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## Announcements

- GriefShare support group meeting Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm beginning March 10, at Anchor of Hope Church, 203 East Main Street, Dodge Center, MN. Contact Pastor Emeritus Dale Rood at 507-633-2772 for more information. Registration is available on the GriefShare website, by calling Pastor Rood, or at any session. This is for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one, friend, or other significant person in their lives.

- 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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## Pancake Breakfast for Dodge County Chaplains



On Sunday March 30th a fundraiser will be held at the Dodge Center Fire Hall to raise funds for the Dodge County Sheriff's Department Chaplains. These funds will be used to purchase tactical vests

for use by the Chaplains while they are completing their duties with the department. The breakfast will include pancakes, eggs and sausages and is served from 8am to 1pm. A free will donation will be accepted. All the

proceeds go toward training and gear.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office Chaplains is a volunteer group of 8 pastors/ministers serving the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. Chaplains are dispatched to serve with emotional and spiritual support to the people involved in critical incidents. They serve the Emergency Service Providers, whether it be First Responders, Fire, Ambulance, Law Enforcement Officers and Dispatch Personnel. Chaplains also provide these services to the Victims, Patients, and Family Members of these Critical Incidents. When an unexpected death has occurred, Chaplains are dispatched along with a Law

Enforcement Officer to notify Next of Kin. There is much training for Law Enforcement Chaplaincy effectiveness and ongoing training in specific types of critical incidents. This fundraiser is for the purpose of funds for continued training as well as tactical equipment. At present, all Chaplains are going to be fitted with duty vests. These provide safety for the Chaplains when they do ride alongs with Law Enforcement Officers, or in the case of being dispatched to the scene of an active shooter or a standoff. Dodge County Sheriff's Office Chaplains is a Nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.



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## Dodge County Wildcats Girls Hockey Wins State Championship

The Dodge County Wildcats won the Class 1A championship trophy after beating three-time champion Warroad team last Saturday on the ice at the Xcel Energy Center. This makes the first time a southern Minnesota team has won the title and was a well-earned triumph after losing to the Warroad Warriors in state hockey playoff last year.

The Warriors scored first in the first period but the Wildcats tied the game less than a minute later with a goal by junior forward Zoe Heimer.

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**EDEN PROGRESSIVE GOPHERS 4-H CLUB**

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, March 16, 2025 from 7:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.**

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## "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

By Pastor Larry Grove  
Hauge Free Lutheran Church  
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The past few months I have been sharing messages from the book of Mark. As I have been doing this, I marvel at all the people Jesus touched, all the issues He addressed, and all the miraculous things He did. Then it caused me to reflect on how we should respond and carry out our lives as believers in Christ.

Ephesians 3:20-21 tells us that the power and work of Jesus is still being manifested in the world today. It says, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

As we read through the Gospel texts and see all the wonderful works of Christ, it is remarkable that one man could effect so many people in so few years. But we must remember that He was God in the flesh.

John had a special relationship with Jesus and we can see in his writing of his Gospel account that he focused more on the deity of Jesus Christ rather than all of the miraculous things He did. But in the last verse of his book his words were written in the Message Translation as saying, "There are so many other things Jesus did. If they were all written down, each of them, one by one, I can't imagine a world big enough to hold such a library of books."

Jesus lived a life that was recorded for us in His Word and we are called to mirror that life as best we can by following His example and obeying His teachings. He has also given us so many promises in His Word and when He promises something, He will be true to His

Word. But we can't stand on His promises if we don't know what they are. That takes diligently absorbing the scriptures and heart-felt trust in the God who inspired them.

When we study God's Word we will find the attributes of God's character. We will see that He is merciful and gracious. In His mercy God does not give us what we do deserve. In His grace God gives us what we do not deserve.

Psalm 145: speaks of God's mercy. It says, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy."

Ephesians 2:8 tells us of God's grace. These words say, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

These are some other things we will find out about God.

He is Infinite- Without beginning and He has no end. (Rev. 22:13)

He is immutable- He never changes. (Malachi 3:6)

He is Self-Sufficient- He has no needs. (Acts 17:25)

He is Omnipotent- He is all powerful. (Ephesians 3:20)

He is Omniscient- He is all-knowing. (Isaiah 46:9-10)

He is Omnipresent- He is always everywhere. (Psalm 139:7-10)

He is Wise- He is full of wisdom. (Romans 11:33)

He is Faithful- He is unchangingly true. (II Timothy 2:13)

He is Good- He is full of goodwill. (Psalm 34:8)

He is Just- He is right and perfect in all He does. (Duet. 32:4)

He is Loving- He loves us unconditionally. (John 4:7-8)

These are some of the attributes of God that will be promoted in His Word. Take time to read of them. Take time to internalize them. And take time to claim them as your own as you cry out to God in surrender and faith. In so doing you are adopted into His family and you are now the child of the King of all kings. When the Holy Spirit opens our eyes to these truths we will be forever changed. What a beautiful inheritance we have by doing this. The benefits are out of this world!!



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*"There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." . . . "I am making everything new!" — Revelation 21:4-5*

Jesus has removed the barrier to reconciliation with God, so we can enjoy fellowship with God and abundant life in his kingdom even now. And yet there's much more to come! When a believer in Christ dies, we grieve their loss. But we know they are in the Lord's presence in a greater way than we experience now. So while death brings sadness, it has become, through Christ, a bridge into God's presence.

And there's still more! When Jesus comes again, all believers—those who have died and those who are still alive—will be transformed physically and spiritually, with glorious, imperishable bodies (1 Corinthians 15:50-55).

God will bring his "New Jerusalem" to a renewed earth, where he will live with his people forever. There will be no more death, mourning, crying, or pain, because the Lord will make everything new.

What about Judgment Day? Yes, it's coming (Revelation 20:11-15), but "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). So it's crucially important that we surrender ourselves to Christ and accept his free gift of salvation.

Then we can serve him with our whole lives, urging everyone to turn to God in repentance and faith so that they too may have eternal life. In the Lord we can live in hope and anticipation and without fear.

*Lord Jesus, transform us so that we may live fully for you, sharing your love and good news everywhere. Amen.*

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## Lois Christine (Petersen) Johnson



Lois Christine (Petersen) Johnson, 82, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN.

Lois was born on March 7, 1942, to Emil and LaVanche (Broden) Petersen, in Fertile, MN,

where she grew up on the family farm, the fourth of eight daughters. In Lois's own words: "I loved the farm! We worked in the house, the yard and the fields. I played, raised pets and rode my horse, Tex. We ate organic food and we repurposed/recycled; but those were unknown words then. When I was eight, the births of the four younger sisters began and I did a lot of playing with and caring for them."

Lois was a tri-valedictorian of her high school class, participating in music and speech activities, including the debate team. She completed her BS degree at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, where she graduated with high distinction. After graduation, she managed the U of M Carlson School of Management Computer Center and was a systems analyst in Geislingen, Germany. Upon her return to the United States, she began a 23-year career in bank operations and technology with First Bank System in Minneapolis/St. Paul, culminating with the title of Senior Vice President. Recognized by the YWCA as the Outstanding Woman Business Leader in St. Paul, her other professional distinctions included serving as chair of several American Bankers Association committees as well as committees for the U.S. Treasury Department, Federal Reserve Board, and the U.S. Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

She moved to the West Coast as Executive Vice President at Puget Sound Bank of Washington. Prior to her return to Minnesota, she was a consultant in information technology for Weyerhaeuser Corporation. In 1997, she retired and joined her husband, Lowell, in Johnson Construction Equipment, with offices in Guam and in Dodge Center, MN.

Lois was also very active in volunteerism and the arts. Her liberal activism included supporting the goals of Martin Luther King, Jr., protesting the Vietnam War, striving for Equal Rights for Women and Protecting the Environment. She participated in political campaigns and served as a State Convention delegate. While living in Rochester she was active in Mayo Hospice, Hiawatha Homes for Developmentally Disabled, and Paws and Claws Humane Society; she co-operated the Johnson Cat Shelter. She was a member of the Rochester Music Guild Board, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Rochester and Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center.

Lois loved to travel, touring all seven continents and camping around the Mediterranean Sea.

Lois' greatest joy in life was spending time with people. She was interested in everyone, kept the family history, remembered birthdays

and anniversaries and commemorated holidays with Advent Calendars, Christmas ornaments and cards. She made an effort to visit friends and family, attend special events and was a great encourager to everyone she knew.

Lois is survived by her children Erik (Junko) Martin, Rosemount, MN and Earl (Jocelyn Mason) Martin, Thousand Oaks, CA; grandchildren Emika (Kori Battista), Arthur (Amanda Kirberger), Nathaniel and Teresa Martin; sisters Dorothy Poffenberger, Detroit Lakes, MN, Janice (John) Lemley, Bakersfield, CA, Kathie Barnes, Crookston, MN, Elaine (Larry) Erdahl, Fertile, MN, Sharon (Gary) Olson, Lindenhurst, IL, and Shirley (Peter) Dalgaard, Blaine, MN; sister-in-law, Janet Johnson, Rochester, MN, and nieces and nephews: Debbie Dessen, Gary (Renee) Johnson, Joey (Mike) Devitt, Terri (David) Hutchinson, Traci (Charlie) Olson, Jay (Amber) Poffenberger, Jon (Karen) Poffenberger, Marlana Lemley, Brian (Susan) Carlson, Lori Carlson, Jana (Paul) Hedland, Alicia (Cory) Schumacher, Katie (Matt) Kern, Kent (Erin) Erdahl, Ranelle (Pat) Block, Bobby (Dana) Olson, Nathan (Sara) Olson, Nina (Matt) Fisk and Peter (Mallory) Dalgaard Jr., and their families; several cousins and many friends.

Lois is preceded in death by her parents, husband Lowell, grandson Sheen Martin, sister Clarette Johnson, brothers-in-law Roger Johnson, Dale Poffenberger, Frank Barnes and Larry Johnson, nephews Kevin Johnson and Dan Dessen, niece Maria Lemley and great-niece Emilee Olson.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2nd Street NW in Dodge Center, MN with Pastor Cheryl Indehar officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. A time for food and fellowship will be held at the church following the service. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

To share a special memory or send condolences please visit [www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com) Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927 (507)374-2155. May her memory be a blessing.

## Judy Kay (Johnson) Boyer



Judy Kay (Johnson) Boyer, age 81, was called to her heavenly home on Monday, February 24, 2025. Although she was a "warrior of independence", she fought a courageous battle against health issues, finally succumbing to metastatic breast cancer. At all times, Judy's faith was of utmost importance in her life, followed by the love and support of her family.

Born December 11, 1943, to parents Allan and Beth (Woodward) Johnson in Owatonna, MN, Judy was the second child between two brothers, Larry and Gary. Judy grew up in rural West Concord and rural Dodge Center,

MN, graduating from Dodge Center High School in 1963.

On September 30, 1968, Judy married Rex Boyer in Dodge Center, followed by a reception in the home of her parents. Their son Michael Anthony Boyer was born on August 16, 1969. Their family experienced many adventures during Michael's youth. They owned and lived at the Sandy Beach Resort in Osage, MN then moved on to Florence, Colorado. Judy and Rex became business owners of the Cookbook Nook (a book store) in Loveland, Colorado. Before returning to Dodge Center in 1992, they made their home in Weiser, Idaho and then Boise, Idaho.

A special thank you to Rev. Dave Breederland and her loving church family of Faith Community Church in West Concord, MN. For much of Judy's life, she taught groups of children in Sunday school and Awana alongside her mother—they were such a great team!

Judy enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles, word searches, and crossword puzzles. She was a HUGE football fan, especially cheering on the Vikings and Broncos. Her greatest joy was being with her grandchildren, and she became an avid soccer fan as she supported an entire soccer family. Bringing her much comfort and joy was her beloved cat, Teddy.

Judy is survived by her son, Michael (Christy) Boyer and grandchildren, Zachary (Allie), Sydney, Melanie, Jonathan, and Jacob, all of Rochester, MN; her brother, Gary (Jeannie) Johnson of Dodge Center; and many nieces and nephews.

Welcoming Judy to her heavenly home are parents, Allan and Beth (Woodward) Johnson; husband, Rex Boyer; grandson, Isaac Boyer; brother, Larry (Betty) Johnson; and a host of extended family members.

A heartfelt "thank you" to the amazing nurses and staff on station 4-4, Mayo Clinic Hospital, Methodist Campus—especially Betsie, Savannah, Jenny, and Caroline—as well as her oncology team, Jaime Carroll (APRN, CNP, MSN) and Dr. Tufia Haddad. Also, "thank you" to neighbor and friend, Marie Geise, for always being ready and willing to assist Judy.

Memorials are suggested to the family for a future designation in Judy's memory. Remembrances may be sent to: Judy Boyer Memorial, C/O The Michael Boyer Family, 5348 – 51st Street NW, Rochester, MN 55901

A celebration of life for Judy Boyer will be from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 9, 2025, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW, Dodge Center, MN, with a prayer service at 3:00 p.m. Inurnment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN at a later date.

Please honor Judy at her Celebration of Life by wearing spring colors—she loved being outside enjoying her flowers at the first sign of Spring.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit [www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com), Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South St SW Dodge Center, MN 55927, 507-374-2155. Blessed be her memory.

## Ronnie Dean Hrtanek



Ronnie Dean Hrtanek, 67, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 21, 2025, at his home in Kasson.

Ronnie was born October 12, 1957, to Rudolph and Adeline (Woolison) of rural Kasson. On March 30, 1985, Ronnie married Gail Graves of Kasson

and they resided in rural Kasson for the past 39 years and had son, Tyler and daughter, Kyra and 8 beautiful grandchildren. Ronnie worked for McNelius Truck and Manufacturing for 36 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, cutting wood, and loved old cars which he owned 2 of his own.

Ronnie is survived by his wife, Gail; son, Tyler; daughter, Kyra; grandchildren, Piper, Brynn, Bentley, Jeric, Jaxson, Hagen, Abel and James. He is also survived by his brothers, Matt, Pat (Sandy), Rudy, Donnie (Nicole) and sisters, Marti (Kay Zelinske), Marilyn (Dean Nelson), Marge (Frank Reynolds), Barb (Dave Guenther), Brenda; in laws, Sheri and Keith Gore and many other relatives.

Ronnie was a kind hearted soul who would do anything for anyone and he will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

The family would like to thank St. Croix Hospice for their help and support in Ronnie's time of need.

The family is planning a celebration of life for a later date. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com), Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th Street SE, Kasson, MN 55944 (507)634-6510. Blessed be his memory.

## Joel E. Thomas

Joel E. Thomas, age 85, passed away in Claremont, MN on February 24, 2025.

He is survived by his children: Barb (Tim) Streeter of Vassar, MI; Lee (Kathy) Thomas of Tulsa, OK; Nanci (Richard) Emmans of Owatonna, MN; Carolyn (Tim) Foss of Spokane, WA; Kim (Kevin) Schandorf of Mantorville, MN; Terry (Heidi) Thomas of Dodge Center, MN; and Jason Thomas of West Concord, MN.

Joel was a grandfather to nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude (Madsen) Thomas, father Lee Thomas, and sisters Lois Hofius and Alice Dale.

Joel graduated from West Concord HS in 1957. He ran the family farm after graduating, worked for Flicek's, and was self-employed for many years.

The Thomas Family wishes to extend sincere appreciation to Ron Flicek and Bill Giesler for their generous time in helping and caring for Dad.

A viewing to honor Joel's life will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM at Michaelson Funeral Home in West Concord, MN.

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## Violet Loraine Johnson

Violet Loraine Johnson, 99, passed away peacefully at Sunset Hospice Cottage, leaving behind a legacy of love, family, and faith. Born on April 27, 1925, in Pine Island, Minnesota, she was the eldest of four children to Willard and Anna Walker. Violet grew up on the family farm near West Concord, MN, where she attended country school and high school. She cherished working alongside her father on the farm, tending to the dairy herd and embracing the joys of rural life.

As a young woman, Violet moved to Worthington, MN, with two close friends in search of work. She spent three years at Fairway Market before meeting Loren, a World War II veteran who had recently returned from overseas. The two married in September 1947 and spent 37 years farming in Lorain Township near Worthington before retiring to a new home in town.

A devoted homemaker, Violet was renowned for her culinary delights, including her caramel rolls, Christmas tea rings, apple pies, chocolate chip cookies, and memorable birthday dinners. She found joy in entertaining, frequently hosting widow ladies, missionaries, church Berean parties, and pastors with their families. Known for her vibrant spirit, Violet would even surprise her grandchildren by standing on her head. Her cre-

ativity extended to sewing and crafting, where she lovingly made quilts and other treasures for her family. She also enjoyed her daily walks, whether on the farm or in town.

Violet's unwavering faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the cornerstone of her life. She deeply loved her husband Loren, her children, and her extended family, nurturing them with kindness and devotion.

She is survived by her children, Kent (Pam), Karen (Del), Dean (Barbara), David (Christine), and Daniel (Kathi); her brother Donald Walker, 13 grandchildren: Daniel, Sarah, Tyler, Jessica, Denise, Dustin, Megan, Drew, Greg, Jared, Kirsten, Caleb, Cole, and 22 great-grandchildren, along with many extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband Loren, grandson Mark, brother Victor Walker, and sister Dorothy Miller.

## Donna Mae Dohrmann

Donna Mae Dohrmann, 84, passed away Monday, February 24, 2025, at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center, after a yearlong battle of brain cancer. She was born April 18, 1940, in Dodge County, MN, to Wilton (Bud) and Doris (Erickson) Vrieze. She attended West Concord High School and after graduation, she went to beauty school in Austin, MN. On July 2, 1960, Donna married Robert

Edward Dohrmann at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. Following their marriage, they made their home in Pine Island and West Concord before settling in rural Mantorville with their 5 children.

Donna's career started as a beautician, then moved to a receptionist at US Bank and then finished her career at Crenlo. All along her working career, she continued to do hair for people at her home and sometimes made house calls. Donna enjoyed the fair and loved to work in the 4-H food stand. She enjoyed her flower gardens, refinishing furniture, crafting and feeding birds. She also canned and shared with her children. No vegetable went un-canned from the garden. Donna was most famous for her angel food cakes, rosettes and krumkake. She was an excellent cook in the kitchen, and everyone was always welcome at the table. After 50 years on the farm, Donna moved to Kasson. She continued to sew and started her new hobby of embroidery, making towels and cards, which were gifted to many.

She became a member and baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in Kasson and was part of the Presbyterian Women's Group.

She is survived by her children, Dawn (Duane) Miller of Dodge Center, MN, Kevin (Debbie) Dohrmann of Kasson, MN, Julie (Craig) Koop of Pine Island, MN, Bradley (Sheryl) Dohrmann of Dodge Center, MN, and Rhonda Dohrmann of Dodge Center, MN; grandchildren, Nathan (Heather), Bryce (Adrienne), and Mark (Stevie) Gransee; Eric

(Erika) and Keith (Laura) Dohrmann; Tyler (Jennifer) and Chelsea Koop; and Courtney (Drew) Folie and Devin (Lila Gronseth) Dohrmann; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Roger Vrieze of Mantorville, MN and Lawrence (Peggy) Vrieze of Cottage Grove, MN; sisters-in-laws Phyllis Schutz of Pine Island, MN and Linda Vrieze of West Concord, MN; brother-in law Dan Olson of Dodge Center, MN; and other extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Marian Olson, brothers, David Vrieze and Tom Vrieze, and sister-in-law, Vivian Vrieze.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson, MN. Pastor Peter Moen officiated. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2025, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson and one hour prior to her service on Tuesday. Interment was in Pine Island Cemetery in Pine Island, MN.

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They offer daily specials as well as a full menu including an extensive soup and salad bar. The menu is full of appetizers, wraps, sandwiches, pasta, platters, burgers, sandwiches, flatbread and entrees featuring prime beef cuts, pork and seafood selections. There is also a good variety of choices on the kid's menu. They have a fish special every Friday and a broasted chicken special every Thursday. A dessert cooler shows off their delicious cheesecakes and other desserts. In the summer you can relax outside and enjoy your meal or drinks with friends on the patio.

The restaurant also features a full bar and a

popcorn machine for their customers. The Happy Hour is Tuesday through Thursday from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

The Event Center offers a venue for larger gatherings. They can accommodate weddings & wedding receptions, retirement parties, graduation parties, celebration of life parties, Informational meetings for the community, even continued ed classes. It seats comfortably up to 400 people. The Event side has its own bar and DJ booth including multiple TVs, lights, disco ball, making it the most versatile and comfortable in the area.

Tony Saker is the owner and brings a wealth of cooking expertise to deliver an incredible dining experience to your visit. He is friendly, outgoing and happy to serve you in this local family-owned restaurant. Elaine Walker is the General Manager and has worked there is 2015. She started working in her parents restaurant when she was very young, working up from a hostess to a server. She enjoys making sure your visit to Sakers Sports Bar & Grill is a fun time with delicious food and great service. She invites you to stop in, enjoy a great meal and say hello. Become part of the family!



Would You Like a New Boulevard Tree Planted?

Thanks to a grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) program, the City of West Concord has approximately 55 trees available for planting.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle first discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. While adult beetles primarily feed on ash foliage without causing significant harm, the larvae burrow into the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. EAB likely arrived in the U.S. via solid wood packing materials from Asia, carried by cargo ships and airplanes. As of February 2025, EAB has spread to 37 states and 6 Canadian provinces.

To help mitigate the impact of EAB, the City of West Concord has been proactive in managing and replacing affected trees. In 2022, the City applied for and received a grant from the DNR to remove diseased ash trees and replace them with a variety of tree species unaffected by the pest. Over the years, the City has identified trees throughout our parks and boulevards for removal and replacement.

As we enter the final year of the grant, we are focused on completing the planting of trees across the city. Thanks to the support of many dedicated volunteers, we are able to offer these trees to residents for planting in the public right-of-way (boulevard) near their homes.

If you're interested in receiving a tree for your boulevard, please contact City Hall at 507-527-2668 for more information or to sign-up. The deadline to be included on the list is March 14th.

Important Note: Trees can only be planted in the public right-of-way (boulevard) and cannot be planted on private property.

Dodge County Wildcats Girls Hockey Wins State Championship

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Kylie Meyer added a goal in the second period and Nora Carstensen put another in the net early in the third. The No. 1 seed Wildcats led the Warriors 3-1 in the third period but with nine minutes left the Warriors scored twice in 39 seconds to tie the game, putting the tournament into overtime.

Four minutes into the sudden death over-

time Zoe Heimer poked the puck into the net after a shot by team mate Maysie Koch bounced off the goal post, during a crowded scramble in front of the Warriors goalie. Even though the Warriors played the puck back out of the net, Heimer called for a video review, which showed the puck had crossed the goal line. The referee called the score and the Wilcats had won the tournament.

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University of Wyoming Fall Semester Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls: Minnesota

The University of Wyoming lists the following students from Minnesota on the 2024 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

The University of Wyoming provides quality undergraduate and graduate programs to 10,913 students from all 50 states and 74 countries. Established in 1886, UW is a nationally recognized research institution with accomplished faculty and world-class facilities. Offering 200 areas of study, UW provides an environment for success. A low student/faculty ratio allows for individual instruction and attention, and undergraduates often participate in cutting-edge research projects.

For more information about the University of Wyoming, view the webpage at [www.uwyo.edu](http://www.uwyo.edu).

Students include: West Concord - Austin J. Schlichting

## West Concord Native to Read at Our Public Library

West Concord, MN - Award-winning author Roger Barr, a 1969 graduate of West Concord High School, returns to his hometown on April 10, 2025, to read from and talk about his work.

Barr will appear at the West Concord Public Library, which is co-sponsoring the event with the West Concord Historical Society. Starting time is 2:00 p.m. The event is free.

"We're excited to have Roger, one of our own, return to West Concord to share his writing journey and books with us," said Colleen Hayne, president of the library board. "Roger

is a storyteller you won't want to miss."

For Barr, it is a rare opportunity to share his work with a hometown audience.

"I've lived in St. Paul for many years, but I'm still a farm kid at heart," Barr said. "Figuratively speaking, I've never quite cleaned all of the dirt out from under my fingernails. Farm values have guided my life and they appear in my work."

Barr will talk about his 40+ year career as a writer, and explain the differences between writing fiction, non-fiction, plays and journalism. He will read a selection from his newest book, *A Murder on the Hill: The Secret Life and Mysterious Death of Ruth Munson*, a non-fiction account of the unsolved 1937 murder of St. Paul resident Ruth Munson. Published by Minnesota Historical Society Press, the book appeared on area best seller lists last summer and was a 2025 Minnesota Book Award nominee.

Barr will also read a selection from *Farm Stories*, an as yet unpublished work, which is actually set in the West Concord area.

"As a writer, I've always followed my

heart," Barr said. "That has resulted in an eclectic body of work." He is the author of eleven published books, 36 published short stories, an award-winning play and countless newspaper and magazine articles. His other books include *The Treasure Hunt*, a novel about the annual treasure medallion hunt that takes place during the St. Paul Winter Carnival, and two collections of Christmas stories, *Getting Ready for Christmas* and *The Christmas Promise*. He has authored seven non-fiction books for young adults on such

topics as the Vietnam war, Richard Nixon and Malcolm X. Barr's short story "Puzzle Pieces" received the nationally recognized 2021 Hal Prize for short stories. His story "March Madness in a Small Town" won The Loft's writing contest in 2013. His award-winning play *Decoration Day* has been produced several times.

Copies of *A Murder on the Hill*, *The Treasure Hunt* and the two Christmas collections will be available for purchase at the event.

### West Concord City Hall Update

The City has been updating a number of software systems that we use. Our current utility billing software will no longer be supported. Online payments via our website are not currently active. If you would like to make a payment with a credit or debit card, please call City Hall (507-527-2668) during business hours and we can process it for you.

We can also process credit card payments for permits, license fees, park rental, etc. There is a \$10 minimum and a convenience fee of 4% added to all credit/debit payments.

The Municipal On & Off Sale has installed a new Point of Sale system, as well. We welcome all visitors but ask for patience while our bartenders learn the system.

### Join us for Book Group at the West Concord Library

**Saturday, March 8 from 9-10am**

***Pachinko by Min Jin Lee***

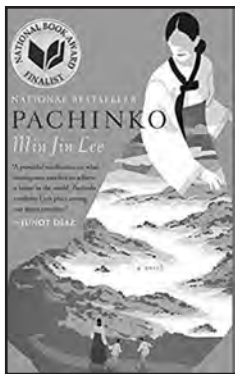
***National Book Award Finalist***

In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant—and that her lover is married—she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations.

Richly told and profoundly moving, *Pachinko* is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan's finest universities to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Lee's complex and passionate characters—strong, stubborn women, devoted sisters and sons, fathers shaken by moral crisis—survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history.

Genre: Historical Fiction

First Published: February 2017, 512 pages (paperback)



### Join us for Book Group at the West Concord Library

**Wednesday, March 12 from 4-5pm**

***Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng***

In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is meticulously planned – from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules.

Enter Mia Warren – an enigmatic artist and single mother – who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenage daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than just tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past, and a disregard for the rules that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.

When old family friends attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town – and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at an unexpected and devastating cost.

Genre: Fiction

First Published: September 2017, 338 pages (hardcover)



## Do You Have An Announcement?

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### Join West Concord Native and Author

# ROGER BARR

**for a reading and discussion**  
**Thursday, April 10, 2025, 2:00 pm**

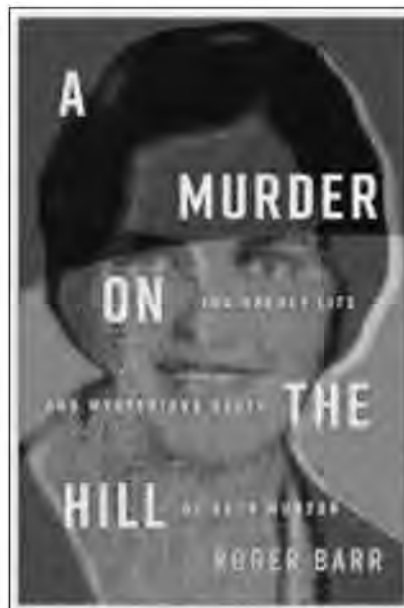
At the

**West Concord Public Library**

Free admission



**Roger will talk about his writing career and read selections from his work**



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Dodge County  
Opioid Taskforce  
to Host Vaping  
and Fentanyl  
Education  
Speaker

Kasson, MN – Dodge County Opioid Task Force will be hosting Michael Deleon from Steered Straight. Their mission is to steer youth straight towards making sound, rational decisions by presenting a learning experience that provides a message of reality to help them make positive, informed choices.

Through motivational speaking, life-sharing

seminars and interactive curriculum Michael provides youth with real-life examples of negative consequences that resulted from making poor decisions. He gives kids the ability to develop a sense of understanding about the positive and negative choices in their lives. The purpose is to steer youth’s lives in positive ways and encourage them to make positive life choices and ultimately reduce the number of youths who end up in the criminal justice system due to making poor decisions.

Michael will be in Dodge County presenting to all four school districts: Hayfield, Triton, Kasson- Mantorville and Zumbro Education District students March 10th, 11th and 12th. There will be a community session open to the public held on March 10th from 6:00-7:00pm. Kasson-Mantorville Schools will be hosting the community session at the Kasson-Mantorville Middle School in the Commons Area. The community session is

free of charge and all are welcome. Dive deep into the intricate world of student behavior, focusing on the critical issues of drug and vaping habits.

For more information about Steered Straight visit their website [www.steered-straight.org](http://www.steered-straight.org). With questions about the school or community sessions, please contact Dodge County Public Health (507)-635-6150 or email [emma.basness@dodgecountymn.gov](mailto:emma.basness@dodgecountymn.gov).

About Dodge County Public Health  
Dodge County Public Health (DCPH)

serves the residents and community of Dodge County by providing critical health services and improving the community’s health outcomes. Employees at DCPH partner and collaborate with community-based organizations to prevent injury and the spread of disease, promote healthy behaviors, and protect against hazards. DCPH has been addressing community health issues and serving the public since 1922.

Call (507) 635-6150 or visit [https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/public\\_health.php](https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/public_health.php) for more information.

Farmers Union hosting Rural Health Forum and Fair in Kasson

KASSON, Minn. – Dodge and Olmsted County Farmers Unions in cooperation with Dodge County Public Health are hosting a Rural Health Forum and Fair from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 5 at The Midway building on the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Kasson.

The event will feature exhibitors on a variety of health topics including farm safety, hearing loss, health insurance and family health. Dodge County Public Health, the Center Clinic, Mayo Clinic medical students, Kasson-Mantorville FFA, University of Minnesota Extension and Farmers Union Agency are among the exhibitors. The medical students plan to offer blood pressure, skin cancer and hearing screenings.

Featured speakers are Dr. Robert M. Jacobson, a medical consultant at Mayo Clinic, and Ted Matthews, a mental health practitioner with more than 30 years of experience in counseling in rural areas.

The event is free and open to the public. Learn more at <https://mfu.org/event/rural-health-forum-and-fair/>.

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# Pre-St. Patrick's Day Party

Event Tickets available for purchase at City Hall, 180 Main Street February 20th - March 7th. Tickets are limited!

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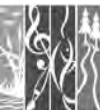


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SEMCAC  
Announces  
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Throughout  
Southeastern  
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March



The Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council (SEMAC) is



pleased to share a diverse lineup of arts events happening throughout the region this March. These SEMAC-funded capstone events offer arts and cultural experiences across our eleven-county service area

International Festival of Owls

March 7-9 | Times Vary

International Center for Owls, Houston

Join the International Owl Center for the 2025 International Festival of Owls in Houston, Minnesota. This unique celebration, North America's original full-weekend owl

festival, attracts thousands of owl enthusiasts from around the globe. Experience live owl demonstrations, expert presentations, and the prestigious World Owl Hall of Fame ceremony. This family-friendly event transforms Houston into the owl capital of North America each spring.

Dallas Brass: American Musical Journey  
March 18 & 19 | 7:00pm

Sheldon Theatre, Red Wing

Join the Sheldon Theatre for an evening with the Dallas Brass - masters of brass and percussion since 1983! Founded by Michael Levine, this ensemble brings their signature sound alongside special guests: Sheldon Brass Band (March 18) and Lake City High School Band (March 19). Their unique blend of traditional brass and percussion continues to captivate audiences nationwide!

Rochester Community Band presents  
Springing Into Music

Thursday, March 20 | 7:00pm

Byron Middle School Auditorium, Byron

Join the Rochester Community Band for a delightful evening of music performed by musicians from all walks of life and all ages. RCB will be directed by Anthony Boldt with guest director and composer, Elijah Gray. Selections include "Selections from Wicked," "Journey of a Comet," "Cyrus the Great March," "Beneath the Canopy," and two pieces composed by Elijah - "Psalmody" and "Maverick Fanfare."

New Media Opera Featuring Scenes from  
Kevin Dobbe's Tempus Fugit

March 28-29 | 7:30pm

Rochester Civic Theatre, Rochester

Experience this unique fusion of traditional opera and cutting-edge technology. Tempus Fugit, a contemporary opera by Kevin Dobbe exploring time and humanity, features vocalists Carla Thelen Hanson and Andrew Whitfield with dancer Brigitte Benyi. This innovative performance combines live artistry with digital projections and motion capture technology. The evening concludes with celebrated opera scenes by Verdi, Puccini, Dvořák, and others, featuring Home-town Opera Company.

Quilting the Minnesota Barn Quilt Trail

Lindsay Krage Artist Reception

Monday, March 31 | 5:00-8:00pm

Anthem Skate Park, Winona

Quilting the Barn Quilt Trail will feature the work of Lindsay Krage as she traveled and documented the barn quilt trail in Houston County, MN. The show features a short film, photographs, information from the owners of the barn quilts, along with several quilts recreated in fabric form. This project aims to celebrate the beauty of rural spaces and con-

nect the timeless nature of craft and rural life. A word from the artist is scheduled at 5:30pm.

For more information about these events or other arts activities in southeastern Minnesota, visit [semac.org](http://semac.org) or contact the office at 507-281-4848.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

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More details coming soon!

# Public Safety & Legal Notice

March 5, 2025

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## Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol



**Question:** In your last article you wrote about suspended drivers licenses. I know a person who had theirs revoked. Can you explain how this happens?

Answer: Your driver's license may be revoked if you:

- Refuse to take a test to determine whether you are under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or if you fail the test.
- Are convicted of manslaughter or any other criminal action while driving a motor vehicle.
- Are convicted of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alco-



## LEGAL NOTICE

### Public Notice of Hearing on Proposed Assessment

Dodge Center, Minnesota March 5, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Council will meet at 6:00 P.M. on March 24, 2025 at the Dodge Center City Hall located at 35 East Main Street, Dodge Center, to consider, and possibly adopt, proposed assessments for the 2025 Street Improvement Project, the improvement of:

- 1st Street NW between 3rd Avenue NW and 6th Avenue NW
- 6th Avenue NW between 1st Street NW and 2nd Street NW

Adoption by the Council of the proposed assessment against abutting, benefited properties may occur at the hearing.

Such assessment is proposed to be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of fifteen (15) years, the first of the installments to be payable on or before the 1st Monday in January, 2027, and will bear interest at the rate of four and a half (4.5) percent per annum commencing on November 15, 2026. To each subsequent installment when due shall be added interest for one year on all unpaid installments.

You may at any time prior to certification of the assessment to the County Auditor, pay the entire assessment on such property, with interest accrued to the date of payment, to the City Administrator. No interest shall be charged if the entire assessment is paid prior to November 15, 2026. You may at any time thereafter, pay to the Dodge County Finance Director the entire amount of the assessment remaining unpaid, with interest accrued to December 31 of the year in which such payment is made. Such payment must be made before November 15 or interest will be charged through December 31 of the succeeding year. If you decide not to prepay the assessment before the date given above the rate of interest that will apply is four and a half (4.5) percent per year. The right to partially prepay the assessment is available.

The proposed assessment roll is on file for public inspection at the City Administrator's office. The total amount proposed to be assessed is \$228,901.19. Written or oral objections will be considered at the meeting. No appeal may be taken as to the amount of an assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Administrator prior to the assessment hearing or presented to the presiding officer at the hearing. The Council may upon such notice consider any objection to the amount of a proposed individual assessment at an adjourned meeting upon such further notice to the affected property owners as it deems advisable.

Under Minn. Stat. §§ 435.193 to 435.195, the Council may, in its discretion, defer the payment of this special assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older, one retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability, or a member of the National Guard or other reserves ordered to active military service for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments. When deferment of the special assessment has been granted and is terminated for any reason provided in that law, all amounts accumulated plus applicable interest become due. Any assessed property owner meeting the requirements of this law may, within 30 days of the confirmation of the assessment, apply to the City Administrator for the prescribed form for such deferral of payment of this special assessment on his/her property.

An owner that has filed a written objection may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or Administrator of the City within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the Mayor or City Administrator.

Lee Mattson, City Administrator

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- Are convicted of a felony in which you used a motor vehicle.
- Are convicted of driving in excess of 100 mph.
- Are convicted of fleeing a police officer.
- Are convicted of failing to stop, identify yourself and render aid when involved in a motor vehicle crash, especially one that involves death or personal injury to others.
- Are convicted of lying under oath, signing any legal document that contains false information about legal ownership or operation of a motor vehicle, or making a false statement to DPS about that information.
- Plead guilty or forfeit bail for three violations in a single year of any Minnesota traffic law or ordinance that requires a jail sentence upon conviction.
- Are convicted of an offense in another state that would be grounds for revoking your license if you were convicted in Minnesota.
- Are convicted of a misdemeanor for driving a motor vehicle with prior knowledge that the owner of the vehicle did not have no-fault vehicle insurance.
- Own a vehicle without no-fault insurance and are found to have driven it or allowed others to drive it, with full knowledge that the vehicle was not insured.
- Are convicted of a gross misdemeanor for failing to stop for a school bus with its stop arm extended and its red lights flashing.
- Are convicted of selling or possessing a controlled substance while operating a motor vehicle.

After the period of revocation has ended, your driving privileges may be reinstated if all the reinstatement requirements on your

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# Legal Notices

Filed in District Court State of Minnesota February 4, 2025

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

In Re: Estate of Royce Merlin Code a/k/a Royce M. Code, 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 the 7th day of

April, 2025 10:00 AM, a hearing will be held via Zoom, see notice of remote hearing, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the decedent, and for the appointment of Lydon A. Code, whose address is 4998 147th St. Northfield, MN 55057, as personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an unsupervised administration.

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 , February 4, 2025

Aimee McCormack Dodge County Court Administrator ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

Debbie Korman 504 Central Avenue, PO Box 716

Faribault, Minnesota 55021 507-334-5534

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## CONCORD TOWNSHIP Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that Concord Township, in Dodge County, will on Tuesday March 11, 2025 conduct the Town Election at the Concord town hall. Polls will be open from 5:00-8:00 pm. Inclement weather date will be March 18, 2025.

## CONCORD TOWNSHIP Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that Concord Township, in Dodge County, will on Tuesday March 11, 2025 conduct the Annual Township Meeting at the Concord town hall beginning at 3:30pm. Inclement weather date will be March 18, 2025.

## Do You Have An Announcement?

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com



## DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, February 10, 2025

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the February 10, 2025, 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: Acting Mayor Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Braedon Dostal, Lee Mattson, Vanessa Hines – Widseth and Kathy Freeman

Absent: Mayor Bill Ketchum

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda to include: Minutes from January 27, 2025, City Council Meeting, February 3, 2025 Special Council Meeting and November 25, 2024 Planning and Zoning Meeting; Ambulance Paid-On-Call EMT Hire – Tristan Sandberg; Gambling Permit – Pheasants Forever and Payment of Bills;
  - Resolution 2025-004 – A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids;
  - Parcel of land at 1st St NW donated by Liz Olson;
  - Resolution 2025-005 – A Resolution Approving a Lot Split and Combination for Parcels Northwest of the Intersection of County 34 and Airport Drive;
  - Requested changes to the Airport CIP offered by TKDA;
  - Hiring of Rachel Jensen as Consultant for the Aquatic Center 2025 season.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

## Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property

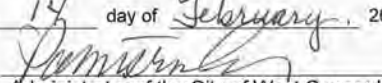
This may affect your 2025 property taxes.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of the City of West Concord shall meet:

Date/Time: April 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm  
Location: City Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Given under my hand this 14 day of February, 2025  
  
Administrator of the City of West Concord

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS DODGE CENTER, MINNESOTA

ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS will be received through QuestCDN vBid (On-Line Bidding ONLY) by the City Council of the City of Dodge Center until **10:00 AM on the 13th day of March, 2025**, at which time the proposals will be reviewed for the following public improvements;

## 2025 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WIDSETH PROJECT NO. 2024-11405

The City is bidding the project using the Best Value procurement method defined in Minn. Stat. § 16C.02, subd. 4(a). A panel of committee members will rank each bidder in four (4) separate categories. There will be a maximum total of 100 points possible for each bidder and the relative weight of the selection criteria are as follows: 1) Price submitted by contractor in the proposal – max. 60 points 2) Contractor's performance on previous three similar projects – max. 15 points 3) Risk assessment and plans of mitigation – max. 15 points 4) Interview – max. 10 points (interviews will be scheduled with each bidder submitting a complete proposal and will be held the week of March 17th, 2025). The bidder with the highest average combined score following the evaluation process will be considered by the City Council of the City of Dodge Center after 6:00 PM on the 24th day of March, 2025 for possible contract award.

The work shall include the following approximate quantities: **Base Bid** - Remove Bituminous Pavement – 5,750 SY, Common Excavation – 4,400 CY, Aggregate Base Class 5 – 5,050 Ton, Bituminous Wearing and Non-Wearing – 1,330 Ton, Sewer and Water Services - 53 Each, PVC Sanitary Sewer – 1,405 LF, PVC Water Main – 1,620 LF, Hydrants – 4 Each, Construct Sanitary Manholes - 6 Each, RCP Storm Sewer Pipe – 420 LF, Construct Drainage Structures - 4 Each, Concrete Sidewalk – 3,740 SF, Concrete Curb & Gutter B624 – 2,950 LF, Seeding – 1.1 Acres, Miscellaneous and Appurtenant Construction Items. **Alternate Bid** – Concrete Sidewalk - 2,735 SF.

No proposal will be considered unless it is electronically submitted through QuestCDN vBid prior to 10:00 AM on the 13th day of March, 2025. No paper bids will be accepted. A Cash Deposit, Certified Check, or Bidder's Bond, payable to the City of Dodge Center, in the amount of not less than 5% of the amount of the bid must accompany each proposal as a guarantee that the bidder, upon award of the Contract will enter into a Contract with the City of Dodge Center and furnish a Performance and Payment Bond along with a Certificate of Insurance if awarded the contract. Both the Performance and Payment Bonds must be written for the full amount of the Contract and will be required with the Contract. The deposit will be subject to forfeiture as provided by law. The deposits from each bidder will be retained by the City of Dodge Center until the evaluation process is completed and it has arranged financing for the project, but no longer than sixty five (65) days.

The City of Dodge Center reserves the right to waive any informalities, to reject any or all proposals and to award the Contract to the contractor offering the best value applying the weighted selection criteria previously listed in the advertisement.

Complete digital project bidding documents will be available on February 20th, 2025 at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may download the digital plan documents for **\$55.00** by inputting Quest project #9517364 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information.

Bids shall be electronically submitted using QuestCDN vBid (On-Line Bidding ONLY).

Dated this 19th day of February, 2025.

Lee Mattson  
City Administrator, City of Dodge Center



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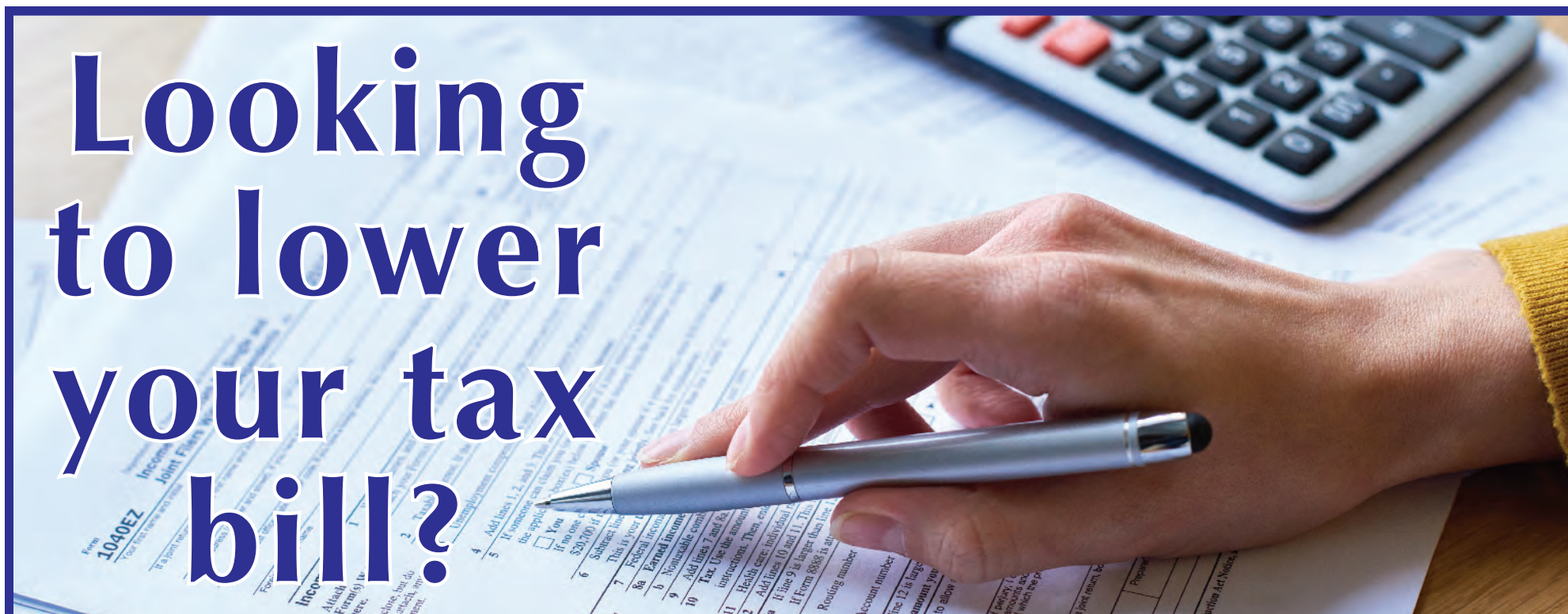
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