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Kasson Fairgrounds Hosts Tractors Sunday



Sunday August 16th was the 20th Annual Lion's Tractor Drive and over sixty units were lined up at the fairgrounds over the noon hour. The group left the Trailhead Grill in Pine Island about 8:30am. There were 63 tractors pre registered but a few extra may have joined in at the last minute. Most of the tractors were vintage iron from the 1970's and earlier. *(continued on page 6)*

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, 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.

Do you have an announcement?

Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Sandbox Coffee Shop Opens in Kasson



Friday August 14th was the Kasson Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting recognizing the Sandbox Coffee Shop in town. The business was the brainchild of James Stein and Burt Kleckley. The two work at AOS Home Solutions, a builder in Pine Island, where Burt is the general manager. One morning last October, James commented, "I want a cup of coffee". Burt

responded, "Lets build one". From that moment they began to explore the possibilities. The idea was born to mix excavators and coffee. With a third partner from the Faro family, they started on this venture and had a soft opening of the coffee shop earlier this summer.

Their idea for the business was coffee, community and indoor sandbox excavator experience. One of the interesting draws is the two sandboxes inside filled with sand and 1/16 scale remote control dirt moving equipment.



Anyone can operate a front end loader or excavator moving materials in the sand box. The rates for kids 5 – 12 years old is \$5.00 for 15 minutes or \$10.00 for half an hour. Ages 13 years and up is \$8.00 for 15 minutes or \$15.00 for half an hour. They will be adding Midwest Marbles in the sand soon, where one may uncover the marbles with the bucket and load them into a toy dump truck and keep them.

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Kramer Family Honored as 2026 Dodge County Farm Family of the Year



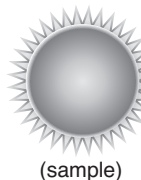
selected families cover a wide spectrum of farming, from traditional crops and livestock to community-based ventures and operations producing an array of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

REDWOOD FALLS — Families and growers from across Minnesota were represented as the University of Minnesota honored them in the 2026 Farm Family of the Year ceremony Thursday, August 6, at the annual Minnesota Farmfest near Redwood Falls. The event was held on the Gilfillan Estate in the Wick Buildings Farmfest Center.

Collectively, the selected families cover a wide spectrum of farming, from traditional crops and livestock to community-based ventures and operations producing an array of fruit, vegetables and flowers. *(continued on page 5)*

The Messenger Find and Dine Game

This month the image hidden within the pages of the Messenger will be a hot blazing sun. We hide the image in a different place within the pages of the paper each week. We will draw one winner from all the submissions each week for a \$25.00 gift card to a local restaurant. When you find the hidden image e-mail your name and mailing address and the page where you found the image to messengerdrawing@gmail.com.



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Kathleen Therese Claassen

Kathleen Therese Claassen, 94, of Kasson, MN passed away on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center, MN.



Kathleen was born on July 10, 1932, in Albert Lea, MN to Thomas and Mary "Mollie" (Martin) Doyle. She worked as a switchboard tele-

phone operator and then worked for Freeborn-Mower Co-op Light and Power and for Wonder Bread. She then went on to work for the Dodge County Sheriff's Department as a 911 dispatcher, administrative assistant, and E911 dispatch supervisor for 37 years, working for five different sheriffs.

Kathleen married Douglas E. Claassen on April 21, 1956, and together they had three children, William, Mark, and Jean. Kathleen and Douglas lived in Mantorville until 1976, then moved to Hayfield, MN after Doug was hired as the Chief of Police for the City of Hayfield. They remained in Hayfield until 1999. After Doug passed away, she moved to Kasson, MN to be closer to work and family.

Kathleen enjoyed shopping, you would often find her wondering the stores just to bump into people she may know. She was a proud supporter of Law Enforcement. She looked forward to a good dessert; she always said to have dessert first so you made sure to have room for it! Her family and grandchildren meant the world to her. She would al-

ways say "family is everything". She was known for being kind, compassionate, a little stubborn at times, and determined. She would do anything for anyone, always expressing her beautiful smile with her signature bright red lipstick and the best giggle. She will be missed dearly by many.

Katheleen is survived by her children, William Claassen and Jean (Lyle "Donnie") Allen; grandchildren, Amber Claassen, Crystal (Dale) Diercks, James (Jaclyn) Claassen, Lyle "DJ" (Cassidy) Allen, Mollie (AJ Johnston) Allen; great-grandchildren, Hannah Robinson, Brody Robinson, Cailey Diercks, Chace Diercks, Abby Claassen, Maggie Claassen, and Oakley Allen; and her great-grandchild, Paisley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Doug Claassen; son, Mark Claassen; sister, Mary O'Marro; and brother, Thomas Doyle.

A funeral mass was held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 13, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1904 Mantorville Ave N in Kasson, MN. Father John Lasuba officiated. Visitation was held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson, MN and one hour prior to her service at the church on Thursday. Interment was in St. Margaret's Catholic Cemetery in Mantorville, MN.

Kathleen's family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Fairview Care Center for their wonderful care.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com,

Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN 55940 (507) 634-6510. Blessed be her memory.

Terrance "Terry" Donald Meyers

Terrance "Terry" Donald Meyers, 83, of Mantorville, Minnesota, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, August 2, 2026.



Terry was born on April 28, 1943, in Hibbing, Minnesota, to Donald and Patricia Meyers. He graduated from Hibbing High School in 1961 and went on to earn his Pharmacy degree from North Dakota State University in 1966.

Following graduation, Terry worked as a pharmacist in Rochester, Minnesota, for Hunt Drug and Snyder's Drug for 14 years. While practicing pharmacy, he pursued another dream by operating a grain and beef cattle farm for 10 years. After enduring the farm financial crisis of the early 1980s, Terry began a new chapter as a financial advisor. During his 25-year career with Paine Webber, Smith Barney, and Morgan Stanley, he helped countless individuals and families plan for their futures.

On June 13, 1970, Terry married Peggy Kobe at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Gilbert, Minnesota. Together they built a life

centered on faith, family, and service, and were blessed with three children.

Terry was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Kasson, the Kasson Lions Club, and Sertoma. He also devoted many years to coaching youth hockey in Dodge County and girls' high school hockey for the John Marshall/Lourdes program.

Terry loved hunting, fishing, spirited conversations about politics, and serving his community. Above all, he believed in the power of mentorship and the lasting impact one person can have on another's life. His greatest legacy is not what he accomplished, but the lives he touched through his generosity, wisdom, humor, and unwavering belief in others. Those who knew Terry will remember not only what he taught them, but how he made them feel—encouraged, valued, and inspired.

Terry is survived by his beloved wife, Peggy; his children, Mark (Joana) Meyers, Holly (Martin) Rene, and Nicholas (Michelle) Meyers; his grandchildren, Nathan Meyers, Isabella Rene, Sebastian Rene, Jaxon Meyers, Chloe Rene, Olivia Meyers, and Savannah Meyers; and his sister, Pam (Ron) Morgan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Patricia Meyers, and his parents-in-law, George and Margaret Kobe.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1904 Mantorville Ave N, Kasson, Minnesota. Father John Lasuba officiated. Visitation was held at the church one hour prior to the Mass. Interment took place on Monday, August 10, 2026, at the Gilbert Cemetery in Gilbert, Minnesota.

To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit

www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com; Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE, Kasson, MN 55940, (507) 634-6510.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org) or a charity of your choosing.

May his memory be a blessing.

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Jerry Robert Deno

Jerry Robert Deno, born May 3, 1960, passed away peacefully at his home on August 11, 2026, at the age of 66. Jerry will be deeply missed by his children, Heidi, Justin, Jed, and Jordon, along with his family and friends.

Per Jerry's wishes, there will be no service. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

May he rest in peace.

George Jack Heiserman

Jack was born October 1, 1927, to George J and Marie (Helmer) Heiserman in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. He passed away on Friday, August 14, 2026, at Prairie Meadows Senior Living Center in Kasson, MN surrounded by his family.

Jack attended Spearfish Lab Elementary School in Spearfish, SD. In 1946, he graduated from Spearfish High School. Jack then enlisted in the United States Army Air Force and served from the fall of 1946 until the spring of 1948. He then worked the family

ranch from 1948 to 1969. Jack ran a dairy operation on the ranch for 15 years. He later farmed acreage and raised beef cattle and sheep.

Jack and Averyl (Dusty) Leslie were married May 31, 1953, in the First Baptist Church in Deadwood, SD. They resided on a ranch on Redwater River in Spearfish, SD. They were blessed to share over 68 years of married life together before Averyl's passing in 2021.

Jack and Averyl moved to Owatonna in 1969 and then to their farm in Kasson in 1974. Jack was employed at Owatonna Tool Company (OTC) until his retirement in 1990. At OTC, Jack worked in the tool crib and later on the hammers. In 2009, they moved from the farm to Kasson.

Jack was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kasson, MN. He was a man with a strong work ethic and was always willing to help a friend or neighbor. Jack was devoted to

his family and was an amazing role model of a parent - filled with love, pride, and compassion. Over the years, he was a key caregiver for his son and family, and his wife, Averyl. Jack was a talented wood worker who built the family's first house in SD and later a cabin for Dusty's teapots on the farm near Kasson as well as numerous wood projects that he lovingly gave to family and friends. Jack loved the Black Hills, which was always home to him. He enjoyed many trips over the years to visit friends and family. He was also an avid dog lover and greatly missed his devoted dog, Toby.

Jack is survived by his children, Les, Spearfish, SD, Grace (Wayne) Steele, Owatonna, Jim, Kasson, MN, and JeanE (Gary) Brannon, Owatonna; nine grandchildren; 16

great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and nephew David (Judy) Rockwell and family, Beaufort, SC.

Jack is preceded in death by his wife, Averyl (Dusty); parents; sisters, Katie & Jim Gardner and Jane & Rock Rockwell; niece, Libby Rockwell; daughter-in-law, Mary Heiserman; and granddaughter, Lisa Hanson.

A memorial service for Jack will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 25th, 2026 at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes in Kasson (801 7th ST SE Kasson, MN) with visitation one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Spearfish, South Dakota at a later date.

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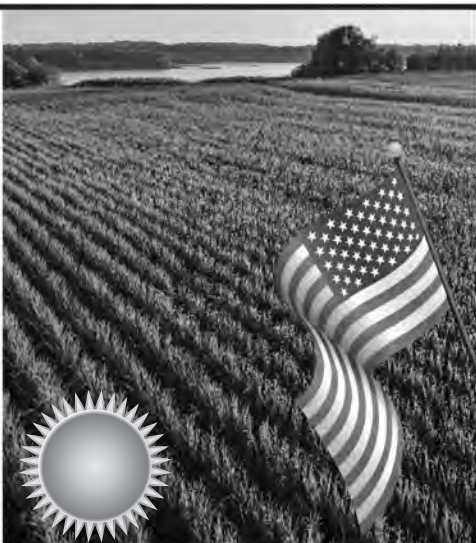
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Sandbox Coffee Shop Opens in Kasson

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In the future they are looking into 3-D items to add to the sand to search for. This is a pastime that grandparents and their grandchildren enjoy doing together.

The Sandbox Coffee Company has a drive thru window for ease of picking up your coffee and a pastry on the way to work in the morning. Their # 1 seller is the Sand Box Latte. They also serve their signature coffee, classic espresso, refreshers, specialty and Italian sodas, tea, matcha and smoothies. Bakery items are made fresh on site daily including cinnamon rolls, pastry tarts, muffins and various flavors of scones. They also feature baked goods from local cottage bakers.

There is a loyalty program where you can get your seventh drink free and a birthday club membership with discounts, free rewards and many other options.

The Sandbox Coffee Company is open Monday thru Friday from 6am to 6pm and on weekends from 8am to 6pm. They are located at 408 West Main in Kasson across the street from Kasson Mayo. Conveniently located to pickup a coffee while you wait for your appointment. You may order online or call in at 507-634-7263.

2026 Dodge County Farm Family of the Year

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They were selected by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on the honorees' demonstrated commitment to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

"This year's Farm Families of the Year reflect the impressive strength — and incredible variety — of agriculture in our state," said Extension Dean Bev Durgan. "The University of Minnesota is proud to honor these families and their innovation and dedication to Minnesota agriculture."

Dodge County

Don and Donna Kramer established the Kramer family farm in the 1950s. Years later, they welcomed their sons, Tom and Ted, into the operation.

Today, the farm is operated by Tom and LaVae and Ted and Jane, along with the third generation, their sons Tanner and his wife Maggie, and Kody and his wife Kelly. Together, the families raise corn, soybeans, and hogs on approximately 6,000 acres. Don Kramer remained an active part of the farming operation until his passing at 99 earlier this spring.

The Kramer family is active in their community through their respective churches, the Hayfield Lions Club, the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association, and the Minnesota Corn Growers Association. They support the local FFA chapter, volunteer with area food shelves, and are strong supporters of Hayfield Community Schools.

Kasson Fairgrounds Hosts Tractors Sunday

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About half were restored to showroom condition. International Harvester seemed to be the predominate make in the parade followed by John Deere, Allis Chalmers, Minneapolis Moline, Oliver's, a couple Fords and a few short line models from the 1950's. About a dozen were pulling trailers or wagons with

seating for guests who enjoyed the trip.

They headed for the Milton Town Hall where the group stopped for coffee around 10am.

Then it was on to Kasson where they lined up on the grass where the Midway was set up a month ago during the Dodge County Free Fair. There was a lunch served in the 4-H building with proceeds going to the Pine Island Lions Club. Visitors were able to stroll along the rows of tractors and admire these impressive workhorses from half a century and longer ago. Most of these were restored with pride in honor of the fathers and grandfathers who worked the land with these. Some had been in the farm family since the day they were purchased.

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Back to School and E-bikes

A note from the K-M superintendent and some clarification on types of E-Bikes. The Kasson Police Department has an excellent flyer elaborating on the rules and local laws pertaining to e-scooters, e-bikes and motorized bicycles.

As we get ready to welcome students back for another exciting school year, the safety of our students remains our highest priority. We appreciate your partnership in helping us create a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

This year K-M Schools and the KPD would like to stress students under the age of 12 may not ride an e-scooter to or from school or on school property, it's the law.

Students under the age of 15 may not ride an e-bike to or from school or on school property, it's the law.

All students must wear a helmet on an e-scooter or an e-bike, it's the law.

Minnesota law also regulates the use of electric-assisted bicycles. Under Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, e-bike riders must be at least 15 years old to operate a Class 3 e-bike. While state law allows younger riders to operate certain lower-speed e-bikes, school districts may establish additional safety expectations for students traveling to and from school and while on school property.

We encourage you to take a few minutes before the school year begins to talk with your child about this expectation and to discuss safe transportation options to and from school. Our goal is to ensure that every student arrives safely each day.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and continued partnership in keeping our students safe. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school office or the District Office.

We look forward to a wonderful school year and appreciate all you do to support Kasson-Mantorville Schools.

According to Minnesota statute 169.225 an e-scooter is limited to a motor of 750 watts or

less with a maximum speed of 15 mph. It is unlawful to allow a passenger and the driver must be 12 years or older and wear a helmet. The e-scooter may be operated on streets but must stay as close as possible to the right hand side of the road or curb. Kasson ordinance prohibits riding on sidewalks or trails unless necessary. For night time riding the scooter must have a head light and tail light.

According to Minnesota statute 169.222 an e-bike is limited to an electric motor of 750 watts or less and a maximum speed of 28 mph. It also must have operable pedals which can operate the bike. Operator must be 15 years of age or older and wear a helmet. Passengers are prohibited unless the bike has a passenger seat. The e-bike may be operated on streets, trails and sidewalks. On roadways the e-bike must be ridden as close to the curb or edge of road as possible. For night time riding the e-bike must have a head light and rear reflector.

According to Minnesota statute 169.223 a motorized bike has a maximum speed of 30 mph and a motor of 1500 watts or less and/or an engine of 49cc or less. License and registration is required and operator must be 15 years of age or older. Passengers are allowed if equipped with a passenger seat and foot rests. Must have a headlight and tail light for night riding.

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Item 1: Amendment to Conditional Use Permit (CUP)
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.

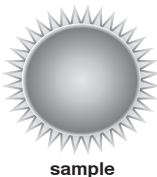
SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, July 27, 2026

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of July 27, 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, Marianne Sobek, Stephanie Gonzalez, Meredith Brose, Deputy Breuer, Gerald Runnells, Kailee Thompson, Regina Clement.
City Council approved the following items:
• Agenda and Consent Agenda to include: Minutes of the July 13, 2026 City Council Meeting and July 13 City Council Special Meeting, Minutes of the April 2026 EDA Meeting, and Minutes of the April 2026 Park Board Meeting, Payment of bills and MBT Bank Note,
• Accept the staff recommendation to take no further action regarding the 308 2nd St NW property,
• Grant a 30-day extension until August 26, 2026 to the residents at the 509 3rd St SE property,
• Proceed with abatement of the property at 901 North St NE,
• Approve and adopt Ordinance No. 169,
• Authorize and approve an agreement with the State of Minnesota for development of the Clear Zone Approach Plan,
• Approve Resolution 2026-010, a resolution approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids in regard to the Lead Line Replacement Plan,
• Retain liability limits for the annual LMC liability insurance application,
Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

NOTICE OF ROAD ALTERATION AND VACATION HEARING CONCORD TOWNSHIP, DODGE COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the town board of Concord Township, Dodge County, Minnesota will conduct a public hearing on the 10th day of September, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Concord Town Hall located at 55319 201st Avenue, Concord, MN for the purpose of considering and acting upon a petition it received calling for the alteration and/or vacation of the following described road:
Alter: Platted width of 554th St. is 100'. Alter the platted width to the standard township 66' from 201st Avenue east to the hamlet of Concord east border.
Vacate: All of the alley located in Block 19 between Commerce Street and Park Street, Original Plat, Concord, Dodge County, Minnesota.
All persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend the hearing.
Dated: August 15, 2026
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