Cafeteria

Please attend this mandatory meeting as this is when you will receive singlets as well as important information! At this meeting parents will need to provide a \$50 deposit check for each singlet. This check will only be cashed if you do not return the singlet at the end of the season. Also, please bring any headgear or shoes that you would like to donate to the kick off!

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8. Wrestling promotes self-mastery an focus
9. It provides opportunities to travel and further education
10. WRESTLING IS FUN!

Cost: All wrestlers \$60/wrestler— \$100 Family Cap
***Fee due when the season starts in January**

All practices are located in the Wrestling/Multipurpose Room. Enter through the Activities Entrance located on the North side of the school. The room is the first door on the right.

Please register your wrestler with

Community Ed by November 8,

so that we can be prepared with enough materials for all participants!

If registering on-line please update your child’s grade and sizes so that we have accurate information.

Triton Community Ed Pre K- 6th Grade Youth Wrestling Registration

Please return Community Ed Office by November 8

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Age: _____
 Mailing address: _____
 Parent’s Email: _____ 2nd Parent Email: _____
 Parent Cell: _____ 2nd Parent Cell: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Shirt Size: XS YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Participants assume the risk of injury in route to and from as well as during practices and games, and by registering waive a any suit due to injury. Do not send your child if they are ill. Parents/guardians must sign this permission slip before their child may participate in the program. Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

If registration is done on-line, your payment is considered an auto signature for this waiver. UCARE/South Country Insurance discounts MAY apply. If you have this insurance please include a copy of the card with the registration —UNLESS it is already on file with Community Ed. Registration not complete without insurance information. Call 507-418-7550 with questions-Thank you!



Triton Cobra Football Team Wins Section 2AA



For the 11th time in school history, the Cobras won the section. The Cobras went 6-2 in a tough district to earn the #1 seed in the section. In the playoffs, the Cobras defeated JWP, 66-7 and WEM, 52-20 to claim the section title. The previous Triton teams that have advanced to the state tournament include 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2023.

Way to go Cobras!

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December 3rd
12pm – 1pm

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.

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

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

Save the Date!

The 25th Annual Dodge County Business Expo is March 29, 2025!

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Deputy Visits with Triton Adult Learners




Triton's Adult ML Class (formerly ESL Class) had the privilege of having Dodge County Deputy Prudoehl as a guest speaker. While he was there, he was able to share information regarding Real ID as well as answer questions concerning health and safety. We hope to have him return in the spring as a follow-up.

ML – multilingual learners – class is held every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Triton Elementary School. Students can participate in lessons where they practice speaking, reading and writing English.

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

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**Check Out Our Website
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and click on the Community Education tab

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 Middle School Parking Lot	9:30AM	5:15PM
Kasson Football Field Lot	9:45AM	5PM
Dodge Center Triton Activities Entrance	10 AM	4:45PM
Owatonna Target Parking Lot closest to the Hotel	10:25 AM	4:20PM

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Pickleball! Open Gym

Pickleball has become a favorite for all ages. It's easy to learn and play. This open gym format will be a 2-hour pickup game style for indoor pickleball. There is no formal instructor, however there are some volunteer community members willing to welcome new and seasoned players alike. Participants are encouraged to bring their own paddles, but some will be on hand to borrow. Please wear clean shoes and bring a water bottle.



Cost: \$30 per person

Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Triton WEST GYM, enter through the Main ACTIVITIES DOORS

Seassion One: November 10-December 15
Session Two: January 5-February 9

Triton WEST Gym: Enter/Exit through the Main ACTIVITIES Doors

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: _____
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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.

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Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol



Question: Every once in a while, I notice some vehicles stop in the road at the railroad tracks when nothing is coming. Can I pass them when they do this?

Answer: Some vehicles, such as passenger vans, buses, and larger trucks, are required to stop at all railroad tracks, whether or not a train is present. Do not pass these vehicles. It is illegal to pass any vehicle within 100 feet of a railroad crossing.

Here are some additional safety tips:

- Yield the right-of-way to trains at high-way-rail crossings. It's the law.
- Never drive around lowering gates, it's illegal and deadly.
- Only cross tracks where they are marked with pedestrian crossing markings.
- Never race a train to the crossing, even if it is a tie, you lose.
- Expect a train on the track at any time, trains do not follow set schedules.
- Look out for the second train when cross-

ing multiple tracks.

- Immediately get out of your vehicle if it stalls on the crossing, get clear of the tracks and call 911.

Question: I can't help but notice but it seems like a lot of people are following each other too close out on the highways. It's been many years since I was in driver's education but what is the recommendation for following distance?

Answer: Here is information that is shared in the Minnesota Driver's Manual. Applying the "Three-Second Rule" helps you keep a safe distance between your car and the vehicle ahead of you. This rule is for standard-length vehicles driving in ideal conditions.

1. Choose a fixed reference point at the side of the road ahead, such as a telephone pole, signpost, tree, or bridge.
2. When the vehicle ahead of you passes the reference point, begin counting: "One-thousand-one, one-thousand-two, one-thousand-three."
3. If you pass the reference point before you finish counting, you are following too closely.
4. Gradually slow down until you reach a safe following distance and speed.

When road conditions are poor, or if you are driving a vehicle longer than the standard length, increase your following distance to a four- or five-second count. If the vehicle behind you is following too closely, slow down slightly and allow it to pass.

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



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