



Serving the Triton Area

# The Messenger

Claremont, Dodge Center, West Concord

PRSRT STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT #2  
Dennison, MN 55018

Postal Customer  
ECRWSS

JANUARY 8, 2025

Volume 11 • Issue 1

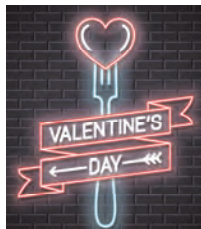
## Local Raffle Supports St. Jude Children's Hospital

For the third year a raffle is taking place to raise funds locally for the St. Jude Children's Hospital. (continued on page 2)



## 2025 Messenger Valentine's Day Drawing

Start the year out with our Valentine's Day drawing. We are giving away a gift certificate to a local restaurant and a box of chocolates to six lucky winners in our Valentine's Day giveaway. You may enter online by e-mailing your name and phone number to our online drawing at [hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com). Winners will be selected on February 4th and you may pick up your prize on February 12th.



## 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.

Do you have an announcement?  
Email: [hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)

## Accident Claims Young Mother's Life

A 32 year-old West Concord woman was killed in an automobile accident involving three vehicles on Monday December 30th. Scarlett Tanner of West Concord was involved in a head-on collision about 7:45am on Dodge County 24. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office received a report of a two-vehicle collision in which the vehicles caught fire and one person was trapped in their vehicle. The road conditions at the time included dense fog and icy roads. Scarlet Tanner was traveling west in a 2019 Toyota Highlander and Elizabeth Albers was driving an east bound 2017 Ford Expedition when

they collided head-on just past 120th Avenue. A passer-by, Erin Brose of Dodge Center, stopped to render aid and while they were standing in the ditch, an approaching pickup and trailer, driven by Ryan Thoe of Kasson, unable to stop in time took to the ditch to avoid the fiery crash.

Tanner and Brose were struck by the pickup and Tanner was killed by the impact and Brose was seriously injured and taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester. The other person injured in the crash, Elizabeth Albers, of Owatonna was transported to the Owatonna Hospital. Mayo One was requested but due



Scarlett Tanner

to the conditions was not able to respond to the accident so Gold Cross Ambulance from Owatonna was sent out.

West Concord Fire and Ambulance and Claremont Fire and First Responders were dispatched to the scene first followed by Dodge Center Fire and Ambulance. Investigators say that the icy roads and dense fog contributed were the primary factors in the collision and an unbelted motorist significantly increased the severity of the injuries. The Dodge County Sheriff's Department reminds everyone to buckle up when driving and slow down during the foggy conditions and when driving on the icy and snow-covered roads.

A GoFundMe has been started to help support Scarlett's family which includes four young children and her fiancé. You can help support the family by donating by accessing the GoFundMe page at Scarlett's Legacy: Love and Support for Her Kids.

## Christmas in West Concord



Sharon Dahms helping with crafts

(additional pictures on pages 8 & 9)

**CASH BINGO!**

**Dodge Center American Legion**  
January 25th • 1:00 PM  
\$40 Advance/\$45 at the Door

5 Games \$200 • 4 Games \$250 • Last Game \$1000

If less than 75 tickets are presold, event will be canceled and money refunded. Additional bingo pack will be available for half price \$20 after you purchase the first one at full price. If inclement weather, event will be rescheduled.

Only 230 tickets sold.  
50/50 CASH RAFFLE & CASH DOOR PRIZES!

Sponsored by Claremont Area Chamber of Commerce License #05159

**Cabin Fever Tuesday Bluesday**

NEW JANUARY 14 & 28 at The Annadine

2:30-5:00 PM • 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the Month

CARDS • GAMES (SCRABBLE ETC.) ARE AVAILABLE, OR BRING YOUR OWN!

Mimosa Bar, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Hot Tea, Wine, Beer

Annadine

Dodge County's Greatest Anodyne  
16 West Main, Dodge Center  
507-273-9530  
Follow Us on Facebook @THEANNADINE

January 16 OPEN MIC

\*\*LIVE MUSIC! Friday Jan. 10th: Fool's Getaway • Friday, Jan. 24th: Leonard McCracken\*\*

## There's Hope



**BY Jon Dudek, co-founder of Isaiah Ministries, bringing Biblical teaching to help overcome life's everyday challenges.**  
www.isaiahministries.cc

Can you believe it is a new year? I am declaring a year of breakthrough, blessings, and abundance for both you and me. However, perhaps you think that maybe this year will just be another year of struggle. Another year of disappointment, conflict, and pain. If you feel this way, you are not alone.

These last few weeks and months I have wondered, what am I doing with my life? Why do I feel discouraged? Perhaps you're like me and your emotions can be all over the place, and sometimes you may feel lonely in the journey.

I know we may feel alone and even wonder what life is all about, but as a follower of Christ, we are not alone and there is a plan and purpose for our lives. It is so important for us to renew our minds with truth, and a great way to do this is to start the day by reading a few verses or chapters in the Word of God, the Bible. It will radically transform you and help turn that hopelessness to hopefulness.

I want to encourage you with a few verses

that have spoken to me, and I hope they will minister to you. When we feel like we are all alone, a great verse that can bring comfort is, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5b). You and I are not alone in the adventures of life. You and I are not alone in the ups and downs. God is right there with us—even if we don't sense Him, the Word of God says He is. We don't trust in what we feel, we trust in what the Bible declares.

Another verse of encouragement is Zechariah 4:6b, which states, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord." When we feel we need to fight with all of our might, we need to stop. Whatever is in front of us, we will not need to walk it out alone. Jesus will be with us every step of the way.

You and I are blessed to walk our lives with Christ. He will help us, direct us, listen to us, and hear us. As I was doing my daily devotional the other day, in the book of Proverbs I read, "Don't get sidetracked" (4:27).

Sometimes we get caught up in worldly things or watch what everyone else is doing in their lives. Stay the course. With God's strength, push forward in whatever challenges come your way. The enemy wants to discourage you and cause you to be fearful and anxious in life. Don't listen to him. The Lord Jesus sends us love, compassion, and what has been highlighted to me recently, supernatural peace.

Can you believe in Philippians 4:6-7 it literally tells us how to handle anxiety and how we can have peace that is beyond our understanding? "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,

with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (emphasis mine).

During times of feeling fear and anxiety with all areas of life, God wants to overwhelm us with His peace. A peace that manifests during a storm. A peace that will calm our minds and hearts to make rational decisions during tough and challenging times in life. Have you ever experienced this?

I know in my life recently I have felt this peace. I don't quite know how to explain it, but it feels as if a calmness comes over you when the world around you is crumbling. When nothing seems to be going right, this peace settles your inner being to help you respond in a Godly fashion and not a fear-based reaction.

If you haven't experienced this, pray and ask the Lord to pour out His presence and peace that surpasses all understanding. May the Lord bless each one of you, and may His peace calm you in every way. There is hope. If you have read this and are not a Christian but want to accept Jesus Christ in your heart, read, believe, and confess the following words.

"Jesus, I ask that you come into my life and my heart. I know I am a sinner, and I ask that you forgive me. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and that God raised you from the dead. Jesus, I believe that you are Lord and Savior. Help me grow in my relationship with you. Thank You. Amen" (Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:9-10, Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8, Acts 3:26).

If you believe and confessed the above prayer, I believe that you are saved. You have made the best decision in your life and your new journey has begun. My recommendation is to find a church that teaches from the Word of God, get into the Bible, and find a Christian to mentor you. If you have any questions specifically about this prayer, you are more than welcome to reach out to me.

Blessings, Jon Dudek  
Isaiahministries.cc

## Local Raffle Supports St. Jude Children's Hospital

(continued from page 1)

St. Jude Children's Hospital was founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas and has grown through the years offering care for children suffering from cancer. Today the charity receives over \$2 billion in donations and doesn't charge for the care provided for patients treated at their hospitals.

As in the two previous years there are 750 raffle tickets available at \$20 each. You may purchase them at Concord Locker, Wescon Lanes, Holly J. Burow tax accounting office, West Concord Municipal Liquor Store and from members of the West Concord Historical Society. The cash prizes include one \$1,000 payout, six \$500 prizes, six \$250 prizes and five \$100 prizes. The drawing will be held on February 6th at 7pm at the Wescon Lanes in West Concord. In the past all tickets have been sold out before the drawing date.

### Area Church Directory

#### Lightening Our Burdens

*At that time I said to you, "You are too heavy a burden for me to carry alone." — Deuteronomy 1:9*

Moses, the leader of God's people during their long time of wandering in the desert, learned that he could not carry the heavy burdens of the people on his own. The Israelites had grown in number. Bearing their problems, burdens, and disputes was too much for one person to handle. So he shared the workload with other leaders from among the twelve tribes of Israel, and they developed a system that worked for everyone. (See also Exodus 18.)

New challenges are a part of life, and we cannot keep doing what we are used to if it no longer works. We can talk to a pastor, family members, close friends, or other trusted persons when our burdens are too much for us—emotionally, physically, or spiritually. Many of us today face an overload of situations that are causing anxiety in our lives: family concerns, financial troubles, broken relationships, work dissatisfaction, career pressures, societal issues. Struggling on our own is not healthy, and eventually we need help. The Lord wants us to share one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).

As followers of Jesus, we can make the right choice by lightening our burdens. Jesus invites us to receive rest for our souls (Matthew 11:28-30). We don't have to carry our burdens alone. We can give them to the Lord.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for bearing our burdens. We are not alone. You have given us people who love and care for us. Help us to find rest for our souls and strength to carry on. Amen.*

#### CLAREMONT

##### 1st Presbyterian Church

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

##### St. John Lutheran Church

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

#### DODGE CENTER

##### Faith Lutheran Church

308 2nd St. NW, Dodge Center  
507-374-2174  
Traditional Worship 9a.m.; Fellowship 10a.m.

##### Grace Lutheran Church

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

##### Praise Fellowship Church

602 Central Avenue S, Dodge Center  
Roger Langworthy • 507-374-6400  
Kidz Church 9:15a.m.; Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.

##### Dodge Center Methodist Church

201 1st St. NE, Dodge Center  
Rev. Chad Christensen • 507-374-6885  
Sunday Morning Worship at 8:15a.m.,  
Fellowship Time Following

##### St. John Baptist De La Salle

20 2nd St. NE, Dodge Center • 507-374-6830  
Mass Saturday 5p.m.

##### Living Water Assembly Church

104 1st St. NW, Dodge Center  
Roy Andrews • 507-374-6561  
Sunday 10a.m.

##### Dodge Center SDA Church

410 3rd Ave. SW  
Dodge Center • 507-374-6895  
Sabbath School 9:15a.m.; Saturday Worship 11a.m.

##### Anchor of Hope Church, a 7th Day Baptist Congregation

203 E. Main St., Dodge Center • 507-374-6755  
Saturday 10a.m. Worship; 11:45a.m. Sabbath School

##### Bible Lutheran Church

(American Assoc. of Lutheran Churches)  
11 1st Ave. N.E., Dodge Center  
www.biblelc.org • 612-803-1212  
Sunday School 9:15a.m.; Worship 10:30a.m.  
(weekly sermons available on YouTube and on website)

##### First Congregational Church

12 Second Street NW  
Dodge Center, MN 55927 • 507-633-6873  
www.congregationalchurchdc.com  
Keith Mosier, Pastor

#### WEST CONCORD

##### Faith Community Church

305 State Street N, West Concord • 507-527-2244  
Pastor David Brederland  
Sunday 9:30a.m. Worship; 10:45a.m. Sunday School  
www.fcwc.org  
Facebook: WC Faith Community Church

##### Hegre Lutheran, ELCA

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

##### Trinity Lutheran, ELCA

301 Highland St., West Concord • 507-527-2778  
Pastor Chad Christensen • trinitychurchwc.net  
Sunday worship video is posted on Facebook  
Trinitylutheranchurchwestconcordmn  
Sundays 9:45a.m. Worship in building and live streamed on Facebook  
Sunday School 10:30a.m.  
Tuesday Men's Bible Study, 7:00a.m.  
at church and via Zoom  
Call church for more information on ministries and events.

##### Church of Christ

55087 200th Ave., West Concord • 507-527-2723  
Pastor Peter Moen  
9:00a.m. Sunday School; 10:00a.m. Worship  
concordchurchmn.com

##### Zwingli United Church of Christ

"The Berne Church"  
23148 Co. Hwy. 24, West Concord • 507-356-4340  
Pastor Karen Larson  
Sunday 10:00a.m. Worship; Find us on Facebook

Email your church announcements, schedule, etc. to the The Messenger at: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

#### THE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS SPONSORED BY:

*Fresh & Flavorful*

**Mexican Cuisine**

**PLAZA MORENA**  
CAMPESTRE GRILL

**160 26th St NE, Owatonna**  
**507-413-0819**  
**Dining Room Open 7 Days a Week**  
**11:00am-10:00pm**  
**www.plazamorena.com**

Serving the Triton Area  
**The Messenger**  
Claremont, Dodge Center, West Concord

#### MAIL

35 West Main Street  
P.O. Box 33, Dodge Center, MN 55927

**PHONE/TEXT 507-649-3327**

**FAX 507-645-9878**

**For advertising information call Terry at 507-951-7417 or email:**

**hometownmessenger@gmail.com**

Published in cooperation with Mainstreet Publishing Minnesota, Inc.  
© 2025, Dodge Center, Claremont, West Concord Messenger. All rights reserved.



## Maurine Alma Olson

Maurine Alma Olson, 88, of Kenyon, who died Sunday, December 29, 2024, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis after a brief illness. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 11 AM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenyon with a visitation starting one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Kenyon Cemetery in Kenyon.

She was born December 8, 1936, in Bertha in Todd County, to Maurice Julian Eiken and Alma (Haase) Eiken. Maurine was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Eagle Bend, MN and was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Clarissa. She attended various rural Todd County schools before graduating from Clarissa High School in 1953, and then attending and graduating college from Concordia College in Moorhead, in 1957.

Maurine married Roger Allan Olson on June 8, 1957, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha. Her passion for teaching lead her to work as an English teacher and a speech coach at North Branch Public Schools, Butterfield-Odin School, and was a teacher and

vocal music director at Gary Public Schools. She then taught at West Concord and Triton schools for over 25 years. Following her retirement Maurine substitute taught at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Faribault and area schools. As a teacher she was instrumental in establishing quarter classes and reading programs and help start an AFS program. Maurine was and advisor and state award winner to Students Active in Education, and honorary member of West Concord FFA. She was active for over 35 years serving as a speech and theater judge at all levels of the competition from districts to the state level. She was active in Speech Association of Minnesota, and a committee member and honoree of MSHSL.

Faith was a big part of Maurine's life. She held many positions over the years as an organist, Sunday School Teacher, officer of various church committees, First Lutheran Church Women President, Church Council President, and with the youth in many different capacities. She was also involved in local and state 4-H, intern at the Office of the Secretary of Defense, at the Pentagon in Washington D.C., served on the Kenyon Library Board for 9 years, Class Agent for the 1957 Concordia College Alumni for 20 years, officer of the Round Table Woman's Club, Book Group, Literary Guild, Kenyon Senior Living Auxiliary, and the Sons of Norway.

Maurine enjoyed reading, traveling, the family cabin on Big Elbow Lake but mostly, spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her four sons, David (Amy) Olson, Mark Olson, Paul (Patty Orton) Olson, and John Olson; grandchild-

ren, Ryan (Karlee), Michaela (Jason) Spoden, Lucas (Ava Pinske), Elijah, Evan, Cameron (Jesse), Collier, Gyhre, Kyle, and Orion Olson (Samuel Roosen); great-grandchildren, Henry, Jack, Charlie, Nicholas, Aubrey, Reagan, Jackson, Ryker, Vincent, Isabella, Albert, Bella, Jasmine, and Adrian; brother, John Eiken; nephews, Todd (Julie) Eiken, Shawn (Dina) Eiken, Daron (Dani) Olson; nieces, Tracy Eiken, Kathy (Mike) Goldberg; honorary son, Claus Iverson (AFS student 1980-81 from Denmark); special pen pal since 1951, Ellen Haugen, (from Norway).

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Olson (2013); parents, Maurice and Alma Eiken; infant brother, Jerome Maurice Eiken (1935); daughter-in-law, Stacy Olson (2007); sisters-in-law, Marion Wilder (2004), Arla Olson (2009), Nanette Eiken (2017); brother-in-law, Earl Olson (2015).

Memorials are preferred to the Kenyon Library.

## Judy Biers

Judy Biers, age 67, passed away December 12, 2024, surrounded by family after a battle with cancer.

Friends greeted the family from 3-6:00 PM Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at the Brick Meger Funeral Home (1603 Austin Road, Owatonna,

MN)

Judy was born to parents Donald and Esther (Hielscher) Klassen in Plainview, MN. Donald passed away when Judy was 14 years old. Esther later married Ralph Peterson. Ralph took the whole family under his wing and was a loving father to Judy and the rest of her siblings.

She graduated from Plainview High School and after attended Rochester Community College. Judy married her high school sweetheart, Tom Biers March 25, 1977, in Plainview. The two lived in Plainview and Ellendale before settling down in Dodge Center, MN.

She worked for C.O. Brown Insurance Agency out of Kasson, MN for over 20 years before finishing her career after 7 years with Safeway Insurance of Dodge Center. In retirement they moved to Owatonna to be closer to the grandchildren. In February of 2022 Judy was diagnosed with cancer and was a true warrior until the end.

Judy and Tom loved to be a team. They always played golf together and bowled for many years winning a mixed couples tournament.

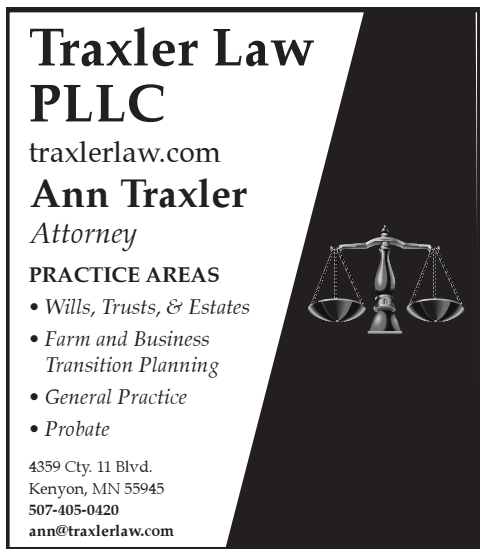
She enjoyed attending ceramic classes with her mother and eventually acted as caregiver and companion of her mother in her final years. Judy and Tom enjoyed completing home projects. They practically built their house near the golf course in Dodge Center, a task few couples could finish together. The family tradition was to get together for Vikings games.

Judy is survived by her husband, of 47 years, Tom; children ,Eric (Kjirsten) Biers, Austin, MN, Jenny (Paul) Berge, Owatonna; grandchildren, Bryce, Addie, Peyton, Darby, Abram; siblings, Jean (Bob) LaCroix, Goodyear, AZ, Dan(Lori) Klassen, Alexandria, MN Tom (Sandy) Klassen, Edina, MN, Peter (Carrie) Klassen, Plainview; step siblings, Jan Cowan, Jim (Theresa) Peterson and Mary Jeakle.

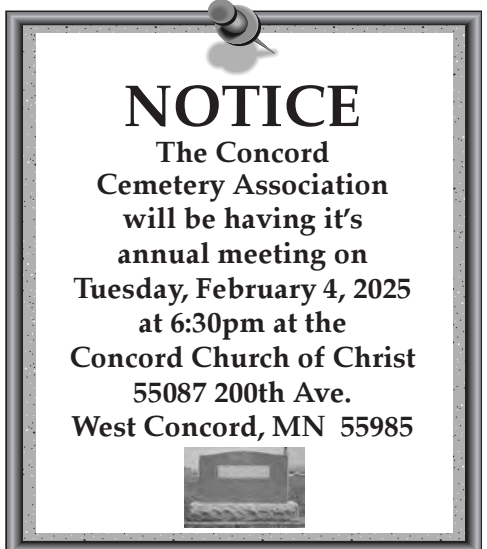
She was preceded in death by parents, Donald and Esther; stepfather, Ralph Peterson; brothers, Don, Richard, and Edward.



**BINGO**  
Every Saturday  
January through March  
1:00 p.m.  
Dodge Country Club  
Must play all games to quality for Blackout.  
Progressive number blackout each week to 60 numbers, \$1,000 guaranteed.  
Benefitting Triton-related groups.  
Sponsored by Claremont Area Chamber of Commerce License #05159



**Traxler Law PLLC**  
traxlerlaw.com  
**Ann Traxler**  
Attorney  
PRACTICE AREAS  
• Wills, Trusts, & Estates  
• Farm and Business Transition Planning  
• General Practice  
• Probate  
4359 Cty. 11 Blvd.  
Kenyon, MN 55945  
507-405-0420  
ann@traxlerlaw.com



**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**



**Got a Great Local News Story?**  
Tell us about it today!  
Email: [hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)



**LD Recycling, Inc.**  
Scrap Iron & Metals  
West Concord, MN  
507-527-2408 LDRECYCLING.com  
Monday - Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

**WE BUY**

- Scrap Iron
- Farm Equip
- Vehicles
- Appliances
- Batteries
- Radiators
- Copper
- Brass
- Aluminum
- And More



From the simplest residential closing, to the more complex commercial or farm real estate transaction, Dodge County Land Title Company is committed to providing real estate transactional expertise and personal customer service.

**DLT DODGE COUNTY LAND TITLE COMPANY**  
38 W Main St, Dodge Center • 507-633-6355  
Email: [dclandtitle@kmtel.com](mailto:dclandtitle@kmtel.com) • [www.dclandtitle.com](http://www.dclandtitle.com)

## Scarlett Suzanne Tanner May 3, 1992 - December 30, 2024

Scarlett Suzanne Tanner, 32, passed away on December 30, 2024, following a tragic car accident. Scarlett was a beloved mother, daughter, sister, partner, and friend who touched the lives of many with her kindness, huge heart, determination, and unshakable commitment to

helping others.

Born on May 3, 1992, Scarlett was a devoted mother to her four children, who were the light of her life. She was fiercely proud of her family and worked tirelessly to provide them a better future. Scarlett dedicated the last six years of her life to Beauterre Recovery Institute as a Recovery Specialist, where she made a profound impact on the lives of those battling addiction.

Scarlett's passion for growth and healing inspired her to pursue her higher education, which resulted in a two-year degree in human services from Riverland Community and Technical College. She was in her last semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato, where she would graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Alcohol and Drug Studies.

Scarlett's journey of recovery was a testament to her character, strength, and resilience. She overcame significant challenges to create a life filled with love, purpose, and compassion. She was actively working toward a career in drug and alcohol counseling, a path

driven by her desire to empower others to overcome their struggles and find hope.

Scarlett cherished her family and friends deeply, finding joy in their shared memories and unwavering support. She also celebrated the milestone of achieving homeownership, a symbol of her hard work and perseverance. Scarlett's generosity and love extended far beyond her immediate circle, she was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.

Scarlett will be remembered for her vibrant spirit, radiant smile, and her unwavering belief in the possibility of change.

Scarlett's light will forever shine in the hearts of those she touched, and her memory will remain a source of strength and inspiration.

Scarlett is survived by her fiancé Tracy Garner, and her children Bayleigh, Rylee, Cayden, Emersyn, and Sarah (Kye), and her parents Robert and Stacy Tanner, and Shannon and Tom Rhodes. She is also survived by her siblings and their spouses: Hunter Nuhibian (Jacobe), Kailyn Tanner, and Elliot Tanner, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and an extensive amount of friends and other family members.

She is preceded in death by her Grandparents Elida Tanner, Jeanie (Papa) & Jack (Dak) McCuller, and several other family members and friends who will welcome her into eternity.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 9th, from 4-7 PM, and the Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 10th, at 2 PM, with visitation one hour prior. Both services will be held at New Life Community Church at 160 28th St NE, Owatonna,

MN 55060.

Flowers can be sent to New Life Community Church.

I am the resurrection and the source of all life; those who believe in Me will live even in death. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never truly die. Do you believe this?

John 11: 25-26 The Voice.

## Jeffrey Scott Schlachter

Jeffrey Scott Schlachter was born on July 6, 1955, and died peacefully at his home in Claremont, after a battle with cancer on December 20, 2024.



Jeff was born to George and Marie (Romano) Schlachter in Elgin Illinois. The family lived in Algonquin, Illinois, until he was nine years old. They then moved to Minnetonka, MN. He graduated from Minnetonka Senior High in 1974. Jeffrey and Sandra (Wagner) were united in marriage in 1977 and resided in Stewartville. They then moved to Rochester and later to Claremont in 2008.

He worked at Pepsi Cola Company while he was going to school to become a mechanic. Jeff enjoyed all things automotive and never believed in junk cars, and just the next. He was an honest mechanic and never pushed owners into unwanted repairs. Jeff worked at various mechanic shops before working at McNelius in Dodge Center. He enjoyed trips to northern Minnesota and camping in Arizona. He enjoyed his family and all the funny

stories that they shared.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Jeremy Schlachter, of Garden City, Amanda Schlachter of Owatonna, Andrea (and Dave) Meskill of Rochester; grandchildren, Hailey and Savannah Meskill; brother, Steven (and Senait) Schlachter of Mound; sister, Linda (and Wayne) Mueller of Maple Plain; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Marie Schlachter; son, Jamie, who also shared his father's love of cars.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 11AM, at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

**We are more than just a flower store!**  
*Gifts • Cards & More for All Occasions*  
**ORDER TODAY! CALL 507-789-5700**  
**Roses, Mixed Arrangements, Flower Bunches and More!**  
 524 Second St, Kenyon  
 507-789-5700  
 marysrusticrose@outlook.com  
 marysrusticrose.com

# VALENTINE'S DAY DRAWING

**E-mail for your chance to win a GIFT CERTIFICATE TO A LOCAL RESTAURANT and a BOX OF CHOCOLATES!**

Enter online by e-mailing your name and phone number to:  
**hometownmessenger@gmail.com**

Six winners will be selected on February 4, 2025 and you may pick up your prize on February 12th.

Serving the Trilon Area  
**The Messenger**  
 Claremont, Dodge Center, West Concord

## Troop 76 Meets a Legend

By Cheri Roshon

How many people do you know who have actually met a former President of the United States? Well, since former President Jimmy Carter recently passed away at age 100, I was asked to share a story about our Wanamingo Scout troop 76, and how in 1997, the boys and their leaders had an opportunity to meet him, and get a picture with him, too!

It started with a trip to the Florida Keys, while attending the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base program on New Year's Day in 1997. This program teaches kids how to snorkel, scuba dive, and kayak, as well as being able to see creatures from the sea that you'd never find in Minnesota!

The first days they stayed at the Florida Sea Base, a national scout camp at Islamorada, Florida, where they stayed in the dorms. The first day there, they went to Pigeon Island and learned about the historic 7 mile Bridge, and had a history tour. It was there that they learned about and experienced snorkelling and sailing.

The fourth day, they took a boat to Big Munsion Island, a small deserted island, 6 miles from the base. More snorkelling and kayaking, as well as viewing and petting the native



Scouts and leaders of Troop 76 who went to Pine Key. Front, kneeling, from left to right Cory Berg, Ben McBroom, Eric Kittleson, Jesse Anderson, Kyle Nerison. Back Island Mate Dave, Peggy Prigge, Larry Van De Walker, Peter Greseth, Aaron Haugen, Trevor Prigge, Robbie Wilkenson, Michael Rath, Don Rath, Nathan Trost, Stu Ohr and Island Mate Joe.

## We've Got Your Family's Back

Personalized insurance solutions to protect your family's future and security, no matter what.



www.vsgmi.com

COMMUNITY GROWN INSURANCE  
...you're covered!

**GRINNELL MUTUAL**

Trust in Tomorrow.

### Kalass Agency

242 Main Street  
Zumbrota, MN  
Phone: 507-732-7614  
Email: kalassagency@kalassagency.com

### Sviggum Agency

133 Main Street  
Wanamingo  
Phone: 507-824-5105  
Email: agent@svigguminsurance.com

### Insurance Brokers of Byron

505 Frontage Rd NE  
Byron MN 55920  
Phone: 507-775-7280  
Email: a.sanders@insurancebrokersmn.com

### North Risk Partners Rochester

2048 Superior Drive, Suite 100  
Rochester, MN  
Phone: 507-288-7600  
Email: jesse.stenke@northriskpartners.com

key deer that reside there. They saw sting rays, sea turtles and a variety of salt water fish, sponges and coral. They also fished and caught 3 to 5 foot barracudas!

While fishing on New Year's Day, some of the boys got seasick, so they decided to rest at a small island called Pine Key, where by coincidence, they saw former President Jimmy Carter and his family. They were on vacation there, and the boys asked permis-

sion to talk to him, and get a few pictures! What an experience to have! He was the 39th President of our country, serving from 1976 to 1981. He ran for a second term, but was defeated by Ronald Reagan. He was a Navy officer, a governor, an author of 32 books, and started The Carter Foundation with his wife Rosalyn. He taught Sunday School, and was an advocate for social justice.

If I ever got to meet a former President, Jimmy Carter would have been the one I would have wanted to meet. While he held a controversial position while in office, due to his very liberal views, he accomplished so many things in his lifetime after his term, that he is one of America's heroes. Always a human rights advocate and a humanitarian, he served Habitat for Humanity for a week out of every year until he was unable to participate. He was instrumental as a diplomat in the Panama Canal construction, and in the FFA program. He even received a Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. He holds the title of the oldest living president, the longest married president (75 years) and has too many accolades to list. I would encourage you to look into his life for a very interesting biography of a man who wasn't afraid to stand up for what he believed in, and always took action for the betterment of our citizens. RIP, Jimmy!

## Contact me for your ATV/UTV quote today

**State Farm**  
Shawn Christensen  
Agent

1903 S Broadway  
Rochester, MN 55904-7924

Bus: 507-282-1500  
shawn@sfr Rochester.com  
www.sfr Rochester.com



## Do You Have An Announcement?

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

## Save the Date: Audition for Neil Simon's RUMORS

Sunday and Monday,  
January 12 and 13  
at 6 p.m.



Under the direction of Bill Schnell, cast needs are:

8 major roles, 4 female and 4 male, and 2 minor roles. Ages 25 to 60.

### About the Play:

At a large, tastefully-appointed Sneden's Landing townhouse, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though it's only a flesh wound, Charlie Brock's self-inflicted injury sets off a series of events causing four couples to experience a severe attack of farce.

As their tenth wedding anniversary party commences, Charlie lies bleeding in another room, and his wife Myra is nowhere in sight. The first guests, lawyer Ken Gorman and his wife Chris, scramble to get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and miscommunications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

### About the Characters:

**KEN GORMAN** – (40-50) A well-to-do lawyer. Wealthy, but by no means pretentious. Takes charge of the situation. Married to Chris. Halfway through the show, a gunshot causes his temporary deafness.

**CHRIS GORMAN** – (35-50) Another lawyer, married to Ken. Beautiful, easily flustered. Frantically tries to maintain normalcy at the party. Has recently quit smoking, which drives her to drink a bit more.

**LENNY GANZ** – (40-55) A wealthy accountant, distraught over the recent destruction of his new car. Starts the show with an extreme case of whiplash. Intolerant of the gossipy lifestyle that he is often involved in.

**CLAIRE GANZ** – (40-50) Lenny's wife. Very concerned with appearances (hers and others'). Starts the play with a swollen lip. Likes to gossip.

**ERNIE CUSACK** – (50-60) A psychiatrist. Affable, smokes a pipe. Loves his wife very much. Tries to be as helpful as possible cooking the evening's dinner.

**COOKIE CUSACK** – (40-55) Has her own cooking show. Suffers from extreme back spasms. Loves her husband very much. A bit absent-minded at times.

**GLENN COOPER** – (30-40) A handsome man running for State Senate. Worried about his own reputation. Struggles with placating his wife, who is convinced he is having an affair (which he may or may not be).



**CASSIE COOPER** – (25-35) Glenn's beautiful wife. Obsesses over her husband's relationships with other women. Quick to anger. Must rub her quartz crystal to calm herself down.

city police officer having a rough night. Does not tolerate lying. Sees through the "classy" façade that these high-society types put up.

**OFFICER PUDNEY** (F or M) (20-30) Welch's partner. A strong but silent type.

**OFFICER WELCH** (M or F) – (30-50) A


## Share Your Good News!

Submit your engagement,  
wedding or birth announcement.

Email:

hometownmessenger@gmail.com





**Holly J. Burow**  
CPA, LLC

Certified Public Accountant  
holly@hollyjcpa.com

**Business and Individual  
Tax Preparation**

**Bookkeeping Service**

**Payroll Service**

211 Main Street • PO Box 585  
West Concord, MN 55985

Office: 507-527-2898 Cell: 507-838-2970  
Fax: 507-527-2445

**MomCo**

(Formerly known as MOPS)

**Mom's & Children's Programs**  
(nursery provided)

at  
Faith Community Church, West Concord

Meets 1st and 3rd  
Friday of each month  
from 9:30am to 11:00am  
during school year

CONTACT: Cindy Breederland 507-272-2600  
or Louise Severud 623-645-3813.

## A PLAN FOR EVERYONE

- Life
- Health
- Annuities
- IRA's
- Employee Benefits
- Long Term Care
- Medicare Supplements/Part D



*Providing our clients with the best coverage and value  
for their insurance needs for more than 50 years.*

## FAHNING & ASSOCIATES LLC

*Beth Hanggi*

35 W. Main St., Dodge Center • 507-374-6342 • www.fahningandassoc.com



# FLAKE OUT

## Festival & WINTER PARADE

\* DENNISON, MN \*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

**HOT  
DISH  
COOK  
OFF**

**11th Annual  
DENNI  
DAZZLE  
PARADE**

**LIVE MUSIC  
From  
The Devney  
Brothers**

**KICKBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

**BUY YOUR  
RAFFLE TICKET  
TODAY!**

**Flake Out Festival Raffle Saturday, February 1**

Buy a Raffle Ticket from any Lions Member, Fireside Lounge, Dennison Depot Gas Station, 625 Bar & Grill or Heritage Bank in Dennison for \$5.00 for your chance to win!

**Grand Prize \$500.00 Cash!**

**2nd Prize \$250 Cash • 3rd Prize \$100 Cash**

*Plus Many Additional Prizes from Local Area Businesses!*

SPONSORED BY DENNISON LIONS CLUB CHARITABLE GAMBLING PERMIT #2762. MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

## Choosing Seeds and Plants to Avoid Pests and Pathogens in Your Garden

*Planning ahead for your garden can help mitigate potential risks*

By Maya Sarkar,  
The Minnesota Department  
of Agriculture

Gardening is exciting! It can bring food to your table, provide habitat for the creatures around us, and deepen our connection with our environment. Even though we are currently embracing winter in Minnesota, it's never too early to daydream about spring and start planning for the growing season.

Planning ahead for your garden can help mitigate potential risks, including plant disease and pests. One way to avoid plant disease and pest risks is to learn how to prevent them from entering your garden. Prevention is much easier than treatment when it comes to plant pathogens and pests, including noxious weeds. Here are a few strategies to avoid bringing in unwanted hitchhikers on seeds or plants.

### Obtain seed and plants from a reputable source.

To minimize the introduction of pathogens and noxious weeds, it's important to get seeds and plants from a reputable source. This could mean buying from a reputable seed company or nursery or knowing your neighbor's garden is free from disease before taking up their offer to share their plants with you. If you get seed from a community seed library or seed swap, make sure that the seed was grown locally to prevent introduction of invasive pests from other areas. Using local seeds and plants is always the safest option.

### Do not use seed from grocery store produce.

It is important to use seed that is intended to be planted. Fruits and vegetables found in the grocery store are not screened for plant pathogens that hide in seed. Growers of seed-producing plants gather seed from healthy plants and test seed for diseases prior to sale. Produce intended for human consumption does not go through the same plant pathogen screenings, so make sure to instead get seed from a reputable source.

### Inspect plants for problems before purchase.

When picking out plants to bring to your garden, it's important to do your own inspection of the plant. To avoid unwanted bacteria, viruses, and worms, it's important to inspect all of the material they may be hiding in. This includes checking the leaves, stems, and roots for healthy tissue as well as the soil for pests. Healthy plants should have leaves free of spots or discoloration; firm, uniformly colored stems; and roots with fi-



brous, healthy growth. Choosing healthy plants from the start is a good way to ensure your garden stays healthy.

### Carefully review online sellers before buying seed or plants.

While many folks still purchase seed and plants from physical stores, online sales of seeds and plants are increasing. It's important to remember that if the deal seems "too good to be true," it probably is. Be wary of cheap seed and plants. For seeds, try to find the full label which includes the kind of seed, its test or expiration date, and the labeler name and address. If you can find the labeler name, try to find their website and order directly from them.

For plants, don't be afraid to call the seller

and ask about where the plants are grown and how they will be shipped to you. If you end up getting seeds or plants you are unsure about, remember to isolate plants in separate pots until you can assess their health, and don't plant seeds that are a mystery to you.

You can learn more on an upcoming episode of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) podcast, *Smarty Plants*. The January episode will cover the best practices for obtaining seeds and plants to avoid pests and pathogens. It will feature a conversation with two MDA experts. *Smarty Plants* podcast episodes are available on the MDA website, our YouTube channel, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify.

## Quality, Convenient Care in Wanamingo

The OMC Wanamingo Branch Clinic provides the following services:

- Family medicine
- Telehealth services
- Preventative, acute, and chronic medical care
- Sports, camp, school, work, and annual physical exams

### Meet your providers



Dannielle Zielkie, APRN



Peter Brehmer, APRN

**OMC's Wanamingo Clinic is open Monday through Thursday**  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 1:00 - 5:00 PM.  
To make an appointment call 507.824.2217.

217 Main Street  
Wanamingo, MN 55983  
olmstedmedicalcenter.org



## Dispose of Holiday Greens and Christmas Trees Correctly to Protect Minnesota's Trees and Forests

### *Invasive pests can hide on festive foliage*

#### By Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Holiday greenery and Christmas trees bring joy throughout the season, but they can also hide dangerous pests. Diseases and invasive species can make their way into our landscapes on trees and boughs brought into Minnesota from other states.

To protect our environment, the State of Minnesota is asking residents to take these steps to properly dispose of greenery and trees after the holiday season:

The best option is to use a curbside tree collection or bring trees to a designated drop-off site. Check with your waste hauler, city, or county to see what services are offered in your area. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has a map of yard waste compost locations; contact locations directly to see if they accept trees and greenery.

Don't toss trees and greenery into your backyard woods or residential compost pile, which can spread the invasive species or disease.

Wreaths and other decorative greens can be disposed of in trash cans.

If your city or county does not have an organized pick-up or drop-off, the last resort is to burn the greens. Always check fire danger conditions and burning restrictions before burning and follow local ordinances.

Pests of concern include elongate hemlock scale, a small insect established in the eastern U.S. where many decorative Fraser firs are grown. Feeding damage caused by this invasive insect can cause the needles of hemlocks, firs, and spruces to yellow and prematurely drop. Also, boxwood blight, a fungal disease, and round leaf bittersweet, an invasive noxious weed, are sometimes found on wreaths and centerpieces and can endanger native trees and other landscaping.

If you suspect your greenery or tree may be infested with an invasive insect or disease, contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Report a Pest line at 1-888-545-6684, [reportapest@state.mn.us](mailto:reportapest@state.mn.us), or through the online reporting form.



# Christmas in West Concord



Keith Clammer with Lauren & Harrison Van Zuilen



Keith Clammer's Snowplow Safety Class Winners: Jude Van Zuilen and Rylee Yurkovic



David Granger with Madelyn Frederick



Annika & Amelia Frederick


*Speaking the Truth in Love*

**COMMUNITY FORUM ON ABORTION**

Join us for a community forum with **Rev. Brian Walker** as he explains the biblical teaching on the sanctity of human life and shares his personal experience with one of the most significant moral issues of our day—abortion.

**Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025**  
**7:00–8:00 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
404 Central Avenue North  
Dodge Center, Minn.





# Christmas in West Concord

January 8, 2025

- DODGE CENTER, CLAREMONT, WEST CONCORD MESSENGER -

Page 9

**Take a Short Drive to Delicious**

**Steaks - Seafood - Burgers  
Sandwiches - Salads  
Full Bar - Off Sale**



**Join Us for Lunch or Dinner**

*Daily Features*

**WEDNESDAY** Enjoy Our Jumbo™ Wings Specials!  
BBQ Rib Dinner - 1/2 or Full Rack (begins at 4:00p.m.)

**THURSDAY** \$3.50 All Taps, Domestic Bottles, Rail Drinks!  
Taco Specials! Fajita Specials! 16oz. Margarita Special

**FINALLY FRIDAY** All You Can Eat Fish Dinner

**SATURDAY** Hand Battered Jumbo Shrimp or  
Slow Roasted Prime Rib

**SUNDAY** Enjoy Our Sunday Breakfast Beginning at 9a.m.  
and Sunday Supper Features, including 1/2 Price Bottles of Wine (after 4p.m.)

*Mark Your Calendars for Flake Out Fest February 1st!*

Open Wednesday-Thursday 11:00am-8:30pm; Friday-Saturday 11:00am-9:30pm  
Sunday 9:00am-8:00pm (Bar Open Later)  
37540 Goodhue Ave., Dennison, MN  
507-645-9992 • [www.firesidelounge.net](http://www.firesidelounge.net)



Lynn Haltvick helping with crafts

## Quality that extends beyond our windows and doors.



**We invest our time in quality windows and doors, so you can have more quality time.**

At Probuilt Construction LLC, we're proud to offer Marvin solutions designed to support your well-being, from fresh air to connections to the outdoors. Together, we're focused on every aspect of product quality to make sure every moment you spend surrounded by Marvin windows and doors is quality time.

Explore Marvin's product collections with an expert at Probuilt Construction LLC arranged by degree of design detail, flexibility, and customization



©2022 Marvin Lumber and Cedar Co., LLC. All rights reserved.  
Registered trademark of Marvin Lumber and Cedar Co., LLC.

**DISCUSS YOUR PROJECT  
WITH A MARVIN EXPERT**



Probuilt Construction LLC  
1359 Bluff Street  
Dundas, MN 55019  
507-200-1545  
[www.probuiltmn.com](http://www.probuiltmn.com)  
BC807868

## MDA Now Accepting Applications for 2025 Beginning Farmer Tax Credit

*Eligible parties are encouraged to apply early for funding*

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority (RFA) is now accepting applications for the 2025 Beginning Farmer Tax Credit, an annual program available to landlords and sellers (asset owners) who rent or sell farmland, equipment, livestock, and other agricultural assets to beginning farmers.

Total funding available for the 2025 Beginning Farmer Tax Credit program is \$4 million. The credits are funded in a first-come, first-served manner, so applicants are highly encouraged to apply early in the year before the stated deadlines. Both the asset owners and beginning farmers must submit applications with lease and/or sale documents to be eligible for funding and to hold their place in line. They may apply before sales close, if needed.

Asset owners can claim credits in one of the following categories in a given tax year for each beginning farmer they lease/sell to:

Qualifying asset owners can include individuals, trusts, or qualified pass-through entities renting or selling land, livestock, facilities, buildings, or machinery used for farming in Minnesota to a beginning farmer. Through changes made to the program during the 2023 legislative session, parents, grandparents, and siblings are now eligible for the tax credit if they sell farmland to a direct family member. However, this does not apply to leases or non-land sales (e.g., livestock, equipment).

A beginning farmer is defined as a Minnesota resident with the desire to start farming or who began farming within the past 10 years. They must provide positive projected earnings statements, have a net worth less than \$1,013,000, and enroll in or have completed an approved Farm Business Management (FBM) program.

Beginning farmers are also eligible for a nonrefundable Minnesota tax credit equal to the amount paid for FBM tuition, up to a maximum of \$1,500. This tax credit is available for up to three years.

Full eligibility requirements and application materials can be found on the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit webpage. Questions may be directed to Jenny Heck at [Jenny.Heck@state.mn.us](mailto:Jenny.Heck@state.mn.us) or 651-201-6316.

	Tax Credit Amount	Maximum Tax Credit	Application Due Date
Cash Rentals	10% of annual rental income	\$7,000	July 17, 2025
Share Crop Rentals	15% of annual rental income	\$10,000	July 17, 2025
Sales	8% of sale price (12% if the buyer is an emerging farmer)	\$50,000	Nov. 1, 2025
Beginning Farmer Farm Business Management Tuition Reimbursement	Equal to tuition paid out of pocket	\$1,500 for 3 years	Nov. 1, 2025

### Klobuchar named ranking member of Senate Ag Committee

ST. PAUL – Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., has been named the ranking member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.



The announcement came the day after Rep. Angie Craig, D-2nd District, was elected as the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee.

Klobuchar has served on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry since her first term in Congress and she's worked to pass three Farm Bills.

"From her tour of all 87 counties each year to her work on the last three Farm Bills, Sen. Klobuchar is known for showing up, listening and delivering results," said Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) President Gary Wertish. "Our members know her and her office well and are grateful for her service."

"Minnesota's history of strong, bipartisan leadership is well served by Sen. Klobuchar and Rep. Craig," he added. "We're grateful for their leadership."

*About Minnesota Farmers Union*

Minnesota Farmers Union works to protect and enhance the economic interests and quality of life of family farmers and ranchers and rural communities. MFU is a nonprofit membership-based organization. Membership is open to everyone. Learn more and join at [www.mfu.org](http://www.mfu.org) and follow MFU on Facebook, X, Bluesky and Instagram.

## Do You Have An Announcement?

Email:

[hometownmessenger@gmail.com](mailto:hometownmessenger@gmail.com)

*A legendary musical experience*

# ★ ICONIC FEST ★

EST. 2015

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

## Friday & Saturday JULY 11 & 12, 2025

For More Information & to Order Tickets Go To  
[www.iconicfest.com](http://www.iconicfest.com)

### Friday, July 11



### Saturday, July 12



## 2 DAY OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL!

*Held at the Green Lantern  
9 miles East of Brainerd on Hwy. 18*



## Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol



I wanted to share a message about distracted driving. Here is some information we recently shared on our Department of Public

Safety blog.

“It was supposed to be a routine trip for 20-year-old Megan Severson. On Oct. 17, 2019, Severson was driving from Preston in south-eastern Minnesota to visit her boyfriend in North Dakota. But when she reached Highway 52 in St. Paul, everything changed in an instant.

The crash - Severson glanced over at her GPS to see which exit she needed to take. “I looked down and I was speeding, so it felt a lot shorter than it actually was,” said Severson. “When I came to realize that the cars in front of me were stopped, I hit my brakes as fast as I thought I could.”

She couldn’t stop in time. Severson Walked away from the crash with her life. An innocent passenger did not. Severson rear-ended the stopped car in front of her, causing a chain-reaction crash involving multiple vehicles. A passenger in the car she hit, Anthony Kawino, 33, of Burnsville was killed. “I just

looked around at the scene that was in front of me,” Severson recalled. “It was horrific. I saw them pulling the blanket over the deceased, and at that point it clicked into my brain that this is bad. Very, very bad.”

Minnesota State Patrol Sgt. Daniel Dixon was the reconstructionist who documented how and why this crash happened. The answers were obvious, he said. Severson was speeding at 70 mph in a 55 mph zone just before she hit the car Kawino was in. “At that speed, if you’re looking at your GPS for five seconds to try to figure out where you would need to go next, you just traveled almost two football fields of distance,” Dixon said.

Somber anniversary - Severson was charged with criminal vehicular homicide because she was speeding and distracted at the time of the crash. She still remembers her lawyer explaining what this felony charge could mean for her future. “When he first said people normally get prison time, I went off the rails in my mind,” Severson added. “I didn’t know what to think. I was in a big state of panic. I mean, nobody wants to go to prison.”

Severson pleaded guilty to the charge. She was sentenced to around three months in jail and five years of probation. The judge also granted a request from Kawino’s family; having Severson report to jail on Oct. 17 each year – the anniversary of the deadly crash.

“It’s probably the worst day of the year for me,” Severson said. “Everything just cycles back as if it happened yesterday. All of it. The crash, Anthony, his family. What would he be doing? Would he have a family of his own? Married? Kids?”

Lessons learned - Severson hopes sharing her story will encourage other drivers to put distractions away when they are behind the wheel. “Don’t do it, because there are heavy consequences and it’s more than prison, jail or probation. It’s your whole life. It’s the



guilt, the pain,” Severson said. “We have to realize it’s not just us on the road. It takes just one wrong, slight move to end your life or another person’s life – and it happens fast.”

Across Minnesota, distracted driving was a factor in one in 11 crashes from 2019 to 2023. Distracted driving contributed to an average of 29 deaths and 146 life-changing injuries a year over that same time period. So far in 2024, distractions have been a factor in 27 (comes on Tuesday current as of 12/17) traffic deaths.

It’s frustrating for Dixon knowing something preventable is causing deaths on Minnesota roads. “It seems like as the cars get better, safer and smarter that drivers get more relaxed and less attentive to what’s going on out there,” he said. “It’s evident that the message is not getting across because people are still playing on their phones while driving all the time, as much as you try to explain that this is dangerous.”

As Severson works to move on from that tragic crash five years ago, she says she is taking this second chance at life seriously – knowing Kawino wasn’t as fortunate. “I’m not living for just myself. I’m living for two. The life that I took. It makes me want to push to be the best I can be.”

For more information and blogs please visit: <https://dps.mn.gov/news/blog>

**Question: I see the sign boards along the highway with different messages posted. Do they use these for Amber Alerts? I know I get the alert on my phone and was just curious.**

Answer: Message and lane-use signs on some freeways warn drivers of traffic crashes, stalled vehicles, or other traffic conditions ahead.

Message signs may also be activated when the state issues an AMBER Alert in response to a child abduction. The signs will provide information such as a vehicle description. Drivers who see a vehicle fitting the description, or who have other information about the missing child, will be asked to notify law enforcement. The best number to call is “911.”

**Question: Do you have any advice on what a person should do if they are driving along in the dark and their headlights go out?**

Answer: If your headlights suddenly go out, try using your parking lights, hazard warning lights or turn signals—one of them may work and give you enough light to guide you off the road. If your headlights fail on a busy or lighted road, you will probably have enough light to guide you onto the shoulder. If all your lights fail on a dark, deserted road, slow down and keep your vehicle on the pavement until you can move safely onto the shoulder.

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

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

## Avoid Distractions

Avoiding distractions behind the wheel is always crucial, and the winter months can present additional challenges with unpredictable, dangerous road conditions. Snow and ice on the road mean vehicles take longer to stop, so quick reaction times are even more important. By staying focused and avoiding distractions, drivers can better adapt to sudden changes, like an icy patch or a car skidding ahead. A momentary distraction, such as glancing at a phone or adjusting the radio, can lead to losing control on icy roads or not seeing hazards like black ice, slower vehicles, or pedestrians.



Following these tips can help drivers avoid becoming distracted behind the wheel:

Put the phone away: Silence your phone and store it out of reach before driving. Use “Do Not Disturb” mode to block notifications.

Plan ahead: Set your GPS, queue up your playlist, or take care of texts and calls before you start driving.

Pull over safely: If something urgent comes up, find a safe spot to pull over before handling it.

Create a driving routine: Make driving a focused activity by committing to zero distractions during your trip.

Enlist passengers: Let passengers handle navigation, music or calls, so you can keep your attention on the road.

Secure loose items: Store items securely to avoid the need to reach for anything while driving.

Lead by example: Show others – especially young drivers – how to drive without distractions. Be the role model for safe driving.

Snow, ice and reduced visibility require a driver's full attention to navigate safely. Staying focused behind the wheel is one of the simplest yet most effective ways to prevent crashes and save lives. Together, we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.

## Headlights on When Snowing

Winter weather often means reduced visibility, especially during snowstorms. Your headlights play a critical role in keeping you safe and visible to other drivers. Blowing snow can quickly create dangerous whiteout conditions, so it’s important to remember a simple rule: if there’s any kind of precipitation, whether it’s snow, rain or even a light drizzle, turn on your lights. It is the law.

While many vehicles have sensors that activate lights automatically when it’s getting dark, they don’t always turn on your lights during precipitation, especially in daylight. Check your owner’s manual to learn how to manually activate your lights if needed.

Seeing and being seen can help reduce your chances of getting in a crash. Before hitting the road, take a moment to ensure all your lights are on and working properly. It’s a simple step that helps everyone stay safe this winter.



# Legal Notices

## CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

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

City staff and others present: City Administrator Elizabeth Sorg, City Attorney Mark Rahrlick, City Engineer Derek Olinger, Dodge County Ambulance Director AJ Gengler, PeopleService Representative Nick Viker, Dwayne Lyke, Richard Haberman, Alec Vaughn, and Gary Gray.

### AGENDA

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

### PUBLIC INPUT

Alec Vaughn asked if the city spoke to the crew that moved in the houses about the ruts in his ditch on the north side of his property.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the September 3, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting and Resolution No. 24-12: Certifying Past-Due Bills to Dodge County. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

### PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The fire department and fire relief have discussed at length about joining the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan, which is administered by PERA. It would move the relief funds invested with their financial advisor to PERA. Tim Kruckeberg is the fire relief

treasurer right now and will retire in the next couple years and no one else wants to or knows what needs to be done as treasurer. At any time if the department would change their mind, they can go back to the way it was. Motion by Sultze to approve Resolution No. 24-22: Resolution Opting to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighters Plan, second by Hedberg. Motion carried unanimously.

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

On September 23, the Planning & Zoning Committee held a meeting for 2 variance requests. Richard Haberman at 140 E Front Street applied for a variance to have an 8-foot-tall fence. Alec Vaughn is Haberman's neighbor and has had his property surveyed. On the west and east ends of Haberman's property are accessory structures that have been there since he bought the property, and they are very close to the property line. He built a fence connecting the 2 buildings and put an addition on the top of fence to make it 8 feet tall. The fence is on the property line. Planning & Zoning recommended to the council that Haberman alter the fence to be only 6 feet high, approve the fence to be on the property line, where it is currently, and they recommended Haberman and Vaughn make a fence agreement between themselves.

Alec Vaughn at 140 Hayes Street applied for a variance to have a fence 9 feet high and on the property line. The Planning & Zoning recommended the council approve the variance allowing the fence to be placed on the property line due to the fact that the abutting structures are nearly on the property line, on the west and/or north side of Vaughn's property the fence has to be 2' inside the property line, the fence can only be up to 6' tall, where the fence is abutting the building and very close on the south side the decorative fence can be on either side, and commission members recommend for those 2 to get a fence agreement between themselves. The commission members also said that weeds must be controlled between the fences.

At this meeting, Haberman said he is worried about the snow that will fall between the 2 fences being inches

apart, whereas if Vaughn's fence was 2' inside his property line it would be easier to clean out the snow and weeds. Motion by Hedberg to deny the variance request for 140 E Front Street to have an 8-foot-high fence, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously. Council gave him 2 weeks to get the fence down to 6 feet. Motion by Sultze to deny the variance request for a 9-foot-high fence and putting the fence on the property line at 120 Hayes Street, second by Klejeski. He must follow city code regarding fences. Motion carried unanimously.

### EDA

The council toured one of the Arden Homes before the meeting started. Durand is planning on closing on 2 of the houses in mid-October. The Second Extension Agreement between him and the City will expire November 30, 2024. Motion by Ellis to approve the Second Extension Agreement for Arden Homes, second by Hedberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Claremont Service Center turned in the documents for their façade grant reimbursement. Motion by Hedberg to approve the \$2500 grant reimbursement, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Nothing at this time.

### PARKS COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

### PEOPLESERVICE

Their monthly reports were in the packet. There is a heater in the blower room at the WWTF which has not been working and could create problems should the power go out. PeopleService Representative Nick Viker will get a quote to fix the heater or buy a new one. Viker also said there is a dehumidifier that quit working. He got an old one to work but it should be replaced. They said to get estimates for a new one.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Brian Johnson donated \$820 for the Harmer Park sign and installation.

Fire Chief Dahl had applied for a Compeer Grant and received it. It is a \$10,000 grant and will be used to replace their Jaws of Life equipment.

Sorg checked out the water plant, wastewater plant, and city shop. There were a few items that needed to be cleaned up and inspections will be held monthly.

### CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing other than what is on the agenda.

### OLD BUSINESS

David Stein at 300 E Front Street was served the Court Order on September 19. He has 20 days to provide an answer in the manner provided for service denying such facts in the Order or 30 days to provide a written plan of abatement.

Mayor Dahl and Administrator Sorg went to another meeting with the 4 cities regarding the DCA EMS Special Taxing District/Joint Powers Board. Dodge Center is willing to give Kasson more than 1 vote or even give up their vote if needed, Kasson wanted at least 2 votes if not more, Mantorville wanted equal votes for every city and Claremont said equal votes for all cities. At these meetings Mayor Dahl has asked repeatedly if the townships have agreed to having no votes and was told yes. Mayor Dahl reached out to the township supervisors and that is not what they have said. The townships said they were supposed to get more information from DCA, and they are still waiting for that. DC Ambulance Director AJ Dengler said they were working with the cities first and a meeting is scheduled with the townships next week. Claremont township member Gary Gray was present and said their township hasn't received any information for months. Dengler apologized for not getting the information to the townships sooner, but they were working with the cities for agree-

ment first. He asked if the council would agree to having 1 vote per city except Kasson having 2 votes. The township wasn't invited to the meetings that have been held because the meetings were just for the taxing district, which at this time is just the cities. The townships are thinking they just want to join the joint powers board so they wouldn't have any voting power. Any city can join the joint powers board also, but then they wouldn't get a vote and would have to levy for the ambulance service. The levy amount would be the amount that the special taxing district decides. Dengler said that Kasson does deserve more votes due to the coverage area, population, and number of calls. He went to the Mantorville council meeting this week and said they changed their mind and are now fine with 1 vote and Kasson getting 2. He also attended the Kasson council meeting, and they are fine with only 2 votes as some of them wanted more than 2 votes. The council stated they are not comfortable until the townships are informed and on agreement with what is happening. Dengler asked so if they get the townships on board, will the council still say no or yes. The council said they can't answer until all townships are informed and know what is going on.

The Professional Services Agreement between the city and Water Treatment Consulting and Certification was reviewed. Motion by Dahl to approve the Professional Services Agreement pending the execution of the start date, second by Sultze. Motion by Dahl to amend her motion slightly that the execution of the start date will be determined by the Administrator, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

A resident called asking if they could park a food truck somewhere in town. City Code states it is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street for the purposes of advertising for sale or selling merchandise thereon... Since food trucks are becoming more common, Sorg recommended amending the city ordinance. The council discussed having the parking areas in Henning Park and Harmer Park as good areas or possibly by the water tower, but not on Front Street or any street due to traffic. Attorney Rahrlick and Administrator Sorg will work on an amendment to the ordinance.

Since the General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 5 the council meeting needs to be rescheduled. The regular November Council Meeting will be held Thursday, November 14th starting at 7 p.m.

### CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Olinger went over the 2025 Street and Utility Improvements Project and Feasibility Report. The total project cost estimate at this time is \$1,025,650 and construction would be the summer of 2025. Motion by Klejeski to approve Resolution No. 24-23: Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement 2025 Street and Utility Improvements, second by Sultze. Motion carried unanimously. The Improvement Hearing will be November 14 during the regular council meeting.

Motion by Sultze to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m., second by Hedberg. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg,  
City Administrator

Tasha Dahl, Mayor

### Concord Township Election Filing Notice

Concord Township will be holding officer elections on Tuesday March 11, 2025.

Offices open are: Supervisor – regular 3year term  
Treasurer – regular 2year term

Persons interested in running for office must submit an Affidavit of Candidacy with a \$2.00 filing fee to the Concord Township Clerk. Affidavits may be filed beginning January 2, 2025 and no later than 5:00PM January 14, 2025.

Clerk: Michael Jones  
57302 State Hwy 56  
West Concord, MN 55985  
Ph: 507 273 3903

**Keeping your name in front of  
your potential customers is an  
essential part of marketing your  
business in todays competitive market.**

Call Terry at 507-951-7417  
or email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com  
to place your ad in the next Messenger

### Public Notice – Minnesota Department of Transportation, Aeronautics.

This notice serves as an announcement required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) about an antenna tower to be relocated. The date of publishing this announcement serves as the start of the FCC's required 30-day comment period for interested parties to comment on this proposed action.

MnDOT Aeronautics owns, operates, and maintains Automatic Weather Observation Systems (AWOS) as part of the National Airspace System. The Proposed Antenna Tower will serve as an AWOS located on airport property TOB Dodge Center, MN and has been previously constructed and/or is being relocated on the Airport Property.

The Proposed Tower is a 30-foot-tall lattice tower with various AWOS Weather Sensors mounted on the tower, including VHF and UHF Transmitters and Receivers. A Steady Red Emitting Light will be located at the top of the tower.

Interested persons may review the application for this project by going to the FCC's Antenna Structure Registration Application Search website <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UsApp/AsrSearch/asrApplicationSearch.jsp> and entering the Form 854 File Number: A1304814

The FCC requires interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online; instructions for making such filings can be found at [www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest](http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest). Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the proposed structure by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission.

For questions about this project, contact John Dalton at MnDOT Aeronautics [john.dalton@state.mn.us](mailto:john.dalton@state.mn.us).

### TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SUMMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING/ CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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 November 13, 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 Luterma, Shane Van Beek, Tricia Johnson, Corey Black, Tina Kozisek, and others.

The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the October 21, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's report; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for students #111324A, #111324B, and #111324C; long-term substitute agreement for Elaine French as THS Teacher; maternity leave request for #111324A effective March 7, 2025-June 6, 2025;

- Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election;
- Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform other Election Related Duties;

- Overnight stay for students to attend the FFA State Convention in St. Cloud, December 9-10, 2024;
- Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation;

- Resolution of School Board/Governing Board Supporting Form B Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation;
- 2024-2025 snow removal quote with Rohwer Enterprises, LLC;
- Adding April 22, 2025 as a no school day on the 2024-2025 calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

### Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Certificate of Assumed Name Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name.

The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

ASSUMED NAME: Fresh Bites  
PRINCIPAL PLACE

OF BUSINESS: 710 2nd Street Kenyon, MN 55946

USA APPLICANT(S): Name: Angies Inc Address: 631 2nd Street Kenyon, MN 55946

If you submit an attachment, it will be incorporated into this document.

If the attachment conflicts with the information specifically set forth in this document, this document supersedes the data referenced in the attachment.

By typing my name, I, the

undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities.

I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I under-

stand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY: Byron Nes-  
seth

MAILING ADDRESS:  
631 2nd Street Kenyon,  
MN 55946

EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL  
NOTICES: [barneynes-  
seth@gmail.com](mailto:barneynes-<br/>seth@gmail.com)

### DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Tuesday, November 12, 2024

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the November 12, 2024 Dodge Center City Council special canvassing 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: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson and Kathy Freeman

Absent:

City Council approved the following items:

- Resolution 2024-028 Declaring the Results of the Regular City Election and the Abstract of Votes from the November 5th, 2024 General Election.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm

### DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Tuesday, November 25, 2024

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the November 25, 2024 Dodge Center City Council regular 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: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson, Deputy Tyler Vermeersch, AJ Gengler, Jeremy Dostal; Meredith Brose and Kathy Freeman

Absent:

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda to include: Minutes from November 12, 2024 City Council Special Meeting; November 12, 2024 City Council Special Canvassing Meeting; Resolution 2024-029 Certifying Delinquent Utility Charges to County Auditor for Collection; Termination of Seasonal Park Staff; Assessment Agreement Between Dodge Center and Dodge County; and Payment of Bills;
  - Moving forward with the order to abate property at 606 5th St SE to include fencing for the dog(s);
  - Fire Department purchase of four (4) head-sets at a cost of \$6,538.80;
  - Resolution 2024-030 Approving the Variance Application of Karen Reidel at 308 3rd Ave NE;
  - Metco, Inc bid in the amount of \$336,365, for Jet Fuel Expansion contingent upon acceptance by our Engineer.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

### DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, December 09, 2024

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the December 09, 2024 Dodge Center City Council regular 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: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Lee Mattson, Deputy Tyler Vermeersch, Marianne Sobek, Mark Barwald, and Kathy Freeman

Absent:

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda to include: Minutes from November 25, 2024 City Council Meeting; Resolution 2024-031 Amending Fees for Licenses, Permits and Services; Resolution 2024-032 Fixing Rates and Charges for Municipal Utilities; Ambulance Deferred Compensation Disbursement, Triton High School Request – Community Center and Payment of Bills;
  - Renewal of Currency Exchange License by Harold's Liquors;
  - Resolution 2024-033 Adopting 2025 Budget and Levy;
  - Request from Triton High School student Macy Klejeski promoting her senior project.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

FOR COMMUNITY RELEASE

Dakota County Sheriff's Office  
Joe Leko, Sheriff

**REWARD OFFERED**

ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON

**Nicole "Nikki" Anderson**  
•5'10"  
•135 lbs  
•Last seen wearing a long grey sweater and camouflage pants.

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

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

Last known image of Anderson \* on 7/6/2024 at 06:54 hours.

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

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

Reference DCSO Case # 24-00819  
1-800-222-8477

Dakota County Sheriff's Office | 1580 Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota 55033  
651-438-TIPS(8477)

FOR COMMUNITY RELEASE

# AREA DINING & ENTERTAINMENT



**PLAZA MORENA**  
CAMPESTRE GRILL

DINING ROOM  
Open 7 Days a Week 11:00am-10:00pm

**5% OFF MEAL PURCHASE**

Expires January 31, 2025. Does not include alcohol. Not valid with any other offer.

160 26th St NE, Owatonna • 507-413-0819  
www.plazamorena.com



Breakfast served weekends 9am to 2pm  
Happy Hour Sunday-Thursday 3 to 5:30pm



**Cahill Bistro & Bar**  
*Latin American Fusion*

Mon.-Thurs. 10am - 9pm; Fri.-Sun. 10am - 10pm  
632 2nd street Kenyon, MN  
507-623-1001  
www.cahillbistrobar.com



**PLAZA MORENA**  
CAMPESTRE GRILL

**DAILY SPECIALS!**  
Noon Buffet 11am to 2pm

**5% OFF MEAL PURCHASE WITH THIS AD**



ORDER ONLINE!  
WWW.DODGEPLAZAMORENA.COM  
Sunday-Thursday 11:00am to 9:00pm  
Friday-Saturday 11:00am to 10:00pm  
411 W. Highway St. Dodge Center  
507-374-9555



**SAKER'S**  
SPORTS BAR & GRILL

401 8th St. SE, Kasson  
507-634-7400

Closed Sundays & Mondays for the winter  
Tuesday-Saturday 11am to Close  
Event Center  
400 people capacity

**Full Lunch & Dinner Menu**

Daily Specials!  
Full Bar Available!



• Happy Hour 3-7pm Weekdays •



**HIDDEN PINES**  
BAR & GRILL

25202 615th Street, Mantorville  
**(507) 635-7163**

Mon 11am-8pm  
Tues-Thurs 11am-9pm  
Fri-Sat 11am-10pm; Sun 11am-8pm

**DINE IN TAKE OUT WEEKLY SPECIALS**



www.hiddenpinesmn.com

**NEW! GRAB N GO LUNCHES**



**TOREY'S**  
RESTAURANT & BAR  
TOREYS.NET

**YUM!**  
Don't Let Your Hurry Come Before Your Hunger!



PICK UP ONE OF OUR DELICIOUS SALADS OR WRAPS!

LOCATED NEAR THE BACK ENTRANCE OF THE RESTAURANT AT 208 N. CEDAR, OWATONNA

Available Weekdays 11am-1pm

CHECK OUT OUR MANY NEW LUNCH & DINNER MENU ITEMS!

507-455-9260  
MON-TUES-WED-THURS 11AM-9PM  
FRIDAY 11AM-9PM  
SAT 3:00PM-9:00PM • SUN CLOSED

BOOK YOUR FALL & WINTER EVENTS! Banquet Hall, Seating Up to 300



**TAMMY'S PLACE**  
Restaurant & Bar  
Kasson, MN



DRINKS • APPETIZERS • SANDWICHES  
BURGERS • SALADS • WRAPS • DESSERTS

**DAILY SPECIALS**

Closed Mon.; Tues-Thur 11am-9pm; Fri-Sat 11am-10pm; Sun 11am-8pm  
111 West Main Street, Kasson, MN  
507-634-3133



**SANDWICHES • BURGERS • BBQ**


**THE SMOKIN' SILVERBACK**

1832 South Cedar Owatonna MN  
507-214-0701  
Tuesday-Friday 4:00pm to Close  
Saturday 11:00am to Close

**BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER**

BURGERS, ESPRESSO  
HOTDISH, PIZZA  
ICE CREAM

**TRY OUR DAILY SPECIALS!**



635 2nd Street, Kenyon  
Hours:  
Tues.-Sat. 7am to 8pm; Sunday 8am to 6:30pm  
Closed Mondays  
507-789-1100

*East Wind*  
**東風 Buffet**

**15% OFF** Wednesday, Thursday with ad  
**10% OFF** Friday, Saturday, Sunday with ad

**MENU OR BUFFET**  
Cannot be used with other offers.

Hours: Monday: 11am-10pm; Tuesday: Closed; Wed.-Sun.: 11am-10pm  
507-451-9666

1015 W. Frontage Rd., Suite 103, Owatonna • South of Lowe's • Dine In Only • Expires January 31, 2025.



**Center**  
FAMILY RESTAURANT  
507-633-3333  
Thank You

30 Main Street  
Dodge Center, MN 55927

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Generous portions, friendly service and delicious homestyle cooking anytime!

TRY OUR DAILY SPECIALS!  
BREAKFAST SERVED ALL DAY!

**10% OFF With this ad**

Good Monday-Friday. Expires January 31, 2025.  
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 7am-3pm; Friday-Saturday 7am-8pm  
507-633-3333

**THE SPOT**  
SPORTS PUB AND GRILL

BREAKFAST 8am-11am  
HAPPY HOUR Weekdays 5-6pm

**WEEKDAY Specials**

Open until 1:00am / 7 days a week  
Facebook @ the Spot Sports Pub & Grill  
thespotsportspubmn.com  
112 Main Street Wanamingo, MN  
507-824-2100



# Business Link

- Bellechester • Castle Rock • Claremont • Dennison • Dodge Center • Dundas • Goodhue • Hampton • Kenyon • Mazeppa • Nerstrand • Randolph • Wanamingo • West Concord • Zumbro Falls •

**DODGE COUNTY LAND TITLE COMPANY**

\* Over 40 Years Experience  
\* Residential  
\* Farm  
\* Commercial

Use Dodge County Land Title Company for your next real estate transaction or loan closing.

38 W Main Street, Dodge Center, MN  
Ph: 507-633-6355  
Email: dclandtitle@kmtel.com

**MANTHEI SEPTIC SERVICE**

- Pumping • Flushing
- Maintenance • Tank Locator
- Inspection • Drain Cleaning

**24 HOUR Service**

**507-753-2408**  
**507-951-1691**

**LODERMEIER'S**  
STEEL & WOOD FRAME BUILDINGS

- Machinery Storage
- Commercial
- Livestock Buildings
- Garages

38241 County 6 Blvd, Goodhue  
**651-923-4441**  
Lodermeiers.net

**JOHNSON'S GENERAL STORE**

Artisan Products  
Handmade Soaps  
Chocolate Shoppe Confections  
Handcrafted Candles  
Amish Made Items

211 West Main St.  
Kasson  
507-634-4184  
Wed-Fri 10-6  
Sat 10-2

**GREAT GIFT IDEAS!**

**All Seasons Community Services**

**SENIOR DISCOUNT TUESDAYS**

**DISCOUNT POKER WEDNESDAYS**

**30/30 THURSDAYS**

Mon - Sat 10am to 5pm  
Closed Sundays  
530 2nd St. Kenyon  
**507-789-5622**

**BLUE HARBOR BOUTIQUE**

CLOTHING • JEWELRY  
PURSES  
BEAUTY SUPPLIES  
CBD PRODUCTS  
GIFT IDEAS

OPEN WED & THURS 11AM-6PM  
224 MAIN ST, WANAMINGO  
507-250-4503

**BASIC HANDGUN SAFETY CLASS**  
For Those With No Handgun Experience

- Learn handgun safety fundamentals
- Individual classes available
- Learn to shoot safely & properly
- You can fire a variety of handguns

NRA Instructor with 24 Years Experience  
**CALL TO SET UP YOUR CLASS TIME, SCHEDULED AT YOUR CONVENIENCE**  
**507-951-7417**

**COUNTRY GOODS**

GIFT IDEAS • COLLECTIBLES  
INSPIRATIONAL ITEMS  
CALENDARS • WIND CHIMES  
**BIGGEST GIFT STORE IN SO. MN!**

Right across freeway from Cabelas  
Sunday 12-5; Mon - Sat 9-7  
4515 NW 22nd Ave, Owatonna  
507-451-5661

All Your Printing & Sign Needs

**D&S** Banner, Sign & Print

All Your Printing and Sign Needs

In House Graphic Design  
Large Format Graphics for Vehicles and Trailers  
Installation services

113 Forest Street, Kenyon, MN 55946  
507-789-4611  
dandsbannersignandprint.com

**L&D Recycling, Inc.**

Steel, Farm Machinery, Car Bodies, Aluminum, Copper, Batteries, Appliances, E-Scrap

55976 State Hwy. 56, West Concord  
Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm  
June-October  
Open Saturdays 9:00 to 11:30am  
507-527-2408  
www.ldreycling.com

**MANTORVILLE SQUARE**  
ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

Largest Antique Store in Dodge County

416 N. Mantorville Ave, Mantorville  
507-635-5554  
Facebook@MantorvilleSquareAntiques

**Rowland**

- Tires
- Wheel alignments
- Steering & suspension
- Brake repair
- A/C maintenance
- Batteries

641 S Main Wanamingo  
**507-824-2710**

AGRICULTURE  
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
UNDERGROUND UTILITIES  
PIPELINE DISTRIBUTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL

**ELLINGSON**  
FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1970

**R&M STEEL**

Full line of Square Tubes, Channels, Angle, Flat & Pipes

Shearing, Cutting and Bending

61154 190th St Dodge Center  
**507-374-2524**

**Tatge Jewelry**

Awards By Tatge

Since 1975

625 2nd Street, Kenyon, MN  
(507) 789-6522

**fw**

Flat Water Futures, LLC  
Grain and Livestock Hedging

Todd Ryan  
**651-764-5590**  
tryan@flatwaterfutures.com  
Goodhue, MN  
Branch Office

**KAHN** Tile Supply LLC

SPECIALIZED LUBRICANTS

AGRO POWER

Bruce Freerksen  
(507) 273-9110  
brucewithschaeferoil@gmail.com  
West Concord, MN

**SIFT** (SAVE IT FROM TRASH)  
**THRIFT STORE**

26 RED WING AVE Kenyon, MN

Hours: Thur & Fri 12 to 8pm,  
Saturday 9am to 5pm

DOUG AND MARY KLATT  
**www.sift4you.com**  
Call us today! **507.259.2386**

**Mantorville Chocolate Shoppe**

420 Main St.  
Mantorville, MN 55955  
507-635-5814

OVER 100 CHOCOLATE DELICACIES HANDMADE IN STORE!

UNIQUE CANDIES  
SWEETEST PLACE IN TOWN

Tues-Sat 11:30-5:00, Sun 12:30-5:00

SPECIALTY BAKED GOODS FOR EVERY OCCASION!

Cupcakes • Cakes  
Pies • Cookies  
Fudge • Muffins  
Scones • Cheesecake

507-824-CAKE (2253)  
237 Main St Wanamingo

**Let's talk fence**

Alpacas, Apples, Beef Cattle, Deer, Dairy Cattle, Elk, Emus, Gardens, Goats, Grapes, Gorillas, Horses, Lions, Llamas, Ostriches, Ponies, Raccoons, Sheep, Trout, Tigers, Yak

**K FENCE**

62411 386th Ave., Zumbro Falls, MN  
Phone 507-753-2943 • www.kfence.com  
**Free Estimates • Free Catalogs**

Our unique skid steer and utility tractor snow plow feature a floating face plate and an innovative "cross draw" design, with a dual direction hydraulic cylinder, which allows this plow to sit much closer to the machine and faceplate than a traditional A-frame style plow with a dual ram set-up. Because of our proven design, these plows have substantial amount of free movement or "walk" when going over uneven terrain like a dirt road, side hills, around a pond, a loading dock or handicap ramp. These plows include a cross over relief valve to help protect the hydraulics from damage.

Lightweight plow (up to 35hp)	5' to 6.5' starting at \$2,475
Std Duty plow (up to 65hp)	5' to 7.5' starting at \$2,575
Heavy Duty (up to 85hp)	5' to 10' starting at \$2,775
Industrial/Commercial Duty	6' to 10' starting at \$3,775

**Minnesota Implement**

West Concord, MN • 651-269-5688  
See all our products  
@ www.minnesotaimplement.com

**Hope Stump Grinding**

No job too big,  
no job too small.

John Hope  
**612-327-5980**

**Lake State Paintless Dent Repair**

We Fix Hail Damage and Dents on Vehicles

We can come to your home or place of business.

**507-319-5714**  
taylornolanpdr@gmail.com

**PLACE YOUR AD ON THIS PAGE**  
Call Terry at **507-951-7417**  
or Email:  
**hometownmessenger@gmail.com**



**Many thanks and best wishes to all of our valued customers and friends.**



**HERITAGE**  
— B A N K —

[www.heritagebankmn.com](http://www.heritagebankmn.com)



**WEST CONCORD:** 181 Main Street 507-527-2236

**NORTHFIELD:** 1520 Clinton Lane 507-645-6736 • **DENNISON:** 37470 1st Ave. Ct. 507-645-5929