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Kasson-Mantorville Care & Share this week

The annual Care and Share event takes place this week in Kasson. On November 12th at the Kasson Fire Hall you can join your friends and neighbors to raise funds to support families and individuals in the area.

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Honoring our Rosie the Riveter

At the Dodge County Historical Society, each November we honor a person who gave military service to our country.

This year we're honoring Helen Leqve, who recently passed away. While not enlisted in any branch of the military, she gave the years of World War II in the service of riveting the inner wings of B-17s and then doing mechanical work on tail gunner turrets, as well as cleaning and repairing guns to be used by the troops overseas.

Helen's willingness to talk about her experiences and her enthusiastic patriotism came through loud and clear. She gave many presentations at schools and other organizations.

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On hand to dedicated this exhibit at the Government Center in Mantorville were Dick Denny and Jeff Rendler of the Kasson American Legion Post 333, along with Nan Babcock of the Dodge County Historical Society. The posters honor Kasson resident Helen Leqve, who served as a Rosie the Riveter during World War II.

Announcements

- **Surviving The Holidays, a GriefShare support group focused on helping to get through the holidays after loss of a loved one, will meet Thursday night, November 12, 6:30-8:30 pm at Anchor Of Hope Church, Dodge Center.** Contact Rev Dale E Rood at 507 633 2772 for further info or to preregister.
- **Coffee and Treats Thursdays** are at the West Concord Historical Society building and will continue throughout the winter months. Each day will begin at 9 a.m. The Flame Room setting provides an opportunity for people who may become isolated in the winter to visit with other community members. Participants often come with small family heirlooms and antiques to share with visitors along with "remember when" stories involving West Concord.
- **The United Methodist Church of Dodge Center at 20 First Street NE offers a dine in and carry out meal from 5:00-6:00pm the third Wednesday of each month.**

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Christmas Events are just Around the Corner

Thursday, December 3rd will be Christmas in Wanamingo. There will be treats at local businesses and bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation to each participating business and get your card stamped. Completed cards will be drawn for cash prizes. 1st prize is $100.00. Stop by the Wanamingo Community Center to see the Santa carving collection. Santa will be at the Olmsted Medical Center at 217 Main Street. Stop between 5 and 7pm for a visit.

Saturday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. downtown Kasson turns into a winter wonderland for the day!



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Faith Lutheran Harvest Feast



The annual Harvest Feast at Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center took place last Wednesday evening. The bake sale and Quilt sale opened at 4:40pm with a large selection of beautiful quilt designs and a variety of baked goods on display. At 5pm the doors opened and the serving began. The guests were seated at tables and served family style with mashed potatoes, meatballs and gravy, ham, corn, dinner rolls and pickle trays to choose from. A large spread of delicious pies were available for dessert and every one left happy with the great tasting fare that was served. *(additional pictures on page 7)*

Election results in Dodge County

Dodge County Sheriff Scott Rose was unchallenged this year and received 8,471 votes or 98% of the ballots cast.

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Is Revival Reaching Your Soul?



By Pastor Johannes Marsland, Church! Kasson and Church! Mantorville

Revival is not a series of meetings or a surge of religious zeal. It is the reawakening of the soul to the living presence of God. One shouldn't ask as whether revival is happening somewhere; rather ask, "Is revival reaching my soul."

The soul is not an isolated spiritual compartment. It is bound to the Holy Spirit who dwells within the believer. The soul is woven into our closest relationships. It is joined to the body of Christ, the church. It is rooted in the land God has given us to steward. And it is connected to the nation in which we live and pray. When any of these connections grow cold, the soul grows dull. When they are enlivened by the Spirit, revival bursts forth.

Consider the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the Spirit filled ordinary people with extraordinary power (Acts 2:1–4). In our own day we have watched quiet believers suddenly marked by fresh hunger for the Word, unexpected boldness in prayer, and a repentant sorrow toward sin they once ignored. Ezekiel's promise still stands: "I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you" (Ezekiel 36:26). That is revival at the level of the Spirit. It need not be dramatic but always results in the death of half-hearted faith.

The soul is also connected to our closest relationships. Scripture calls us to "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32). Revival in a marriage looks like repentance that is specific and forgiveness that is full and free. It looks like a father who begins to bless his children more often than he scolds them echoing the promise that God will "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:6). Where the Spirit is moving, walls of bitterness crack and broken relationships heal.

The church is the next connection. The early believers "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). History is filled with examples—from the Welsh Revival to quiet awakenings in rural congregations—where ordinary gatherings became places of confession, reconciliation, and renewed mission. A church in revival does not simply add programs. It recovers the fear of the Lord and the joy of the Lord at the same time. People start arriving early. They stay late. They notice the stranger and the lonely. The ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Table recover their weight, just as Hebrews urges us not to neglect meeting together but to "encourage one another" (Hebrews 10:24–25).

The soul is connected to the land as well. From the beginning God placed humanity in the garden "to work it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15). The psalmist declares, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" (Psalm 24:1). Revival here may look like farmers and landowners recovering a sense of stewardship rather than mere ownership. It may look like congregations caring for the vulnerable in their own counties, refusing to treat local poverty as someone else's problem. When the people of God begin to love the place God has planted them, something holy is stirring.

Finally, the soul is connected to the nation. Paul instructed the church to offer "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings… for kings and all who are in high positions" (1 Timothy 2:1–2). Jeremiah told the exiles to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf" (Jeremiah 29:7). In our time, revival that never touches how we speak about leaders, how we treat immigrants and the poor, or how we pursue justice is incomplete. True revival produces citizens who pray for those in authority, who refuse both cynicism and blind allegiance, and who work for the common good with clean hands. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

How, then, do we stir revival in each of these places?

Begin with the Holy Spirit. Set aside unhurried time in the Word and in silence. Confess specific sin. Ask the Spirit to search you and to renew a right spirit within you, as David prayed in Psalm 51. Do not wait for a feeling. Obey the light you already have.

In relationships, initiate the hard conversation. Speak the truth in love. Ask forgiveness without defending yourself. Pray with those closest to you rather than only for them.

In the church, show up not as a consumer but as a servant. Encourage your pastors. Join the intercessors. Practice hospitality. Guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).

For the land, practice gratitude and responsibility. Care for what God has entrusted to you. Support local efforts that protect the vulnerable and honor creation without turning the earth into an idol.

For the nation, pray. Speak with integrity. Refuse to let political tribes define your primary identity. Remember the ancient call: "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Revival is not something we manufacture. It is something we receive. Yet Scripture and history both testify that God often meets those who seek Him with whole hearts. The question remains: Is revival reaching your soul? If not, the invitation still stands. Renew connection to the Holy Spirit. Mend the relationships. Rejoin the church. Tend the land. Pray for the nation. And watch what God will do.

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Area Church Directory

Pioneer and Perfecter of Faith

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. — Hebrews 12:1-2

Our reading today invites us to reflect on the life of faith as a race marked out for us.

And who has gone before us to mark it out? Jesus, the pioneer (or trailblazer) of faith.

He did it all, providing this great gift for us. He paved the way when we were so lost in our sin that we were like dead people walking in darkness (Isaiah 9:2; Ephesians 2:1-5). He made us alive to faith. He justified us, he sanctified us, and he sustains us through every trial. Jesus lights the way for us, and he will bring us safely through to where he is. As the apostle Paul describes it in Philippians 1:6, "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."

Some Bible translations describe Jesus' role here as the "author and finisher" of faith, and that reminds me of some treasured gifts that grace our family's home. My mother-inlaw and late sister-in-law gifted us with beautiful, handmade quilts. They "authored" these treasures, designing them on graph paper, choosing colors, cutting pieces of fabric, and quilting them together. They also "finished" these artworks beautifully, down to the last binding stitch. I benefit from these gifts of grace, resting under someone else's finished work.

In our life of faith, we depend on Jesus' accomplished work. From start to finish, we can fix our eyes on him, following his lead and relying on his guidance and finished work every step of the way.

Pioneer and Perfecter of faith, where would we be without you? Lead and guide us, Lord, and may we rest in you. Amen.

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Obituaries

Rita Marie Neumann Serie



Rita Marie Neumann Serie was born on February 29, 1952, to Everett and Marcella (Rodgers) Neumann in Caledonia, Minnesota. When Rita was two years old, her family moved to West Concord, Minnesota, where she attended West Concord Public Schools with the Class of 1970. As a young girl, she enjoyed riding the family pony, ice skating on the creek, and performing flips and gymnastics in the front yard. She was good at anything that did not include climbing trees.

Rita was married in 1970 and raised three children, Maria, James, and Joseph. She was a great Mom who loved and was proud of her kids. She was good at listening, giving her opinion but not judging. A big hug goes a long way that words cannot convey.. Throughout the years, the family lived in several eastern and southern states. While living in South Carolina, Rita managed and sewed for a sewing company. Following a divorce, she returned to Minnesota and established her own sewing business, creating hunting apparel and beekeeping suits for several years.

It was at this time that Rita met the love of her life, Mark Serie. What began as a friendly little ride turned into the greatest ride of her life. Rita and Mark were married on September 2, 2006, in Lake Benton, Minnesota. Together they shared more than twenty years filled with love, laughter, and treasured memories with family and great friends.

Rita enjoyed playing cards and cribbage, bowling, swimming, and spending time in the kitchen baking Christmas cookies and candies. Her wit and humor will be remembered and missed by all fortunate enough to know her.

After courageously battling respiratory issues for several years, Rita was lovingly cared for by her husband, Mark.

Following a brief time on home hospice, she transferred to the Pipestone County Hospice House on October 30. Where she passed later that evening surrounded by her family and much love.

Rita is survived by her loving husband, Mark; her children, Maria (Shane) Dietrich of Albert Lea, Minnesota, James (Holly) Black of Hurlock, Maryland, Joseph (Amber) Black of Marshall, Minnesota, Johannah Hatley of Rapid City, South Dakota, Adam Shepherd of Winona, Minnesota, Melody Shepherd(Robb) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Molly Shepherd (Garrett) of Plymouth, Minnesota; her grandchildren, Karissa, Ashley, Sarah (Ivy), Jacob (Tori), Danielle, Ryan (Laila), Matthew, Cameron, Anton, Cameron, Ethan, Frances, Silas, Abram, Claudia, Oliver, Fionna, Eden, Tommy, and Eleanor; her great-grandchildren, T.J., Kianna, Kandyce, Olivia, Samantha, Oscar, Emma, Izayah, Joel, Savannah,Whinnie, Maddie, and Crew; her siblings, Robert Neumann of Johnsonville, South Carolina, Cheryl (Blaine) Maranell of Tyler, Minnesota, and Gary (Lisa) Neumann of Whitehall, Montana; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Marcella Neumann; her brother, Richard Neumann; and her sister-in-law, Betty Neumann.

Rita will be deeply missed, and lovingly remembered.

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Emily D. Fox



Emily Fox drew her final breath in the early morning of November 2nd, 2026, at the age of 30 years old. After more than a year of battling with brain cancer the Lord granted her respite from her hard fighting to sleep peacefully for His return.

She was a cherished daughter, a brash but ever-caring sister, an incredible wife, and a truly wonderful mother who imposed strict rules with bottomless compassion. While her time was cut short for this lifetime, she will be remembered for her incredibly strong will, her quick-witted responses, and the talent to do anything she felt inclined to try. Emily loved to spend her time baking, gardening, or crafting. But more than anything, her sole purpose in her last years was to share with her children her love for Jesus.

She is survived by her husband, Nathaniel Fox and their three children, her eldest son Azuriah, her only girl Elora, and her youngest surprise Gideon; mother, Marjorie Downs; father, Benjamin Waagen II; siblings, Nick (and Emma) Waagen, Nathan (and Gwen) Waagen, Hannah (and Ty) Raupp, and Lindsey Waagen; her paternal grandparents, Benjamin Waagen I and Amber Laurent; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Sunday, November 8, 2026, at Dodge Center Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Pastor Joel Kratzke officiated. A visitation was held from 10:00 AM until the time of service. A private interment was at Wildwood Cemetery in Wasioja.

Marilyn Kay Skov



Marilyn Kay Skov, 82, of Hayfield, MN, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, surrounded by her family. She will be remembered for her smile, her laughter, and her love of family and friends.

Marilyn was born Marilyn Kay Tiegen on July 14, 1944, in Kasson, MN, to Glenn and Alice (Erickson) Tiegen. She grew up in Oslo, MN, with her brothers, Dale and Bruce Tiegen. She spent her childhood around the Oslo store, listening to Glenn's stories and enjoying the familiar smell of lutefisk. Following high school, she completed a year of post-secondary education. Marilyn met Russ Skov while living in Rochester, MN. After they married, they moved to Oslo, where they made their home and built a life together. They shared 60 years of marriage, raising a family, working, traveling, and making memories along the way. After retirement, they spent much of their summers at Leech Lake, traveled together, and were rarely apart. In September 2026, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary surrounded by family and friends. They also marked the occasion in their own way, enjoying a celebratory lobster dinner at Red Lobster. Many will remember Marilyn from the decades she spent at the front desk of KM Telecom in Kasson, greeting customers, laughing at their jokes, and, as many might recall, always being a few minutes late for work. Marilyn loved tending to her flower gardens, morning coffee gatherings with friends, time at church, and being up at the lake. She was kind, generous, and thoughtful, and had a way of making people feel welcome. Her children will fondly remember her signature sloppy joes, chili, and Special K bars, and the fact that there were always cookies, bars, or candy waiting for her grandchildren. Marilyn leaves behind her husband of 60 years, Russ; her children, Brock (Melissa) Skov, Kyle Skov, and Kalli (Dustin) Flatt; and her six grandchildren, Brandon, Andrew, Adisen, and Katelyn Skov, and Graeden and Anna Flatt. She is also survived by her brother, Bruce (Janet) Tiegen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Alice Tiegen; her brother, Dale Tiegen; her sister-in-law, Joanne Tiegen; her parents-in-law, Harold and Erna Skov; her niece, Brenda Miller; and her nephew, Jason Tiegen.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at West St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 70640 260th Ave in Hayfield, MN. Reverend Paul Thompson officiated. Visitation was held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2026, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 501 2nd St NW in Hayfield, MN and one hour prior to her service at the church. Interment was in West St. Olaf Lutheran Cemetery in Hayfield, MN.

To share a special memory or condolence please, visit www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 501 2nd Street NW, Hayfield, Minnesota, 507-477-2259. Blessed be her memory.

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Christmas in West Concord will be held on Saturday December 5th. The Bell Tower Center will have coffee, cocoa and hot cider starting at 9am. Check out the silent auction, festival of wreaths and the Christmas Program at 5pm. There will be a free community supper from 5:30 to 7pm. The American Legion will have fresh homemade doughnuts starting at 7am and there is a Christmas Marketplace at the Historical Society from 9am to 2:30pm with lunch served from 11am to 1pm.

On Saturday December 5th in Goodhue you can experience the Christkindlmarket German Christmas Market, featuring German food and beverages, children's activities, artisans, crafter and vendors, horse drawn rides and meet Santa and the Grinch from 11am to 3pm.

Thursday, December 10, from 5 to 7 p.m Kenyon businesses will be open for evening shopping and will hold prize drawings. Shoppers can also sign up at local businesses for the Kenyon Commercial Club's ham drawing. Santa will stroll through downtown and stop at State Farm for photos. The library will host its annual Candy Land event.

On Saturday, December 12 the Kenyon VFW will host a Sip and Shop featuring local vendors. The Kenyon Area Historical Society will hold its annual Bake Sale & Cookie Walk at the Gunderson House.

On Saturday, December 12th, Triton's Community Education joins with Dodge County's Salvation Army to bring sweets and treats to all the good boys and girls of all ages. There will be 3 hours of family fun to join in on, starting at 10 am and going until 1 pm.

You can park and enter through the Main Elementary Door. Here you will find horse drawn sleigh rides waiting to whisk you away, maybe even through some snow? There will be free pictures with Santa, and you can decorate cookies with the girl scouts. There will be crafts to make to bring home and hot cocoa to sip on while you do so.

And gift giving just got easier, too! Local vendors and crafters will have unique products on display for those hard to buy presents for, because these gifts are handmade and one of a kind! The winter wonderland will put you in a festive spirit for your holiday shopping pleasure as you peruse the colorful displays of gifts and sweets. As you can tell, the elves among us have outdone themselves again, so be sure to avoid the Christmas Last Minute Shopping Blues and find that special hand-crafted gift for everyone on your list.

Kasson-Mantorville Care & Share this week

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Over $50,000 is raised each year and distributed in the form of food, gifts and cash donations during the Christmas season as well as throughout the year.

The dinner is served from 5 to 7pm with the silent auction taking place from 5 to 7:15pm. The live auction begins at 6:30pm. Drinks will be available during the event.

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Election results in Dodge County

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District 2 commissioner Tim Tjosaas was the incumbent and received 932 votes or 55% to Troy Stafford's 752 votes or 44%.

In District 3 James Checkel was unopposed and received 1,265 or 99% of the votes. District 4 incumbent Rhonda Toquam received 837 votes or 57% to challenger Ashley Martin's 625 votes/42%.

The County attorney race ended with Kailee Thompson receiving 5,431 votes/65% to Crysta Parkin's 2,831 votes/34%.

The Minnesota State Senator for District 24 to replace Carla Nelson ended up with Simon Glaser receiving 21,082 votes/50.77% over Nels Pierson with 20,403 votes/49.13%. Minnesota State Representative for District 24A race had incumbent Duane Quam receiving 12,280 votes/58% over Heather Holmes with 8,754 votes/41%.

Kasson mayor Dan Eggler was unopposed with 2,494 votes/97%. There were three candidates for two Kasson city council seats. Ryan Christianson received 1,896 votes/42%, Justin Thurmes received 1,537 votes/34% and Johann Marsland received 1,046 votes/23%. In the special election Sheldon Torkelson ran unopposed and garnered 2,398 votes/99%.

Claremont Mayor race had four candidates and Tim Hudson was elected with 105 votes/52%. Ethan Johnson received 64 votes/31%. Heather Grey received 28 votes/14% and Dustin Klemmensen received 6 votes/3%. The Claremont city council had four open seats and eight candidates. Tracy Boyum received 69 votes/18%, Cindy Johnson received 67 votes 17%, Brett Nordstrom received 60 votes/16% and Dean Gray received 50 votes/13% to be seated on the council. Lisa Martinez received 46 votes/12%, Krystal Sultze received 34 votes/9%, Rick Butler received 28 votes/7% and Andrew Edge received 23 votes/6%.

West Concord city council had two open seats and two candidates. Nick Kilen received 239 votes/56% and Galen Koekeritz received 165 votes/40%.

Mantorville mayor and city council positions were uncontested. Mayor Jeffery Ingalls received 501 votes/97%, and Jim Potter received 422 votes/53% AND Jerrod Kappers received 362 votes/46% to both be seated on the city council.

Hayfield Mayor race was uncontested with Rich Fjerstad receiving 526 votes/96%. The Hayfield city council had two open seats and seven candidates. Chris Nelson received 328 votes/32% and Randy Demmer received 280 votes/27% to be seated on the city council. Mark Peterson received 161 votes/15%, Dave Subbert received 122 votes/12%, Joshua Therring received 85 votes/8% and Richard Linsky received 52 votes/5%.

The Hayfield School board had three open seats and three candidates. Tyler Kramer received 1,679 votes/37%, Tyler Anderson received 1,475 votes/32% and Rachael Gagliasso received 1,332 votes/29%. The school district question was defeated with 1,203 no votes/54% and 1,028 yes votes/46%.

The Kasson Mantorville schoolboard had three open seats and five candidates. Patrick Madery received 2,863 votes/25%, Mark Torkelson received 2,567 votes/22% and Mark Gransee received 2,252 votes/19.7% to win their races. Jilaine Rendler received 1,970 votes/17% and Albert Brand received 1,798 votes/15%. The Kasson-Mantorville school district question failed with 2,891 no votes/53.66% to 2,497 no votes/46.34%

The Triton school board had four open seats and seven candidates. Winners were Dale Jensen with 1,648 votes/20%, Wendy Kenworthy with 1,575 votes/19%, Christi Runnels with 1,344 votes/16% and Lloyd Henslin with 1,282 votes/15.3%. Bruce Huber received 1,239 votes/15%, Brian Ginder received 634 votes/7% and Walter Bluhm received 591 votes/7%.

Dodge Center city races were uncontested. Mindy Hedberg won the Mayor position with 912 votes, Randall Langworthy and Alan Denny will be seated as councilman with 822 votes and 575 votes respectively.

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Turkey Bingo at West Concord Legion



This Saturday, November 14th is Turkey Bingo at the West Concord American Legion.

Lunch starts at 6pm provided by the Auxiliary.

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TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SUMMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN & ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of October 19, 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, Dale Jensen, Brian Ginder, Scott Curran, Luke Lutterman, Shane Van Beek, Tanisha Fox, Tricia Johnson, Jaxon Marine, Kristy Faber, Mya Matejcek, Tina Kozisek, and others.

The School Board approved the following items:

• Agenda and consent agenda including the September 21, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented; budget update; claims and bills; treasurer's report; open enrollment/nonresident agreements for students #101926A, #101926B, #101926C, and #101926D; maternity leave/FMLA for #101926A effective January 16, 2027, through May 28, 2027; MOU between Triton Public Schools and Triton Education Minnesota;
• 2025-2026 audit report;
• Resolution Accepting Donations;
• Proposed Certified Staff Seniority List for 2026-2027;
• Proposed Classified Staff Seniority List for 2026-2027;
• Food service contract with Taher;
• 2026-2027 snow removal quote for Hodgman Drainage;
• Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) Plan for 2026-2027

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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TRITON ISD NO. 2125 – SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES SCHOOL BOARD STUDY SESSION WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026

TRITON HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER – DODGE CENTER, MN

-Meeting Proceedings-

Chair Wendy Kenworthy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those members present: Wendy Kenworthy, Rebecca Knutson, Jim Jensen, Dale Jensen, Lloyd Henslin, Jr., and Scott Curran; absent: Brian Ginder. Also present: Superintendent Luke Lutterman.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Items discussed:

Preferred Communications between Superintendent & Board of Education
Technology Planning – 1:1 Devices Timelines
Budget Timelines, FY 27, 28
Schedule Exploration Grades 6-12 Timelines
Calendar 2027-2028 Process & Timelines
Timeline for Superintendent Evaluation

Chair Kenworthy adjourned the meeting 7:16 p.m.

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Court File No.
20-PR-26-662
In Re the Estate of:
KAY F. MEYER, a/k/a KAY FRANCIS MEYER, a/k/a KAY MEYER,
Decedent
(Deceased person)
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on December 21 2026 at 9:00 a.m. a remote hearing will be held via Zoom from the Dodge County Courthouse, 22 6 th St. E, Mantorville, MN 55955, for the for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of Decedent, dated December 12, 2008, and for the appointment of Brian D. Meyer, whose address is: 7810 North 131 East Ave., Owasso, OK 74055, AND Susan K. Rahrmann, 404 Meadowlark Ct. NW, Byron, MN 55920 as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate. PLEASE SEE NOTICE OF REMOTE HEARING AND INSTRUCTIONS.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Judge /s/Debra Groehler
Date 10-2-2026
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Estate of Carolyn May McDonald AKA Carolyn McDonald, Deceased
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated May 24, 2006, has been filed with the Probate Registrar, and the Third Amended Application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Name: Paul Michael McDonald
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as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent.

Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative, or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Self-Represented Litigant:
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/s/ Tammy L. Merchlewitz
Probate Registrar, Tammy L. Merchlewitz Dated: Nov. 6, 2026
Brooke Delano - Court Administrator

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A mandatory prebid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on the 18th day of November, 2026 at the Wastewater Treatment Facility: 62888 190th Avenue, Dodge Center, MN 55927

Complete digital project bidding documents will be available on November 11, 2026 at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for **$55.00** by inputting Quest project #10437063 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information.

The City of Dodge Center will be using MN Public Facilities Authority funds for this project. Bidders are encouraged to utilize Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for this project. The project will also have American Iron and Steel requirements.
Bids shall be electronically submitted using QuestCDN vBid (On-Line Bidding ONLY).

Dated this 11th day of November, 2026.

Lee Mattson
City Administrator, City of Dodge Center

Dodge County Planning Commission
Public Hearing Notice

The Dodge County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at 1:00 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: https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/departments/environmental_services/public_hearings.php
Item 1: Dwelling on less than 53 acres
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.

DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 12, 2026

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of October 12, 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, Stephanie Gonzalez, John Fox, Randy Langworthy, Al Denny, Mindy Hedberg.

City Council approved the following items:
• Approve and accept the consent agenda to include: Minutes of the September 28, 2026 City Council Meeting, Ambulance Paid-On-Call Offers, and Payment of bills,
• Approve staff action to hire American Waterworks to complete the repairs on the deck at the Aquatic Center.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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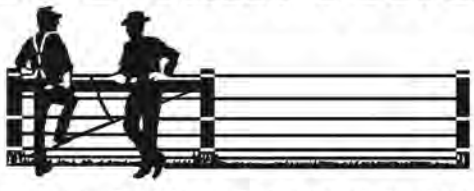
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