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The Messenger Find and Dine Game

Every week there is an image hidden within the pages of the Messenger. During the month of July, it is a firecracker. During August it will be a sun.



E-mail your name and address (sample) and the page where you have found the firecracker in this week's edition. We will draw one winner each week who will receive a gift card to a local restaurant.

The winner will be announced the following week and the gift card mailed to them.

It will be in a different place each week, so keep your eyes open while reading each issue.

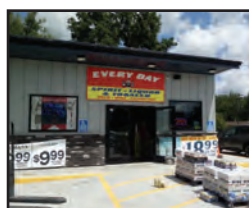
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Hogfest next weekend in Claremont

Be sure to check out the fun at Hogfest 2026 next weekend in Claremont. Friday August 7th at 5pm the town will be the center

Everyday Spirit Liquor & Tobacco Opens New Store in Dodge Center

The owners of Rite Buy Liquor for the last couple years, have opened their new store in July.



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of activities. Food vendors are open from 5pm to 11pm. The beer sales begin at 5pm. Kids games will be held from 5 to 8pm. A Kid Pedal Pull starts at 6pm with registration half an hour before the event. From 5 to 7pm the U2 Entertainment Gaming Trailer will be open. A foam party starts at 7pm. Mainstream Entertainment Karaoke & DJ will be live from 7 to 11pm with a Karaoke Contest at 8pm.

On Saturday August 8th there will be Breakfast Burritos served from 7:30 to 11am with a bake sale at the same time. The vendor sales/market will be open from 8am to 2pm. Beer sales begin at 10am on Saturday. Food vendors will be open from 10am to 11pm.



Face painting will be held from 1 to 3pm. At 3:30pm the Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull starts. The Claremont Area Chamber will host a Sweet Corn and Pork feed from 4 to 7pm. Live music will be performed by Travis Thamert Band from 7 to 11pm.

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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.

- Dennison Days August 7 & 8.

(See schedule inside)

Do you have an announcement?

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2026 Survival Days Royalty



Left to right – Emma Braithwaite, Jaiden Baumgartner, & Autumn Froyum

Clean Spaces, Better Places

By Cheri Roshon

Tanya Hashimoto has a penchant for helping others by taking care of the household chores so you can have more free time with your friends and family.

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Not Today God...

By Colleen Hoeft

When I was 11 years old, I wanted a ‘pony’ (horse) for Christmas. So, in December of 1971 I opened up a box to a gray plastic horse introducing me to my gray/white mare named Mitzy with a colt in tow. Since then, there have been a number of horses, bumps, bruises, learning and love for these beautiful large 4-legged animals. Horses, for their survival, have a fight or flight response. When frightened, their first instinct is to escape the situation and get as far away as possible. You and I also get into a flight or fight mode at

times too. When we are faced with a situation we don’t like or feel boxed into or just plain don’t want to do- we may choose to ignore it, argue about it- refuse to do it, or run away from it!

Jonah. had no plans to be a ‘hero’ to a foreign nation. He had no desire to be anything to them- He flat out, ran away from his assignment. Most of us think that if God ‘told’ us something to do we’d do it! But not this guy—he got on the next ship going the opposite direction. God told Jonah- get up and go- pretty simple instructions- there isn’t any room for a misunderstanding.

Jonah heard the message- Jonah understood the message and Jonah said- not today God- and chose to disobey- he chose flight in the opposite direction. It wasn’t only the opposite direction, he wanted to get away from the Lord! He didn’t want to obey the word of God.

Jonah was in flight mode- “I can’t and I won’t go to Ninevah God.” Instead of talking to God about it- he ran. It seems that when the going got tough he got going. You and I respond to stress and difficult situations in similar ways to Jonah. We probably don’t get on a ship in another direction- but we will try to change course. The extremes may include divorcing a spouse, quitting a job prematurely, a ‘mid-life’ crisis, turning to drugs, gambling or alcohol to give us some peace amidst the stress.

God wasn’t finished with Jonah though- He sent a storm- a storm so severe that seasoned

sailors were ready to give up. Once they believed that it was Jonah’s fault that God had sent the storm-a couple of unique things happened- those sailors decided to try out this new God and pray to Him. And then- when Jonah said throw me overboard- they prayed to this God of Jonah’s for forgiveness. Next, when the storm subsided immediately upon Jonah hitting the waves- these sailors became believers! They chose to take Jonah’s God as their own. Even through Jonah’s disobedience lives were being changed! What an amazing God we serve!

Next, Jonah is in the process of drowning in the sea and God sends a great fish to swallow him. As his life was slipping away- a rock-bottom moment- he remembered God and prayed. You and I are thinking- what took you so long Jonah? We have the blessing of hindsight- yet how many times have we had to have a ‘wake-up’ call in our lives. We know the right thing to do- but we do the wrong one anyway. We know the right way to go, but want to take a short cut, we want to have the ‘feelings’ we want to have the thrills- and when our faith walk feels like work- we think it’s too hard and change course.

Faith involves growing in our knowledge of Scriptures and of the person of God. Faith involves serving God by loving Him and loving people. When we have committed our lives to Him- we will automatically obey His call, no matter the cost- no matter the direction we are sent. Jonah finally went! He was grateful to not be fish food. He was grateful to be alive. He recognized the power of His God.

Now it was time to do what he was supposed to do in the first place. This time he obeyed God’s command! Jonah got to this large Gentile city- of his enemy- and walked through it delivering an 8-word message, ““Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!” Nothing flowery or persuasive in this delivery. Jonah told the message without any encouragement, any hope, or any soft pedaling. Jonah was given a message of warning and death to the people of this city- and they responded! They believed him and they listened!

When they heard that in 40 days their city, their homes, would be destroyed they believed him.

Word got around so fast that the king himself responded and believed the message.

That’s the dream of every minister- that when the message is preached people believe and respond in such a way as to bring a revival to their church and their community.

One of the best lessons we can learn from the book of Jonah is that God can use even Jonahs to bring messages of hope and salvation to the unsaved world around us. There are days that you and I fail as representatives of Christ. There are days that the message we are sharing seems to fall flat. There are times when we sin, when we fall terribly short of God’s best and yet God uses us in our inadequacies to save a soul. No matter how reluctant you are- God has a better plan- God has the best plan!!!

Obey God’s call- He will do the rest!

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Finding Honey

If you find honey, eat just enough—too much of it, and you will vomit. — Proverbs 25:16

Late summer to early fall is usually the time when beekeepers “find” honey. At that time of year for bees, the days of gathering pollen and nectar are winding down. Wise beekeepers provide extra room in the hive, taking advantage of the bees’ hoarding instinct and “tricking” them into making more honey than they need. A healthy hive will often have two to three times as much honey as the bees will need for winter. The beekeepers then take the extra honey, making sure to leave enough for the bees to survive on.

Finding honey is not so difficult with the hive boxes and removable frames we have today. In the wild, though, it can be a lot more challenging to find and gather this treasure. Through the centuries people have learned to search for honey in hollow trees, small caves, remote cliffs, and other protected spots that are near abundant varieties of flowering plants.

While honey is sweet, our proverb for today tells us to “eat just enough” and not too much. It makes good sense not to overdose on honey—or on any of the sweet things in life. Wisdom calls us to a healthy balancing act.

Sadly, the siren song of our world today is that “more is always better.” But finding honey reveals the wisdom of enjoying sweet things in life within wholesome limits.

In what ways is the Spirit of God directing you to set wise limits in your life?

Thank you, Lord, for the sweet things in life. Guide us to follow you and to gain a heart of wisdom. In Jesus, Amen.

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Obituary

Betty Ann Staffon (Wiuff)

Betty Ann Staffon (Wiuff), 88, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and friend passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children on Monday, July 20, 2026, at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center, MN.

Betty was born in Morristown, MN on May 20, 1938. She grew up in and graduated from West Concord and was Salutatorian of her class.

Betty was employed as a bookkeeper by

Marigold for many years, and then at Greenway before enjoying retirement.

Betty enjoyed spending time with family, doing jigsaw puzzles and getting lunch with girlfriends. You would often find her cheering on the MN Twins or reading library books.

She and Ray loved traveling all over the country - her favorite spot being Branson, MO to listen to country music. Her front door was always open for visitors and family and her cookie jar was always fully stocked.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Rose; three brothers, Donald, Richard, and Larry; sister, Barb; her daughter, Wendi; great-grandson, Skyler; and long-time partner, Ray Ramer.

She is survived by her sister, Peggy grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren (Lawrence) Vrieze; children, Lona (Dale) grandchildren Jensen, Lora (Gene Knott) Walker, and Faron (Kate) Staffon; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-

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The location on 3rd Avenue NW replaces the old store across from the Fire Hall. The new 2,400 square foot building brings modern lines and an updated look to the business.

Everyday Spirit, Liquor & Tobacco is open from 9am to 10pm Monday through Saturday

and 11am to 6pm on Sundays. They retail liquor, beer, wine, tobacco and drink mix and soda in their off-sale business.

The phone number for Everyday Spirit, Liquor & Tobacco is 507-374-2747. They are on the corner of County Road 7 and County Road 34 at 505 3rd Avenue NW Dodge Center.

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July 30, 2026



Baby Contest 0 - 14 month entrants



Baby Contest 15 - 36 month entrants



Mark Gransee awarded the Key to the City



Doug Kruger, named Citizen of the Year



Food trucks on Main Street



Garden Tractor Pull



Modified garden tractor



Classic motorcycles lined up on Main Street for the bike show



Classic vintage autos displayed on the boulevard for the car show



Model T Ford



Restored GMC pickup



Volkswagon duo, a Dune Buggy and a 1960's Camper

West Concord Survival Days

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Kids enjoyed the splash down on the slide



Foam party was a favorite with the young ones



Ellingson Companies ring toss game



Bounce house at the WCHS



Dodge County Salvation Army with cold water & lemonade



LaMae's Bright Light float in the parade



A trio of John Deere Tractors in the parade



West Concord Pool float



Zumbrota Community Band



Political parties were out en masse for the parade



Osman Temple band



Kailee Thompson campaigning for County Attorney

DENNISON DAYS



August 7 & 8, 2026

RAIN OR SHINE

SATURDAY
FOOD STANDS
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM



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

BE IN THE PARADE

SATURDAY at 1:30 PM!

A Kiddie Parade
Leads Off Main Parade
(Ages 12 & under)

Sign up at 12:00 p.m.
South Main Street

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 KICK OFF

Biggest Dip and Pie Eating Contest
Cash Prizes!
Sign up at Cattlemen's Saloon

LIVE MUSIC
BOB Welcomes
Old Country Boys
7-11PM
Presented by Cattlemen's Saloon, Fireside Lounge, Sapphire Cocktail Lounge

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

PROBUILT ServiceMASTER Clean BOB TOTAL COUNTRY
Welcomes
Shane Martin
7:00PM
Presented by Cattlemen's Saloon, Fireside Lounge, Sapphire Cocktail Lounge

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
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Sen. Carla Nelson Earns Perfect Score on Small Business Voting Record

State Senator Carla Nelson (Rochester) received a 100% rating from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), a national

organization representing small business owners, according to a scorecard the group released this month. Sen. Nelson was one of 26 Minnesota senators who voted to support local business priorities on every bill NFIB tracked during the 2025-2026 legislative session.

The scorecard was based on votes covering health insurance costs, sick leave regulations, and a proposed mandate requiring businesses to provide seating for workers. These issues carry finan-

cial significance for small business owners, who must budget for insurance premiums, staffing costs, and compliance with new workplace rules. NFIB Minnesota State Director Jon Boesche noted that a separate paid family and medical leave tax requirement, which took effect this January, has already made daily operations more difficult for many local businesses, adding further importance to how lawmakers voted on these related proposals.

Sen. Nelson said the score-

card results reflect a larger trend in the Legislature.

"I am grateful to be recognized again for my support of Minnesota's incredible local businesses," Sen. Nelson said. "Unfortunately, this report is reflective of how divisive the legislature has become. That is certainly understandable for some issues, but one would hope that supporting the small businesses that line main streets across Minnesota would have much stronger bipartisan support. It is a concerning trend."

Most senators scored either close to 100% or close to zero, with very few landing in between. That divide suggests local business policy has become as politically polarized as many other issues at the Capitol.

For constituents and local business owners, the scorecard is a useful tool to evaluate their elected officials. It

does not capture every action a senator takes, but it does provide a snapshot of how lawmakers supported the pri-

orities local businesses identified as most pressing during the 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions.

Public Accuracy Testing of Dodge County Election Equipment

Public Accuracy Testing of Dodge County election equipment for the August 11, 2026 State Primary Election will be held on Wednesday, August 5th at 9:30 am. The testing will take place in Conference Room B of the Government Services Building located at 721 N Main St, Mantorville, MN. The public is welcome to attend. Anyone with questions should call Dodge County at 507-635-6239.

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August 11, 2026
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5pm - Beer Sales Begin
 5-11pm - Food Vendors
 5-8pm - Kids Games
 6pm - Kiddy Pedal Pulls (registration starts at 5:30pm)
 5pm - 7pm **U2 Entertainment Gaming Trailer**
 7pm - Foam Party
 7-11pm - **Mainstream Entertainment Karaoke & DJ**
 8pm - Karaoke Contest

Saturday, August 8th

7:30 - 11am - Breakfast Burritos (pavillion)
 7:30 - 11am - Bake Sale (pavillion)
 8-2pm - Vendor Sales/Market
 10am - Beer Sales Begin
 1-3pm - Face Painting
 10 - 11pm - Food Vendors
 11am - Bean Bag Tournament Registration Open
 12pm - Bean Bag Tournament Start
 10am - Volleyball Tournament
 1-6pm - Silent Auction
 3:30PM - **Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull**
 4-7pm - **Claremont Area Chamber Sweet Corn & Pork Feed** (pavillion)
 7-11pm - Live music by **Travis Thamert Band**

Sunday, 9th

8-10am - Car Show Registration
 8-12pm - Claremont Legion Pancake Breakfast
 9-2pm - Food Vendors
 8-1pm - Car/Bike & Antique Tractor Show
 9-1pm - Mainstream Entertainment DJ
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