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## Christmas in Wasioja events



Jean Bartel and Lois Hancock are decorating the Wasioja Church for festivities on December 8. The public is invited to join us at the Wasioja Creamery 1-5 p.m. and the Wasioja Church at 6.

Christmas in Wasioja brings a strong sense of history to our seasonal celebrations, and this year is no exception.

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## Announcements

• 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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# Made with Care

By Tyler Weeks

Think about how different your community would be without the local shops that make it up. It's easy to argue that the Walmart down the street is all we'll ever need, but that has never been so far from the truth when contrasted with local businesses viewed for a town's character. More than a corporate brand only seeking to branch out into new locations, these small firms have a story and mission that travel far beyond the monopolistic goals of corporations. They encourage love, caring, and a sense of community higher than any chain gas station or super-market.

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## Special Olympics in Minnesota

By Tyler Weeks

Few things are as freeing as sports. They're a time when someone can let go of their everyday anxieties to focus only on what's right in front of them- a ball, bow, racket, or even hand.

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Pictured to the left: Dave Stevenson gives people a ride at the History Center of Olmsted County years ago.

## LIVE MUSIC!

Saturday, November 30 from 7-10 PM Jaggedease

Friday, December 13 from 7-10 PM Destiny

Thursday, December 5

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Enjoy the season and  
celebrate history with us!

## Christmas In Wasioja Sunday, December 8

~ Dodge County Historical Society Fundraising Event ~

Christmas  
at the  
Creamery

Open house, live music,  
baked goods  
20865 602nd Street, Dodge Center  
1:00 to 5:00 pm

Candlelight Service  
at  
Wasioja Church

59956 212th Avenue  
Dodge Center  
6:00pm  
music starting at 5:00pm

## Zechariah

God takes what we have and uses it for His glory, for His purpose, even when we think we have nothing to offer. The boy with the 2 loaves and 5 fish, must have thought, what good is this small lunch among so many? However, Jesus multiplied it to feed thousands.

When the Lord told Moses to return to Egypt to bring the people out of their bondage, he said, "Who am I to stand before Pharaoh? Who am I to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt? . . . "Lord, please! Send anyone else."

Moses had many excuses and reasons for not being chosen to lead Israel; however, God in His patience assured Moses that he would be with Him and that he would not be alone.

When we follow God, He will take what we have, no matter how big or small, and use it for His glory. Even when we grow old and feel like we have nothing left to offer, God can take what we have for himself and work a miracle in us and through us!

Think you're too old? Do you think you have nothing left to do? Do you think you're too young to make a difference, or are you too busy, or too married...? There are many challenges to face, but God loves to show us His strength in our weakness. Since God can use one small child's lunch to feed thousands; why do I doubt His care for me? God used a shepherd boy named David, to bring down a giant.

Zechariah had lost hope of ever becoming a

father. Then an angel appeared, and his world changed forever! Most of us would also have trouble believing the angel's message too.

We discover that both Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth are both very old and that Elizabeth is "incapable" of conceiving. They don't have children. Zechariah is a priest and he's taking his turn in the Holy of Holies. While Zechariah is in the sanctuary, an angel appears to him, just to the right of the altar of incense. Imagine his surprise! Imagine his fear! An angel's visit is not the norm. Zechariah was shocked and overwhelmed with fear! The angel's first words were, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah. God has heard your prayers. Your wife Elizabeth will bear a son...."

Zechariah replied incredulously. "How can I be sure that this will happen?" I'm an old man now, and my wife is also elderly." Sadly, his doubt reflected his doubt in God. How can I be sure this will happen? He didn't think he could be used anymore. He thought 'I can't do this.' He didn't believe it was possible, even with God.

The angel's response is immediate: "I am Gabriel! I am in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! 20 But now, because you did not believe what I told you, you will be silent and will not be able to speak until the child is born. For surely my words will be fulfilled in due time." It is as if the angel could not believe that Zechariah would even question the message. This was Gabriel, the messenger of God, who is in the very presence of God! He-God sent me to tell you this good

news and you want to assurances-do you doubt what God can do? With Zechariah's disbelief, he had to suffer silently for the next 9 months until his son was born. But boy did he celebrate once John was born! (read it in Luke 1)

God took an elderly couple; a couple who were faithful and loved Him and followed Him and He chose them to be part of the Christmas story. Zechariah was a righteous and faithful man, but he allowed his doubts and fear to get in the way of his faith. When he was given the opportunity to see an adventure with God, he saw problems. When he was given a great promise and his prayer was answered, he questioned God and His plans.

God is not afraid of our questions and does not punish us for our doubts, but He is looking for people who will totally trust Him and follow Him with their whole lives. Each of us has something we are called to do. No matter how young or old you are, you're never useless or to supposed to go and sit on the porch rocking your life away. There is no withdrawal from the Christian faith. You won't find that concept anywhere in Scripture. Moses was 80 years old when he brought the people of Israel out of Egypt. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born, Noah was a few hundred years old when he built the ark. Age is just a number to God.

God uses the weak, the broken, and the imperfect in the world. He can and will use you too. He has a plan for each one of you and will guide you to and through it. He asks us to bring to Him everything we have, our

lunch, our blindness, our talents, our pain, and even our mistakes and He will use them to bless and strengthen someone.

Can God use you? Yes! And He will! If you feel called to be a writer, you don't need to have years of experience. Just write! If you feel called to be a speaker, you don't need a communications degree or years of experience at Toastmasters . Speak up! Whatever God calls you to do, you can trust Him to equip you for it. You don't need to rely on your own talents, skills, or abilities. Rely on God. God will give you everything you need when you need it!

God uses the weak and broken, not because they are able, but because they are available!

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#### Area Church Directory God, the Provider (II)

"Do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say." — Luke 12:11-12

There is a common misunderstanding in many churches. Many Christians think there is a big difference between proclaiming God's Word from a pulpit and sharing his truth in a conversation. Similarly, lots of Christians think the apex of evangelism happens on a Sunday morning in a sanctuary and not in a coffee shop or in a car ride to work.

As Christians, we often think that to share the gift of salvation with someone, we first have to be qualified academically or be trained in a special way. As a result, we can get tangled up in our inabilities, bogged down by our insecurities, and overwhelmed with fears of failing ourselves, others, or—even worse—God.

But you aren't called because you're qualified; you're qualified because you've been called. Your life, regardless of religious education or ability to speak in public, is a testimony in itself. It's the story of God's redemption and restoration plan in you.

God knew you even before he established the foundations of the earth. He created you, wired you, and called you by name. God has adopted you as his child into his eternal family, and he has entrusted you with his kingdom work, which simply means sharing with someone the good news of forgiveness from sin and of new life in Christ forever. So share the good news today!

*God, thank you for qualifying all of us whom you have called. Strengthen us by your Spirit to share the good news of your kingdom. Amen.*

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Sunday worship video is posted on Facebook  
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## Lyle Leroy Lyke

Lyle Leroy Lyke, 90, of Claremont, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, November 8, 2024. Born on March 1, 1934, to Gustave and Alice (Fogelberg) Lyke. Lyle graduated from Dover High School in 1952. He met the woman of his dreams, Ida Brekke, and together they had five children. Lyle led a fulfilling life as a dedicated truck driver, traversing the lower 48 states. His stories of the cities he visited and the people he met along the way enriched the lives of those around him.

Lyle was a beloved member of First Presbyterian Church of Claremont, where he found a strong community and spiritual peace. In his early years, Lyle enjoyed roller skating every weekend, a hobby that reflected his love for lively activities. Later in life, he found joy in helping on the farm and engaging in various outdoor activities at home, always staying active and involved.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ida; sons, David (and Gail), Duane, Dan (and Mia), and Dale (and Annette); brother, Gary Lyke of Phenix city, AL; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family member Gary Meyers.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gustave and Alice Lyke, brother, Virgil Lyke; daughter Marlene Lyke; grandson, Ory Lyke.

Funeral services were held on Friday, November 15th, 2024, at 11AM at First Presbyterian Church in Claremont. A visitation started one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Moland Lutheran Cemetery in rural Kenyon. Lyle's life was marked by his kindness, hard work, and the love he shared with his family and community. He will be deeply

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**NOTICE**  
The Concord Cemetery Association will be having it's annual meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:30pm at the Concord Church of Christ 55087 200th Ave. West Concord, MN 55985



missed by all who knew him.

## Mary Lou Schmitz

Mary Lou Schmitz, age 93, of West Concord, Minnesota, passed away on Friday, November 15, 2024, at Our House Senior Living in Austin.

Services are pending.

## Douglas "Doug" M. Howard

A Celebration of Life Service for Douglas "Doug" M. Howard, 45, of St. Charles, who passed away Tuesday, November 12, 2024 was held at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, November 23, 2024 at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola. A time of gathering was held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., prior to



service at the funeral home. Inurnment will take place at a later date in the Concord Cemetery, Concord, MN. On that date, the family will hold an additional Celebration of Life in West Concord.

Doug was born on May 20, 1979 to Ken and Norma Howard. He grew up in West Concord, MN. He was the youngest of four children and was known by them for being the spoiled one. It seemed he was frequently getting into mischief and getting away with it. As an adult, he was known for his sarcastic personality and witty humor. He graduated from Triton High School in Dodge Center, MN and went on to attend Rochester Community and Technical College. He then continued his education at Minnesota State University, Mankato where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and minored in Human Resources.

Upon graduation, Doug settled in Iowa where he raised his family and began his professional career as a Safety Manager for Hormel. In 2018, he met the love of his life, Angela. They recently got engaged to be married.

Doug's proudest accomplishment in life was having and raising his three children, Ethan, Andrew, and Clara. His life was devoted to the kids. You could always depend on Doug to attend their activities and be there for them in any way he could. Doug was a boy scout leader for many years, and he volunteered as assistant coach for Clara's soft-

ball team. Doug enjoyed watching the Minnesota Vikings. Every year he made time to go to games with his kids and friends. When Doug and Angela became close, he gained two bonus children, Jaden and Peyton. Between their five children, they did not have too much spare time as they attended many sporting events.

Doug is survived by his children, Ethan Howard, Andrew Howard, Clara Howard; fiancé, Angela McDonald; her children Jaden and Peyton; mother, Norma Howard; siblings, Kenneth (Lisa) Howard, Barb (Tim) Robinson, Scott (Darla) Howard; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Kenneth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in memory of Doug to Toys for Tots.

## Darlene Delores Schmidt

Darlene Delores Schmidt, age 87, passed away November 20, 2024, at Prairie Manor in Blooming Prairie, MN.



Friends greeted the family from 9:30 AM Monday, November 25, 2024, until the time of service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Claremont, MN.

Funeral service was at 11:00 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church. Burial followed at the church cemetery.

Darlene was born to parents Elmer and Marie (Wilson) Trom in Blooming Prairie. After high school she attended nursing school in Mankato, MN. She worked for Dr. Roberts in Owatonna until she got married.

Darlene was married to Darrell Schmidt at First Lutheran Church in Blooming Prairie on March 25, 1956. They made their home on a farm in Claremont. She worked as a farm wife until Darrell retired and the two moved to Owatonna.

Music was at the forefront of Darlene's life, singing and playing guitar all over southern Minnesota. Darlene took great pride in the fact that she played the accordion, the organ and the guitar.

Darlene was known to be very particular her and Darrell always had a clean home and manicured lawn. Her three boys remember they always had to wash and wax all the farm

equipment to start and finish the season.

Darlene is survived by her three sons, Brian (Robin) Schmidt of Claremont, Jeff (Deb) Schmidt of Ellendale, Kent Schmidt of Claremont, four grandchildren, Jacob (Emma) Schmidt, Kelly (Drew) Nelson, Tiffany Schmidt, and Elissa (Jacob) Cohen and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by parents, and husband Darrell and all her 9 siblings. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to St. John Lutheran Church, Claremont, Westfield Lutheran Church, Westfield Township and Steele County Historical Society.

## Paul Edward Starman

Paul Edward Starman of Owatonna, MN, passed away in the early morning hours of November 20, 2024. He was 82 years old.



A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (609 Lincoln Ave S, Owatonna).

The family had a private burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Trinity Preschool Scholarship fund.

Paul was born April 10, 1942, to Frank and Ruby (Horecka) Starman. He graduated from Dodge Center High School in 1959. He was united in marriage to Jane Pribyl on July 31, 1971. Paul farmed until 1985 and then worked in the manufacturing industry until his retirement at age 70.

Paul was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, NHRA and National Sprint Car Association. He was an avid sports fan, especially NASCAR, Minnesota Wild Hockey, Minnesota Twins Baseball, and New York Yankees Baseball. He was also a collector of sports memorabilia.

Paul is survived by his wife, Jane; daughter Tracy Larsen of Plymouth; son Jason Starman and daughter-in-law Becky of Mesquite, TX; brother Wayne Starman and sister-in-law Janet of Owatonna; sister-in-law Sandy Mahon of Anchorage, Alaska; as well as several nieces and nephews.

## Sallie Bonnie Gibbons

Sallie Bonnie Gibbons, 78, of West Concord, MN passed away on Friday, November 22, 2024, at Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN.



A funeral service will be at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801

7th St SE in Kasson, MN with Pastor Roger Langworthy officiating. Visitation will be at 3:00 p.m. until the time of her service at the funeral home.

Sallie's family is composing her obituary and it will be available soon.

## Christmas in Wasioja events

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The Wasioja Creamery, privately owned by Jean Bartel, is filled with Christmas trees and other decorations on the main floor and in seven rooms upstairs. Jean explained that when she and her husband, Ted, renovated the creamery years ago, it seemed only natural to collect a variety of artificial trees and fill the building with Christmas.

"Now that I am a board member and president of the Dodge County Historical Society, it seemed like a great opportunity to share our efforts with a larger audience and create an enjoyable fundraiser for our members and friends," Jean said. The Creamery open house this year is Sunday, December 8 from 1 to 5 o'clock, with live music by the Wildwood Flowers, who also performed last year. Centenarian Richard Staub, a World War II veteran, plans to be on hand to share memories. Until then, the volunteer bakers will be busy making seasonal goodies, including large and small kransekake, which will be for sale.

The Wasioja Church is decorated and the piano freshly tuned in preparation for the Candlelight Christmas Service, with Levi Livingood at the piano beginning at 5 p.m. and the service at 6 p.m.

**Cratchit!**  
**That is—catch it!**  
**A Dickens of a**  
**Christmas**  
**mystery!**  
*A Sherlock Carol runs through*  
*Dec. 8 at the Mantorville*  
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Sherlock Holmes (Jerry Casper) reads a threat letter sent to Ebenezer Scrooge. Dr. Cratchit (Greg Miller) asks Sherlock to investigate the murder of dear Mr. Scrooge.

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ens to life. Jerry Casper plays Sherlock Holmes and Nick Mezacapa is Ebenezer Scrooge. Greg Miller portrays Dr. Timothy Cratchit and other characters. Becca Messick plays Emma Wiggins and additional roles. Ryan Frank is Dr. Watson and more. Lindsay Herr plays Martha Cratchit, Abigail Fezziwig and others. Cheryl Frarck portrays various characters.

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*by Hans '10*

## Made with Care

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While it's hard to imagine a town without the contributions of these businesses, we don't realize their true importance until their impacts are understood on a smaller level. Such a case is apparent in the example of Breka's Desserts, a small family bakery that serves de-

licious Mexican sweets. Through their offerings of tres leches cake, regular and chocolate flan, empanadas, Mexican conchas, cinnamon rolls, and many more edibles, they help to unify the southern Minnesotan region and bring a local, traditional flair to the areas of Owatonna, Medford, Faribault, and Albert Lea. To understand more about Breka's Desserts, read the following revised interview summarizing their inspiring backstory and additional information leading up to today.

When Karen and Brenda started this business in 2020, they mainly intended to create authentic Mexican recipes from home. But after fusing the first few letters of each of their names, they settled on the title of Breka's Desserts and began working hard to ensure fulfillment of the community's cravings. Their strive to continue baking traditional Mexican sweets earned them a spot from May to October at the Owatonna Farmer's Market, where they set up shop

every Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Since they entered the event in 2021, Breka's Desserts has created incredibly personalized cakes for any party or special occasion. From birthdays and weddings to Thanksgiving and

Christmas, no scenario is off-limits, and one can rest assured that they make each dessert with a sense of love and care. Being the first two Hispanic women to sell Mexican desserts at the market, Brenda and Karen used their expertise to deliver sweets to many people, boosting their popularity and improving their growing support. Only through the help of loving clients have they been able to work for four consecutive years, valuing love, effort, and dedication to fight for their dream over any margin or sales.

"Unfortunately, in the middle of this year, we went through an unpleasant situation where we lost everything we had achieved leading up to this moment. Even though we had to start again, we believe we can achieve even greater heights through God's guidance."

From the beginning of their ventures, Breka's Desserts has been encouraged by a loving family that supports the two unconditionally. The duo's parents, Santy and Antonio, husbands Arturo and Josué, brother Gadiel, and children have all played a vital role in the business's success. Without their help and encouragement, they could not have achieved so much. When asked what they enjoy most about the shop, they responded that the opportunity to meet so many great people personally attached to the business is something to be eternally grateful for. Knowing they've contributed to someone's special

occasion through a delicious dessert turns regular buyers from just clients into lasting friends. However, it's working as a family and maintaining a close relationship with their children that Breka's Desserts deems the most valuable. Such things simply can't have a price tag put on them.

To give a word of encouragement to the people interested in getting into baking, the duo jointly provided the following response:

"Our best advice would be to face your challenges with dedication, reject fear, and maintain trust in God. He always opens doors and inspires the right people at the right time. No matter what you do, do it with love and treat others the way you wish they would to you."

When such narratives reveal the uplifting and encouraging nature of businesses like Brenda's and Karen's, it becomes more evident that small shops are essential to a town's character and community. Consequently, it's up to the people to support them as best they can. If you're urged to purchase one of their sweets or have one of their carts present at your event, head to their online Facebook page: Breka's Desserts. Their mission to continue to serve desserts and sweets to the local community wouldn't be possible without the help of its supporters. Through these methods of encouragement from clients and supporters, Brenda and Karen can take their beautiful business to the next step, ensuring they have the necessary resources to continue serving people. Pure dedication is the framework of a shop's success, but only through the community's support can it truly build.

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## United Way of Olmsted County Urges Community Support to Close Critical Funding Gap



Rochester, MN – United Way of Olmsted County is calling on the community to help bridge a significant funding gap in its annual campaign to support crucial programs for local families. This year’s Workplace Giving Campaign—United Way’s largest fundraiser—is currently running behind by 13%, equating to nearly \$150,000 less than last year at this time. United Way’s ambitious goal is to raise \$2,750,000 by year-end.

If the campaign falls short, the impact will ripple through our community, putting essential services and resources at risk. **United Way currently funds over 40 nonprofit and public programs across Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, and Winona Counties, impacting more than 35,000 residents each year.** Individual donations received enable critical services like school supplies for children, access to mental health resources, care for seniors, and support for families in crisis.

“Now more than ever, we need to come together as a community,” says Jerome Ferson, President of United Way of Olmsted County. “The strength of our community is built on the support we give each other. Every donation—large or small—is a strand in the web of support that helps our neighbors move from crisis to stability. Together, we can ensure everyone in Olmsted County has a chance to thrive.”

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There are many ways to give back and ensure these services remain available:

- Donate Online: Visit [www.uwolmsted.org/donate](http://www.uwolmsted.org/donate) to make an immediate contribution.
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• Give United Drawing: From now until December 31, every donation to United Way enters you for a chance to win a two-year lease on a new car from Rochester Motor Cars.\*

Every dollar truly matters. United Way of Olmsted County relies primarily on the generosity of individuals and corporate donations—not government funding or grants—to support its work. Your contribution, no matter the size, will help provide resources and services that allow local families to access

the essentials they need.

\*Disclaimer: No donation needed to enter drawing. If donating, must make a gift to United Way of Olmsted County during the period of September 1 - December 31, 2024 to be eligible.

*About United Way of Olmsted County*  
United Way of Olmsted County unites people and resources to improve lives and advance the health, education, and financial stability of every community member. We mobilize local organizations, businesses, and community leaders to strengthen systems and empower residents to build a thriving, equitable Olmsted County for all.

## Do you want to be the “Mayor for a Day”?

What would our cities look like if kids were in charge? The League of Minnesota Cities is holding its annual essay contest to find out!

Open to students who are in the fourth, fifth, or sixth graders this school year, entries for the 2024 Mayor for a Day Essay Contest can be emailed, submitted online, or postmarked by December 13. Three winners will be chosen to receive \$100 prizes and will have their essays published in the League’s Minnesota Cities magazine. Winners only will be notified in early January.

The city of West Concord will also be providing recognition to one or more students for their participation at the January City Council Meeting.

This year’s essay question is:

*Cities provide a variety of services and programs that make our lives better, including parks & rec, street maintenance, water and sewer, libraries, police, fire, and more! If you were mayor for a day, what would you do to make one of the services that your city provides even better?*

The submission form and a primer for your essay on what Minnesota mayors do are available at [lmc.org/mayorforaday](http://lmc.org/mayorforaday).

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The West Concord American Legion Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to help frost and package donuts at the Annual Legion Community Christmas Donut Sale. The event is held at the West Concord American Legion, Post 295 on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

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## Join the Fun at the West Concord Ice Rink!



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## Model Railroad Open House December 7-8 in Grand Meadow

Christmas is just around the corner, and just in time for the Christmas season, the Railrunners Model Railroad Club is holding their annual open house on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 & 8. Boys and girls of all ages are invited to come take a look. This is part of an open house for all the Grand Meadow Business Center with opportunity to visit other stores there as well.

The times will be 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and 10 am to 2 pm Sunday. The event is free. Small children need to be accompanied by parents, grandparents, or another adult. The Grand Meadow Business Center is located at 209 2nd Avenue NE, next to the city park.

The layout is an HO scale layout that fills a classroom of the former high school in Grand



Meadow. Models operated are authentic replicas of prototype trains that have operated primarily in the United States. There will be passenger trains and freight trains of varying lengths. There will be diesel and steam locos operating. Visitors may enter the



building by either the north or south door and go to Room 119 in the second hall. Members of the club will be available to answer questions about the layout and to demonstrate train operation.

Railrunners was formed in 2003 by an informal group of model railroaders who had to look for a new location when Hendy's Train Store in Rochester closed. The group formed into a more formal arrangement with a title and bylaws. Goals were established "to promote interest in and better understanding of model railroading; to show and demonstrate the benefits of model railroading to assist in public education and youth guidance; (and) to provide a central layout in

the Grand Meadow area..." Grand Meadow was selected because that was where a suitable location for a layout was found. Members however come from Rochester, Dodge Center, and as far away as Northfield. At present there are 18 members including associate members and junior members.

Club members typically meet on Wednesday mornings for train operating sessions and to work on the layout, but often will be found there at other times as well. Visitors are welcome to visit any time the club is open. For those who are especially interested in model railroading, information about the club and applications for membership will be available at the open house.

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- 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 Drawing at 3:30pm
- 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 NEW "FA LA LA LLAMA" MEET THE CHRISTMAS LLAMAS** 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**  
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- 9 AM - 12 PM CRAFT ACTIVITIES AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY** City Hall
- "COOKIES WITH THE COPS"**
- 10 AM SNOWPLOW SAFETY** with West Concord Public Works,
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## Special Olympics in Minnesota

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While many view them as nothing more than entertainment, participating in sports can significantly improve an athlete's internal and external qualities, allowing them to build confidence and become strong leaders. Unfortunately, it is a constant struggle for those with intellectual disabilities to experience the same opportunities as other athletes. Only because of the efforts of organizations like the Special Olympics can these people build a more confident version of themselves by learning what it means to be an Olympian. Through providing access to dozens of sports, they have significantly improved the lives of five million athletes with intellectual disabilities worldwide.

With each step the organization takes to end discrimination, dozens more exist in local areas throughout Minnesota. Shrunk to an even smaller scale, the hundreds of volunteers pushing to fund these events become visible, whose goal is to build a more inclusive community through sports. Dave Stevenson is among these changemakers, helping to bring his love of bobsledding to the Rochester Flyers Special Olympics Team. His rides hosted in February of each year help fundraise money for the athletes while providing them with the experience of being on a horse-drawn bobsled. While this overview offers a glimpse into the impacts people like him make, Dave's two-decade commitment to the Rochester Special Olympics is illustrated best in the revised interview below. In response to a question to share about himself and his backstory, he provided the following statement.

Dave Stevenson: Before ever moving to the Zumbro Falls community, my family and I always had this idea of settling in the country with a couple of horses. But with our decision to go to southern Minnesota marking our eighth move in just 20 years, we weren't sure if this dream would ever become a reality. During this sporadic period, my commitment to Del Monte Foods caused us to dart around the Midwest several times to improve the

company's plants. When a job for Seneca Foods didn't work out, the cycle would have likely continued had it not been for our decision to stay in Zumbro Falls and end the constant cycle of change. Finally, with the encouragement of my middle daughter, we could fulfill our dream of purchasing our first saddle horse.

After this initial buy, I purchased two more mounts from Joyce Atkinson and Gene Krismer, the latter of who mentored me in driving horses alongside Lamar Johnson. One purchase soon led to another, and I eventually owned enough horses to have two teams and begin learning how to drive professionally. While it took a few accidents to catch on, I was soon operating a team of Belgians for annual festivals and building up my expertise as a driver.

Having mastered the ability to operate horses, Dave now helps host bobsled rides for the Rochester Flyers team every winter. With the help of John Davis and his wife Monica to organize the event, they provide Special Olympic athletes as far away as Wells, Minnesota, bobsled rides to help raise money for the organization. Due to the importance of the event, the three always ensure a date with nice weather and plenty of snow for the best bobsledding experience. Free coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies are available to whoever shows up, a service made possible by the free-will donations of community members. Since Dave's primary goal is to support the many athletes of Rochester's Special Olympics team, individual rides are provided rather than a competition between different teams.

"Often times, the athletes prefer to run in the snow when the bobsled is hard to pull. It's very beautiful when the horses make the snow fly, because if there is a lot, a track is made for them and the bobsleds to ride through."

When asked what led him to start hosting this event, Dave responded that it provided

him a window to talk about horses while offering his services to family and friends. In honor of close buddies, he has also done funerals to give them their "last ride" or offered trips to senior living homes. Red Wing and Hastings are where he next plans to offer rides on the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, followed by bobsledding this coming February. Apart from simply showcasing the beautiful nature of Minnesotan communities, Dave's contributions to the Special Olympics highlight one crucial thing. Everyone deserves a chance to do what uplifts, builds, and inspires them, no matter a person's so-called limitations. A stern determination and resilience against the societal norm is all it takes to reach what seems impossible. Athletes of the Special Olympics have done this very thing, reshaping their definition and showcasing the persistent spirit inside of them. As the Rochester Flyers has with sports and Dave Stevenson continues with his bobsled rides, these people have discovered what pushes them to be better people. Finding your calling is never easy, but everyone deserves a chance to pick up the phone and make a change.

As we look forward to hosting the Special Olympics USA Games in 2026, an event that will bring 100,000 people to Minnesota, our primary goal is to continue growing our mis-

sion and impact. To do this, we must expand our coaching network.

More coaches mean more opportunities for athletes to develop their skills, build meaningful relationships and experience the joy of sports. We invite you to consider becoming a coach or encouraging others to join our coaching community. Our volunteer coaches are essential to the success of our athletes.

Special Olympics is a movement happening 365 days a year. We host nearly 100 events every year that range from sports competitions to inclusive health fairs to the Polar Plunge and more!

Special Olympics is for everyone. Our programs are available for all ages and all abilities. This inclusive movement is made up of many roles: volunteers, coaches, team assistants, athletes, Unified partners and more! While sports are at the core of Special Olympics Minnesota's mission, we also provide health & wellness, leadership, and school programs that focus on community inclusion.

Special Olympics events are competitive and athletes train and compete in sports to showcase their skills, abilities, and determination. We foster an environment of fair competition, allowing athletes to challenge themselves and strive for personal bests. Athletes earn awards for placing in 1st-8th place.

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SEMAC, a non-profit arts agency, is designated by the State of Minnesota Arts Board as the regional arts council for eleven southeastern Minnesota counties: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona

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Mantorville Theatre Company received a \$10,000 Legacy grant for Local Playwright Publication.

SEMAC congratulates the award winners and looks forward to celebrating the creative programs these grants will bring to southeastern Minnesota.

For more information about SEMAC's grant programs, visit semac.org or contact the office at 507-281-4848.

# Legal Notices

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF DODGE DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 20-PR-24-730

In Re: Estate of David James Buck aka David J. Buck aka David Buck, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 21, 2025 at 9:30 AM, via Zoom, see notice of remote hearing, a hearing will be held in this Court at the Dodge County Courthouse, 22 6th Street East, Dept. 12, Mantorville, MN 55955-2220, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Dorothy Munnikhuisen, whose address is 60499 State Highway 56, Dodge Center, MN 55927, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration. This hearing will be held via remote Zoom hearing. Information on how to participate in the remote Zoom hearing can be obtained by calling the Court at (507) 624-7010. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate. 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.

Debra A. Groehler Judge of District Court, November

18, 2024

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**TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SUMMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 2024, Triton School Board meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing in the Triton District Office, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, or online at [www.triton.k12.mn.us](http://www.triton.k12.mn.us).

Present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Duane Bartel, Brian Ginder, Craig Schlichting, Luke Lutterman, Shane Van Beek, Tricia Johnson, Romina Medina, Tina Kozisek, and others.

The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the consent agenda including the September 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's report; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for students #102124A, #102124B, #102124C,

#102124D, #102124E, #102124F, and #102124G; contracts for Cayla Edling as Special Education Paraprofessional and Jessica Maes as TES Special Education Teacher; extra-curricular contracts for Jennifer Ryg as Fall Play Director and Christine Deetz as Assistant Fall Play Director, and resignation for Jack Hager as Long-Term Substitute;

- Proposed Certified Staff Seniority List for 2024-2025;
- Proposed Classified Staff Seniority List for 2024-2025;
- Read Act MOU;
- Application for Cooperative Sponsorship – Dodge County Wildcats Hockey;
- Update to Policy 721.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SCHOOL BOARD STUDY SESSION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN**

-Meeting Proceedings-

Chair Wendy Kenworthy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, Jim Jensen, Duane Bartel, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., and Brian Ginder; absent: Dale Jensen. Also present: Superintendent Craig Schlichting, Principal Shane Van Beek, and Dean of Students Tricia Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Items discussed:
- High School Building Principal Hiring Process Timing
  - Budget Planning

District Assessment Review Calendar Adjustment – Adding April 22 as a day off Retreat Next Summer

Chair Kenworthy adjourned the meeting 7:48 p.m.

School District Clerk

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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 Infor-

mal 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

## DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, October 28, 2024

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the October 28, 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](http://www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us).

Present: Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson, Deputy Tyler Vermeersch, Mark Barwald, AJ Gengler, Jeremy Dostal, Craig Britton and Vanessa Hines – Widseth; and Kathy Freeman

Absent: Mayor Bill Ketchum

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda to include: Minutes from October 14, 2024 City Council Meeting; July 11, August 8 and September 19, 2024 Library Board Meetings, Surplus Office Equipment - Library, Triton High School After Prom Request; Payment of Bills;
- Resolution 2024-027 – A Resolution Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans;
- Quote received from Minnesota Pump Works in the amount of \$8,807.69 for the purchase and installation of an ABS/Sulzer pump and VFD;
- Hiring of Brandon Elias and Liam Dostal to Fire Department pending background checks;
- West Concord ambulance services contract and a contract for ambulance services for Hayfield;
- Rescheduling of November 11th City Council Meeting (Veterans Day) to November 12, 2024 and the scheduling of the canvassing board for City Election on November 12, 2024 at 5:45 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

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