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## Dodge County Sheriff Department Chaplains Breakfast



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## Announcements

• **April is the month of the Military Child. April 15th is Purple day for military kids. Please wear purple on April 15th.** Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue.

• **GriefShare support group meeting Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm 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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## Dodge County Business Expo

Saturday was the 25th annual business Expo held at the Triton School in Dodge Center. People showed up at 8am and the crowd kept coming through the day. A 25 cent breakfast was served in the morning and the food court provided lunch over the noon hour. Over eighty exhibitors were on hand to meet with visitors and introduce them to new products and services in the county. A kids section kept the younger ones entertained as well. Live music was provided all day as well. The weather cooperated and the rain held off until after the event had closed.

(additional pictures on pages 6-8)



Picture left to right are Tristan Nelson, Emma Kruckeberg, Brady Staub and John Moenning

## Region 8 Awards Night Success

At the end of every competition cycle before state competition, chapters from south-east MN gather together to celebrate the success and accomplishments of their members. Triton FFA had four first place gold rated proficiency winners be recognized for their growth and learning from their work experiences or small business enterprises. Two of the members are first year graduate members that took advantage of the last opportunity to complete these awards applications. Students need to keep accurate records of earning and spending, assets accumulated and sold, hours spent working, and reflections on goals they set and how to continue improving. (continued on page 9)

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Easter is the celebration of all we are as believers! Easter celebrates the fact that the grave was empty, and we serve a risen Savior! Jesus came into this world to be our redeemer and our Savior; He came for this day we are celebrating today- His resurrection- His victory over sin and death. He paid the price for the sins of the world on the cross. And on the third day- He rose up in victory over death so that we all may celebrate that same victory when we believe in Him. The resurrection is for all people. The resurrection wasn't only for the Jews, and it wasn't only for the gentiles- non-Jewish people- Jesus came for all people. He didn't come only for the people of Israel but the world! Easter makes us One; in faith and One in Christ.

The apostle Paul addressed this very thing in his letter to the Ephesians 2:14-16, "For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. . . He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. 16 Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death."

Paul spells it out pretty well. He wants all believers to focus on the main thing- Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for them. As followers of Jesus we are now united with Christ. We're not only one with other believers we are one with Jesus. We have been brought to Jesus through His blood that was shed on the cross. Jesus paid the price- Jesus took the weight of our sins on His back and took them to the cross. And because of His death and His resurrection we are clean in the eyes of God. We are pure, we are holy, and we are one with Christ. When we choose a relationship with Jesus His blood purifies us from all sin! And when God looks at us- He sees Jesus blood and cleansing- it's a done deal. Jesus only had to die for us one time- He was the perfect sacrifice- without any sin- and was the only one that was able to become our perfect sacrifice, once and for all time!

We, as in the people of God- Christians everywhere, have an invisible bond. And

even though you can't physically see that bond- you can sense it anywhere you meet a group of believers. I love being around God's people, in the airports, in other churches, in long lines, in other countries- even though they may look different or even worship differently, we are a family! We are one. That was the plan- That was always a part of the plan of God for the people He created. He desired that each one would truly follow Jesus and become a part of His family.

Jesus brought peace to us. Jesus united the Jews and Gentiles. Jesus united you and me, by breaking down the wall that separated us.

When Jesus died and rose again he broke down the wall that separated us from God and He broke down the wall that separated people from one another. Jesus created a new people- believers in Christ- new men and women believing and following Him. We are the church!!! We are united in Christ- Being One in Christ has benefits and responsibilities for each believer:

- Unity and harmony among brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. In Christ, we all have a seat at the table. No one is better or closer to God than the other. Does that mean we forget our unique differences and cultures? Absolutely not. But it does mean those differences have no power to separate us from God or each other if we live in the freedom of this truth.
- Embrace our differences, even celebrate them, as long as we love with the Love of God, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Relational unity in the church is the best witness to the reality of Jesus Christ

and God to the world.

- There is no room for Discrimination, prejudice, and racism in God's family! God made human beings— the entire human race—in His image and likeness

- Every form of condescension, partiality, and intolerance based on race, rank, and gender must be repented of and nailed to the cross because we are all one in Jesus Christ. Paul said, "In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us" (Colossians 3:11, NLT).

- Be united in passion, plan, and purpose. Christians are all redeemed by the same blood; we are all going to the same heaven;

we have a shared aspiration, a shared enemy, and a shared hope and joy. When we get together, no matter where or how- our hearts will serve as one.

At the tomb on Resurrection morning- it was the women that received the message first- then it went to the disciples and then on Pentecost the message was proclaimed throughout Jerusalem. Jesus ended his earthly ministry with the mandate to the disciples- "go and make disciples of ALL the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

All are welcome at the cross. All are welcome in the faith- ALL brings us together in Jesus. Easter makes us ONE!

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I am grateful for being able to study God's Word. It has deepened my faith, strengthened my relationship with Jesus, and equipped me to serve others with compassion and grace. Each passage has been a source of encouragement, correction, and inspiration in my walk with God.

May God's Word be a lamp to illuminate your path and a constant source of wisdom and strength.

*Lord, may your Word guide and sustain us, leading us closer to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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Facebook: WC Faith Community Church

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## Dodge County Sheriff Department Chaplains Breakfast

The Dodge County Sheriff Department Chaplains held a breakfast at the Dodge Center Fire Hall on Sunday to raise funds for the gear necessary for the service they provide for the department. The local volunteers provide a valuable resource for the law enforcement officers and the citizens in the county.

### OBITUARY

#### Kathryn Kay Knutson

Kathryn Kay Knutson age 82, passed away in Minneapolis on March 15th.

She was born on April 2, 1943 to Lloyd and Marcella (Hubmer) Knutson. She grew up in rural Dodge County.

At age 9 she contracted polio and was in a wheelchair the remainder of her life.

She graduated from West Concord H. S. in 1961. In 1976 she moved into the Courage Center residence.

In 1980, she moved to south Minneapolis where she lived till her death.

Kay along with Mary Lindgren and others were founding and lasting members of the "intentional community" where she lived. She operated her own accounting business for thirty-five years.

She was a patron of the Minnesota Orchestra, the Guthrie Theater and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts for 35 years.

She attended Camp Courage each summer for nearly 50 years.

She was an associate member of our Saviors Church Minneapolis and life long member of the West Concord United Methodist Church, the mid town green way Coalition of Minneapolis and served for more than thirty years on the Board of Director of Accessible Space Incorporated.

She is survived by her significant other Paul Chapman of Phoenix Arizona; brother Lawrence (Debra) Knutson of New Concord Kentucky; niece Charity Wendt and children Adrianna, Nicholas, Samantha, and Skylar of Coon Rapids, Minnesota; and niece Elizabeth Knutson of Houston, Minnesota.

Arrangements were handled by the Cremation Society of Minnesota and Kay was buried by her parents in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center Minnesota.

The Memorial Service and fellowship was held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 2315 Chicago Ave. So. Minneapolis, MN on Sunday, March 23rd, from 1:00-4:00pm



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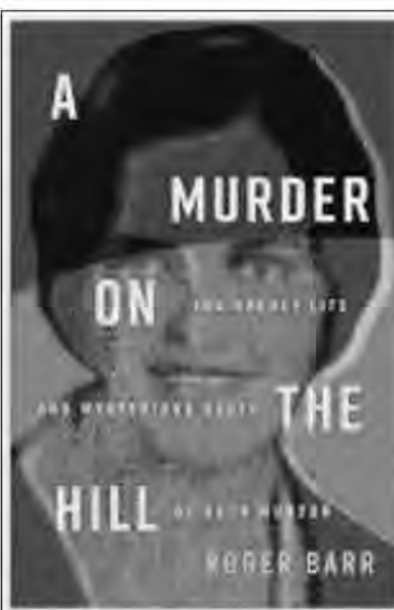
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**Thursday, April 10, 2025, 2:00 pm**  
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**Roger will talk about his writing career and read selections from his work**



Award-winning author Roger Barr, a 1969 graduate of West Concord High School, returns to his hometown to talk about his writing career and read from his work. He'll read from his most recent book, *A Murder on the Hill: The Secret Life and Mysterious Death of Ruth Munson*, which chronicles the investigation of an unsolved 1937 murder in St. Paul. He'll also read from an as yet unpublished work set in the West Concord area. Roger is the author of eleven books, 36 published short stories, an award-winning play and countless newspaper and magazine articles. Copies of his books will be available at the event for purchase.







**2025 HYDRANT  
FLUSHING SCHEDULE**

April	21-23
May	19-21
June	23-25
July	21-23
August	25-27
September	22-24
October	20-22
November*	17-19

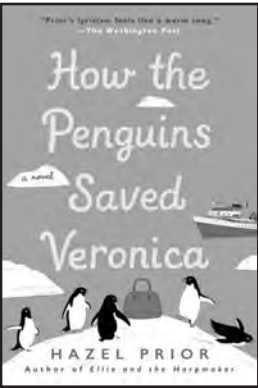
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How the Penguins Saved Veronica by Hazel Prior  
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Eighty-five-year-old Veronica McCreedy is estranged from her family and wants to find a worthwhile cause to leave her fortune to. When she sees a documentary about penguins being studied in Antarctica, she tells the scientists she's coming to visit—and won't take no for an answer. Shortly after arriving, she convinces the reluctant team to rescue an orphaned baby penguin. He becomes part of life at the base, and Veronica's closed heart starts to open.

Her grandson, Patrick, comes to Antarctica to make one last attempt to get to know his grandmother. Together, Veronica, Patrick, and even the scientists learn what family, love, and connection are all about.

Genre: Fiction  
First Published: March 2020, 355 pages (paperback)



Join us for Book Group at the West Concord Library  
Wednesday, April 9 from 4-5pm  
Bad Liar by Tami Hoag  
Broussard and Fourcade #3

Small town labels are hard to shake. Hometown hero. Fallen angel. Can anyone ever escape their past? A murder victim dumped at the dead end of a lonely country road, face and hands obliterated by a shotgun blast, is not the way sheriff's detective Nick Fourcade wants to start his week. His only lead takes him to the family of a hometown hero suddenly gone missing. Marc Mercier left his home for a weekend hunting trip and hasn't been seen since.

Meanwhile, sheriff's detective Annie Broussard begins her first day back on the job after suffering a brutal attack by taking on the case of B'Lynn Fontenot, a mother desperate to find her grown son, a recovering drug addict. Robbie Fontenot has been missing for eight days, but the local police have no interest in the case, telling B'Lynn that an adult has the right to disappear, and a missing addict is no big surprise. But B'Lynn swears her son was turning his life around. Sympathetic to a mother's anguish, Annie agrees to help B'Lynn. As Annie searches for Robbie Fontenot and Nick investigates the disappearance of Marc Mercier, it quickly becomes apparent that nothing is as it seems in the lives of either man. And it's still not clear whether either of them – or neither – might be the unidentified murder victim. Old jealousies and fresh deceptions, family loyalties gone wrong and love turned sour, all lay a twisting trail that leads deep into the Louisiana swamp, endangering all who cross the path of a bad liar.


Genre: Mystery  
First Published: September 2024, 416 pages (hardcover)



Upcoming Events in West Concord  
West Concord is a vibrant community with lots of activities happening. If you haven't checked out one of our events, why not get involved in 2025!

- Library Events**
- April 10: Minnesota Author Roger Barr presents Murder on the Hill at 2:00 PM
  - May 12: Minnesota's Hooded History – the KKK in 1920s Minnesota at 6:30 PM (in conjunction with the WCHS)
  - June 11: Summer Reading Kick-off with "Will Sings Songs" at 10:00 AM
  - July 26: National Eagle Center Presentation (as part of Survival Days; presentation in Historical Society Gym) at 1:00 PM
  - July 30: Raising Hope Ranch: Parrot Facts & Big Laughs at 10:00 AM
  - August 12: Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Performance & Workshop at 1:00 PM
  - September 25: Folky Duck Painting Workshop at 5:00 PM
- Community Events & Celebrations**
- April 19: Easter Egg Hunt at Lion's Park
  - April 26: Tree Planting around the City (tentative)
  - May 10: Community Clean-up and Spring Fling
  - May 17: Burger Night with the Fire Department
  - June 19: Open Swim at Memorial Park
  - July 24-27: 40th Annual Survival Days
  - August 5: National Night Out
  - September 20: 4th Annual OktoberFest
  - December 6: Christmas in West Concord





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# Dodge Co. Expo


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## Garden Thyme Craft Show

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# Dodge Co. Expo





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## Easter Brunch Menu

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Serving 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.  
(Last seating 3:00p.m. - Bar open later)

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# Region 8 Awards Night Success

(continued from page 1)

Typically these are 20 page award applications. Graduate members Tristan Nelson did his application about his work experiences for his family, Steven's Truck and McNeilus Steel along with John Moenning doing his applica-

tion on his swine, beef and crop operation. High school members Brady Staub did his application on growing corn and soybeans, and Emma Kruckeberg did her application on her show rabbit and meat rabbit business. Both members' applications were selected as

top 3 finalists at the state level and will learn the results at state convention There are 46 different project areas that FFA recognizes and 113 members in MN are being recognized in these award areas. Region 8 had 13 students that placed in the top three of these

award areas and Triton was the only school in Region 8 to have applicants make it in the top 3. Congratulations to all of the members that had success at the region level!



Chris and Julie Staub with their son Brady



Paul and Cathy Moenning with their son John



Tristan Nelson with his parents Nick and Angie Nelson



Tim Kruckeberg, Emma Kruckeberg, Michelle Kruckeberg and Scarlett Kruckeberg



**Triton  
Students  
Bring Deer to the  
Minnesota  
Deer Classic**

*Submitted* - Five kids from Triton School brought their deer to the Minnesota Deer Classic this year. The four boys are friends, classmates and teammates. And two of the kids are brother and sister. The kids all had a great time showing off their deer at the show and this year will be a year to remember with 5 of them all bringing deer to the show. They all have their sights set on another great hunting season coming up this fall.

**Pictured left to right:** Sawyer Deml- 8th grade, Cruz Cain- 8th grade, Kaiden Adreon- 8th grade, Mason Markell- 8th grade, Aubrey Markell- 10th grade



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10/01/2024

**ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON**

**Nicole "Nikki" Anderson**  
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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 ^  
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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.

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# Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,  
Minnesota State Patrol



**Question:** My vehicle was recently involved with a crash with another vehicle. I had car seat inside but no child was present at the time of the crash. I am wondering if the car

seat would still need to be replaced. My auto insurance company didn't want to replace it. Is there some state statute on this?

Answer: I did some checking with a Child Passenger Safety Technician and was advised there is no specific statute regarding car seat replacement after a crash from a state perspective. However, if the car seat manufacturer recommends replacement after a crash, that guidance should be followed. The insurance company may request documentation from the car seat manufacturer to support the claim. The replacement recommendation is not contingent on whether the child was in the seat at the time of the crash.

Child passenger safety technicians are trained to tell parents that if a car seat or booster seat has been in a crash, replacement is dependent on the severity of the crash, as



well as the car seat or booster seat manufacturer's guidelines for the seats.

Some manufacturers require replacement after a crash of any severity. After a minor crash, replacement recommendations vary by car seat manufacturer. Car seats and booster seats always need to be replaced after a moderate or severe crash. Caregivers should contact the car seat or booster seat manufacturer with any questions about if the seat should be replaced after a crash.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has established the following criteria for assessing minor crash severity:

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/car-seats-and-booster-seats/car-seat-use-after-crash>

What defines a minor crash?

A minor crash is one in which ALL of the following apply:

- The vehicle was able to be driven away from the crash site.
- The vehicle door nearest the car seat was not damaged.
- None of the passengers in the vehicle sustained any injuries in the crash.
- If the vehicle has air bags, the air bags did not deploy during the crash; and
- There is no visible damage to the car seat.

NEVER use a car seat that has been involved in a moderate to severe crash. Always follow manufacturer's instructions.

**Question:** I am in the process of restoring a classic car. I have a question regarding windshield wipers. Do I have to install them on my ride? I am concerned they will take away from the aesthetics. Everything from how they look on the windshield to the motor under the hood that operates them. I thought I would check with you.

Answer: Yes, you must have working windshield wipers on your vehicle. Minnesota law says the windshield on every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for cleaning rain, snow or other moisture from the windshield. The device shall be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle.

Speaking of windshield wipers, a reminder that anytime your visibility is reduced due to rain, snow, sleet, hail, smoke, fog or other conditions that your headlights and taillights must be on.

**Question:** The other day I was going down the freeway and I saw a vehicle that must've missed their exit as they were backing up near an exit ramp. This didn't appear safe and I'm going to guess illegal. What do you say sir?

Answer: Backing up is not allowed on freeways or expressways, except for emergency vehicles. If someone missed their exit they would need to continue along and use the next exit. I have come across a number of motorists that use the median crossover when they've missed their exit and attempt a "U" turn, this is illegal and unsafe. Some of which have resulted in serious crashes due to this type of negligence.

Stopping on the freeway is prohibited unless it is for an emergency. Pedestrians, bicycles, motorized bicycles and nonmotorized traffic are also prohibited on the freeway.

**Question:** I have a new driver in the house. We were having some discussion on where a person needs to stop when coming to a stop sign and other situations. Can you please write about that? Thanks!

Answer: Congratulation on the new driver. Here is what a person needs to know when it comes to stopping your vehicle.

Stop Signs:

- Come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- If there is a marked stop line, stop before the line.
- If there is a pedestrian crosswalk, stop before entering the crosswalk.
- Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians, bicyclists, and traffic before proceeding.

Obstructed View:

- If your view of the intersection is obstructed, be prepared to stop again for traffic or pedestrians in your path.

"ASK A TROOPER" by Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota State Patrol

**Question:** I know there is a lot of discussion on distracted driving. I have a question how does the law apply to amateur radio devices? For example, trained storm spotters sometimes use hand-held and vehicle mobile radios during a weather emergency.

Answer: Devices such as amateur radio, two-way radio and citizens band (CB) radio are exempt under the hands-free law. The law does not define their transmissions as electronic messages, but users are still required to operate them with due care in a safe manner.

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))

## TOO MANY DRIVERS DISTRACTED BY OLD HABITS, SEND A DANGEROUS MESSAGE

### Drive Smart: Extra Distracted Driving Enforcement on Minnesota Roads April 1-30

Distracted driving takes away hopes, dreams and lives across Minnesota and can leave people with serious injuries that tragically affect their day-to-day living.

With distracted driving still claiming lives and causing life-changing injuries in our state, we all need a reminder about the dangers of not paying attention behind the wheel. That's why Minnesota law enforcement agencies and traffic safety partners across the state will be participating in a month-long distracted driving extra enforcement and awareness campaign starting April 1.

One of the most persistent driving myths is thinking we can multitask behind the wheel. Distractions of any kind are potentially deadly. There's visual distraction like looking away from the road. There's physical distraction like taking your hands off the wheel to do something else. There's cognitive distraction like being lost in thought. And there's the combination of all of these like texting while driving.

Distracted driving contributes to an average of 29 deaths and 146 serious, life-changing injuries a year on the road (2019-2023).

#### Distracted Driving is Dangerous Driving

- Almost 30,000 crashes were distracted driving-related from 2019-2023 (preliminary), contributing to one in 11 crashes in Minnesota.
- In 2023, distracted driving contributed to 136 serious injuries and 33 deaths (preliminary).
- Distracted driving contributes to 9 percent of crashes in Minnesota.

#### Hands-Free is the Law

Distracted Driving	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Fatalities	34	32	27	22	33	148
Serious Injuries	153	161	154	126	136	730

The hands-free cell phone use law means drivers can't hold their phone in their hand. Accessing or posting on social media, streaming videos, checking that box score or Googling information on a device while driving are against the law in Minnesota, even in hands-free mode.

#### Distracted Driving Consequences

- Hands-free cell phone law: The law allows a driver to use their cell phone to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single-touch activation without holding the phone. Remember, hands-free is not necessarily distraction-free.
- \$100 or more including court fees for a first offense.
- \$300 or more including court fees for a second and/or subsequent offense.
- If you injure or kill someone while violating the hands-free law, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or homicide.

#### Drive Smart and Join Minnesotans Driving Distracted-Free

- Cell phones — Park the phone by putting it down, activating the "Do Not Disturb" feature, silencing notifications, turning it off, placing it out of reach or going hands-free.
  - Music and other controls — Pre-program radio stations and arrange music in an easy-to-access spot. Adjust mirrors and ventilation before traveling.
  - Navigation — Map out the destination and enter the GPS route in advance.
  - Eating and drinking — Avoid messy foods and secure drinks.
  - Children — Teach children the importance of good behavior in a vehicle and model proper driving behavior.
  - Passengers — Speak up to stop drivers from distracted driving behavior and offer to help with anything that takes the driver's attention off the road.
- Visit [HandsFreeMN.org](http://HandsFreeMN.org) and [DriveSmartMN.org](http://DriveSmartMN.org) for more information.



# Legal Notices

**TRITON ISD NO. 2125 –  
SUMMARY SCHOOL  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY  
10, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.  
TRITON HIGH SCHOOL  
MEDIA CENTER –  
DODGE CENTER, MN  
& ZOOM VIDEO  
CONFERRING**

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the February 10, 2025, 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., Scott Curran, Craig Schlichting, Luke Lutterman, Tricia Johnson, Tina Kozisek, Romina Medina, and others. The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the consent agenda including the January

13, 2025 regular meeting minutes and January 29, 2025 study session minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer’s report; donations; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for students #021025A, #021025B, #021025C, #021025D, #021025E, #021025F, #021025G and #021025H; contract for Tanisha Topinka as TMS-THS Principal; resignation for Corey Black as Activities Director effective June 30, 2025; extra-curricular contract for Brett Kispert as Head Baseball Coach;

- BPA Overnight Trip to the State Leadership Conference in Minneapolis March 6-8, 2025;
- Resolution Directing the Administration to Make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor;
- Reauthorize Safe Learning Plan;
- Triton School Calendar for 2025-2026;
- Changing the Regular

School Board Meeting from March 17, 2025 to March 24, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**CITY OF  
WEST CONCORD  
FEBRUARY COUNCIL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey  
McCool, Councilmembers  
Burse, Johnson, Koeckeritz,  
and Nielsen.**

**ABSENT:** None  
**ALSO PRESENT:** City Administrator/Clerk Paula Even Trenda, Ambulance Director Adam La Plount, Police Chief Shannon Boerner, Maintenance Supervisor, Keith Clemmer, Library Director, Heather Frederick, Deputy Fire Chief Froyum, Chris Sanders from Peoples Services.  
**CALL TO ORDER:** Regular Meeting began at 7:00 PM  
**PUBLIC COMMENT -** Resident Sandra Sullivan was present to give council an update on why she didn’t

agree with the assessment to her property, as well as the settlement on the assessment. She would like to address, at a future time, changing our assessment policy.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA; Motion passed  
Consent Agenda**

- Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2025

- Approve Payment of Claims, dated 01-11-25 to 02-14-25, in the amount of \$183,338.91.

- Approve Settlement Offer on Special Assessment

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passed

**CITY BUSINESS**

**A: Update/Discussion on  
ball diamond new building**

Councilmember Johnson updated that the committee has gathered concrete bids, have a rough design and design sketch created and are moving forward with finalizing the plans.

**B. Set-up Work Session to  
review long-range planning**

Long-range planning update (last done in 2021) was scheduled for Thursday, March 6th at the Bell Tower at 6:00 pm.

**C. Resolution 07-25: Approval of Library Donations.** Motion Passed.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS  
ADMINISTRATOR/CLE  
RK REPORT:**

January Rent from W.C. H. S.: \$2,076.09  
Municipal Liquor On & Off

Sale Monthly Report: New POS installed.

Completed the 2025 Pay Equity Inclusion report and submitted it to the state. Passed for 3 years.

Dodge County Local Board of Appeals & Equalization (LBAE) is scheduled for April 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm. At City Hall.

Auditors were here Feb 18 & 19. Went well. Auditor will present report at March meeting.

Approval for Administrator to attend IIMC Region VI mid-year education event in Lacrosse, WI March 7. Cost \$75 plus mileage to/from La Crosse.

**LIBRARIAN REPORT:**

Library has a 2 week display of “Testify.” This is a poster-based display of slavery. Heather is working on completing the year-end annual report.

**PUBLIC WORKS RE-  
PORT:**

Keith is working on placing additional trees around the City as part of the EAB grant. Priority is given to those along the Irvin Street corridor that was reconstructed last summer.

**PEOPLESERVICE RE-  
PORT:**

Chris Sanders was present. Required meeting readings, water sample pulls, etc. have all been included.

**POLICE CHIEF:**

Police Chief Boerner provided monthly call log to council. Nothing else to re-

port.

**FIRE CHIEF:**

Deputy Fire Chief Froyum said the fire department has been busier this year. They responded to 3 fires and were paged out 20 times. The breakfast fundraiser was very well attended and they raised a lot for Michaela and her recovery.

**AMBULANCE DIREC-  
TOR:**

Director La Plount was present and said they had 14 EMS calls, resulting in 7 transports. He is forming an ambulance committee to start planning for a new ambulance for the department to be purchased in 2-3 years. He would like to discuss pay incentives for EMS and Fire volunteers for the next budget cycle.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to Adjourn at 7:30 pm.

**Concord Township  
Residents**

Chloride application forms and stakes will be available at the town hall starting April 21, 2025.

Forms and payment must be returned by

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Chloride application date will be dependent on weather and rock spreading.

**DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, March 10, 2025**

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the March 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: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Marianne Sobeck, John Fox, Melanie Leth, City Attorney, Representatives from Xcel Energy/Northern States Power Company, Dodge County Sheriff’s Office and Kathy Freeman

Absent: Braedon Dostal

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda to include: Minutes from February 24, 2025 City Council Meeting and February 3, 2025 Planning & Zoning Meeting; Appointment of Del Steen to Planning & Zoning Commission; Freezer purchase for Aquatic Center; Hire Kirsta Olson – Paid-On-Call EMT and Payment of Bills;
- Resolution 2025-008 A Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Northern States Power Company to include two conditions;
- Authorizing TDKA to apply for two grant requests and combining them into a single grant request;
- Authorizing staff to waive two thirds (2/3) of penalty charges placed on resident account;
- Approval of manager of Aquatic Center and one lead at a wage of \$20.09/hour. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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**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 Claremont shall meet:

Date/Time: April 21, 2025 at 2:30 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025

Brian Anderson  
City Clerk of the City of Claremont





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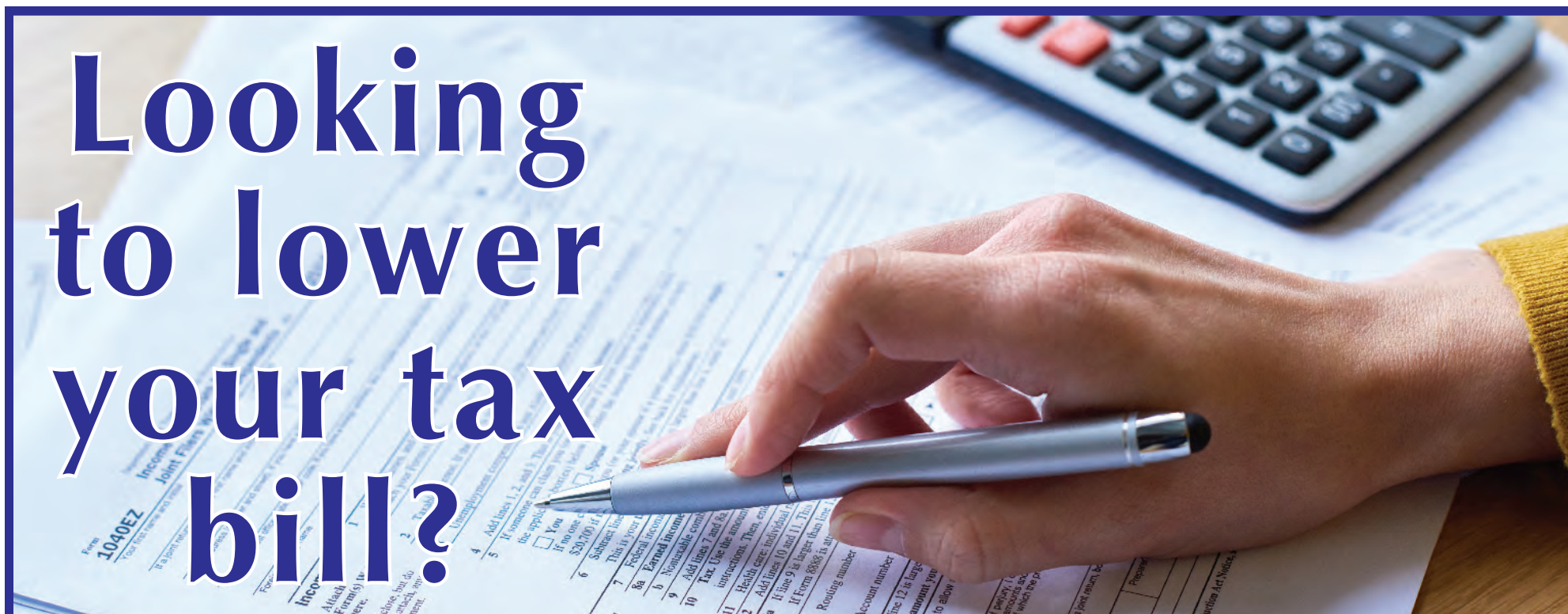
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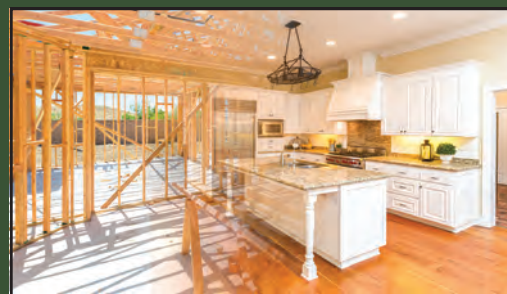
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