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Radio Link Internet Leaves Local Customers Without Service

Local Internet provider creates waves with sudden closing leaving about four hundred customers in the area without service and no advance notice.



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Outdoor Art Exhibit Returns



By Tyler Weeks

COVID-19 was in full effect. Communities were on lockdown.

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Announcements

• The United Methodist Church of Dodge Center at 20 First Street NE offers a dine in and carry out meal from 5:00-6:00pm the third Wednesday of each month.

Do you have an announcement?
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Randy & Nadine Langworthy Named Citizens of the Year

The Dodge Center Citizen of the Year award is an annual community award pre-

Dodger Days This Weekend

Dodger Days kicks off on Friday with city-wide garage sales. At 4pm the Dodge Center Medallion Hunt will begin with clues posted on Facebook every six hours until found. The Dodge Center Fireman's Feed will be held at the Fire Hall from 4 to 7pm.

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sented by the Dodge Center Lions Club. This award recognizes local residents who have demonstrated exceptional volunteerism, dedication and support for the town.

To be nominated for this prestigious award, any community member can submit letters of nomination, detailing why a specific individual or active couple is deserving of this award. The Lions Club members review all submissions and select the winner of the award.

Randy and Nadine Langworthy began their married life in Dodge Center at a Sunday morning sunrise service in October of 1980. After the reception and pictures, the wedding



Randy and Nadine Langworthy

party, friends and relatives processed to the Pancake Breakfast at the Legion sponsored by Red Owl. Dodge Center was a community that felt like home from the beginning.

Randy's career was at Mayo Clinic. During his 42 years there he was a precision equipment specialist/technician, servicing microscopes and other lab equipment. Outside of work, Randy has especially enjoyed his position in the Dodge County Sheriff's Posse. Many hours are required over the summer months for the variety of town festivals, County Fair, and assistance to the Deputies.

Other ways of serving our wonderful town, Randy is on the Riverside Cemetery Board, Dodger Days Committee, and a member of the Dodge Center Lions.

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2026 Dodge County Dairy princesses, Elyssa Robinson & Josie Sauder

Dodge Dairy Princesses

Elyssa Robinson is a 2026 Dodge County Dairy princess. She is the youngest of four on her family's sixth generation farm where they milk currently milk cows. She has grown up showing cattle since she was two-years old. Elyssa and her brother Josiah switch milkings morning and night and making sure all the animals have hay, grain, fresh water along with watching for any injuries.

Growing up her dad Shane gave chores to her and her brother to do taking care of the animals on the farm.

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Check the Owner's Manual



By Roger Langworthy,
Praise Fellowship Church

When you buy a car, the manufacturers will furnish it with an owner's manual. The intent of the owner's manual is to instruct the owner regarding the proper use of the vehicle, how to maintain it and even a troubleshooting section if things aren't working as they should. If you ignore the best practices or the maintenance, things will begin to fall apart. If you are having trouble with its proper function, but don't consult the manual or take it to a repair shop, what could have been an enjoyable ride can end up being the thing that stalls and leaves you stranded and costs you much to get it fixed.

God created your life. With it He furnished an owner's manual – the Bible. The Bible gives instruction as to how to live your life to the fullest, how to maintain your life and even how to troubleshoot if things are going

wrong. It is unfortunate that so few take time to read the owner's manual in order that they might have the best life they could have.

There is a verse in the Bible that is straightforward when it says, — “You made me; you created me. Now give me the sense to follow your commands.” Psalm 119:73 (NLT). And then it says, — “The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living.” Psalm 19:8 (NLT).

I like when it says, “give me the sense to follow your commands.” If God made me, He knows what is best for the life that He gave me. In fact, Jesus said that He came that we might have life to the fullest. John 10:10. And even if I am having trouble the instructions from the owner's manual says, — “God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.” Psalm 46:1 (NLT).

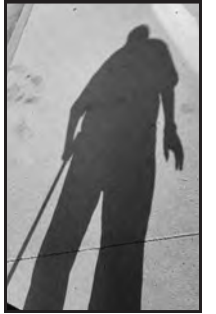
Living in this world means lots of trouble. Even as Jesus said, “I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth, you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NLT). Jesus will help us overcome our troubles and His owner's manual, the Bible, will give us the instructions. So, I would encourage you to take a few moments each day, maybe start with reading the Proverbs chapter the same as the day of the month, and see if there might be insight for living.

But sometimes you need the help of a repair shop. I would encourage you to find

a good church where they emphasize instructions from the Bible, helping you to know

what is in God's owner's manual for living and giving you insight for living.

Sidewalk Pastor



HUMILITY

James 4:6

But he gives more grace, therefore it says God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.

We need to humble ourselves before God; we are all God's children, and we are all equal before his eyes. We are no better than anyone else. Humble yourself before all of the things. God blesses us with every day, all of God's nature, the beautiful birds, all of his animals, and all of these wonderful things we get to experience. One of my favorite things to do on a nice summer day is to sit outside, close my eyes, and listen to the beauty of nature blowing in the summer wind. Everything and everyone around us is of God's Glorious creation, and we must think of the whole picture as much more than ourselves. Proverbs 3 5-6

“Trust in the lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will set your path straight.”

For God loves us all equally in his eyes, and God understands us more than we understand ourselves. It is up to us to humble ourselves before God and others. Our best work is done by getting out of selfish human nature and putting others first. It is what Jesus did and wants for us, to help one another, with no motives and nothing attached. I have been so blessed to be helped and help others. This is how it works, and this is how we do God's work.

Always be so grateful for every day God gives you.

So, my dear friends, as we go through things in our journey of life, remember to humble ourselves and to always be grateful for Jesus Christ.

Remember to hug those kids today and never stop praying.

Your friend, Larry Blood

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Fight the Good Mental Fight

I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin. . . . — Romans 7:22-23

It is hard to overstate how much our minds are like battlefields. This is true for all believers in Christ, including the apostle Paul, who describes his own struggles in our text for today.

In this passage Paul says that one set of thoughts in his mind is turned toward God and aims to do good. The other set of thoughts, however, is turned toward evil and wants to sin. Paul thanks God in Christ that he is indeed saved. But in the very next verse he recognizes that he is still of two minds; he is a slave to God's law at the same time that he is a slave to sin. In verse 24 Paul seems to despair of living in this sort of spiritual duplicity: “What a wretched man I am!” he says.

In this way Paul expresses the frustrating way the Christian life goes—we are pulled one way and tugged the other by opposing powers within us. Though we are truly and irrevocably saved through the blood of Jesus Christ, we are at the same time slaves to our sinful old selves.

Thus we are in constant battle. Who will rule our heart and mind today? Who will rule our thinking about our work, marriage, or politics? The inner thoughts that we barely even notice may really be spiritual combat.

Though the battle rages on, we can ultimately say, with Paul, “Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!”

O God, you have freed us from the curse of sin and death. But we need your power in our minds each day. Guide us to live by your Spirit. Amen.

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trinitychurchwc.net
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Kevin Burton Callister

Kevin Burton Callister, 77, of Meriden, MN, died peacefully with his family by his side on June 6, 2026, at Benedictine Living Community in Owatonna.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Kevin was born on October 30, 1948, in Owatonna, the son of Gale and Elizabeth (Knivslund) Callister. He attended school in West Concord and graduated with the Class of 1966. After high school, he continued working on the family farm and later was employed at Owatonna Tool Company, Foldcraft, and Wenger Corporation. He began his career with Wenger in 1979 and retired in 2015 after 36 years of dedicated service.

Kevin was united in marriage to Sharon Rundquist in 1966 and later divorced. Together they had four daughters, who were the joys of his life.

A longtime presence in the community, Kevin loved and was dedicated to being the high school line judge for his daughters' volleyball teams and refereeing adult volleyball for over 40 years, where he made many friends and became a beloved referee. He was an avid member of the West Concord Booster Club and never missed an event his children participated in. He was a dedicated supporter of daughter Jodi's softball teams and a favorite fan of the Four Seasons softball team in Owatonna. Kevin loved spending time at the family cabin in northern Minnesota, where he would race his girls up the steep driveway every time they challenged him. He had a lifelong appreciation for the arts and enjoyed music, drawing, reading, writing stories, and acting in productions at the Little Theatre of Owatonna (LTO). He was known for dressing up in crazy outfits for any occasion, never afraid to look a little ridiculous, and for his large collection of kooky ties.

He will be remembered for his large music collection, which his daughters quickly learned to play on the stereo (without skipping or scratching the records), as well as for his quick wit, humor, remarkable memory, storytelling, and generosity—especially for handing out candy and goodwill during his years at Wenger and for brightening people's days by giving them flowers. He wrote many person-

alized stories for his family, often filled with pirate ships and heroic adventures. He also shared very special relationships with his nieces, who cherish many memories and stories.

He is survived by his daughters: Tammy (Bruce) Barry, Terri (Guy) Finne, Melanie Callister (Art Kitchen), and Jodi (Holly Berg) Callister; grandchildren Elizabeth (Stephen), Collin (Emma), and Alex (Olivia); siblings Alan (Lori) Callister, Tim (Barb) Callister, and Susan Callister; nieces Meghan, Molly, Gail, and Jill; and his extended family, Edmund, Jenifer, and Jedi Palomares (who was his best friend).

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter-in-law, Terri Grose; and his grandson, Samuel Finne.

As Kevin liked to say, he had "places to go, people to see, and things to do". Knowing him, he's already on the move. Please honor him by getting out there and doing the same.

Carol Jean (Kern) Olson

Carol Jean (Kern) Olson, age 61, tragically passed away on Sunday, June 7. She was in Kentucky on a group motorcycle ride. She was surrounded by friends, spending the day doing what she loved the most — traveling and riding her trike.

Carol was born to parents Lloyd and Doris (Schuler) Kern in West Concord, MN. She graduated with honors from Medford High School. Carol attended the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse, and then subsequently transferred to Minnesota State University, Mankato where she graduated in 1990. In 1994, she wed David Olson. While married to him, they welcomed their son Nicolas in 2000. Although, they divorced years later, Carol and David remained good friends. Carol had a successful career working at Universal Cop in Eagen for over 20 years. During this time, she welcomed her wonderful son, Nicolas. In 2011, she left UC and joined Bosch in Owatonna. In 2016, she met the love of her life, Mal Galusha. They became engaged and the two were planning their marriage.

Carol was always searching for and planning the next adventure. These adventures ranged from traveling the world with Mal, riding in the hills of Wisconsin, or simply walking her dog Sammy all around town. She was an active member of the local HOG riders club where she made many friends,

and had many adventures on her trike with them over the years. Carol was also an amazing mother. She was always going out of her way to check up on her son, giving him endless love and support. They had many long road trips together, some of which consisted of driving from Minnesota to Nevada when he decided to attend college in Reno. Carol was always the light in the room. It did not matter who you were, she would stop and talk. She had an infectious laugh, with the always-present smile on her face, and twinkle in her eye.

Carol is survived by her son Nicolas Olson, fiancé Mal Galusha, Sammy, her dog, former husband David Olson, siblings Jerry (Linda) Kern, Marilyn (Trish Moudry) Kern, Darold (Bonnie) Kern, Allen (Bonita) Kern, Alcid DeMars, brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Barbara.

Memorial services were held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. at the Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory of Faribault. Pastor Mark Kenney from River Valley Church officiated.

Visitation was held at the Parker Kohl Funeral Home on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and on Monday for one hour prior to services.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by the Parker Kohl Funeral Home & Crematory.

Marian Frances Kiefer

Marian Frances Kiefer, 93, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center, MN.

Marian was born on September 15, 1932, in Kasson, MN to William and Mildred (Lienau) O'Brien. On September 8, 1951, she was united in marriage to Loren John Kiefer at the Dodge Center United Methodist Church. She worked as a custodian for Dodge Center schools and at McNeilus Steel until her retirement.

Marian enjoyed embroidery and making fleece tie blankets. She also loved camping, fishing, and word searches.

Marian is survived by her daughters, Sharon Narveson of Kasson, MN and Cheryl (Kevin) Hornberg of Altura, MN; 9 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Loren Kiefer; twin sons, Delmer and Darrel Kiefer; sisters, Belva and Audrey; and sister-in-laws, Opal, Nova, Lenora, Mavis, and Renee.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW in Dodge Center, MN. Pastor Roger Langworthy officiated. Visitation was held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW in Dodge Center, MN and one hour prior to her service on Thursday. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN. A luncheon followed at the

Dodge Center American Legion Post 384, 401 Hwy St W in Dodge Center, MN.

The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the doctors and nurses at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Mayo Clinic Hospice, and Fairview Care Center.

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

Joyce Ann (Thaemert) Hoof

Joyce Ann (Thaemert) Hoof was born on February 14, 1935, at home in rural Cologne, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Henry and Florence (Mielke) Thaemert. Joyce received her education in Waconia and graduated from Waconia High School with the class of 1952.

On April 30, 1954, Joyce was united in marriage to Hilbert Hoof at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chaska, Minnesota. They were blessed with four children: Craig, Timothy, Joy, and Jonathan. They made their home in Leavenworth, KS; West Concord, MN; Ames, IA; Bozeman, MT; LaCrosse, WI; and in 2005, returned close to home in Norwood Young America, Minnesota. Joyce and Hilbert shared 72 years of marriage.

Joyce was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. She worked as a stock clerk at Kmart and later as a cashier at Degen Burgland Pharmacy. Joyce was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America.

Joyce found great joy in life's simple pleasures and creative hobbies. She loved tending to her flower gardens and took pride in the beauty they brought each season. Joyce also enjoyed collecting cookie jars, painting, and doing needlework, always keeping her hands and heart busy with something creative. She could often be found working on crossword puzzles and Sudoku. In her younger years, she enjoyed playing the Hawaiian guitar, a talent that brought her joy. Above all, Joyce cherished spending time with her family and creating lasting memories with those she loved.

Joyce passed away on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Prairie Heights in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, at the age of 91 years, 3 months, and 8 days. Blessed be her memory.

Joyce is survived by her Husband, Hilbert Hoof of Norwood Young America, MN; Children, Timothy Hoof (Allyson) of Cut Bank, MT, Joy Koller (David) of Hugo, MN, and Jonathan Hoof (Renee Dahlberg) of St. Louis Park, MN; Grandchildren, Morgan Hoof Hemmings (Davy), Jordan Hoof (Mikayla), Nick Koller, Katie Koller; Great-grandson, Rhys Hemmings;

Many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Joyce was preceded in death by her father and mother, Henry and Florence Thaemert; Stepfather, Henry Koehler; Son, Craig Hoof; and siblings, Harold Thaemert (Marian), Lorraine Vinkemeier (Ed), and Irene Rolf (Harry).



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Randy plays bass guitar and often plays at Open Mic and with The Dreamers, a 60s-70s pop band in Rochester. He is also an avid Harley rider, and has ridden all over the U.S. Besides teaching piano, Nadine has played for church the majority of her life. She has

played for hundreds of weddings & special occasions, plus her favorite gig, accompanying the Triton choirs. Randy and Nadine actually met over music and were married eleven months later. Their home was filled with piano students (averaging 45 students per week) until Nadine rented a space on Main Street for a studio in 2005. Then they purchased their present property in 2011 which had been left empty and dilapidated for years. Seeing photos from the past and hearing memories, and learning the history of the drug store and bakery, the couple decided to purchase, renovate and restore these buildings. They belong to the town, they are part of the substance of it's Main Street history, and hopefully they will stand for many more years and become part of it's future.

Outside of the Piano Studio and the upstairs loft apartment, the main floor of the west building is The Annadine, est. in 2016D.C.'s best Anodyne, a place that hosts live music, open mic and cards. The Annadine will be celebrating it's 10th Anniversary in October this year.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's

award, Randy and Nadine Langworthy! They were presented with the award on June 9th at the Annadine on 16 West Main Street in

Dodge Center at 6:00 pm. They will also be in the parade during Dodger Days on June 21st.

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Submit your engagement, wedding or birth announcement.

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Radio Link Internet Leaves Local Customers Without Service

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Radio Link Internet based in Ellendale ceased providing customers with service late morning on Monday June 1st.

The business operated out of owner, Dan Petsinger's rural residence in the small town and had serviced about 5,000 square miles in southern Minnesota. Customers found that the website, phone contact and e-mail addresses were shut down and some who drove to the businesses office also discovered it closed. As the week unfolded it was learned that the company have filed for a Chapter 7 bankruptcy in federal court on June 1st.

Radio Link Internet had reported 700 customers only a year ago, a number which had dropped almost in half lately. Comments on-line had indicated dissatisfaction with the company's service over the past years. Part of the problem stemmed from rental agreements on local towers used for Radio Link's equipment. Most recently disagreements with the City of Ellendale and the City of New Richland over use of their water towers had become a legal issue.

Radio Link owed the City of Ellendale for unpaid rent and legal fees reported to amount to \$60,000 and was informed in May that the City of New Richland had ordered the company to remove the equipment from their water tower after a contract, which had expired in 2018, was determined to not be renewed.

In January Radio Link Owner, Dan Petsinger was arrested after a dispute with Jaguar/Metronet. It started when Metronet attempted to remove a generator from Petsinger's property. Both companies claimed ownership of the equipment worth in excess of \$10,000. Petsinger was charged with resisting arrest along with other charges and spent the night in jail prior to his court appearance.

Customers scrambled to find replacement Internet providers when they realized the company had closed for good. Some reported having paid for a year in advance recently and realized after learning about the bankruptcy filing, there was little chance of recovering the funds.

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The Garage—Your Car's Best Friend

By Colleen Sathrum Hayne

By 1910 West Concord was boasting about how many automobile owners there were in town. The logical next step for the young town would be establishing a garage business to take care of those autos' needs and sell cars, too.

Last month my readers learned that in 1903 W.M. Randall returned from St. Paul with the very first auto to be owned in West Concord. It comes as no surprise then that Mr. Randall, in 1908, was the first to put in garage space on Main Street. He added an addition to the rear of his building, put in a cement floor, and used it for an auto garage. Three years later Mr. Randall erected a new garage, 70 x 32 feet. The WC Enterprise reported, "It will be strictly fireproof, built in a very substantial manner, and a credit to the town." Soon Mr. Randall was reported to be in the Twin Cities buying machines and supplies for his new garage. In June of 1911 the new garage was open for business.

Less than a year later the Stinson Brothers of Minneapolis, expert auto machinists according to the Enterprise, closed a deal to lease the Randall garage. The newspaper reported, "They intend to install considerable up-to-date machinery for auto repairing of every kind."

The Stinson Garage first operated during a time of transition. In those days they were selling both cars and horses. In 1915 this ad appeared: "For sale cheap—good driving mare—call at the garage." Here's another from a 1916 Enterprise: "For Sale: one good team, one two year old colt, one three year old colt, one good Surrey. Inquire at Stinson's Garage."

Lost and Found ads like these were frequent. "Lost: 2 auto side curtains of my Ford between Concord and Tom Jones' farm. Finder please return to Stinson's or Perry Matti." "Rear Oakland automobile door lost between West Concord and Kenyon. If found, notify Stinson's." "Auto headlight lost—leave at Stinson's." "Two tires lost between West Concord and Dodge Center, notify Stinson's." And yet, there were other lost and found ads that were evidence that not everyone was driving an automobile.

Here's one: "A string of sleigh bells lost—return to Stinson's."

It amazes me what a hub of activity Stinson's was. Furniture was for sale there. The West Concord Base Ball club was asked to bring their suits and other sporting property to Stinson's to be stored for the next season. When Mr. Simpson, attorney in West Concord, decided to be a candidate for Dodge County Probate Judge, Stinson's was where Mr. Simpson's boosters gathered before making a trip throughout the county to promote his candidacy.

In July of 1918 the West Concord Garage Co. incorporated with the express purpose of building a new large garage on the corner of Main and Front streets, where the parking lot for the Municipal Liquor Store is now. The president of the corporation was W.G. Stinson, the secretary, attorney C.D. Simpson, the treasurer, Enterprise Editor, A.E. Pennell, and directors, A. J. Wilson, L.C. Fairbank, and H. L. Hansen.

In August of 1918 the Enterprise described the plans for the new garage this way:

"The building will be built of brick, 66 x 122 feet, two stories high and be equipped with all modern appliances. It will contain two driveways, one on Main and one on Front Street, will have large and well lighted show rooms, a stock room, lobby, private office, a ladies waiting room, wash rack, and extra large workshop in rear of the building. W.G. Stinson will occupy it, and have full charge." That was a plan for a deluxe building.

By February 1919 the new garage was ready. The Enterprise reported that it was the "most up-to-date and commodious garage in Dodge County. The finishing touches are not yet completed, but in a week or two the spacious show rooms will be ready for the display of cars for which Mr. Stinson is agent." In May of 1919 this praise was added, "Stinson Garage is finished—the peer of any in Dodge County, a handsome structure that presents a very imposing appearance, and of which we all are justly proud."

You could purchase Oakland, Overland, Buick, and Ford automobiles at Stinson's through the years. You could also stop by to listen to the latest jazz hits on their Claxtonola phonograph. Even though auto insurance wasn't mandatory in Minnesota until years later, you were invited to stop by Stinson's and discuss the Auto Insurance Association of America. You likely wanted to purchase some of Stinson's accessories, too. The Boyce Moto-Meter was very popular. Installing it on your car meant you could check the engine's temperature without leaving the driver's seat. Engine over-heating

was a major problem. You might also want to purchase a lock for your car. In the early days, straight out of the factory, most autos didn't have locking mechanisms.

In 1927 the Enterprise announced that Mr. Stinson's garage was going to be taken over by Iver Uleberg who would be an agent for Chevrolet cars. W.G. Stinson was moving his goods and fixtures to the Zamboni Building, at the corner of Main and Mantorville streets in Kasson. He and his wife would keep their residence in West Concord.

We can only speculate about why Mr. Stinson moved his business to Kasson. It may be that the competition was too much in West Concord. One of Stinson's former employees, Lloyd Blaisdell, who came to work at Stinson's garage in 1916 at the age of 19, by now had his own successful garage/dealership in West Concord. Reed and Pirkel and Iver Uleberg did, too.

On August 6, 1928, just a bit more than a year after W.G. moved his garage business to Kasson, he suffered a stroke while at work. He was taken home and died that very day. He was only 49. Today we might remember him as the "father" of garages/dealerships in West Concord. His garage has been demolished for some time and the Municipal Liquor Store parking lot has taken its place, but we remain grateful for the pioneering efforts of W.G. Stinson, as autos became a way of life in West Concord and most everywhere.

(additional picture at www.westconcordmn.net, www.claremontmn.net, www.dodgecentermn.com)



Stinson's Garage, left to right: Bill Starman, Fred Bloomquist, Posie Robinson, Jake Bucher, Francis Tracey



Stinson's: a well-stocked garage



Stinson's at the corner of Main and Front Streets



West Concord Pool Celebrates 50 Years

The West Concord Swimming Pool is turning 50 this year.

The pool first opened in the summer of 1976, after a group of local residents came together in 1975 to help make a community swimming pool a reality. The group, known as the "Sink or Swim" committee, began fundraising on August 23, 1975, and raised enough money to move the project forward.

Members of the original committee included Fred Stone, Dr. Charles Casey, Penne

Gossard, Al Organ, Bill Smock, Victor Emerson Jr., Dean Hindal, Joanne Wright, Darlene Dahms, and Lowell Ulrich. Jim Ohnstad served as an advisor.

Fifty years later, the pool continues to be an important part of summer in West Concord. Many residents have memories of taking swimming lessons, spending afternoons with friends, cheering on the swim team, or bringing their own children and grandchildren to the pool.

The pool will be open regular hours beginning June 8. Open swim hours are Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are 1:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Aquasize and lap swim will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m., and Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Lesson sign-up begins June 10.

Early bird pool passes are available at City Hall until June 11. The pool is also available for rentals. For more information or to reserve the pool, call 507-774-2454.

The City encourages residents to watch the city calendar and social media for special 50th anniversary events throughout the summer.

Thank you to the original "Sink or Swim" committee and to everyone who has supported the pool over the past 50 years. Their efforts helped create a place that continues to serve the West Concord community each summer.



Please Help Keep West Concord Clean and Inviting

By Paula Even Trenda,
City Administrator/Clerk

The City of West Concord is asking residents and property owners to help keep yards, sidewalks, boulevards, and properties clean and well maintained.

Mowing grass, trimming weeds, picking up litter, keeping sidewalks clear, and properly storing vehicles, trailers, materials, and equipment all help make West Concord look better for residents, visitors, and those who may be interested in moving to or doing business in our community.

Residents are also reminded to please avoid blowing grass clippings into the street, curb, or storm sewers. Grass clippings can wash into storm drains, clog drainage areas, and create slippery conditions on streets. Please blow grass back into your yard or collect it for proper disposal.

The intent of Chapter VI of the West Concord City Code is to help keep the city safe, clean, and inviting. The code is meant to avoid obstructions of public streets and sidewalks, improve traffic visibility, and maintain the character of residential and business neighborhoods.

Our city code, Chapter VI, also focuses on preserving the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of residents while reducing the negative effects of litter, overgrown vegetation, nuisance parking, and outdoor storage. These issues can affect not only how a property looks but also neighboring properties and overall property values.

Residents are reminded that grass and weeds should be kept mowed, junk and debris should be removed, and sidewalks should remain clear. Outdoor storage should be limited and kept neat, especially in residential neighborhoods.

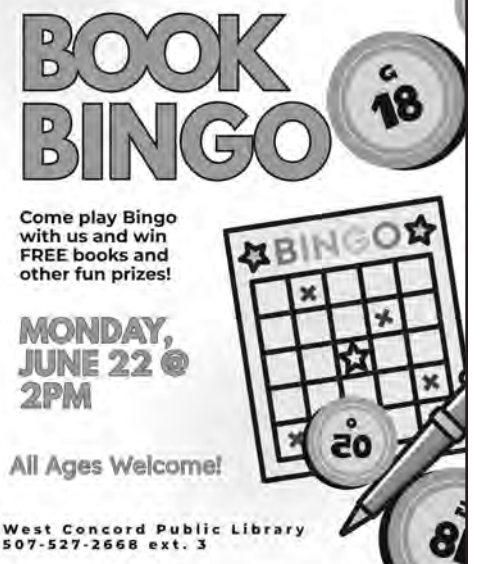
The City understands that many residents have outdoor projects, home improvements, trailers, campers, and extra equipment from time to time. The concern is when these items become long-term clutter, block visibility, spill into public areas, or affect nearby properties.

Thank you to the residents, property owners, and businesses who take pride in their properties and help keep West Concord a clean, safe, and welcoming place to live, work, and visit.

SURVIVAL DAYS GARAGE SALES

If you are planning to have a garage sale during Survival Days, contact Kim Jones at jones.kim@frontier.com or private message via Facebook.

Your ad will be placed in the WC Messenger paper for no charge, listed on the Survival Days Facebook page, and added to a list of all sales that will be available at City Hall.



The Survival Days Committee is seeking nominations for the 2026 Citizen of the Year.

This person does not need to live in the City of West Concord. He / she only must have contributed to the West Concord Community over the years.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE MONDAY, JULY 6TH

Nomination forms and boxes can be found at West Concord City Hall, Casey's, and Heritage Bank. The 2026 Citizen of the year will be announced Friday, July 24th at the Miss West Concord Pageant to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church* at 6:30 pm.

*note new location

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by Johanna Spyri**

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Read any edition of Heidi and join us for a discussion of this timeless tale about the orphan girl, Heidi, who brings cheer and com-

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SURVIVAL DAYS 2026



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PLAN TO ATTEND THE ROYALTY PAGEANT AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH on Friday, July 24th at 6:30pm!



Name of Child _____

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June 19, 20, 21

- City Wide Garage sales
- Friday evening Fireman's Feed 4 - 7pm
- Dance Friday night - The Dancers 4-10pm
- Saturday - Craft & Vendors Fair
- w/ Petting Zoo, Noon to 5pm
- Dance Saturday night - Good for Gary 8pm to midnight
- Saturday night Fireworks at dusk
- Sunday Fly In Breakfast 7 to 10am
- Tractor & Truck Show Sunday 11:30 am to 1:30pm
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Community

Outdoor Art Exhibit Returns

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Social interaction was practically nonexistent. At a time when art shows and community events were being cancelled everywhere, Larger Than Life founders Brian and Mary Jo Hindal asked themselves a burning question: how can we stay in touch? Giving people a chance to connect during the height of a global pandemic was no easy task, especially considering Brian's solution. With the help of his wife and two other local photographers, he enlarged their photographs onto giant 4x8 foot weatherproof panels to be displayed all throughout Riverside Park. These larger-than-life displays sparked the event's name and the attention of Mantorville residents, who drove or walked through the park at a safe social distance. As the pandemic's shackles fell off in subsequent years, Larger Than Life only grew in size and community involvement. Now, they approach their seventh year with an unveiling set for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27, in Riverside Park, Mantorville.

Brian and Mary Jo Hindal: "The response from the community [the first year] was incredible, and people immediately began asking if we would do it again. What started as a small photography display has grown into one of the largest outdoor art exhibits in out-state Minnesota. Last year, we featured 28 artists. This year, we're proud to showcase 37 talented artists from southeast Minnesota."

Receiving such a positive response during lockdown gave the two all the evidence they needed to expand for next year. Inviting even more artists in 2021 introduced the event to the greater Triton area and new mediums—oil, acrylic painting, watercolor, pencil, and colored pencils among them. In time, artists began reaching out to bring their pen and ink, collage, woodburning, and sculpture pieces into the roster. After a judging panel sifts through the submissions based on artistic quality and available funding, the selected prints are displayed all throughout Mantorville's Riverside Park from June to August. When the exhibit winds down in September, the artwork moves to locations all around town to be displayed until the next year's

lineup. Artwork from 2025 lives around Mantorville Square Antiques, County Seat Cafe, Finds on Fifth, Mantorville Art Guild, the Mantorville Restoration House, Mantorville Chocolate Shoppe, the fence of the Brewery Ruins, in the alley by Riverside Park, and Trail Creek Coffee Roasters in Kasson.

"One of the most exciting moments for artists is the unveiling event each June, when they see their work transformed to a true 'larger than life' scale for the very first time. Artists often notice details they never saw before—brush strokes, pencil marks, collage textures, and tiny photographic elements suddenly become bold and dramatic on the oversized displays."

Starting this unveiling last year fostered significant excitement among the artists, who had previously only seen the small version of their work. The two claimed "you could feel goosebumps" as people gasped and saw their images so dramatically enlarged. Alongside bringing back this unveiling at 11 a.m., Larger Than Life will be introducing an all-new artist raffle to raise money and find these pieces permanent homes. Purchasing a \$1 raffle ticket gives participants the chance to win artwork donated from the artists—even without being present. To those who aren't lucky enough to take a piece of Larger Than Life with them, expect plenty of festivities during the art fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Following the unveiling, Orchid Jane will kick off with live music at noon, providing "good ear candy" as people enjoy the food vendors, meet local artists, and purchase original pieces. Student artist Natalyn Ulwelling shares about the incredible platform she and other artists have received from the event.

"Larger Than Life is a great way to put my artwork out there for people to see. It helps the impact I try to make with my work reach more people. I like to have a darker feel to my artwork while maintaining a real, deeper meaning to it, and I think my piece in this year's exhibit is the perfect way to depict emotions."

Among the dozens of other talented artists on this year's lineup, Carrie Pompeii has harnessed the emotional connection of these enlarged displays for a few years now. To tap into the deep feelings and vivid memories effective artwork can evoke, she plays with materials outside of her comfort zone of acrylics. Inspiration often spills into her multimedia pieces and the creative process of her lifelong journey with art. Despite having lived in Mantorville for over 20 years, she only took the leap to share her work in the



last five, using platforms like Larger Than Life as a catalyst. The event's once-lofty dream has allowed local creators "a voice and a space to share our work, drawing our community closer together through a shared artistic experience." Reflecting on these last six years, founders Brian and Mary Jo Hindal are incredibly proud to have put these artists and their creative potential on full display. By showcasing local talent and inspiring artists to grow, they've given Minnesotans of all kinds—young and old, amateur and pro—a chance to see the priceless beauty, meaning, and impact of their own creativity.

"We encourage photographers to see the world through a different lens, painters to ex-

periment with new techniques or subjects, and sketch artists to explore new styles, textures, and shading. When artists have the opportunity to share their work publicly—especially on a larger-than-life scale—and receive positive reactions from the community, it often gives them the confidence to push beyond what they thought they could create."

Brian and Mary Jo Hindal know it better than most: larger-than-life faith brings larger-than-life works.

Larger Than Life's unveiling begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 27, in Riverside Park, Mantorville.

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Customers & community members are invited to join us for lunch to help us kick off Dodger Days!

We sincerely apologize for a previous version of this email that had the incorrect date. Our appreciation event will be held this upcoming Thursday on June 18, 2026.



Thursday, June 18
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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Our Community Appreciation Lunch will be held rain or shine. In the event of rain, seating will be moved inside the bank.

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Dodger Days

June 18, 2026

- DODGE CENTER, CLAREMONT, WEST CONCORD, KASSON, MANTORVILLE, HAYFIELD MESSENGER -

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Dodger Days This Weekend

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A foam party for the kids will be open beside the Fire Hall from 4 to 6pm. At 7 pm the food trucks will be open and live music with the Dangers will be under the tent in the



Aquatic Center parking lot until 10pm.

Saturday at North Park, there will be a foam party for the kids from 10am to noon. The food trucks will be open and there is face painting, chalk art, hair braiding, bean bag tournaments and Bingo until noon. At 11:30am there will be a K-9 Unit exhibition and open swim at noon. The Dodge County Sheriff Department will conduct a drone exhibition from 1 to 3pm. There will be live music from 8pm to midnight under the tent. A fireworks display provided by McNeilus Steel will commence at dusk.

On Sunday a fly-in breakfast will be held at the Dodge Center Airport from 7 to 10am. The food trucks open at North Park at 10am and there will be a tractor and truck show from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The Dodger Days parade will start at 2pm. See the map.

DODGER DAYS 2026

June 19, 20, 21

ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE NORTH PARK, UNLESS NOTED DIFFERENTLY

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES START 4PM : The Dodge Center Chamber Medallion Hunt starts: clues will be on the Chamber and Dodger Days Facebook pages every 6 hours through Sunday at 10AM, unless the Medallion is found. 4-7PM: Firemen's Feed Dodge Center Firehall 4-6PM: Foam Party provided by the DC Firehall 7PM Food Trucks open 7-10PM: Music and Beer Garden under the tent in pool parking lot Featuring: THE DANGERS (A bit of Merle Haggard, or some Tom Petty) HAROLD'S CLUB (Serving the Beer Garden) 55 Entry A \$20 bracelet gets you in to BOTH CONCERTS the whole weekend, or pay at the entrance each night Bracelets can be purchased at Sunshine Foods, Triton Community Ed, City Hall, or at the tent entrance each night. Children 10 and under FREE both nights!	Venom Softball Tournament 9AM: Bean Bag Tournament Registration Begins 10AM: Foam Party sponsored by the Dodge Center Chamber of Commerce until Noon Food Trucks open Hair Braiding/Beading Face Painting Selfie Photo Station Chalk Art activity with the Dodge Center Library Dodge County Historical Interviews Bean Bag tournament starts Bingo provided by the Claremont Chamber Gambling at the New Pavilion until Noon 11:30AM: The Olmsted County K-9 Unit exhibition (weather and emergency depending) Noon: Open Swim at the Natalie Webb Aquatic Center Noon-5PM: Craft and Vendor Market Gochnauer Farms Petting Zoo 1-3PM: Dodge County Sheriff's Department Drone Exhibition (weather and emergency depending) Firehall Lot 8PM-Midnight: Music and Beer Garden under the tent in pool parking lot Featuring: GOOD FOR GARY (Top 40 Pop and Country cover band) provided by MFT Bank HAROLD'S CLUB (Serving the Beer Garden) 520 Entry FIREWORKS* at dusk provided by McNeilus Steel *(weather permitting, any makeup dates will be posted on Dodger Day's Facebook page)	Venom Softball Tournament 7-10AM: Fly-in Breakfast at the Dodge Center Airport 10AM: Food Trucks open 11:30-130 PM: Tractor and Truck Show 2PM: Dodger Days Parade starts (see map)

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It's summertime which means it's Melodrama time at the Mantorville Opera House! The first Melodrama is "Two Putz for the Win or Par for the Course" by David Klickman, directed by Cheryl Frarck.

About the show

Uriah Putz is the founder of the Putz Putter Golf Company. Now that he is ready to retire, he plans on giving the company to his son, Isaac. Of course things don't go as planned and everything falls apart! What is Arthur up to? Who has been stealing money from the company? Will Isaac become the head of the

company? Come enjoy this tee-rific show to find out!

The show runs June 12-28: Fridays & Saturdays at 7:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm.

Meet the cast/crew

Cameron Harris as Uriah Putz - The founder of the Putz Putter Golf Company.

Theodore McGinnis as Isaac Putz - Hopes to carry on his father's legacy.

Anna Johnson as Ruth Ann Fairway - A young secretary for the company.

Savannah Potter as Sandy Trapp - Secretary and file clerk for the company.

Amy Majsterski as Betsy Green - Head of the Pottstown Ladies Club.

Zachary Trapp as Arthur Niblick - Company manager.

Madysen Nelson as Caddie Shott - Company accountant.

Luke Burke as Officer Patrick O'Mulligan - A no nonsense officer of the law.

Susan Shepard as the pianist.

Melodramas are family friendly; tickets are \$10. Reservations can be made online at www.mantorvilletheatrecompany.com or by phone (507-635-5420). Walk-ins are also welcome! All seats are general admission. There are volunteer slots open for the entire summer to help usher. Volunteers get to watch the show for free! You can find the sign up links on our website.

We can't wait to see you there!



The cast of "Two Putz for the Win": Amy Majsterski, Cameron Harris, Luke Burke, Anna Johnson, Madysen Nelson, Susan Shepard, Zachary Trapp, Theodore McGinnis, and Savannah Potter.



Dodge Dairy Princesses

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Elyssa states that the dairy industry is important to her because "I've seen the hard times and the good times in this industry along with working at a Livestock Auction I've seen the differences between the Beef Industry and Dairy Industry. Both work hard to produce and provide for the communities but many big and small don't get rewarded or recognized, for their sacrifices and hard work to keep these farms thriving."

Her future plans are still developing. Elyssa is currently working at a Livestock Auction along with on the farm and that's where she wants be at this time.

Josie Sauder is a 2026 Dodge County Dairy princess. She lives and works on the family farm where they milk 600 registered Holsteins. She enjoys working on her family's seventh generation dairy farm, where she grew up outside of Pine Island with her mom, dad and four sisters. She started milking cows when she was nine years old.

She has recently taken on the role of assistant Herdsman where her job requires keeping

a close eye on all the cows, feeding calves, and bedding them. Josie also helps in the field as needed, and loves getting to work with family.

Outside the farm she is involved in 4-H and FFA and recently graduated from the UW River Falls Farm and industry Short Course. Her plans for the future are to stay on the farm.

"I've loved growing up on the farm and getting to help out wherever I could. I've been showing cattle since I was 3 and that's what really grew my love for the dairy industry", Josie says.

"My favorite part about being a dairy princess is getting to talk to people about the dairy industry and where their food comes some of the things we do as dairy princesses are being parades and class room visits. Between my cousins, my mom and sisters, we have had 11 dairy princesses in the family. I love that I get to carry on this family tradition in informing the public about dairy farming and what we do as farmers to take care of our cows and produce a nutritious product."

Farm Girl Chatter Sweet Summertime

By McKell Lemmerman

You can always tell when summertime officially hits farm country. The gravel roads get dusty, the tractors start multiplying like rabbits, and every farmer suddenly develops a degree in weather forecasting. One little cloud rolls in and there's already three guys standing outside saying, "looks like rain coming."

Summer on the farm is a different kind of beautiful. The fields turn bright green almost overnight, fresh grass starts growing faster than anyone can keep up with, and the countryside finally wakes up after another long Minnesota winter. There's something about hearing thunder roll through the hills while rain taps on the shed roof that makes everything feel alive again.

The livestock knows it, too. They spend their days belly-deep in fresh grass at what can only be described as an all-you-can-eat gourmet buffet. Honestly, some of them look so relaxed you'd think they booked a spa weekend.

Then there are babies. Calves, foals, kids, lambs — whatever kind of critter you raise — summer is when they discover speed. One

minute they're peacefully standing next to mom, and the next they're sprinting laps around the pasture.

This is also the season of everyone's favorite insect, yup the fly. The livestock stand in the middle of the field acting majestic until a fly lands on them and suddenly, they're performing karate moves.

As the days go on, the farmers are out there sweating through three shirts a day; sweat dripping into places no sweat should ever be. Everyone smells faint of sunscreen and diesel fuel.

Summer evenings make it all worth it though. Sitting outside after chores are done with a cold drink in hand, listening to the frogs sing from the ditch while the sun drops behind the fields. Friends stop by unannounced; lawn chairs magically appear from garages, and conversations last longer.

There's peace in those moments. Just a sweet summertime and the simple kind of happiness you can only find out in the country.



Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

What is in a Name?



By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

I wonder how many people dislike their name? An Internet search claims 16% of the population of the United States wish they had been given a different name. I do know some who have changed their name when the were

old enough to do so. As a child I would have happily done just that.

As a child I was not happy with my name. I hated it. Everyone I knew with that name was a girl. Believe me, an eight-year-old boy in 1965 did not want a girl's name.

I was the third child so the novelty of naming a kid was over. I was "baby boy" when I came home from the hospital. I was also the middle child. They didn't even bother to give me a middle name. They had things going on. My mom had two kids already, which I imagine my grandma was watching while she was in the hospital. By the way, I was a cheap child. My mom saved the hospital bill when I was born. It was \$98.00.

My dad had just built a new hog barn and was farrowing the group of sows the night I was born. He told me it was a hot July and the temperature was about 100 degrees in the farrowing barn that night.

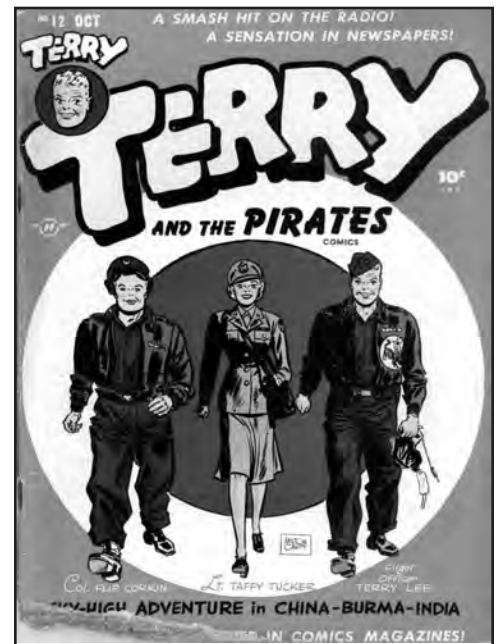
My mom said I was kind of a hefty baby and already had curly hair when I was born. The nurses nick-named me Gorgeous George after a pro wrestler in the 1950's. George Raymond Wagner (Gorgeous George), was quite a celebrity and turned pro wrestling into the showmanship sport it has become today. Muhammed Ali patterned his flamboyant boxing ring antics after Gorgeous George.

A few days after I came home from the hospital I still was "baby boy". It was time for decisions. Years ago, my dad told me how I got my name. It came to him as he read the newspaper while eating breakfast one morning.

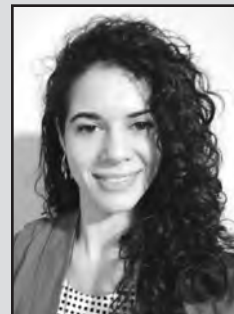
There was a comic strip in the newspaper called "Terry and the Pirates." It was very

popular and was in syndication from 1934 to 1973. It was created by Milton Caniff about an adventurous American boy, Terry Lee, who went on adventures in the far east starting with searching for a lost gold mine in China. With the outbreak of World War 2, he joined the United States Army as a pilot. Milton Caniff was very patriotic and the series then became almost exclusively about World War II with much action centering on a U.S. Army base in China. He even provided a spin off for the Stars & Stripes military newspaper. The cartoon series did win the first cartoonist of the year award in 1946 from the National Cartoonist Society.

So, it seems I was named after a cartoon character. My parents would call me Terry Lee, but the middle name was never official. I would have rather been just Lee. I guess it could have been worse. I have got used to it as time passed. Funny how when one gets older, what is important changes.



A Minnesotan: The Woods



By RosaLin Alcoser

One of the best things about living in Minnesota is how absolutely beautiful our summers are. By far our state has some of the best summer weather—mostly because we don't get baked alive all summer long—but also some of the most lush greenery I've ever seen.

We also have some of the best parks to spend the summers in, on both the city and state level. As someone who grew up in rural Minnesota and now lives in the twin cities I really do appreciate how wonderful the parks are in this state. Since if I want to be in a heavily wooded area for about a half hour to an hour I can easily do that within walking distance from my home. In

contrast if I really just want to be out of the city and back in the woods again we have so many options for doing that as well.

Especially for people who like to hike. I grew up just walking about in the woods, which I now know is basically what hiking is, because it was something to do and it was fun. It was rural Minnesota in the mid to late 2000s going outside to play in the woods is just what we did. And if rural Minnesotan kids don't do that any more they should because it's fun. Now that I live in the city I have become a person who likes to hike, because frankly going outside into the woods is still fun.

About a half hour south west of Cannon Falls is Nerstrand Big Woods State Park. This park is home to the endangered Dwarf Trout Lily, which as we learned from a park ranger only grows in three counties in Minnesota. Funnily enough I did recognize this flower from being a child in one of three counties and I'm fairly certain that I probably picked it at somepoint—so oops.

Aside from being home to an endangered plant, Nerstrand Big Woods State Park is just a beautiful park with so many paths to walk. So if you are someone who likes to go walking in the woods and either doesn't have woods in your back yard or wants different woods to walk in. I would highly recommend going there to walk and to see the Dwarf Trout Lily.

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The application is simple and no reporting is required. This is not a merit-based grant program. Through a random selection process, SEMAC will make one-time gifts of \$500 each to 60 creatives living in the 11-county region, 20 per selection round.

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More details about the application and selection process can be found on the ERF page on SEMAC's website.

A video recording that goes through the application step-by-step and a comprehensive

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38th Annual Friendship Wagon Train June 20-27, 2026

The volunteers of the 2026 Friendship Wagon Train will assemble at the fairgrounds in Cannon Falls, MN, on Friday, June 19. This dedicated group of individuals will be on their annual mission to raise funds for Special Olympics Minnesota, traveling every day June 20 through June 26, with the final ceremony being held in New Richland, MN, on the morning of June 27. The public is invited to come out to see them as they pass through the countryside, stop and visit with them at breaks and lunches, and if you have extra time, come to visit them at their evening camps. Souvenir hats and t-shirts will be available to purchase from the wagon train's Peddler Wagon at lunch stops, evening stops, and before they depart town each morning.

In Cannon Falls, they will be camped at the Cannon Valley Fair Association grounds on Friday evening, June 19.

Day 1 (Sat, June 20), will take them from Cannon Falls to Stanton for lunch stop then

on to the Transburg farm outside of Northfield.

Day 2 they will travel from the Transburg farm to Nerstrand (lunch) to Kenyon.

Day 3 will be from Kenyon to West Concord (lunch) on to Dodge Center.

Day 4 (Tues, June 23) will be a layover day in Dodge Center, where rides on a wagon(s) will be available to the public during the day.

Day 5 will take them from Dodge Center to Claremont (lunch) to the fairgrounds in Owatonna.

Day 6 will be from Owatonna to Meriden (lunch) to the fairgrounds in Waseca.

On Day 7 (the final travel day) they will depart Waseca going to Wilton (lunch) and then on to New Richland.

On Sat, June 27, a representative from Special Olympics Minnesota will meet them in New Richland, and the group will present to them the donations they collected through the week.

Groups along the route who will be helping them by preparing and serving meals are many—Lions Clubs from Cannon Falls, Dennison, Kenyon/Wanamingo, Dodge Center, Owatonna, Waseca, and New Richland; Churches from Nerstrand, Claremont, Meriden and Wilton; American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion from West Concord and Dodge Center, FFA groups, 4H Clubs, and individuals.

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7:00 pm • Guns vs Hoses Charity Softball Event (Police, Firefighters & EMS) *Donations will be made to Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention*

FRIDAY, JULY 24

7:00 am - 11:00 am • American Legion - Coffee & Homemade Doughnuts - Legion Hall, Main St.
8:00 am • City Wide Garage Sales begin - List available in WC Messenger Newspaper, City Hall, & Facebook
9:00 am - 1:00 pm • West Concord Historical Society Open House
9:30 am - 5:00 pm • Library Annual Book Sale
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm • WC Chiropractic open house
5:00 pm • Food Stands & Beer Garden Open
6:00 pm • Garden Tractor Pull - South on Front Street
6:30 pm • Bean Bag Tournament Registration w/ 7:00pm Start Time - Grass lot By Legion (if rain, held in Fire Hall)
6:30 pm • Miss West Concord Pageant, Mayor's Key, Citizen of the Year and Baby Contest - Inside Trinity Lutheran Church
8:00 pm - 12:00 am • Live music under the big tent - "Chad Johnson Music" - Admission \$10 or a Button
10:00 pm • FIREWORKS - Location behind Gochnauer Dairy Barn (rain day - Saturday)
12:30 am • Last call, 1:00 am Beer Garden Closes

SATURDAY, JULY 25

8:00 am • City Wide Garage Sales Continue
8:00 am • Fire Department Burnito Breakfast (while supplies last) - Legion
8:00 am - 12:00 pm • Scott Hodgman Classic Car & Bike Show - Main Street
8:00 am • Softball Tournament Starts
8:00 am • 5k Run/Walk - LaMae's Bright Light 5k - 7:00am Registration - Start/Finish Lions Park
9:00 am • Sand Volleyball Tournament begins
9:00 am - 1:00 pm • West Concord Historical Society Open House
10:00 am - 12:00 pm • Open Pickle Ball Play - Memorial Park
10:00 am & 1:00 pm • CPR & First Aid Training by WCFD - next to Bell Tower
10:00 am - 3:00 pm • Kids Activities, Bounce Houses, Face Paint, & FURever Friends - WC Historical Society Yard
11:00 am • Food Stands Open
11:00 am • Treasure Hunt at the Swimming Pool - ages 2-12 are welcome, bring a swim suit
11:30 am • Foam Party - West Concord Historical Society
1:00 pm • Library Program - Dazzling Dave Yo Yo Show - West Concord Historical Society Gym
2:00 pm • Beer Garden Opens
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Family Bingo - Hosted by WCHS - Under the tent on Main St.
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Wife Carrying Competition - South of Hyland
4:00 pm • Fire Department Mock Crash Demo - Main St and Front St
7:30 pm • Excavator Rodeo - East end of Main St.
8:00 pm - 12:30 am • Dance under the tent - "JT & The Gunslingers" - Admission \$10 or a Button
12:00 am • Ticket Sales End, 12:30 am Last call, 1:00 am Beer Garden Closes

SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:00 am • Softball & Volleyball tournaments resume
9:30 am • Community Worship Service - Lion's Park - Bring a lawn chair - (Rain Site - Bell Tower Center)
11:00 am • Food Stands Open
11:00 am - 1:00 pm • Open Pickle Ball Play - Memorial Park
12:00 pm • Beer Garden Opens
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm • Trinity Lutheran Pie & Ice Cream Social - Under the tent
1:00 pm • Grand Parade - Route: ST (Main/Front) > Main > Third > Eugene > First > Olive > Front > Main
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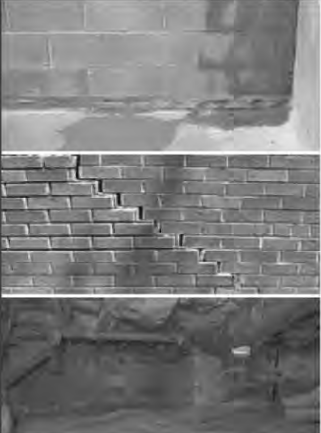
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It is in this production, Nash includes one of his own songs "June" co-written and co-

produced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

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CHS Closes Dodge County Grain Facility

In a surprise announcement via e-mail on June 5th CHS stated that they were selling off the Kasson Feed Store and grain handling elevator. The feed store was closed on June 5th and reopened on Monday June 8th with new owners. The grain elevator will be closed and likely sold to a new operator at the close of the 2026 season. This also affects the Ostrander and Wykoff grain facilities as well.

Larry and Kristy Mulert of Hope, Minnesota have re-opened the feed store. The new name is KFS of Hope, and will offer the same products and more for the loyal patrons in the Kasson area.

Larry Mulert grew up on a beef farm near Hope, and his wife Kristy was raised in Cedar Falls, Iowa. They met at the University of Minnesota. Larry and Kristy have been married for 39 years and have three children, all married, and six grandchildren. They own the family beef cow herd and have lived on their farm just west of Hope for the last thirty-one years.

Larry has worked in the livestock feed industry and other Ag Industry jobs for the last

35 years. They purchased the Krause Feeds & Supplies on July 1, 2018 from Richard Krause, who had owned it since 1954. They sell a complete line of livestock feeds for most species as well as animal health products, gas, diesel, snacks and drinks. They plan on continuing to operate the store in Kasson as it has been and evaluate new products and changes as time goes on.

CHS is one of the largest farm cooperatives in the United States with headquarters in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. They currently have over 10,000 employees. The company has over \$38 billion in annual revenue and is listed 1st on the National Coop List and is the 96th largest Fortune 500 Companies. CHS owns and operates various food processing and wholesale, farm supply, financial services and retail businesses. It also distributes Cenex brand fuel in 19 midwestern and western states as one of North America's largest c-store networks.

The company's statement was that the move is intended to optimize its assets.

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Triton FFA Hosts Annual Progressive Ag Safety Day with Triton 3rd Graders



By Triton School

On a beautiful sunny spring day, Triton FFA hosted its annual Progressive Ag Safety Day on Friday May 15 with the Triton 3rd graders on the Dodge County Fairgrounds. Additionally, the 3rd graders had part of the full day experience learning about how food is produced by touring the CHS Feed Mill in Kasson and ending the experience with a tour of Gochbauer Farm's dairy farm operation in West Concord. Thirty middle school and high school students organized and instructed 70 third grade students about safety around big equipment and PTO's, household chemicals, recreational equipment safety, animal safety, electrical safety and opportunities in FFA when they get to middle school and high school age.

An event like this needs many industry partners to put this on. The Dodge County Fairgrounds provided us with facilities to use and fairboard representative Scott Schley assisted us with setting up and taking down the event. Dodge County Farm Bureau provided the snacks for the elementary students. M and M Lawn and Leisure provided a skid steer, ATV and UTV for students to learn about safe operation.

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Health & Wellness

11 Counties Unite to Inform Adults About Cannabis

By Ella Slade

Across southeast Minnesota, public health educators wanted parents and caregivers to know that the conversation about cannabis can start early and grow over time.

The Regional Cannabis Communication Campaign was created with that goal and is supported by the Cannabis Substance Use Prevention (CSUP) program, a key initiative funded by the Minnesota Department of Health. This program provides grants to local health departments and Tribal health departments to support crucial prevention, education, and policy work related to cannabis and other substance use.

The 11-county partnership was formed to maximize the grant's impact. When all 11 counties deliver the same message, consistency builds trust. This unity strengthens credibility by ensuring residents are less likely to receive conflicting information. The coordinated approach also achieves greater reach and impact, amplifying visibility as people are more likely to notice and remember a message encountered repeatedly across different channels and locations.

“It’s essential that we share information in

ways that genuinely reach our communities. The Speaking of Cannabis campaign helps us connect with the individuals who most need to hear our message--cannabis has changed, and understanding the risks is more important than ever,” said Grace Pint, Rice County Public Health (her role).

Regional tools and shared messages make it easier for local health departments to reach families, as the collaboration ensures a more efficient use of local resources. Pooling efforts reduces duplicated work, lowers costs, and allows smaller counties to benefit from shared expertise. By aligning their messages and focusing on facts, the campaign also helps reduce the risk of misinformation.

“Local public health staff wear many hats,” said Bri Ceaser, public health educator with Houston County. “We are assessing which issues are affecting our communities, like mental health or substance use, and then work with our partners to address those needs using the funding we have.”

Ceaser added that these grants also come with important requirements, including following best practices, creating a work plan, and reporting results.

“But in many smaller counties, one health educator might be juggling five or six different projects at the same time,” Ceaser said. “That’s why this regional collaboration is such a clear benefit to all of our residents. We could share the workload and not have to reinvent the wheel.”

The Speaking of Cannabis initiative is supported by a grant from the Minnesota Department of Health's Health Improvement



Staff from all 11 counties pose in Rochester with window clings for the Speaking of Cannabis campaign.

Bureau and is featured as part of the Preferred Business sponsored content program. Local residents can find more information by visiting Goodhue County Health and Human Services.

Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona counties are partnering to inform adults through the website speakingofcannabis.org.

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Understanding
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Language

Imagine you are at a gathering, and you hear a community member say, “I’m going out back to tend to the flowers because I like gardening.” It could be this person is an avid gardener, or it could be they are planning to consume cannabis. Cannabis goes by many names such as marijuana, weed, kush, flower, hash chronic, pot, or dope.

Street names or slang is also used for different cannabis product types, their strength, quantity, method of use and the feeling of use. References to brownies, treats or medicated snacks speaks to the use of cannabis edibles. Wax, shatter, budder, crumble, or sugar describes the texture of cannabis concentrate.

Use of slang may show up in conversations, texts, or social media. Another example would be “Zaza and Zip are coming over at 710,” which translates into an ounce of high-end oil or dabs being available. While many professionals prefer "cannabis," older and social terms remain common.

Weed/Pot/Ganja: Common nicknames for the plant.

Dank: Slang for high-quality, potent, and pungent cannabis.

Kief: The sticky, powdery crystals (trichomes) that fall off the flower; often collected at the bottom of a Grinder.

420: Universal code for cannabis culture and the "holiday" celebrated on April 20.

710: A newer code specifically for oils and concentrates (the numbers spell "OIL" upside down).

The use of cannabis slang can be an indicator of use or dependence especially when used in secrecy, at high frequency, and when used to downplay harm or avoid questions. Slang use may also show up along with changes in routine, mood, sleep, or motivation.

“The culture cannabis use may include obvious or hidden use of slang, clothing, stash containers, and references from popular culture,” notes Chris Weis of Mower County Health and Human Services. “It’s valuable to learn the language and culture of cannabis so that you can talk with your loved ones about it.”

It’s valuable to learn the language of cannabis so that you can talk with your loved ones about it. Speaking of Cannabis can help you to learn more about cannabis and how to start a conversation about it.

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Fermented Foods



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

There is a myth that has been promoted for decades that bacteria are the source of most of our health problems. The suggested thought is that a bacteria free environment will be a healthy environment. The action step has been promotion of anti-bacteria wipes and hand gels, antibiotic medications, and sterile foods. However, we have not seen a great improvement in health among our communities with these action steps.

The truth is that there are more bacteria cells than human cells living within and on any human body. Our body is outnumbered by millions of bacteria cells that live in community with our body. Most of these bacteria help promote health and fight off the germs that want to cause trouble. I describe the im-

portance of your bacteria community similar to riding a bus. When you get on the bus and see all your friends in the seats, you know this is going to be a great trip. If you get on the bus and see some rowdy thugs, you will not have a great trip. Your goal is to make sure all the bacteria riding with you are friends who want to support you.

There are many probiotic supplement products on the market today. My general recommendation is to look for 1) a product that contains ten to twelve different bacteria names on the ingredient list, 2) a product that is stored in the refrigerator, and 3) a product with at least 25 billion colony forming units (CFU) per capsule. This capsule should be taken in the evening before bed to allow the bacteria to move through the intestines without a rush of food around.

Probiotic rich foods are an excellent way to regularly support quality bacteria friends for your daily trip. Some of these foods include: sauerkraut, kimchi, kefir, kombucha, yogurt, and cheese. Most any vegetable can be fermented in a simple process in the kitchen. The fermentation process will produce a soured vegetable product similar to pickling but without the vinegar. The vegetable and liquid brine will be rich with bacteria that will stimulate healthy digestion, improved energy, mental clarity, and healthy skin.

A 2021 article in the Stanford Medicine News described a recent 10-week study comparing a high fiber diet with a fermented food diet. At the conclusion of the study, those individuals in the fermented food group had lowered inflammation to nineteen different measures. The participants in the high fiber

diet did not see a decrease in any of the nineteen measures. By regularly consuming bacteria rich foods, the “friends on the bus” kept the problems away.

Sources you can access to learn more about fermentation and healthy fermented foods include: www.cuttingedgecultures.com - an online resource providing starter cultures and education, www.culturedfoodlife.com - a website with articles, videos, recipes, and starter cultures for sale. Sandor Katz has a well-known book called, “Wild Fermentation,” and Dr. William Davis authored, “Super Gut.” These sources will start you towards a healthier lifestyle based on quality fermented foods.

Health is the result of healthy choices. A supportive community is needed to help make these healthy choices become a lifestyle. I have written in previous articles about healthy weight and continue to provide resources to support healthy lifestyle choices that can help you reach your health goals. Contact me to discuss your health goals for the coming year. Nutrition is designed for healing. I can help you reach greater health freedom in 2026. Contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

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Age-Related Hearing and Vision Loss in Dogs

Dogs entering their senior years suffer from failing vision and hearing, just like humans do. These conditions don’t typically cause pain. However, they can be disorienting and distressful for our aging pets. Owners can help by understanding the conditions and developing coping strategies for hearing and vision loss in dogs. Hearing loss in dogs is due to damage and death of the hair cells of the inner ear. These cells pick up sound vibrations, generate a nerve impulse, and send it to the brain for interpretation. In people, we can sometimes blame loud noises for cell death. In dogs, we point at genetics or think of it as a consequence of aging. The loss is gradual, degrading slowly over several years.

Owners often miss the first stages of age-related dog hearing loss because dogs rarely give us clues. Also, in many cases, they lose particular frequencies first, which may make it hard to determine if their hearing is slipping. For example, a dog might hear the bass of a man’s voice but not a higher-pitched female voice. It’s common for dogs to lose hearing more dramatically in one ear than another at first. When this happens, you might notice confusion after you call them. They’re not able to figure out where you are because their ears are not working together to pinpoint the source of the sound.

When dogs’ sight begins to slip, you might notice them bumping into things, acting hesitant to go down the stairs, and having difficulty navigating the transition from the sidewalk to the road.

Lighting can impact dogs’ ability to see. Dogs can usually run through bushes in the dark, while we would be falling and hitting trees. We can use this innate ability to test vision. Turn down the lighting to where you can just see, then put cardboard boxes in the hallway. If the dog walks into a box, they may have a vision problem.

If the dog has both acute vision loss and painful, red eyes, it may be related to dog glaucoma. Glaucoma in dogs requires emergency treatment.

Cataracts in dogs, which appear as white areas in the lens of the eye, can block vision. They can arise in young dogs with a genetic predisposition, but later in life, they can also be associated with diabetes.

This condition is a graying of the lens commonly seen in dogs over 8 years old. Nuclear sclerosis does not block vision, but it can cause near-focusing issues.

PRA in dogs affects the back of the eye through the deterioration of the retina. This irreversible change takes a year or more to cause blindness, but it is a condition that gets worse over time.

If you have a dog suffering from vision loss, it isn’t a death sentence. I’ve seen completely blind dogs do well, as long as you don’t change their routine. They can go out in the fenced yard and then navigate back to the door by following landmarks. You can contain them with short plastic fences. Sounds may also be used for commands, rather than visual clues.

Older dogs may lose just part of their seeing ability. We can help these dogs out with good lighting. I had one canine patient who didn’t want to go out until the owner added a patio light where the stairs started, which gave the dog confidence. After that, the dog would go out happily. A nightlight in the hallway can help.

Protect your dog by blocking off stairs with a dog gate. And it’s a good idea not to move the furniture. Finally, keep in mind that your dog may be feeling anxiety while adjusting to a loss of senses.

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Think osteoporosis only affects women? Think again.

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can men get osteoporosis or is it mostly a problem for women? When I fell and broke my wrist last winter, the ER doctor told me I might have osteoporosis, but I never followed up. What can you tell me?

—Almost 70

Dear Almost,

A lot of people think osteoporosis is only a women's issue, but men can get it too — especially as they get older. And like women, men often don't realize they have it until a bone breaks.

Osteoporosis is often called a silent disease because it weakens bones over time, making them thin, brittle and more likely to break, usually without any warning signs. While women are about four times more likely to develop it, men aren't immune. About 2 million American men have osteoporosis, and another 12 million have low bone density, known as osteopenia, which can eventually progress to the disease.

One of the biggest problems is that men are less likely to be tested. Even after a fracture like yours, many never get a bone density scan. Doctors sometimes overlook it in men, and men themselves may not realize they're at risk. The bones most often affected are the hip, spine and wrist, and hip fractures in particular can lead to serious complications and long recoveries.

Who is at risk

In women, menopause speeds up bone loss. In men, it usually happens more gradually, but age is still a major factor. Your risk rises if you are over 70, thin or underweight, smoke, drink heavily, have a parent with osteoporosis or have already broken a bone, as you have.

Certain medical conditions can also increase your risk. These include rheumatoid arthritis, celiac disease, low testosterone, overactive thyroid, COPD and kidney or liver disease. Neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or a past stroke can raise the risk because they affect balance and mobility. Long term use of corticosteroids, some prostate cancer treatments, acid reflux drugs, antidepressants and anti-seizure medications can weaken bones too.

Testing

A smart next step is a bone density test. All men 70 and older should talk to their doctor about being screened. Men over 50 who've had a fracture or have other risk factors should get tested too. The scan is simple, painless and takes only a few minutes. Medicare and most private insurance plans usually cover it.

Prevention

When it comes to protecting your bones, the basics really matter. Get enough calcium from foods like low fat milk, yogurt and cheese, leafy green vegetables, beans, almonds and canned salmon or sardines. Men under 70 need about 1,000 milligrams a day. Those 71 and older need 1,200 milligrams.

Vitamin D is just as important because it helps your body absorb calcium. Most adults over 50 need 800 to 1,000 international units daily, through sunlight, food or a supplement if needed.

Regular weight bearing exercise such as walking, along with strength training two or three times a week, helps build and maintain bone. It also improves balance, which can prevent falls. You should also avoid smoking, and limit alcohol and caffeine.

Treatment

If testing shows significant bone loss, medications such as Fosamax, Actonel, Reclast, Prolia, Forteo or Tymlos may be prescribed. Your doctor can explain the benefits and possible side effects and help you decide what is appropriate.

Since you have already had a fracture, this is not something to ignore. A simple test and a plan now could help you stay strong and avoid a more serious break down the road.

CHS Closes Dodge County Grain Facility

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"There is a significant opportunity for large-scale facilities, export corridor facilities and domestic processing markets to drive more value in the grain supply chain, which is prompting more farmers to deliver directly to those facilities, drawing bushels away from these smaller grain facilities," wrote CHS Senior Director of Operations Jim Morken and Senior Vice President of Operations Mike Johnson in an email to staff on

Friday, which was shared with the Post Bulletin. "Thin grain merchandising margins and a critical need to enable the most efficient operations across the network also contributed to this decision."

The cooperative began in 1931 as the Farmers Union Central Exchange in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Later, the company changed the name to Cenex, and in 1998, merged with Harvest States Cooperatives, taking on the name Cenex Harvest States, adopting CHS as its brand name. In 2003, it changed its legal name to CHS Inc.

The Kasson facility can receive 40,000 bushels of grain per hour during peak harvest and dry 12,000 bushels of corn per hour. Total storage capacity is 3 million bushels, which would account for about 15,000 acres of corn production from Dodge County, Minnesota.

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Triton FFA

Triton FFA Hosts Annual Progressive Ag Safety Day with Triton 3rd Graders

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CHS sponsored the cost of registering the event with the Progressive Ag Foundation along with providing lunch for the volunteers, staff to run the household chemical safety station, staff to instruct the large equipment and PTO safety station, and safety station and tour of the feed mill. Scott McMartin of McMartin Electric provided materials and instruction for the electrical safety demonstration. Megan Gochnauer of Gochnauer Farms provided a milking demonstration and tour of her family's dairy farm in West Concord. All of the members of Triton FFA greatly appreciate the support and assistance from our industry partners!



Third graders touring the CHS Mill in Kasson



Members of the Triton FFA were running a station in which 3rd graders got to experience a part of the Food Science Career Development Event contest by identifying store brand and name brand chips along with identifying flavors of water.



Group picture of the third grade after the tour of Gochnauer Farms



Lillie Freiderich demonstrating what happens when you get caught in a running power take off (PTO) system. There are two different styles of PTO; one spins at 540 turns per minute and the other turns at 1000 turns per minute. This system is important in transferring power from the engine to the equipment and great care must be given when operating these pieces of equipment.

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Getting Crafty Club!

Join Kristy for some crafting fun this summer. Break up summer boredom and have fun crafting with your friends. Limit 12 per class. A light snack will be provided.

Paint by Number June 16

These easy-to-follow paint by number canvases will have you looking like a pro! You can pick from many designs.



Velvet Art: Positive Vibes Only! June 23

We will use markers and colored pencils to personalize positive mini-posters for you to hang up. We will color velvet art mandalas too! You will make up to 5 total pieces of art.

Crystal Suncatchers June 30

We will use beautiful crystals and fish wire to make suncatchers that will dance in the sunlight.

Mosaic Madness July 14

We will use Mineral Mosaics to create classic animal shapes. It's art and geology all in one place.

What! Wooden snakes?! July 21

Yes! After all we are the Triton Cobras! You can paint these wooden snakes in traditional Triton colors or personalize them with your favorite ones.

Terrific Tile Coasters July 28

We will glue tiles onto wooden coaster that you will paint. Customize these treasures any way that you'd like!

Each class is \$12 or sign up for all of them for \$65!

We will meet from 10-11AM in the TES Art Room each time.

Express Yourself!

All ages are welcome (adults too) ages 3-6 will need an adult assistant.

"Unique" is the word that comes to mind for this painting, each painting will be unique to the artist. Artists will have the opportunity to choose their own word, or even their name (students will be assisted with spelling etc). This is a fun painting that even our youngest picassos will enjoy creating. Perfect for kids of all skill levels, no previous Art skills needed! Follow along with step by step instructions. Includes 11x14 canvas and all supplies.



\$28

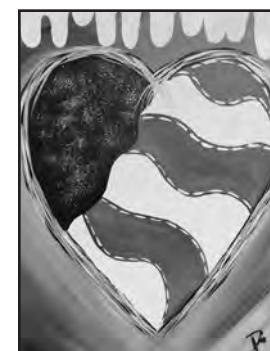
June 24: 9-10AM

TES Art Room

Patriotic Heart

All ages are welcome (adults too) ages 3-6 will need an adult assistant

Show your love for the USA with this glitter heart! We will be using 2 different colors of glitter and gold paint to make this painting sparkle and shine. This is a fun painting that even our youngest picassos will enjoy creating. Perfect for kids of all skill levels, no previous Art skills needed! Follow along with step by step instructions. Includes 11x14 canvas and all supplies.



\$28

June 24: 10-11AM

TES Art Room

Class Combo Deal: Sign up for both of these classes and pay \$50 total!



at schools & other sites

Free Nutritious Meals For Kids 18 And Under

Only a click away, the Free Meals for Kids mobile app will help families and kids find free meals at schools and other sites across Minnesota.

How it works:

- 1- Download the Free Meals for Kids app to your cell phone.
- 2- Use the app to find the nearest site providing meals by GPS.
- 3- Click on the nearby site and use the Site Updates tab for more details.
- 4- Share the app with friends, neighbors and on social media.

Free Meals for Kids can be downloaded at Apple or Google Play app stores.

There are free meal sites across the state at schools and community locations. The app provides location, directions to the site and hours and days of operation. More sites are added daily. For more information: www.hungerimpactpartners.org.



Comida gratis para niños

Comidas escolares nutritivas gratuitas Para niños de 18 años y menores

Con solo un clic entrará a la aplicación móvil Free Meals for Kids. La cual ayuda a las familias y a los niños a encontrar comidas gratuitas en las escuelas y otros sitios en todo Minnesota.

Cómo funciona:

- 1- Descargue la aplicación Free Meals for Kids en su teléfono celular.
- 2- Use la aplicación para encontrar el sitio más cercano que proporciona comidas por GPS.
- 3- Haga clic en el sitio cercano y use la pestaña de actualizaciones de sitios para obtener más detalles.
- 4- Comparta la aplicación con amigos, vecinos y en las redes sociales.

Las comidas gratuitas para niños se pueden descargar en las tiendas de aplicaciones de Apple o Google Play.

Hay sitios de comidas gratis en todo el estado. En escuelas, paradas de autobús, bibliotecas, centros comunitarios y parques. La aplicación proporciona ubicación e indicaciones para llegar al sitio, horas y días de entrega. Se agregan más sitios diariamente. Para más información: www.hungerimpactpartners.org



TRITON COMMUNITY ED
ADULT ENRICHMENT
507-418-7550

Arsenic and Old Lace

Sidekick Theatre (Masonic Heritage Museum)

What do you do when your eccentric family has actual skeletons in the closet?

Mortimer Brewster may be the only sane member of his family. One brother thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt and digs the Panama Canal in the cellar. His brother keeps undergoing ghastly plastic surgeries to hide from the police. And his adorably sweet spinster aunts take in lonely boarders..... and dispose of them with their special elderberry wine. To make matters worse, Mortimer has fallen in love with Eaine, the minister's daughter from next door, and a houseful of murderous relatives probably won't help the relationship. This beloved screw ball comedy set in 1940's Brooklyn will leave you laughing—and saying no to the elderberry wine!

We will have lunch prior to the show in the ballroom at the theatre. Lunch will include: Creamy Chicken Breast, served with Roasted Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Deserts, Coffee, and Hot Tea.

Soda, beer, and wine as well as snacks can be purchased at the theatre during intermission (this is the individual's responsibility to pay).

Cost: \$98, includes coach bus ride, ticket to the show and lunch.
October 14

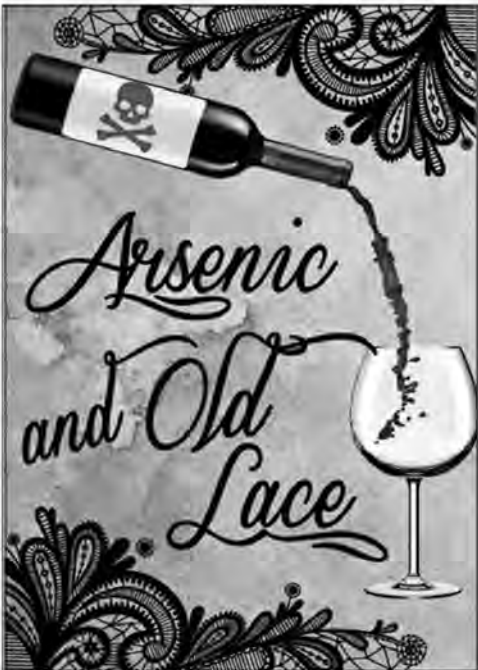
Bus Departs/Approx. Returns

Byron 9:15AM /5:30PM
Middle School Parking Lot

Kasson 9:30AM /5:15PM
Football Field Lot

Dodge Center 9:45 AM/5PM
Triton Activities Entrance

Owatonna 10:15 AM /4:30PM
Target Parking Lot
closest to the Hotel



Aqua Zumba

Wednesday Evenings:
7pm
June 24, July 1,8,15,22, 29
(Make-up date if needed — Aug 5th)
Cost: \$72
Walk-ins are \$15 each night
Natalie Webb Aquatic Center, Dodge Center

Aqua Strength

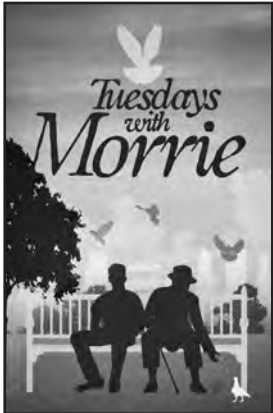
Thursday Evenings:
7pm
June 25, July 2,9,16,23,30
(Make-up date if needed — Aug 6th)
Cost: \$72
Walk-ins are \$15 each night
Natalie Webb Aquatic Center, Dodge Center



Register for both classes and pay \$130

Tuesdays with Morrie at the
Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
Chanhassen, MN

Tuesdays with Morries is the true story of Detroit Free Press sportswriter, Mitch Albom and his own personal re-union with a favorite college professor, Morrie Schwartz, who is battling ALS. The play simply features Mitch and Morrie, who visit each other over a series of 14 Tuesdays during which the audience gets a seat in the room to listen to Morrie's meaningful life lessons. Albom's renowned book Tuesdays with Morrie was published and went to sell millions of copies. Oprah Winfrey made it a movie and then it was adapted for the stage, where Albom believes the story comes closest to the reality of his talks with the professor. Don't miss this inspirational drama filled with Morrie's wise insights, focusing on love, human connection, and genuine relationships.
We will have lunch prior to the show at the theatre.



Cost: \$120, includes coach bus ride, lunch and ticket to the show

October 28

Bus	Departs	Approx. Returns
Byron Community Ed Parking Lot	9:00AM	6PM
Kasson Football Field Parking Lot	9:15 AM	5:45PM
Dodge Center Triton Activities Entrance	9:30 AM	5:30PM
Owatonna Target Parking Lot	9:55 AM	5PM

Annie! at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
Group Leader: Kristy Faber

LEAPIN' LIZARDS! Chanhassen Dinner Theatre brings its audiences the heart-warming musical blockbuster, ANNIE! Little orphan Annie easily wins everybody's hearts. And now, alongside her best pup pal, Sandy, she's set her sights on making us grin from ear-to-ear as she inspires a whole new generation. We will enjoy a delicious lunch prior to the show.



Cost: \$130, includes coach bus ride, lunch and ticket to show.
January 6, 2027

Bus	Departs	Approx. Returns
Byron Middle School Parking Lot (Furthest West Lot by the tree line)	9:00AM	6PM
Kasson Football Field Parking Lot	9:15 AM	5:45PM
Dodge Center Triton Activities Entrance	9:30 AM	5:30PM
Owatonna Target Parking Lot (closest to the hotel)	9:55 AM	5PM

You must Register through Triton Community Ed for this trip, please call 507-418-7550.

TRITON COMMUNITY ED ADULT ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

Beat the Heat IP Butter Chicken & Homemade Naan

Keep your kitchen cool while creating big, bold flavor! In this hands-on at-home cook-along, you'll make Chef Tess' version of the incredible Butter Chicken—rich, warmly spiced, and melt-in-your-mouth tender thanks to the magic of the Instant Pot® (or any other electric multi-cooker). You will also create soft, pillowy homemade naan to go with it. This class is perfect for learning how to create a quick, nutritious, economical summer meal while building your culinary confidence and repertoire. Handy Instant Pot® tips and tricks for use and care will also be shared! Come join the fun!

Equipment Needs: Instant Pot® or any other electric multi-cooker. Stand mixer with dough hook attachment is recommended for the naan. If a stand mixer is not available, dough can be made by hand. More info will be provided in the ingredient list packet.

Cost: \$35 /registrant
(Immediate family members living full-time in the SAME HOME ONLY)
June 16th, 2026 (Tuesday)

6-8PM
Virtual class through Zoom



Dish it up Good

Registration

*Walk in/Drop off at the Triton Community Ed Office, located in the Elementary Building.

*Call us at 507-418-7550

*Go On-line at triton.k12.mn.us
Click on the Menu Tab, and select Community Education under the Community Header, Choose Class + Activity On-line Registration.

Please note that for students the software does not automatically update their grade, teacher, age or shirt size. Please update these pieces of information each year.

Mail the registration form to:

Triton Community Education
813 West Highway St
Dodge Center, MN 55927

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Participant Information:

First/Last Name: _____

Class Title: _____

Grade if a student: _____

First/Last Name: _____

Class Title: _____

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Class Title: _____

Grade if a student: _____

Payment Information: Total Due: _____

Attention SCHA or UCARE Insured Families:

If your child has South Country Health Alliance (SCHA-could cover up to 5 classes up to \$15 per calendar year) then discounts MIGHT apply. Eligible UCare members may get up to a \$15 discount on many community education classes in Minnesota. Members must have UCare insurance at the time of registration and throughout the duration of the class. Members need to provide their UCare ID number when registering for class. Limits and restrictions may apply. Registration is not complete without this insurance information.
Call 507-418-7550 with questions-Thank you!

Summer Entertaining with Mediterranean Mezze

Bring vibrant Mediterranean flavors to your summertime gatherings! Mezze—an assortment of small bites, dips, and shareable dishes—is perfect for crowd-pleasing summer entertaining. In this hands-on class, you will learn to create a beautiful, full-flavored mezze spread using Chef Tess' personal recipes. On the Mezze Menu: Mediterranean Ke-babi; full flavored / seasoned ground meat skewers with Greek Drizzle Dressing, Tiropitakia; Phyllo wrapped savory cheese triangles, accompanied by Tzatziki; Savory Greek Yogurt Dip, and Greek hummus, in addition to homemade Pita Bread! This variety of skewers, phyllo wraps, dips, and pita bread make for a beautiful presentation! Learn how to make, wrap, present, and plate these delicious wonders with a wonderful Greek Salad. Equipment Needs: Food processor for making the humus, stand mixer with dough hook attachment for the pita bread.



Chef Tess

\$45 /registrant (Immediate family members liviNG in the SAME HOME ONLY)
June 20th, 2026 (Saturday)
5—7:30 PM
Cook-Along Class, Virtual through Zoom

Triton Times

Luke Lutterman, Triton Superintendent

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DODGER DAYS 2026

June 19, 20, 21

ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE NORTH PARK, UNLESS NOTED DIFFERENTLY

Friday

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES START

4PM :
The Dodge Center Chamber Medallion Hunt starts: clues will be on the Chamber and Dodger Days Facebook pages every 6 hours through Sunday at 10AM, unless the Medallion is found.

4-7PM:
Firemen's Feed
Dodge Center Firehall

4-6PM:
Foam Party
provided by the DC Firehall

7PM Food Trucks open

7-10PM:
Music and Beer Garden under the tent in pool parking lot
Featuring: THE DANGLERS
(A bit of Merle Haggard, or some Tom Petty)
HAROLD'S CLUB
(serving the Beer Garden)
\$5 Entry

A \$20 bracelet gets you in to BOTH CONCERTS the whole weekend, or pay at the entrance each night
Bracelets can be purchased at Sunshine Foods, Triton Community Ed, City Hall, or at the tent entrance each night.

Children 10 and under FREE both nights!

Saturday

Venom Softball Tournament

9AM:
Bean Bag Tournament Registration Begins

10AM :
Foam Party sponsored by the Dodge Center Chamber of Commerce until Noon

Food Trucks open
Hair Braiding/Beading
Face Painting
Selfie Photo Station
Chalk Art activity with the Dodge Center Library
Dodge County Historical Interviews

Bean Bag tournament starts

Bingo provided by the Claremont Chamber Gambling at the New Pavilion until Noon

11:30AM:
The Olmsted County K-9 Unit exhibition (weather and emergency depending)

Noon:
Open Swim at the Natalie Webb Aquatic Center

Noon-5PM:
Craft and Vendor Market
Gochnauer Farms Petting Zoo

1-3PM:
Dodge County Sheriff's Department Drone Exhibition (weather and emergency depending) Firehall Lot

5PM-Midnight:
Music and Beer Garden under the tent in pool parking lot
Featuring: GOOD FOR GARY
(Top 40 Pop and Country cover band) provided by MBT Bank
HAROLD'S CLUB (serving the Beer Garden)
\$20 Entry

FIREWORKS* at dusk
provided by McNeilus Steel
(weather permitting, any makeup dates will be posted on Dodger Day's Facebook page)

Sunday

Venom Softball Tournament

7-10AM:
Fly-in Breakfast at the Dodge Center Airport

10AM:
Food Trucks open

11:30-1:30 PM:
Tractor and Truck Show

2PM:
Dodger Days Parade starts (see map)

SO MUCH FUN

Follow our Facebook page and keep up to date!

Triton High School Semester 2 Honor Rolls Announced

TRITON HIGH SCHOOL A HONOR ROLL SEMESTER 2 3.667-4.000 GRADE 9	Wilson, Samantha				
	GRADE 10	Madison, Lydia	Wirkus, Abigail	GRADE 10	Sowieja, Connor
Arneson, Cameron Chable, Darvelia Chicos, Emma Curran, Alayna Dickie, Brinley Dupey, Kayleah Fate, Dylan Fate, Jalyn Freerksen, Josslyn Ginder, Rory Hernandez, Sophia Hokanson, Reign Horejsi, Mathea Jara, Matias Jeter, Faith Kraemer, Mikayla Lee, Gerald Madsen, Tenley Mechtel, Brooklyn Olevson, Bode Sanson, Kimber Scheppmann, Alyvia Stanton, Julia Van Beek, Kenzie Van Zuilen, Ivy Vermilyea, Colby Wennes, Siri	Emanuel, Abrielle Freiderich, Allie Grzybowski Schwering, Gracelyn Henslin, Averee Johnson, Keanna Knutson, Aaron Korbisch, Nerak Louks, Collin Maes, Maddison Maes, Mason Matejcek, Aunika Ogren, Henry Okeefe, Elijah Pearson, Christine Rudesill, Brooklyn Sanson, Aubrie Skalicky, Danika Vallejo, Maya Wirkus, Elliot	Matejcek, Mya Naze, Sydney Reiser, Avery Runnells, Sabree Sackett, Hayden Solano, Emanuel Starkson, Genevieve Thomas, Graden Van Beek, Aidree Vermilyea, Casey		Guenthner, Jameson Hodgman, Nolan Klemmensen, Jayden Ocampo, Jorge Rollag, Braydon Schrom, Elijah	Stevenson, Claire Szmiot-McChesney, Isaiah Thiemann, William Wolf, Jason Young, Gavin
	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	GRADE 9	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
	Baumgartner, Jaiden Essig, Reagan Froyum, Autumn Ibarra, Hector Iverson, Harper Koss, Braxton Kruckeberg, Emma Kundel, Viktoriia Landsteiner, Chace	Akkerman, Ollie Ascencio, Emanuel Behne, Nola Bills, Mason Dobbs, Rainey Freiderich, Norah Holtermann, Isiah Jensen, Garet Kanzenbach, Damian Kasper, Noah Liudahl, Roselyn McMahan, Kerisma McMartin, Henry McNeilus, Cohen Nauman, Landon Oakland, Addison Petersohn, Pierce Scovill, Jade Staub, Brady Swenson, Andrew	Adreon, Kaiden Benda, Khloe Edge, Maurice Erler, Preston Fate, Cooper Frederick, Natalie Froyum, Coy Kasper, Charles Landsteiner, Avery Laue, Aubrey Laue, Peyton Marquardt, Eli McNeilus, Andrew Orozco, Oscar Price, Samuel Robertson, Cora Rongve, Brady Thomas, Logan Thorson, Erin Vergel, Valentina Zucky, Kaylee	Barnett, Faith Burt, Emitt Cain, Nallah Chinn, Gwendolyn Freiderich, Grace Gomez-Thompson, Jesenia Harty, Ethan Horejsi, Neven Johnson, Lincoln Kraemer, Jackson Lindquist, Kylie Lutterman, Aidan Molina, Keanna Nelson, Colton Noble, Easton Nordstrom, Gabriella Rieck, Megan Rysavy, Sydney Scanlan, Austin Scudamore, Abigail	Berndt, Ayden Chable, Dora Dean, Autumn Deml, Wylie Gann, Frankie Garness, Hunter Geers, Gabriella Heroff, Mason Ibarra-Castillo, Diego Kasper, Jacob Lasker, Alana Luhman, Morgan Maldonado, Lily Noaeill, Mason Ortiz, Alan Radke, Damion Reniker, Brylee Richardson, Hailey Senne, Casey Swenson, Wade Wilson, September



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APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONER’S
MEETING
MAY 26, 2026
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE
COUNTY OF DODGE
MANTORVILLE, MN

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
The following actions were approved:

- * Agenda as presented.
- * The following Consent Agenda items: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5.
- * Craig Weber to utilize alternate route to haul material from his property for one-year period as discussed.
- * The appointment of Commissioners Kenworthy & Allen to 2026 County Canvassing Board for the primary election and Commissioners Peterson & Allen to the 2026 County Canvassing Board for the general election and set the meeting dates and times as discussed.
- * Signatures to resolution #2026-17 – Establishment of Absentee & UOCAVA Ballot Boards.
- * Changing the county’s credit vendor to MBT Bank & increasing the card limits as discussed.
- * Payment of the following bills:
01 Revenue Fund \$ 33,367.37
13 Road and Bridge Fund \$ 322,226.64
16 Environmental Quality Fund \$ 18,342.76
Total \$ 373,936.77
- * Signatures to resolution #2026-18 – DCSO Out-of-County Assigned Vehicle

Policy.
* Signatures to MOA with IUOE Highway Union Local 49ers as recommended.
* The following personnel actions: A.1, A.2, B.1, C.1, C.2, C.3, D.1, D.2.
* Signatures to resolution #2026-19 – Accept Donation from DCSO Chaplins.
* Adjourning the meeting at 6:14 p.m.
This is a summary only. A complete set is available in the Administration Office at the Government Services Building in Mantorville, MN.

Summons
State of Minnesota
County of Dodge
District Court
Third Judicial District
Court File # 20-FA-26-337
Case Type: dissolution with children
In Re the marriage of:
Alexis Jade Smrcka,
Name of petitioner
And
Michael Robert Smrcka,
Name of respondent
Summons without Real Estate
The State of Minnesota to the above-named respondent:
Warning: Your spouse has filed a lawsuit against you for dissolution of your marriage. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. This summons is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this summons carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

- The petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for a dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the Petition for Dissolution is attached to the Summons. There should

also be a copy of Petitioners Financial Affidavit attached.
• You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the court a written answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and your financial affidavit. You must pay the required filing fee. Answer forms and the Financial Affidavit form are available from the Court Administrator’s Office. You must serve your answer and Financial Affidavit upon Petitioner **within Thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this Summons, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file you Answer and Financial Affidavit, the Court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

• This proceeding does not involve real property.
Notice of Temporary Restraining Provisions
Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:.

- Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.
- Neither party may harass the other party.
- All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in beneficiary designation.
- Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution

pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

If You Violate Any Of These Provisions, You Will Be Subject To Sanctions By The Court.
Notice of Parent Education Program Requirements
Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 518.157, in a contested proceeding involving custody or parenting time of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a parent education program

that meets minimum standards promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court within 30 days after the first filing with the court. In some Districts, parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact the District Court Administrator

for more additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.
Dated 5/26/2026
Alexis Smrcka
Petitioners signature
Name: Alexa Smrcka
City/State/Zip: Claremont, MN 55924

**Dodge County Planning Commission
Public Hearing Notice**
The Dodge County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

To participate in the Public Hearings, citizens can come in person or join via Microsoft Teams. Please visit the Dodge County Environmental Services Public Hearings page for the meeting link and to view the proposed language: https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/public_hearings.php

Item 1: Nonmetallic mining

Item 2: Zoning Amendment- Amendment to Outdoor Cannabis Cultivation performance standards to clarify the intent and establish clear requirements for outdoor cannabis cultivation

For additional information on request and commenting procedures or if you have trouble getting on the Teams Meeting, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 507-635-6272.

**NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CITY OF WEST CONCORD, MINNESOTA**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Minnesota Statute 205.13; Subd 2, that candidate filings for the City of West Concord elected offices will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, and end at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

Candidates for the following offices file with the West Concord City Clerk/Administrator, 180 Main Street, PO Box 435, West Concord, Minnesota 55985.

CITY OFFICES
Regular Municipal Election to elect:

• City Councilmember (2 seats) for a Full-term of four years each.

Paula Even Trenda
City Clerk/Administrator
City of West Concord, Minnesota

**NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2125
CLAREMONT, DODGE CENTER AND WEST CONCORD
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2125 shall begin on July 14, 2026 and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. At that election, four (4) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, Triton Public Schools, District Office, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927. The summer office hours are 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on July 28, 2026.

Dated: June 8, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Dale Jensen_____

School District Clerk

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BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026
– 6:00 P.M.
TRITON HIGH SCHOOL**

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This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the May 18, 2026, Tri-

ton 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., Brian Ginder, Scott Curran, Luke Lutterman, Shane Van Beek, Tanisha Fox, Brandon Neseth, Kristy Faber, Tina Kozisek, Abigail Wirkus, and others. The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the including the April 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes and May 6, 2026, study session minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer’s report; open enrollment agreements

for students #051826A, #051826B, #051826C, #051826D, #051826E, #051826F, and #051826G; resignations for Taylor Kraemer as Paraprofessional effective May 22, 2026 and Stacy Ullom as Kindergarten teacher effective June 30, 2026;

- Resolution For Recovery From Statutory Operating Debt (SOD)
- 2026-2027 Calendar Up-

dates

- Resolution Accepting Donations
- Policy Updates
- Language Access Plan

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of Dodge Center, Minnesota, will meet in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. to consider a request made by Robin Koss-Viker, at 1305 5th St. NW, for obtaining an Interim Use Permit for a single-chair salon in her home.

All persons desiring to be heard with reference to the above-named request should attend this meeting or submit a written comment to the Community Development Technician. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2026, at Dodge Center City Hall, c/o Planning and Zoning Commission, 35 East Main Street, PO Box 430, Dodge Center, Minnesota, 55927.

DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, May 11, 2026

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of May 11, 2026, 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.

Present: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Braedon Dostal, Lee Mattson, Ingvild Herfindahl, Amanda Schmidt, Meredith Brose and Kathy Freeman

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and Consent Agenda to include Minutes of Council Meeting – April 27, 2026, Liquor License Renewals, Hiring of Library Summer Intern and Payment of Bills,
- Purchase of furniture for Ambulance Service in the amount of \$3,200,
- New Ambulance Service uniform patch,
- Set Public Hearing for Everyday Spirit Liquor and Tobacco relocation,
- Dodger Days event schedule,
- Dodge Days parade route,
- Updated MNDOT AWOS Agreement pending City Attorney’s review,
- Cancellation of May 25, 2026 Council Meeting – falls on Memorial Day, Authorizing paying of bills and a special meeting called if needed,
- \$99,000 quote from TKDA for the airport lighting project.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Tuesday, May 26, 2026

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of May 26, 2026, Dodge Center City Council special 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.

Present: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Paul Blaisdell, Braedon Dostal, Lee Mattson, John Fox, and Stephanie Gonzalez.

City Council approved the following items:

- Consent Agenda to include: Airport Lighting Grant Request, Approve Aquatic Center Seasonal Hires, Rehire Seasonal Park Staff, and Payment of Bills.
- \$10,000 TKDA contract for preparing the required Airport Clear Zone Acquisition plan.
- Require the Cain Solar Farm Project parcel not be split and either the whole parcel is annexed or none of it is annexed.
- City of Dodge Center’s pledge of \$9,000 if the Triton School District can come up with the full \$14,000 amount necessary from pledges to preserve the full-time status of the Triton School Resource Officer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

CITY OF CLAREMONT NOTICE OF FILING FOR CITY ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a filing period will be held for candidates seeking election to municipal offices at the general election to be conducted on November 3, 2026. The filing period will open on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 and will close on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Affidavits of candidacy for the following offices must be filed at Claremont City Hall located at 140 West Front Street, Claremont for the following seats:

One Mayor for the term of two (2) years
Two Council Members for the term of four (4) years

A filing fee of \$2 is required in order to have the candidate’s name placed on the municipal election ballot.

Candidates may withdraw from the ballot by filing an affidavit of withdrawal at any time during the filing period and through Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

For more information about the filing process, contact City Hall.

Elizabeth Sorg
Administrator

CITY OF DODGE CENTER COUNTY OF DODGE STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF FILING 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a filing period will be held for candidates seeking election to municipal offices at the general election to be conducted on November 3, 2026. The filing period will open on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Affidavits of candidacy for the following offices must be filed at Dodge Center City Hall located at 35 East Main Street, Dodge Center for the following seats:

Mayor for the term of four (4) years
Two Council members for the term of four (4) years

A filing fee of \$2 or filing a petition in accordance with MN Statute 205.13, Subd. 3 & 4, to the Clerk-Administrator is required in order to have the candidate’s name placed on the municipal election ballot.

Candidates may withdraw from the ballot by filing an affidavit of withdrawal at any time during the filing period and through Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

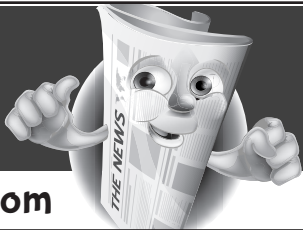
For more information about the filing process, please contact Lee A. Mattson, Clerk-Administrator at 507-374-2575.

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