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2025 Dodge County Dairy Princesses



The Dodge County Dairy Princesses for 2025 were honored this weekend at the Hubbell House.

They are left to right: Ellie Sauder, Josie Sauder, Alita Reinhart.

Final Round of Trees Planted in West Concord

By Mayor Jeffrey E. McCool

On Saturday, April 26 members of the community planted the final round of trees as part of the 3-year "Protect Community Forests by Managing Ash for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Grant" on public land.

This 3-year grant was provided by the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources through the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. With the contribution of in-kind donations, volunteer labor and a small city contribution, the grant totaled in the amount of \$82,877.86! The city also received Tree Steward assistance from the University of Minnesota and Tree Trust.

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Announcements

- **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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Tree Planted at Triton Elementary School



The Dodge Center Lion's Club planted an apple tree last week at the Triton Elementary school. They donate a tree each year to the Triton Public School. In the past David Hanson has been present for the planting, but Davis passed away this last winter.

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Warning



By Jon Dudek, co-founder of Isaiah Ministries, bringing Biblical teaching to help overcome life's everyday challenges.
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Second Timothy 4:3 (AMP) says, “For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine and accurate instruction [that challenges them with God’s truth]; but wanting to have their ears tickled [with something pleasing], they will accumulate for themselves [many] teachers [one after another, chosen] to satisfy their own desires and to support the errors they hold.”

When we read this verse, it should sadden all of us. It is stating that there will be a time when many will want to hear only what makes them feel good and not hear the truth, the Bible. These people will listen to “teachers” who will just make their ears content. They will turn away from truth by rejecting Jesus and will choose to conform to the ways of the world. Here are a few things I have

seen and heard from some pastors, priests, and other religious leaders.

False Doctrine:

- Jesus isn’t the only way to heaven.
- The Bible is too old, and it needs to catch up to the times we live in.
- It will be okay to take the mark of the beast.

- Do whatever feels good.
- Denial of the Trinity.
- There is no hell.

True Doctrine:

- Jesus is the only way to heaven (John 14:6).
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God, is alive and active, and is profitable for teaching as well as reproof (Hebrews 4:12 and 2 Timothy 3:16). As the times change, which they will, this just proves the importance of being rooted in the Bible and following its truths (Daniel 7:25 and John 17:17).

- It will not be okay to take the mark of the beast. If one does, they will be tormented, and that torment will be in hell (Revelation 14:9–11).

- Truth does not stand on feeling; truth



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stands on what the Word of God says (2 Timothy 2:22 and John 17:17).

• We have one God made of three persons. God is the Father (1 John 3:1–2 and Ephesians 4:6). God is Jesus (John 1:1, 4). God is the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3–4). Matthew 28:19, Isaiah 48:16, and 1 Peter 1:1–2 also confirm the Trinity.

• Hell is real. Jesus warns us of hell—eternal punishment (Matthew 25:41–46).

What are some things we can do to prepare so we don’t fall into false doctrine? Here are a few steps we can take to be able to distinguish between truth (the Bible) and false doctrine. We have to be reading the Bible. The only way we can differentiate truth versus untruth is by being in the Word. We need to be studying and soaking in it. If it is dif-

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Thomas

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

— John 20:24

I can understand Thomas’s doubt. For whatever reason, he wasn’t with the other disciples when Jesus first visited them after his resurrection, so he hadn’t seen Jesus firsthand. Maybe he should have taken the disciples’ word for it when they told him they had seen Jesus. Maybe he should have had more faith. Or maybe he was just an untrusting sort of person. Whatever the case, Thomas said he just couldn’t believe Jesus was alive until he saw Jesus for himself.

When Jesus came again and Thomas could see him, Jesus was patient with Thomas. Jesus even showed Thomas what he said he needed to see in order to believe. But Jesus also noted that all who believe without seeing him will be blessed.

Today that includes you and me. Belief without seeing is the nature of our faith most of the time. We probably won’t see Christ in person until we join him in eternity. Until then, though, we believe even though we have not seen.

We are called to have faith in Jesus for who he is, all he has done, and all he has promised. We believe because others have seen, because others have witnessed, and because their testimony is in God’s Word to us, along with all of God’s promises. We believe because the Spirit of God guides us into the truth of God’s Word and gives us faith (see John 16:7-15; Ephesians 2:6-10). And in believing we are blessed.

Lord, help us to believe even though we have not seen. By your Spirit, lead us to know the truth that brings life in you. Amen.

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Lloyd Norval Kunde

Lloyd Norval Kunde, 92, of Kenyon, MN, died on Friday, April 18, 2025, at United Hospital in St. Paul after a brief illness.

Lloyd was born in Goodhue, MN, on January 1, 1933, to Edward E. Kunde and Hilda A. (Berg) Kunde.

He graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1950, but his school path took him to many locations including District 69 School, Goodhue Town School, Washington School in Red Wing, Dennison Grade School, Nerstrand High School, and finally Wanamingo High School.

While living in Dennison, he was active in the Boy Scouts and in later years, in FFA. He played football, basketball, and baseball all through his school years, including with the famous Dennison baseball team in the early 1950's. After his discharge from the Army, he was the catcher for the Kenyon baseball town team for a few years before switching to fast-pitch softball. After his playing career ended, he kept his hand in the game as a high school baseball umpire. He had a life-long love for all Minnesota sports teams.

He was drafted into the Army in 1955, and stationed at Andrews AFD Headquarters, 75th AFB Missile Battalion until his discharge in 1957. While in the Army, he had a close encounter with President Eisenhower when they ended up shopping in the same store on base. He was always proud that he was able to salute him in person. Lloyd also had the opportunity to play basketball with future Hall of Fame player, Cliff Hagan.

After high school, he helped on the family farm. On May 2, 1959, he married Evelyn A. Nelson at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. They made their home in rural Kenyon and dairy farmed for 14 years before the farm was sold. At that time, he attended Dunwoody Institute and then opened K&M Plumbing, Heating, & Appliance Repair in Kenyon. He eventually went solo in the plumbing and heating business, later working with his son, David, until this retirement. Lloyd also sold monuments for over 40 years.

Lloyd is survived by his sons, David (Darcy) and Mark; daughter, Kathy, all of Kenyon; grandchildren: Brian Bartel of Zumbrota, Jennifer Kunde and her partner, Mike Wagner of Rochester, and Sage Kunde of Euclid, OH; great-grandchildren: Shontell, Joe, and Jaxson; great-great-granddaughter Juliet, all of Rochester; sisters: Elrene (Vince) Hamann, Adele Kunde, and Illice Kunde, all of Minneapolis; sister-in-law, Peggy Nelson of Wanamingo; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 64 years, Evelyn (Nelson) Kunde; son, Steven Kunde; brothers, Harlan and Donald; sister, Ilene; brothers-in-law: Alvin Berg, Robert Ullevig, Harris Nelson, and Roger Nelson; sisters-in-law: Carolyn Kunde, Stella Berg, Gladys Ullevig, and Henrietta Nelson; nephew, Gary Berg; and niece, Susan Berg.

A funeral service was held at 11 AM on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Holden Lutheran

Church, rural Kenyon. Pastor Dustin Haider officiated. A visitation was held from 10 AM until the time of service. Lloyd was laid to rest at the church cemetery with full military honors.

Harlan Earl Peters

Harlan Earl Peters, 62, of Kenyon, MN, passed away suddenly on April 16, 2025, of a massive heart attack while driving home in his tractor. Born in District One Hospital, Faribault, MN, on October 11, 1962, he graduated from Kenyon High School in 1981. Har-

lan married Heather Gellert on August 4, 1984, and have been married for over 40 years. Harlan has farmed all his life; raising hogs, steers, dairy farming, and grain farming. After retiring from dairy farming in 2002, Harlan decided he needed a winter job and began working at ADM for the next 17 years while continuing to grain farm. He started out as a laborer and quickly worked his way up to supervisor. He took an early retirement in 2019, from ADM, but continued farming until his passing.

Harlan enjoyed camping, traveling, singing, music, golfing, and just spending time with friends and family. He was an amazing father to his daughter, Hannah, and would have done anything for her. He supported her through every step and was her biggest fan.

He is survived by his wife, Heather (Gellert) Peters; one child, Hannah Peters (currently of Norfolk, VA); his siblings: Sandra (Doug) Gochbauer, Gary (Annette) Peters, Linda (Sy) Thomas, Dennis (Pat) Peters, and Debra Nerud; brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

Harlan was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Gladys (Nielsen) Peters; mother and father-in-law, Randall and Gay Gellert; his brother-in-law, Dennis Nerud; and his grandparents.

A visitation was held from 4 PM to 7 PM on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Michaelson Funeral Home, Kenyon, MN. A funeral service was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at First Lutheran Church in Kenyon. Pastor DJ Chatelaine officiated. An additional visitation was held from 9:30 AM until the time of service and Harlan was laid to rest at Old Stone Church Cemetery, rural Kenyon.

Glen Eldo Albright

Glen Eldo Albright, 96, of Kenyon, MN, died Sunday, December 22, 2024 at Circle Drive Manor in West Concord, MN. Glen was born on the family farm, Cherry Grove township, Kenyon, MN on March 4, 1928, to Roger and Agnes (Lips) Albright. He was baptized and confirmed at the Methodist church in

Kenyon, MN. He attended country school through the 8th grade, Kenyon High School his 9th grade year but he had to quit school to help on the farm. At 17 he was hospitalized at Sister Kinney Institute in Minneapolis for polio. He met his wife to be, Connie Rud, through his sister, Fern, while in the hospital. On May 1948, they were married at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon. They made their home on the Lips family farm, just down the road from the Albright family farmstead, where they farmed for 10 years. Four children; Jeff, Jim, Carm, and Jon, were born to them during that time.

In the spring of 1958 Glen moved his family into Kenyon and started working for Clark Hardware. He also worked for a time at Jorstad Hardware while attending vocational school at nights to get his plumbing and heating license. He started his own business in 1962. Over the years each of his children had the opportunity to work with their dad. Glen retired from the Plumbing & Heating business in 1991. Glen and Connie had many home projects over the years; constructing a Santa, his sleigh and reindeer, a playhouse and backyard basketball court where many a youth spent time in a quick basketball pickup game or game of horse. Lights and benches insured that there were plenty of kids around, even after dark.

In 1952 Glen and Connie purchased a cabin on Roberds Lake, Faribault, MN. For 59 years the family spent their summers there. As the family grew with the births of Candy, Carrie and Jason, so did the size of the cabin; from 2 rooms to 7 rooms, garage with 1 bedroom apartment, carport with outdoor bathroom and laundry room. Glen's love for fishing started at a young age going fishing with his dad, then at their lake home, in Alaska and with son Jeff in Florida. His last fishing trip was this past October, fishing with son-in-law Dave, sons, Jason and Jon, on Roberds Lake.

Glen and Connie wintered in Arizona for 20 years. They traveled through the lower 48 and to Alaska many times to spend time with family. They also were able to travel to Hawaii, Spain, Morocco, England, Germany, Austria, and Yugoslavia.

Glen is survived by five children; Jeff (Debbie) Albright of Avon Park, Florida, Jon (Cher) Albright of Wasilla, Alaska, Carm (Brad) Nesseth, Randy Braaten, Carrie (Dave) Stevenson, Jason (Leora) Albright all of Kenyon; 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren, sister Betty (Stan) Johnson of Rochester, MN; nieces and nephews and first cousins on both the Albright and Lips side of the family.

Glen was preceded in death by his wife Connie in 2017, son Jim, daughter Candy, sister Fern Rud, brother Curtis Albright, brothers-in-law Glenn Rud, Hobe Lucas and sister-in-law Jean Lucas.

Glen donated his body to further the medical education and research mission of Mayo Clinic. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 12, 2025 at 11:00, visitation 10:00 at Hauge Lutheran Church, Kenyon, MN. Memorials are preferred to the Old Stone Church, Kenyon, MN.

Charles (Chuck) Avery

Charles (Chuck) Avery, 83, of Austin, formerly of Clarks Grove, passed away April 22, 2025 at his home after being diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumor on April 9, 2025. Chuck was born on March 12, 1942. He was the son of Lloyd and LaVonne (Pederson) Avery.

Chuck worked for his father in the family business, Avery Feed & Fertilizer, in West Concord. He graduated from West Concord High School in 1960. After graduation he worked for Wenger Corporation before starting his 32 year career with UPS where he achieved 28 years of safe driving before retiring in March of 1998.

Chuck married his high school sweetheart Connie (Phelps), on March 22, 1963. They just celebrated 62 years of marriage. They were blessed with four amazing children, Lee, Kevin, JoDee, and ReNae.

Chuck loved serving his Lord and Savior. Chuck was involved in church leadership and led the Truck Stop Ministry at Trails, as well as leading a Bible study group at Crossroads Church. More recently Chuck served on the Board of Directors at the Village Cooperative in Austin where he served as president for the past 3 years.

Chuck loved taking road trips and traveling with Connie. He enjoyed doing handy man work and found great joy spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Chuck is survived by his wife Connie, their children Lee (Chris) Avery and children Alec (Jessica), Kasey (Renae); Kevin (Sherrie) Avery and children London (Grant), Garret (Elisabeth), Hannah (Adam), and Jacob; JoDee Avery and children Curi (Jen), Kaled and Mattie; ReNae (Bob) Meaney and children Taylor and Morgan; great grandchildren Kayden, Emma, Luna, Owen, Kyla, Carter, Leif, and Grayson; Siblings Paul (Julie) Avery, Jim (Linda) Avery, Karen (Larry) Lehmberg, Kathy (Ray) Courson, Joan (Steve) Sherry and sisters-in-law Vicky Avery and Karen Phelps and many nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, his father and mother-in-law Fred and Dorothy Phelps, sister Jean Schoolfield, and brother Mark Avery.

The family would like to thank the Mayo Clinic and the Mayo Clinic Hospice team for their excellent care.

Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 10th at Crossroads Church in Albert Lea MN at 2PM with visitation to be held from 12PM to 2PM.

(obituaries continued on page 4)

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Roger Allen Vrieze

Roger Allen Vrieze, 81, of Mantorville MN passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Mayo Clinic Methodist Campus in Rochester, MN. He was born in Owatonna MN on March 3, 1944, to Wilton (Bud) and Doris (Ericksen) Vrieze. He attended West Concord High School. Roger married Vivian Carol Baker on December 23, 1966, they had four children and made their home in Mantorville.

Roger was a cathodic protection engineer, superintendent of gas line crews all while working for Energy Economics and Donaldson's Construction for almost 50 years. His work took him across the United States for many years. He was a member of the Midwest Operating Engineers. He enjoyed going to the Owatonna Eagles where he was a member for 44 years. Dad enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time at Cedar Lake, Le Mieux's Resort with his family and friends. He was known for his "acreage" for which he referred to as his garden. He loved sharing his flowers and vegetables.

Roger is survived by his four children, Sheri (Craig) Allen of Owatonna, Martha Vrieze of Mantorville, Marie (Kelly) Klodzinski of Lumberton, TX and Todd (Carrie) Vrieze of Mantorville; five grandchildren, R.T (Chelsea), Nate (Justine), Ellynn, Sean, Kaitlyn; brother, Lawrence (Peggy) Vrieze; sister-

in-law, Sharon Ronning and niece, Molly.

The celebration of life for Roger Vrieze will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Czapslewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson, MN. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Czapslewski in Kasson and one hour prior to his service on Wednesday. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Mantorville immediately following the funeral.

Barry Frank Dibble

Barry Frank Dibble, 79, of Kasson, MN, died Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at his home.



Barry was born March 23, 1946, to Ralph "Bud" and Helen (Smith) Dibble in New York City, NY and spent his childhood in

Kasson, MN. After graduating from Kasson-Mantorville High School in 1964, Barry attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN where he obtained a degree in Chemical Engineering, before he enlisted in the US Coast Guard. He then went on to obtain his bachelor's degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Minnesota and returned to Kasson to work with his father at the Dibble Fu-

neral Home, later becoming owner. He also served many years as the Dodge County Coroner.

Barry married Brenda Hughes and together they had 3 children. They later divorced. In 1989, he married Patricia (Derby) Dibble.

Barry loved his dogs, motorcycles, cars and Minnesota Gophers football. If he saw you in town, he was quick to say hello, took a genuine interest in how you were doing, and always had a joke on hand to share. He cared deeply about the families he helped through the funeral home; working hard to make sure they received the best service possible. He truly enjoyed his family; gathering at the pool where he could watch the grandchildren swim and visit friends and family were a particular favorite. He never missed an opportunity to tell his family he loved them.

Barry is survived by his wife, Patricia Dibble; children, Lisa (Rob) Vivian, Christopher (Jackie) Dibble, Nicholas (Brianna) Dibble, David (Kelly) Derby, and Matthew (Kelly) Derby; as well as 13 grandchildren, Liam Vivian, Skye Vivian, Cammi (Justice) Ehler, Paige Kobi, Alex Ehler, Adrian Dibble, Charles Dibble, Irelynd Dibble, Amanda (Joshua) Mentzel-Derby, Erik (Tannah) Torgerson, Logan Derby, Ian Regal, and Autumn Derby. He is also survived by sister, Denise (Roger) Bierlen; as well as nephew, Jamie Bierlen and nieces, Sue (John) Boswell and Tiffany (Dan) Bierlen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Helen Dibble; grandson, Blaise Dibble; and nephew, Ryan Bierlen.

A memorial service in honor of Barry will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2025, at

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 101 1st St NE, in Kasson, MN, with the Rev. Dr. Colin Maltbie officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, May 9, 2025, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and one hour prior to his service on Saturday.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.czapslewskifuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers that memorials be directed to St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kasson, MN or to them for distribution according to their wishes. Blessed be his memory.

Jon Glarner



Jon Glarner has passed at Madonna Towers Benedict House on April 9, 2025 after suffering a long illness.

A Celebration of Jon's Life will be held on May 11th at the Eagles Club in Rochester from 2:00 to 5:00.

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West Concord Business Owners

The Façade Improvement Program is now Available.

This initiative offers 0% forgivable loans to businesses within city limits to support street-facing exterior improvements. Details about loan awards and the application process can be found online at www.westconcordmn.com/economic-development-authority-eda



Final Round of Trees Planted in West Concord

(continued from page 1)

As you can see from the below results a huge thank you goes out to all our volunteers and city staff for making this all happen!

- A grand total of 134 Trees Planted!
- 2023- 30 Trees Planted
- 2024- 50 Trees Planted
- 2025- 54 Trees Planted
- A total of 47 Infected Ash Trees Removed.

A diverse Species of trees planted to resist future disease issues, selected for our growing area, and conditions:

American Red Plum, Hackberry, Skyline Locust, Snowdrift Crabapple, Swamp White Oak, Yellowwood, American Alder, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, Bur Oak, Bitternut Hickory, Eastern Redbud, Ironwood, Kentucky Coffee Tree, Princeton Elm, Red Oak, Redmond Linden, River Birch, Shagbark Hickory, Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn, Beech, Ginko, Ohio Buckeye, Pin Oak, and Starlight Crabapple.

As a result, instead of a decimated urban tree canopy West Concord shall have a flourishing one! Thank you volunteers for continuing to keep West Concord having "A Proud Heritage, A Bright Future!"



m DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 
"Funding provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund"


West Concord 4th Annual Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Help clean-up West Concord and make our small city look welcoming to all residents and visitors!

This service is for West Concord Residents ONLY. Please be sure to bring your I.D. Cash or Check Only. Please make checks payable to West Concord. Thank You!

Drop Off Location: Public Works Building (north of softball field)



Spring FLING

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Tickets available at City Hall.

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Accepted Items include:

Demolition Loads	\$25.00/load	
Appliances*	\$15.00 each	
Water Heaters	\$20.00 each	
TVs, Computers, Monitors	\$20.00 each	
Small Electronics	\$5.00 each	
Tires (based on size)	\$5.00 - \$10.00 (car); \$25.00 (truck); \$65 (tractor)	
Carpet (with or without pad)	\$15.00 each	
Propane Tanks	\$10 & up	
Batteries (car)	\$5.00 each	
Furniture, Mattresses, Box Springs, Recliners, Couches	Varies (\$12.00-\$30.00)	
Over-the-Counter & Prescription Medications	No Charge	
Paint	No Charge	

*There is no charge for the following Appliances: Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers

Chat with your neighbors while enjoying FREE coffee, donuts, hot dogs, and water!

Be sure to say "THANK YOU" to City Council & Staff for making this clean-up day happen!

**Oshkosh Corporation,
Global Innovator
in Purpose-Built
Vehicles and
Equipment,
Joins Together for
Safer Roads to
Improve Fleet Safety**
*Will Support TSR’s Direct Vision
Vehicle Design Initiatives*

New York, NY — Together for Safer Roads (TSR), a leading non-governmental organization dedicated to advancing road safety through cross-sector collaboration and technological innovation, proudly announces the addition of Oshkosh Corporation as its newest member. Oshkosh’s deep and longstanding commitment to best-in-class innovation and design in the transportation sector aligns closely with TSR’s commitment to advancing global fleet safety and will further strengthen the organization’s various initiatives.

Oshkosh Corporation and its global reach

spans numerous brands, all leaders in vehicle design centered on safety, technology, and sustainability. From its standard, automated, and heavy-duty collection trucks, to the all-electric Volterra refuse trucks, to next-generation zero-emission delivery vehicles, to the advanced S-Series Concrete Mixer and a variety of specialty trucks, designs purpose-built vehicles and equipment with advanced technology that empowers everyday heroes by making some of the most challenging jobs in the world safe, intuitive and productive.

“We are delighted to welcome Oshkosh Corporation as the newest member of Together for Safer Roads,” said Peter Goldwasser, TSR’s Executive Director. “The company’s leadership and expertise on innovation, developing high-vision vehicles, and integrating cutting-edge safety technologies for operators across industries will significantly contribute to our ongoing fleet safety initiatives. Working together we will advance our shared road safety goals.”

In particular, Oshkosh subsidiary McNeilus, headquartered in Dodge Center, Minnesota, has long been recognized for its dedication to designing and manufacturing refuse collection vehicles with enhanced visibility, ergonomic driver experiences, and advanced safety features. With a focus on reducing

blind zones, integrating collision mitigation systems, and utilizing telematics for fleet safety optimization, McNeilus continues to be a leader in building smarter and safer vehicles for the waste and recycling industry.

“Safety is at the core of everything we do at McNeilus,” said Lee Dreas, McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing, Inc. VP & General Manager. “Joining Together for Safer Roads allows us to further our mission of making fleets safer by sharing our expertise and collaborating with industry leaders to advance road safety solutions. We look forward to working together to improve fleet and workplace safety and protect drivers, pedestrians, and communities alike.”

“We are delighted to welcome Oshkosh and its deep knowledge and expertise to TSR. As leaders in dynamic vehicle design and safety innovation, we know they will provide invaluable leadership and real-world insights across our programming,” added Andres Peñate, Together for Safer Roads Board Chair and Global VP Corporate Affairs at Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Oshkosh’s membership follows their appointment last month as a co-chair of one of TSR’s newest initiatives: The Direct Vision Leadership Council, a group of leading stakeholders from across the industry who will work to expand the use of safer, high-vision trucks in the North American market.

Dodge County to host free Fix-It Clinic

DODGE COUNTY, MN – Dodge County is excited to announce its first-ever Fix-It Clinic, on Sunday, July 13, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The event will be held at Dodge County Renovation ReUse, 62770 240th Ave, Kasson, MN.

This free community event, in partnership with Reuse Minnesota, offers a unique opportunity for individuals to get their textiles and household items mended and repaired by skilled volunteers.

Date and time:

Sunday, July 13, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Dodge County Renovation ReUse, 62770 240th Ave, Kasson, MN

No pre-registration required: First-come, first-served

Item limit: Limit of 2 items per household

Item acceptance deadline:

Items will be accepted until 3:30 PM

(30 minutes before the event ends)

The Fix-It Clinic will focus on small, carry-in sized items for hands-on repairs. Attendees are encouraged to bring textiles, small household goods, and other fixable items to restore. Volunteers with expertise in mending, sewing, and general repairs will be available to assist.

This event is made possible through funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s Statewide Waste Reduction and Reuse grant, reinforcing a shared commitment to sustainability and reducing waste in our community.

Dodge County is also seeking volunteers who can lend their repair, mending, or event skills to help make their clinics successful. Those interested in volunteering at future events can fill out the volunteer interest form at <https://forms.gle/XUf1tSjBD6onsVws9> or visit [reusemn.org](https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/fix-it_clinics.php) for more information.

For more information on the Fix-It Clinic, please visit Dodge County’s website, https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/fix-it_clinics.php or social media channels.

About Dodge County

Dodge County, located in southeastern Minnesota, is dedicated to protecting its natural resources through thoughtful environmental programs and services. The Environmental Services Department oversees recycling, waste management, land use planning, and water protection initiatives, including a local Renovation ReUse center that promotes the reuse of building materials. The county also works closely with state agencies to manage groundwater resources and promote sustainable development. Through these efforts, Dodge County supports a cleaner, more resilient future for its communities.

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The Power of Poetry

By Tyler Weeks



Poetry has a peculiar effect on everyday life. Whether it's one of Shakespeare's convoluted sonnets or a heartfelt message to a loved one, it's hard to argue against poetry's use as a means of expression.

Anne Haynes Few individuals in the southern Minnesotan area have used this art form as effectively as Anne Haynes, who recently compiled several poems into a book for charity. Since her early beginnings on a Nerstrand farm, Anne used writing to extinguish the fear and worry she felt as a kid. As her knack for writing continued to develop, she proceeded to write poetry and plays as early as the 4th grade, though not without difficulties.

Because of the many health problems surrounding her and her family, she found it difficult to continue writing amidst diabetes and multiple kidney transplants.

However, these setbacks would not thwart her dream of publishing her book, *Bees in the Lavender: Reflections of a Life*, to raise money for charity. Below is just one of its many poems, followed by the incredible details behind Anne's story.

Swirling, twirling, windswept leaves.
Dancing, floating on the breeze.
Browns and golds blanket the grass.
Earth's insulation against winter's mass.

Before writing this and many other poems, Anne grew up on a farm near the Valley Grove Church in Nerstrand, Minnesota. Fueled by her childhood fears and worries, she began writing snippets of poetry wherever she could. Whether it be her father's old milk slips, paper towels, or chalkboard, nothing was out of the question. Her first poem was written in the 4th grade when she stopped to admire her family's creek. As if the beginning of a grand domino chain, this small step led to further poems and eventually a play for her town's elementary school. It soon attracted the attention of Nerstrand's elementary school principal, Mr. Nelson, who allowed her to gather student actors and practice after class. To her 9-year-old self, the situation was quite ordinary, but a college professor later told her how unusual it was for a 4th grader to have written a short play. It would later go live for Minnesota's Parent-Teacher Association. Realizing her skill, her parents supported her every step of the way, buying supplies and allowing her to enter a local writing contest.

Anne Haynes: "My dad promised me, 'If you win this contest, I'll buy you a typewriter.' And so, at the table of our big family Christmas party, I wrote about how friends often seem more important than our parents as a teenager. At the end of the story, however, I realize the truth after seeing my mom and her 'soft aging cheeks' prepare for Christmas from outside. She loved the story, and I ended up winning the contest and getting that typewriter from it!"

Unfortunately, her dreams of writing were

not without their challenges. In later years, Anne faced ongoing diabetes, brain lymphoma, and issues with her kidneys. To remedy this, she underwent two kidney transplants and cases of sepsis, causing her to go on dialysis and put a hold on her dreams of poetry and theater. After a successful transplant left her without diabetes for two years, she used her newfound energy and health to write the play "Life in Motion." It aimed to connect organ donors and their families to those needing a transplant. Through the help of the volunteers they worked with, *Life in Motion* ran for six shows and attracted the attention of the late director of U of M's pancreas transplant program, Dr. Sutherland. With his help, she was allowed to perform a short version of the play at the U of M's Medical Center. Other playwrights have since performed and used it to create their own stories surrounding organ donation.

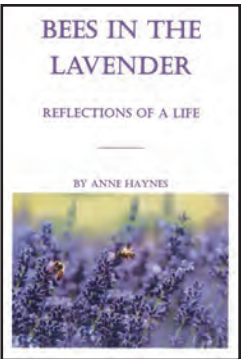
Although she bears responsibility for much of their success, plays like *The Newspaper* wouldn't have been possible without the help of Anne's colleague Bob. When he flew by helicopter to receive a critical heart transplant, he recalled seeing "five Bobs" riding up to the hospital with him. Inspired by the story, Anne asked him for permission to use the story for the future "5Bobs" play that would eventually air at the Waseca High School. Since Bob's crucial transplant, Anne helped connect him with the EMT helicopter support that bore a part in his surgery. Even if it's just with a single sentence, being able to create moments like these is the only motivation she needs to continue writing. To her, the obvious next step from here was to achieve her lifelong dream of creating a book, but ongoing health issues continued to hinder the idea. With help from Libby Barth, however, she managed to self-publish a curated collection of some of her poems titled *Bees in the*

Lavender: Reflections of a Life. Many of its pages take inspiration from Anne's family memories and hardships.

"During this time, I faced many unfortunate events. My brother Steven died on our farm; my parents left us; my dad had diabetes, and my mom suffered from Alzheimer's. But I realized what was necessary to enjoy life and haven't looked back! It's easy to let fear and worry can cripple you, but you must never give up. Ask God to show you the way, and he will help you to try, try, and try again."

Only two years ago, Anne became completely deaf, but a recent cochlear implant has allowed her to hear once again. Despite her multiple health problems, Anne managed to do what many people don't. From a desire to learn and grow, she fulfilled her dreams and showed that limitations are simply perceptions. Beyond their entertainment, plays like *Life in Motion* act as a bridge to connect those needing critical transplants with the people kind enough to make it happen. Meanwhile, her poems directly support those in need while reminding us of the beauty of nature and life. If Anne's incredible story has a silver lining, it's never to let anything stand between ourselves and our ambitions. Ultimately, poetry and plays can do much more than entertain; they have the power to change lives.

Anne is selling *Bees in the Lavender: Reflections of a Life* for \$10.00 each, excluding shipping, to help others. You can get a copy by contacting her at ahay2@outlook.com or 14750 Kendall Ct., Nerstrand, MN, 55053.



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Thursday May 15, 2025

2:00 pm

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Devotional-Pastor Dave

~Refreshments following the program.~

Our facility is completely handicap accessible. We are located on the North side of West Concord, on Highway 56.

Bright Future for Arctic Cat!

Its official, Brad Darling, the person that was Vice President and General Manager of the Arctic Cat brand from 2011-2016...is now the CEO of the iconic brand of snowmobiles and Off Road Vehicles.

Brad will remain as President and CEO of the Canadian company Argo, makers of industry-leading off road vehicles and equipment since 1967...and will also lead the Arctic Cat brand far into the future.

Below is the press release that has been issued.

Welcome (back) Brad Darling:

Former Arctic Cat executive, Brad Darling, and an Investment Group acquire the Thief River Falls-based manufacturer of snowmobiles, ATVs and Side-by-Sides.

Newly appointed CEO and President of Arctic Cat, Brad Darling is eager to start moving the brand forward, stating "The pursuit of the checkered flag is in Arctic Cat's DNA. It's what we were built on. Like anyone who has ever grabbed the throttle – it's a relentless drive that pushes us forward and sparks our passion. Today is the start of a new

chapter, one where Arctic Cat returns to the race, but with a powerful understanding: this race is never-ending, and our intent is to lead."

Since taking ownership of Arctic Cat in 2017, Textron Specialized Vehicles invested a great deal of time and resources to keep the brand and its technology at the forefront. This dedication was most recently proven with the release of the all-new Arctic Cat 858 C-TEC2™ engine and Catalyst snowmobile chassis. "We seek to continue Arctic Cat's investment in its brand, products, people and dealers, extending its positive momentum. As a permanent fixture of Thief River Falls, MN for over 63 years, this iconic brand has benefitted from the passion of not only the employees but also the entire community. We are now able to wipe away any uncertainty and are looking ahead with great excitement," continued Mr. Darling.

After a 17-year tenure at Arctic Cat, Mr. Darling assumed the role of CEO and President of ARGO in 2016, where he remains today. Founded in 1967, ARGO is the worldwide leader for amphibious Xtreme Terrain Vehicles (XTVs). Their unmistakable 6- and 8-wheeled amphibious vehicles are well known for their ability to "Go Anywhere." Mr. Darling will continue to lead both companies into the future while leaning on potential synergies shared within the offroad segment. While each brand will be owned and operated separately, the brand alignment



of ARGO alongside Arctic Cat is a perfect match as Arctic Cat's line of machines bring the passion on and off the trail, while the ARGO adventure starts where the trail ends.

We know the brand, we bring the power-sports knowledge, and we understand the business. We are here to assure you that during this period, Arctic Cat is here to keep your business moving forward. We are advancing new products on all fronts for snowmobiles,

ATVs and Side-by-Sides, and are excited to continue this journey together and look forward to delivering great products to your customers. Stay tuned for an upcoming MY26 snowmobile launch.

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MAP NOT TO SCALE

Shop unique one-of-a-kind gift ideas for Mother's Day Sunday, May 11!

Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol



Question: Are trailer hitch load extenders legal? Occasionally I haul some lumber that sticks out beyond my tailgate and would like to know if I can use this.

Answer: Yes you can. Note that when the load upon any vehicle extends to the rear four feet or more beyond the bed or body of such vehicle there are some requirements. At the extreme rear end of such load a red, yellow or orange flag or cloth not less than 16 inches square shall be displayed.

At the times when lighted lamps on vehicles are required, a red light or lantern plainly visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the sides and rear shall be in addition to the rear light required upon every vehicle.

Another good reminder is to always make

sure any and all items you are transporting are properly secured.

Question: The other day I came across a railroad crossing sign with the word "EX-EMPT" placed on it. What is that all about?

Answer: An X-shaped sign identifies a railroad crossing. If there is more than one track, a sign below the crossbuck indicates the number of tracks.

Warning signs, pavement markings, gates and flashing red lights are positioned at most railroad crossings. Pavement markings include a stop line, an "X," and the letters "RR" painted on the pavement in front of the crossing.

An "exempt" sign means that bus and truck drivers, who are usually required to stop at railroad crossings, may proceed without stopping. However, drivers still need to look in both directions for trains.

Question: In one day, Monday I had three incidents where cars did not yield right of way when they had a flashing left turn arrow. I have observed several other incidents involving other drives as well. It seems of late people seem to think the flashing arrow gives them the right of way.

Answer: A flashing yellow light or arrow means "caution." Proceed through the intersection with caution. Yield the right of way to vehicles and pedestrians already in the intersection. If you are turning left or making a U-turn, you must yield to oncoming vehicles

that are close enough to be an immediate hazard.

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)



Stay Focused: Share the Road Safely

Distracted driving is dangerous for everyone — especially motorcyclists, who are harder to see. Drivers: Even a quick look at your phone can mean missing a motorcycle or not stopping in time. Motorcyclists: Distractions make it harder to react to drivers who don't see you. These tips will help riders and motorists safely share the road and prevent deadly crashes.

Drivers:

Look twice before turning or changing lanes — motorcycles can be hard to spot.

Avoid distractions like phones, food or adjusting controls. Stay focused.

Give space — allow at least 3 seconds of following distance.

Check blind spots carefully before merging or switching lanes.

Use your signals and be predictable on the road.

Motorcyclists:

Stay alert — assume drivers may not see you.

Wear full protective gear, including a DOT-approved helmet.

Avoid distractions — don't use phones or other devices while riding.

Ride sober and keep your speed in check.

Be visible — use lights, wear bright clothing and ride defensively.

We all share the road. Let's make sure we're sharing it distraction-free.

Together, we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.



FOR COMMUNITY RELEASE

Dakota County Sheriff's Office

Joe Leko, Sheriff

Bulletin #24-41
10/01/2024

REWARD OFFERED


ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON

Nicole "Nikki" Anderson

- 5' 10"
- 135 lbs
- Last seen wearing a long grey sweater and camouflage pants.

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

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



Last known image of Anderson ^ on 7/6/2024 at 08:54 hours.

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



1-800-222-8477

Anyone wishing to provide a **completely anonymous** tip may contact Crime Stoppers at, **1-800-222-TIPS**, or www.CrimeStoppersMN.org

Reference DCSO Case # 24-000819

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E-cigarettes are not safe for youth.

By Tina Moen, MS, ACSM EP-C, CHWC, LCI

Nearly all e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm the developing adolescent brain. Because the brain is still developing until about age 25, youth and young adult exposure to nicotine can lead to addiction and disrupt attention and learning. No amount of nicotine is safe for youth.

Over one in five of Minnesota high school students who has tried e-cigarettes has never tried any conventional tobacco products, like cigarettes or chew. Recent evidence suggests that, compared to youth who have never used them, youth who have tried e-cigarettes are much more likely to start smoking in the future.

Talk to your kids about the dangers of e-cigarette use.

Parents, know the risks of tobacco use and the different types of products kids are using. E-cigarettes are the most commonly used commercial tobacco product among youth, and nearly all e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is highly addictive. Talk to your kids about these risks and set firm expectations that they do not use any type of commercial tobacco product, including e-cigarettes and vapes. Understand that e-cigarette use, commonly called vaping, is not harmless. Read more on Minnesota Department of Health's webpage: E-cigarettes and Vaping: Resources for Parents, <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/tobacco/ecigarettes/parents.html>

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Read more on Wabasha County SHIP's webpage: <https://wabashacountyship.org/tobacco-free-strategy/#ecigyouth2025>

Healthy students are better learners and people with higher levels of education are more likely to be healthier and live longer. If you'd like to learn about partnering with Wabasha County SHIP, email Tina Moen, SHIP Coordinator at tmoen@co.wabasha.mn.us or call 651-565-5200.

SHIP is a state-based program that works at the local level to support healthier communities by expanding opportunities for active living, healthy eating, wellbeing, and commercial tobacco-free living.

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& ZOOM VIDEO
CONFERENCING**

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the March 24, 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.

Present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Craig Schlichting, Luke Lutterman, Shane Van Beek, Tricia Johnson, Aimee Lake, Tina Kozisek, Corey Lilledahl, and others.

The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the consent agenda including the February 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's report; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for students #032425A, #032425B; #032425C, #032425D, #032425E, #032425F, #032425G, #032425H, #032425I, #032425J, #032425K, #032425L, #032425M; contracts for Chase Landsteiner and Henry Ogren as Cobra Kids Assistant, and Brandon Neseth as Activities Director; extra-curricular contracts Cole Rollins as JH Boys Basketball Coach, Dale Tate as Junior High Baseball Coach, Adam Anderson as G/T Coordinator and Assistant Track Coach, Patrick Floryance as Technovations Advisor, and Ryan McCabe as Assistant Baseball Coach; resignation for Geoffrey Schlicher as Educational Assistant effective February 28, 2025;
- Resolution Appointing Bond Trust Service Corporation as Fiscal Agent in Connection with Certain Outstanding Obligations;
- Resolution Authorizing the District to Enter into a Line of Credit Agreement with a Financial Institution;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Elle Heimer, a Probationary

Teacher;

- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Lisa Chicos, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Morgan Reuvers, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Katie Nold, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Katie Fitzgerald, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Jessie Maes, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of John Hager, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Jill Lutterman, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Christine Deetz, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Olivia Zwaschka, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Caroline Otto, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Julie Fuchs, a Probationary Teacher;
- Resolution Proposing Placement of Kallen Knott, a Tenured Teacher, on Unrequested Leave of Absence;
- 2024-2025 Revised Budget;
- FFA Overnight Trip to the FFA State Convention at the U of M April 28-29, 2025;
- BPA Overnight Trip to the BPA National Convention in Orlando, FL May 6-11, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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**NOTICE OF
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MEETING CHANGE**

The May City Council meeting is moved to May 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Bell Tower Center (401 Main St). There will be a public hearing at 6:30 pm on May 22nd to discuss the proposed changes to City Nuisance Codes. The changes to the code are found below.

**CHAPTER VI
PUBLIC HEALTH**

It is the desire of the City of West Concord to encourage the growth of the city by making West Concord aesthetically inviting to new homeowners and businesses. The intent of the City of West Concord Code Chapter VI is to avoid the obstructions of public streets, sidewalks, improve traffic visibility and maintain the visual harmony and character appropriate in residential and business neighborhoods within the City. The objective within this chapter includes preserving and improving the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of the citizens while minimizing the adverse effects of litter, vegetation overgrowth, nuisance parking and storage to improve aesthetics of the City and property values therein.

**SECTION 600 –
LITTER, OPEN AREAS,
NUISANCE PARKING &
STORAGE**

600.01. Definitions.

Subdivision 1. For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subsection have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. Declaration of a Nuisance. The outside parking and storage on residentially zoned property of large numbers of vehicles, materials, supplies, or equipment not customarily used for res-

idential purposes in violation of the requirements set forth below is declared to be a public nuisance because it:

- a) obstructs views on streets and private property,
- b) creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas,
- c) prevents the full use of residential streets for residential parking,
- d) introduces commercial advertising signs into areas where commercial advertising signs are otherwise prohibited,
- e) decreases adjoining landowners' and occupants' use and enjoyment of their property and neighborhood, and
- f) otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns.

Subd. 3. The term "litter" means:

- a) garbage, junk, refuse and rubbish;
- b) abandoned property in the form of deteriorated, wrecked or derelict property in unusable condition and left unprotected from the elements. The term "abandoned property" includes, but is not limited to, deteriorated, wrecked, inoperable, unlicensed, or partially dismantled motor vehicles, abandoned motor vehicles, trailers, boats, machinery, refrigerators, washing machines, household appliances, plumbing fixtures and furniture; and
- c) abandoned motor vehicles as that term is defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 168B.02

600.03 Open Areas. All open areas and parts of premises shall be maintained and kept in a reasonably clean and neat condition. This requirement shall include, but is not limited to, the removal of inoperable machines, ap-

pliances, fixtures, and equipment so damaged, deteriorated or obsolete as to have no substantial value and which constitute junk; the removal of lumber piles and building materials not being used in actual construction on the premises unless such premises are being used by a business dealing in or requiring the use of such lumber and materials; and the removal of tin cans, broken glass, broken furniture, mattresses, box springs, boxes, crates, cardboard, tires, and other debris. Any weeds or tall grass growing upon any lot or parcel of land in the City of West Concord are hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the health, safety, and good order of the City. Nothing in this section shall restrict the activities of a duly established and licensed junk yard.

600.4. Unlawful parking and storage.

• A person must not place, store, or allow the placement or storage of ice fishing houses, skateboard ramps, playhouses, or other similar non-permanent structures outside continuously for longer than twenty-four (24) hours in the front yard area of residential property unless more than one hundred (100) feet back from the front property line.

• A person must not place, store, or allow the placement or storage of pipe, lumber, forms, steel, machinery, or similar materials, including all materials used in conjunction with a business, household furnishings or appliances outside on residential property, unless shielded from public view.

• Storage Containers. The use of semitrailers, shipping containers, and similar struc-

tures or containers for storage on a lot for more than 180 days in any one (1) 12 month period is prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to full enclosed construction storage trailers used onsite during construction provided all building permits have been obtained for the project, the project remains in compliance, and the trailer is removed from the lot upon completion of the project.

• A person must not cause, undertake, permit, or allow the outside parking and storage of vehicles on residential property unless it complies with the following requirements:

• No more than four (4) vehicles per lawful dwelling unit may be parked or stored anywhere outside on residential property, except as otherwise permitted or required by the city because of nonresidential characteristics of the property. The maximum number does not include vehicles of occasional guests who do not reside on the property.

• Vehicles, watercraft, and other articles stored outside on residential property must be owned by a person who resides on that property. All items stored must have current license and registration. Students who are away from school for periods of time but still claim the property as their legal residence will be considered residents on the property.

• Any recreational vehicle designed for sport, amusement or recreation regardless of whether it is eligible to be licensed must be in the rear or side yard provided a 5-foot setback from property lines is maintained.

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Snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and boats must be tightly covered to keep out rodents, rain and be kept free of standing water. All recreational items should be stored to prevent any water accumulation. The recreational vehicle(s) cannot obstruct any walkways or impede any view for traffic or pedestrians. The maximum number of vehicles allowed is three (3) recreational vehicles in good repair and operational.

All recreational vehicles must be on wheels or securely attached to a wheeled trailer or wheeled vehicle, with wheels fully inflated. Recreational vehicles cannot be parked on residential streets for longer than forty-eight (48) hours. Recreational vehicles (and campers) are not to be used as a residence for any length of time without a variance from the City.

- Any motorized vehicle located at a residence must be located on a parking area constructed with concrete, asphalt, concrete pavers, brick set in compacted sand or other impervious or semi-im-

pervious material. No portion of the vehicle may extend beyond the paved or rock surface. A motorized vehicle cannot be parked or stored on the front lawn. Motorized vehicles include, but are not limited to passenger cars and trucks, RVs/campers, ATVs, golf carts, and snowmobiles.

600.05 Inoperable Motor Vehicles.

- Declaration of nuisance. Any motor vehicle described in this section shall constitute a hazard to the health and welfare of the residents of the community as such vehicles can harbor noxious diseases, furnish a shelter and breeding

ground for vermin, and present physical danger to the safety and well-being of children and citizens. Motor vehicles also contain various fluids which, if released into the environment, can and do cause significant health risks to the community.

- Inoperable motor vehicles. It shall be unlawful to keep, park, or store any unlicensed, unregistered or inoperable vehicle, including boats, snowmobiles, trailers or any other means of conveyance, or abandon any motor vehicle that is not in operating condition, partially dismantled, used for repair of parts or as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, kept for scrapping, dismantling, or salvage of any kind, or which is not properly licensed for operation within the state, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 168B.011, subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time.

- Screening. This section does not apply to a motor vehicle enclosed in a lawfully erected building and/or kept out of view from any street, road, or alley. Privacy fencing is permissible.

600.06. Duties of owners

and occupants. The owner, lessee or occupant of private property, whether occupied or vacant, must maintain the property free of litter and must not create an unsightly condition.

600.07. Authorized storage. Nothing in this section prohibits the storage of litter on private property in receptacles or containers which meet the requirements of section 610 of this code.

600.09. Removal of litter and nuisance items; procedure; collection of costs.

Subdivision 1. Notice; service. When there exists litter and nuisance items on private property, a notice to remove the litter may be served upon the owner, lessee or occupant thereof by the city. The notice must be served by registered mail, or by personal delivery. When the property is occupied, service upon the occupant is deemed service upon the owner; where the property is unoccupied or abandoned, service may be by mail to the last known owner of record of the property.

Subd. 2. Notice; contents. The notice required by subdivision 1 must state:

a) the nature and location of the nuisance;

b) that the nuisance must be removed or properly stored within ten days of service of the notice; and

c) that if the nuisance is not so removed or stored, it will be removed by the city and the cost of such removal assessed against the property.

Subd. 3. Costs. The clerk must keep a record of all costs incurred by the city in the removal and disposition of the nuisance pursuant to this section, including all administrative costs involved in the service of the notice required by this subsection, and must report such costs to the city clerk annually not later than August 30.

Subd. 4. Assessment. On or before September 1 of each year the clerk must list the total costs incurred by the city under this section against each separate lot or parcel to which they are attributable. The city council will then spread the costs against each property as a special assessment for collection as other special assessments in the following year, all as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 429.101.



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