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Dodge County Fair Wrap Up



The Dodge County Free Fair was held in Kasson this past week. One day the heat was bad enough to postpone opening the midway until 5pm that day. On Thursday evening a power outage left most of Kasson in the dark for part of the evening.

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41st Annual Survival Days this Weekend

It was 1985. Highway 56 running thru West Concord had been closed from both directions for a major resurfacing project. It was lonely being isolated with no traffic passing thru the town. That was the reason for Survival Days, and the celebration has continued to this day.

This year on Thursday July 23rd the week will kick off with citywide garage sales starting at 8am, the library book sale runs from 9:30am to 5pm Thursday and Friday and there will be the Guns & Hoses Charity softball event starting at 7pm at the ball field.

On Friday, July 24th the American Legion will be making their famous doughnuts from 7 to 11am. Stop by for coffee and order a dozen of your favorite flavor of doughnuts.

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The Wife Carrying Contest will be held on Saturday at the West Concord Survival Days celebration this weekend.

Announcements

- GriefShare support group for anyone experiencing loss of a loved one, friend, or other significant person in their lives, meets Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, beginning August 13th, at Anchor Of Hope Church, 203 E. Main St., Dodge Center, MN. Contact Dale E. Rood, pastor emeritus, at 507-633-2772, or go to the GriefShare website.

- 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.

Zumbro Valley Golf Course 100 year celebration



The Zumbro Valley Golf Course, nestled in the rolling hills between Kasson and Mantorville is a 9 hole course that was built in 1926. On Saturday, August 1st they will be celebrating 100 years with a big party for the community with fun activities for all ages. You are invited to come and enjoy the fun. The family celebration starts at noon and continues until 4pm. There will be two giant bounce houses for the kids (socks required), local craft and gift vendors and interactive activities such as Hobby Herd's interactive Llama experience, Accentra Credit Union's rubber duck race and Prairie Meadows mini golf challenge.

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The Lord is My Shepherd!

By Pastor John Todor,
First Baptist Kasson

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;...” Psalm 23:1-3

I remember that one of the first Bible passages that I had the privilege of memorizing as a child, was Psalm 23.

In Psalm 23, David compares the Lord to a shepherd who lovingly tends his flock.

Through this passage, we learn that Jehovah God – the all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present God, tenderly cares for those who belong to Him.

Very briefly, I would like to point out to you a few things about God, our wonderful Shepherd. It is my hope and prayer that as you ponder upon these things, God’s Word will be a great encouragement to you.

- The Lord is a Personal Shepherd. David wrote: “The Lord is my shepherd”. One of the amazing things about the God of the Bible is that He is not a distant, unapproachable God, but a God that can be known in a personal way. Relationship and fellowship with God is possible through His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus said: “I am the way, the truth,

and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

- The Lord is a Providing Shepherd. Psalm 23:2: “He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.” This also reminds me of Apostle Paul’s words in Philippians 4:19 “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

I would like to encourage you to take a few moments today and thank Him for His spiritual, physical, material, and emotional provision. He is worthy of our praise!

- The Lord is a Protecting Shepherd. “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You

are with me;” Psalm 23:4

Everyone goes through valleys, or low points in life. We may face sorrow, heartache, doubt, or other kinds of adversity, but God’s Word reminds us that we should not be afraid. The constant presence of our Shepherd provides the assurance we need to always feel safe. If we walk obediently before Him, He will bring good out of the hardships we endure “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

God bless you dear readers!

Hope you all have a wonderful summer, trusting the good Lord – the Good Shepherd!

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Pastor: John Todor
305 4th St, Kasson
Sunday 9:30am Sunday school; 10:30am worship

Church of the Holy Family
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1904 Mantorville Ave N, Kasson
Sunday 8:30am Mass; Wednesday 9am Mass

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Pat Dee pastoral asst. • 507-634-6081
101 1st St, NE, Kasson
Sunday 10am worship; Wednesday 5:30pm community meal

Mount Sion Lutheran WELS
Pastor Karl Christie • 507-634-3183
600 8th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 9am worship

South Zumbro Lutheran LCMC
Pastors: Pete Wytenbach & Jeff Bernards
4830 120th Ave SW, Kasson
Sunday Worship 9:00a.m.

St. John's Lutheran ELCA
John Welsenburger, Deborah Lyanga, Kristin Schlauderaff
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301 8th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 9am; Wednesday 6:30pm

Pleasant Corners Evangelical Church
Pastor: Jacob Hanson • 507-634-7823
21927 650th St, Kasson
Sunday 11am

Area Church Directory The Fragility of the Powerful

No sooner are [rulers] planted . . . no sooner do they take root . . . than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. — Isaiah 40:24

The powerful people of this world tend to think they are strong and mighty, but they are fragile. They think they have the control of history in their hands, but they do not. Their stability is provisional. Their strength is temporary. Their wealth is volatile.

Their fragility contrasts with the omnipotence of God. Their instability contrasts with the eternity of God. Political rulers are fragile and temporary, but God is all-powerful and permanent. Scripture says people “are like a breath; their days are like a fleeting shadow” (Psalm 144:4), but God is unshakably the same “from everlasting to everlasting” (Psalm 90:2).

God controls the nations. He raises up kingdoms and overthrows them. He gives politicians and other leaders positions of power and takes them down. Compared to the Lord, rulers on the earth are barely planted and rooted before they wither. All it takes is a breath from the Almighty to blow them away like chaff.

Rulers who try to defy God do not prevail. The arrogant may try to stand against the righteous God, but they will only be swept away.

Put your trust in God, our only true refuge and strength!

Almighty God, teach us not to trust in fragile human power but in your eternal strength. Humble the proud and uphold the faithful, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Sunday 9am worship; 10am fellowship
10:30am Sunday school

First Presbyterian Church
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101 6th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 10am worship; 11am fellowship

Kasson Church of Christ
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901 8th Ave NW, Kasson
Sunday 10am worship
Wednesday 7:30pm prayer service

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CedarCreekChurch.org
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Pastor Paul Thompson • 507-365-8222
West: 70640 260 Ave, Hayfield • WestStOlaf.org
Worship 10:00a.m.

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Marilyn Rae Halverson

Marilyn Rae Halverson passed away peacefully on July 13, 2026, with her daughter and granddaughter by her side. She was 83 years old, born June 12, 1943, in Berne, MN.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred; and parents, Ronald & Lula (Giesler) Bennerotte.

She is survived by her daughter, Dianna (Todd) Peters; grandson, Eddie Peters; granddaughter, Sara (Jason) Noren; siblings, Roland (Lynda) Bennerotte, M. Kay Kleven, and Randy (Julie) Bennerotte.

Marilyn graduated from West Concord High School in West Concord, MN in 1961.

She retired from Wells Fargo after 33 years.

Marilyn was an AVID Minnesota sports fan! She was a #1 Vikings and Twins fan, even when the aforementioned team didn't win the Super Bowl(s). She loved collecting sports memorabilia. The satisfaction of finding those special items brought her great joy.

She and Fred thoroughly enjoyed their cabin in Grand Marais on Devil's Track Lake. She had many fun adventures with her grandkids, including hot air balloon rides, attending TwinsFest & Twins games, hiking up Eagle Mountain & Devil's Track River, visiting Devil's Kettle, Split Rock Lighthouse, and many more.

After retiring, some of her adventures in-

cluded an Alaskan cruise and walking on glaciers. She loved visiting with friends and rubbing elbows with sports memorabilia dealers.

She often said, "If you don't laugh, you'll cry." Her positive attitude gave her super strength and carried her far in life.

Margaret "Marge" Vang

Margaret "Marge" Vang, age 85, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2026, in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Born on New Year's Eve in 1940 in Sioux City, Iowa, she was the beloved daughter of William F. and Francis L. (Bradshaw) Gibson.

Marge dedicated her life to the care and nurturing of young children. As a licensed childcare professional and dedicated nanny, her warmth, compassion, and loving spirit left an indelible mark on countless families and children throughout her long career.

She was preceded in death by her loving siblings: her sister Dorothy Shields and her husband Howard; her sister Betty Casteel and her husband Grover; and her brother Bill Gibson and his wife Shirley.

Marge's legacy of love lives on through her surviving family. She is deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her three children, Greg Jans and wife Diane, Mary Condon and husband Tom, and Aaron Vang and wife Nicole.

Grandchildren ~ Tyler Jans and wife Kelsi,

Lindsay Jans, Nathan Jans and husband Chadd, Natalie Battis and husband Ryan. Megan Flakne and husband Tyler, Courtney Condon, Ryan Condon and fiancé Halynn. Jordyn Vang and Gabrielle Vang.

Great Grandchildren ~ Jay, Callum, Julia and Cash Jans. Cole, Connor and Brynn Battis. Tate Flakne.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026, at River Valley Church 14898 Energy Way in Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124. Family and friends are invited to gather for a visitation starting at 5:00 PM, with the memorial service beginning at 6:00 PM. Light refreshments will immediately follow the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred. In honor of Marge's lifelong passion for early childhood development and her love for children all donations will be thoughtfully distributed to the following charities. Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Wishes and More, and Think Small.

Edwin Richard "Dick" Clifford

Edwin Richard "Dick" Clifford passed away on July 19, 2026 in Robbinsdale, MN. A sociable, ambitious man with a servant's heart, he taught his family to "work hard, play hard" and improved many lives during his 82 years on Earth.

Dick was born on Dec. 30, 1943, to Phyllis and Edwin Clifford in Northfield, MN. He grew up in southern Minnesota, where at the K&M Drive-In, he met the love of his life, Melanie. Soon after marrying, the two moved to Maple Grove, MN to raise their growing family.

Dick was a man of many talents who worked as a machinist, businessman, and farmer. He appreciated a spotless surface and could often be found tending to his home and lawn. Ever curious and bold, he was also an early adopter of Microsoft Excel, a licensed pilot, an avid outdoorsman, and a man of faith.

Above all, Dick was a widely beloved man. He maintained an impressive calendar of coffee get-togethers with fellow early birds, card games with granddaughters, and rounds of golf with old friends. He sought adventure wherever possible, hiking mountains in Arizona with his children and four-wheeling through the Black Hills with Melanie. There was nothing he wouldn't do for his family.

Dick was preceded in death by his mother and father; his brother, Bill; and his son, Ron. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Melanie; his children, David (Lisa) Clifford and Keely (Rich) Johnson; his brother, Jerry; and 7 granddaughters and 3 great-grandsons.

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41st Annual Survival Days this Weekend

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Citywide garage sales will start again at 8am. The West Concord Historical Society will host an open house from 9am to 1pm. Food stands and the beer garden open at 5pm and the garden tractor pull begins at 6pm. Live music with Chad Johnson will be playing under the big tent from 8pm to midnight. A

fireworks display will be held at 10pm.

On Saturday, July 25th the last day for garage sales starts at 8am. The Fire Department has a Burrito breakfast starting at 8am in the American Legion. The Scott Hodgman Classic Car and Bike show in on Main Street from 8am to noon. The 5k Run/Walk and the softball and sand volleyball tournaments start at 9am. From 10am to 3pm there will be kids activities behind the WCHS including bounce houses, face painting and furever friends. A foam party starts at 11:30am. A treasure hunt at the pool begins at 11am for kids from 2 to 12 years old. The food stands open at 11am.

At 1pm Dazzling Dave will host a YoYo show at the library. The beer garden opens at 2pm. Family Bingo will be held under the big tent from 2 to 4pm. The wife carrying contest

happens at 3pm in the field south of Hyland Systems. At 7pm there will be an excavator rodeo on the east end of Main Street. A street dance under the big tent featuring J T & The Gunslingers is from 8pm to 12:30am.

On Sunday July 26th the softball and volleyball tournaments resume at 9am. The Community worship service will be held at

Lion's Park at 9:30am. Rain site will be the Bell Tower Center. Food stands open at 11am. The beer garden opens at noon and Trinity Lutheran Pie & Ice Cream social will be held under the big tent from noon to 3pm. The Grand Parade starts at 1pm with a Fireman's Water Fight following at 2pm. Check out the full schedule on the back page.

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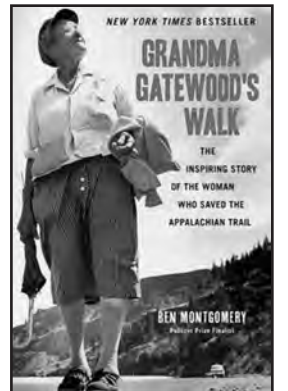
Join us for Book Group at the West Concord Library Saturday, August 8 from 9am-10am

Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben Montgomery

Emma Gatewood told her family she was going on a walk and left her small Ohio hometown with a change of clothes and less than two hundred dollars. The next anybody heard from her, this farm-reared, 67-year-old great-grandmother had walked 800 miles along the 2,050-mile Appalachian Trail. And in September 1955, having survived a rattlesnake strike, two hurricanes, and a run-in with gangsters from Harlem, she stood atop Maine's Mount Katahdin. There she sang the first verse of "America, the Beautiful" and proclaimed, "I said I'd do it, and I've done it."

Grandma Gatewood, as the reporters called her, became the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone, as well as the first person—man or woman—to walk it twice and three times. Gatewood became a hiking celebrity and appeared on TV and in the pages of Sports Illustrated. The public attention she brought to the little-known footpath was unprecedented. Her vocal criticism of the lousy, difficult stretches led to bolstered maintenance, and very likely saved the trail from extinction.

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Zumbro Valley Golf Course 100 year celebration

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Food will be served by the Hidden Pines Bar & Grill as well as other food and drink vendors. Adult beverages will be served with drink tickets \$5.00 each.

There will be a 21 and older event from 7 to 11pm featuring a free concert by Flash Mob, one of Minnesota's favorite party bands.

The golf course will be closed for golfing on the day of the celebration. There will be no public parking available at the golf course. A free trolley service will run continuously throughout the event from noon to midnight from the following parking locations.

- Kasson-Mantorville High School parking lot (corner of Hwy 57 and 625th St)
- Old Relay Station lot in Mantorville (corner of 5th St and Clay St)

Golf cart parking will be available in the rough around Hole #9.

There will be picnic tables and cocktail tables around the grounds but you are welcome to bring blankets or folding lawn chairs. No coolers or outside food and drinks will be allowed. This is a cash only event and ATM's

will be available on site.

The Zumbro Valley Golf Course has an interesting and colorful history to share. From starting in a cow pasture to dynamiting stumps out of the fairways. Here is a historical perspective written up by Paul Leuthold on the early days of the club.

Golf was introduced to Kasson by a group from the old "Triangle Club"—this was the same club that started the tobaggan slide, skating rink and sponsored many nice parties and dances in Kasson, as well as a winter carnival one year. The weather turned so bad that time we decided not to undertake it again!

In 1920 a few members of the Triangle Club made arrangements with Henry Blanch to use a part of his pasture, across from the Dodge County Fair Grounds. We had only three or four holes and one would not call it a golf course but we did have fun practicing "cow pasture pool". Some of us belonged to other established country clubs — a few of us joined Owatonna and played there when time permitted. This group of pioneers, Sam Lord, Howard Tollefson, Carlos Leuthold, Ole Stenstad, Dr. C. L. Nelson, Lloyd Leuthold, Dr. S. A. Helebrandt and myself (Paul Leuthold) created enough interest among others so we had to look for larger quarters.

This time we located in a pasture belonging to Harry Houston, one mile south of the present club. We had rather a nice little course laid out there which we used for about three years. All of the improvements were made by the club and the better it looked — the higher the rent went. That might not have been so bad except that we were sharing the property with Harry's cows and pigs. So, when the rent went up to \$750.00 in 1924 we decided to make other plans. That amount does not sound like much today, especially to those of



you that don't recall the time when a dollar was worth it's face value — as it was during the above period.

This time we rented what was known as the Bowman farm from Chris Dennesen for \$200.00 for the first year. It had not been occupied for some years and Chris only farmed a small part of it in connection with his other land.

It was a tremendous undertaking but the possibilities could be seen so it was decided that we buy it. On April 18, 1926 Chris was paid \$500.00 to bind the bargain. The balance of \$2900.00 was paid on June 16th, 1926 with an interest item of \$45.85 paid on July 9th. So the total cost was \$3445.85

The stockholders group was incorporated as the Zumbro Valley Recreation Club. This corporation leased the grounds to the Kasson Golf Club until 1933 when it became evident that two organizations were not necessary so the running of the club was taken over by the corporation.

It would have been nice if you could have seen what it looked like when we bought it. What are now #3 and #9 fairways were filled

with stumps. One Sunday several of us came down and blew out (dynamited) about 300 stumps, then it did look like a battle field until we had the refuse hauled away and the holes filled with dirt. That was in late winter and the ground was still frozen. At that same time we cut trees on the north side of the river to make bridges across the creek on 3 and 9 as well as on and off the island. These worked fine until we had a spell of high water that took them all out. They were replaced several times until finally more permanent ones could be built.

For a century, ZVGC has been more than just a golf course. It's been a place where friendships were made, memories were created, and generations of families have spent time together. We're celebrating the best way we know how... by inviting the entire community to join us for one unforgettable day!

Whether you're bringing the kids for bounce houses and llamas or coming back later for an adults-only concert under the summer sky, there's something for everyone on Saturday, August 1st.

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Floral projects exhibited by Triton and Kasson Mantorville FFA members at the 2026 Dodge County Fair

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Lily Klejeski setting up her beef for the judge to evaluate.



Layla Schley exhibiting one of her Jerseys



Emery Moe next to his Super M-TA that he restored. He was overall Grand Champion of Construction and Ag Mech projects



Lillie Freiderich setting her beef heifer for the judge to evaluate



Lillie Freiderich setting her beef heifer for the judge to evaluate



Lily Klejeski setting up one of dairy goats



Candid shot of the second round of Triton members learning from Mr. Crowson of Hayfield FFA how to run the back room of the stand. Pictured from front to back are Coy Froyum, Aiden VanZuilen, Sam Sexton and Sydney Rysavy.



Noah Kasper setting up his beef for the judge.



Noah Kasper setting up his beef for the judge.



As part of the fair proceedings, the fair has a FFA night in which Hayfield, Triton and Kasson Mantorville FFA Chapters sell 50/50 raffle tickets and work the concession stand to raise money for scholarships for members. Pictured from the back to the front- Hunter Hamm, Preston Erler and LJ Erler were learning how to work the back room of the stand packaging food.

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Still the fair welcomed 4-H and FFA kids and Young Riders to show their livestock and participate in events to recognize their efforts and achievements. Grandstand shows entertained each evening. Buildings were full of displays of projects, produce and handiwork. One hundred and sixty one years of celebrating the people of Dodge County. It is inspiring to see the next generation proudly showing their livestock projects and vying for a chance at showing at the state fair next month. See you next year at the fair.



The Midway was the popular place for kids each afternoon at the fair last week.



The malt stand was very popular as people looked for ways to cool off from the heat.



A mounted cowboy shooting exhibition entertained at the horse arena on Friday.



A Young Rider shows off her horse at the equine barn.

Sargeant's 150th Celebration Sat. July 25, 2026

Lunch, Music (Larry's Karaoke) and Reminisce

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 CLASSIC CAR SHOW

8:00 AM
Trophies at 1:00PM
TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL
10:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

10:00 AM

Saturday Schedule of Events

- 8-11a.m. **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** Under Mainstreet tent
Hosted by Nerstrand-Dennison Fire Dept., and Dennison Community Church. \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under, 3 & under FREE. Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, juice, milk
- 8a.m. **Farmers Market Downtown**
Citywide Garage Sales
Classic Car Show on Mainstreet Presented by Clutchmen Car Club. Registration \$10. Trophies at 1p.m. Contact Jason Aldorfer 612-203-4172
- 8:30a.m. **Euchre at Fireside Lounge** For information, contact Jen Eggum 507-649-0602
- 9:00a.m. **Scavenger Hunt - \$100 Cash Prize!** Meet and sign up at the tent. Hunt will begin at 9am.
- 10a.m. **Truck & Tractor Pull on the Hill** For more information contact Dave Remme 507-649-0710
Kids Pedal Tractor Pull on Mainstreet (At Mainstreet intersection) Sign up begins at 9:30a.m.
- 11a.m. **Food Stands Open**
- Noon **Kids Bingo** Under the tent. Presented by Dennison Lions. Ages 3-11
Costume Kickball Tournament Hosted by Cattlemen's Saloon. Sign up at Cattlemen's Saloon
- 1:00p.m. **Car Show Trophies Awarded**
- 1-3p.m. **Kids Carnival**
- 1:30p.m. **Parade Downtown - A Kiddie Parade Leads Off Main Parade** (Ages 12 & Under)
\$300.00 Prize for Best Parade Entry! Sign up at Noon. South Mainstreet. Call 507-645-9992
- 2:30p.m. **Cattlemen's Saloon Bags Tournament - Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place!**
Sign up at Cattlemen's or call 507-782-9061
- 4:00p.m. **Power Tool, Gift Card & Purse Bingo** Presented by Dennison Lions & Fireside Lounge
- 6:30p.m. **Keg Toss - 100% Payout! \$5/throw** Across from Fireside Lounge
- 7:00p.m.-12a.m. **Live Music - Shane Martin** 18+ event. No Cover Charge. 21 to drink. Presented by ProBuilt Construction and Fireside Lounge & Supper Club



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DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 2026

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of June 22, 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, Marianne Sobek, and John Fox.

City Council approved the following items:

- Approve transfer of excess funds from General Fund to Capital Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Dodge County Board of Adjustment Public Hearing Notice

The Dodge County Board of Adjustment will meet on Thursday August 6, 2026 at 8:30 AM.

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:

https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/public_hearings.php

Item 1: Request to increase the number of employees for a permitted Limited Rural Business (LRB) that exceeds the set limit of four (4) allowed per the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance.

Item 2: Setback variance

For additional information on request and commenting procedures, please contact the Environmental Services Department at 507-635-6272.

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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

JUNE 23, 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.

- * Payment of the following bills:

01 Revenue Fund

\$ 126,532.01

13 Road and Bridge Fund

\$ 227,692.16

16 Environmental

Quality Fund \$ 19,148.20

41 Ditch Fund\$ 10,718.25

52 The Midway

\$ 750.00

Total \$ 384,840.62

- * The following personnel actions: A.1, A.2, A.3, A.4, B.1, C.1, C.2, C.3, C.4, C.5,

C.6.

- * Signatures to resolution #2026-23 – Accept Veteran Services donation.

- * Proposal from AWH at a cost of \$19,500 to conduct conditions assessment of Historic Museum in Mantorville.

- * Rejection of all Annex south entry improvements and landscaping bids.

- * Recessing the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

- * Reconvening the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- * Land Records to cease making plat books and move onto on-line plat book option.
- * Adjourning the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

This is a summary only. A complete set is available in the Administration Office at the Government Services Building in Mantorville, MN.

TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SUMMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

TRITON HIGH SCHOOL

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This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the June 8, 2026, Triton School Board meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing in the Triton District Office, 813 West Highway Street, Dodge Center, or online at www.triton.k12.mn.us.

Present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, J. Jensen, D. Jensen, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., Brian Ginder, Scott Curran, Luke Lutterman, Aimee Lake, Jaxon Marine, Tina Kozisek, and others.

The School Board approved the following items:

- Agenda and consent agenda including the May 18, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; open enrollment agreements for students #060826A and #060826B; resignation/retirement for

Sue Torgerson effective August 31, 2025; contracts for Brandon Neseth as Activities Director, Andrea Possehl as School Nurse, and Grace Hanson as TES Music Teacher; resignations for Jennifer Ryg as THS English Teacher and Fall Play Director effective June 30, 2026, Donielle Hrtanek as THS Special Education Teacher effective July 1, 2026, and Gareth John Hager, Jr. as TMS Special Education Teacher effective August 2026;

- Insurance policy renewal;
- Updated 2025-2026 budget;
- Preliminary 2026-2027 budget;
- MSBA Association Dues and Policy Services Renewal Dues for 2026-2027;
- 2026-2027 Resolution for Membership in the MN State High School League;
- Resolution for Appointing an Identified Official with Authority for the External User Access Recertification.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 22, 2026

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of June 22, 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, Cathy Skogen, Gary Trelstad, Paul Blaisdell, Braedon Dostal, Lee Mattson, John Fox, Vanessa Hines, Marianne Sobek, Deputy Gronseth, and Nels Pierson

City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda and Consent Agenda to include: Minutes of the June 8, 2026 City Council Meeting, Minutes of the June 15, 2026 City Council Special Meeting, Improvement Project Change Order #3, Ambulance Paid-On-Call Employees, and payment of bills, Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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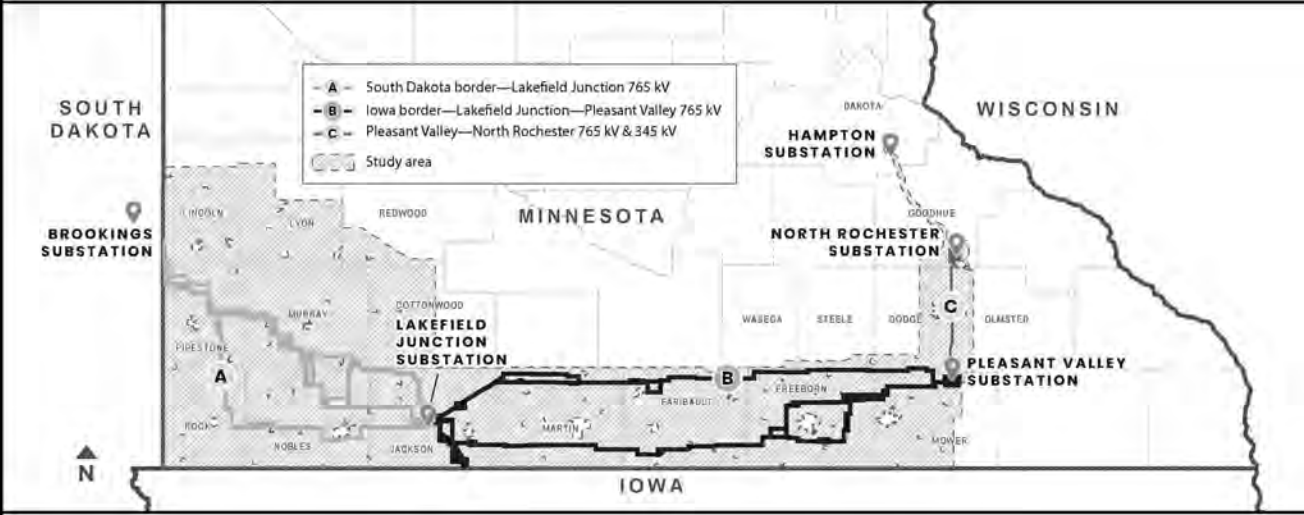
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Date and time	Location
1 August 4, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lake Benton Community Center 114 Center St. S, Lake Benton, MN 56149
2 August 4, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	St. Leo Catholic Church Gym 415 S Hiawatha Ave, Pipestone, MN 56164
3 August 5, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Luverne Generations Events 105 S Estey St. Luverne, MN 56156
4 August 5, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Murray County Central Gym 2420 28th St., Slayton, MN 56172
5 August 6, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Worthington Event Center 1447 Prairie Dr. Worthington, MN 56187
6 August 6, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Fox Lake Event Center 730 125th St. Sherburn, MN 56171

Date and time	Location
7 August 11, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Jackson County Central High School Gym 1128 North Hwy, Jackson, MN 56143
8 August 11, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Golden Bubble 11575 State Highway 22, Wells, MN 56097
9 August 12, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Wedgewood Cove Golf Club 2200 W 9th St. Albert Lea, MN 56007
10 August 12, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Doubletree 1701 4th St. NW, Austin, MN 55912
11 August 13, 2026 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Zumbrota VFW 21 E 1st St. Zumbrota, MN 55992
12 August 13, 2026 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Dodge County Fairgrounds 100 11th St. NE, Kasson, MN 55944



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THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:00 am • City Wide Garage Sales begin - List available in WC Messenger Newspaper, City Hall, & Facebook
9:30 am - 5:00 pm • Library Annual Book Sale
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 Gochbauer 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 Burrito 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)
2:00 pm • Firefighter Water Fight & Kids splash zone - East end of Main Street
4:30 pm • Beer Garden closes



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