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Two Triton Students Advance to State FCCLA Competition

By Kenya Narveson

The Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America organization was started in 1945. During that time the organization was called Future Homemakers of America. In 1999, the name was changed to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. The FCCLA's purpose is to help students with personal development and prepare students for adult life. And to prepare students for the multiple roles they will contribute to their home and community. The FCCLA program encourages teamwork, positive relationships, and career development.

The FCCLA prepares its members for careers through four Career Pathways: Human Services, Hospitality and Tourism, Education and Training, and Visual Arts and Design. The organization also prepares students for college and careers by emphasizing skills that include

Critical Thinking, Resource Management, and Technology use. FCCLA develops skills that will last a lifetime and are critical for success.

Triton High School Juniors Kiya Avery and Dasmine Marquardt have qualified for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America state competition. This is the first time Triton High School students have qualified for the state competition. The competition events allow students to explore Career Pathways and address important personal, work, and societal issues by competing at the regional, state, and national levels.

Kiya Avery's qualifying project focused on a career investigation in agronomy. Agronomy is the study of soil management and crop production. She has worked for local farmers on summer breaks. Her interest in agronomy sparked with a conversation about how chemicals affect the soil

and crops. Her career goal is to be in Agriculture Business Management.

Dasmine Marquardt's project focused on Early Childhood Education. She has experience working at an in-home daycare and daycare centers. Her project included teaching 1st Graders over Zoom about reading body language. The lesson focused on paying attention to people's eyes because of the face masks. Her career goal is to own an in-home daycare or become a teacher.

The students submitted their projects to qualify for the competition. They were invited to present their projects to a panel of judges in March. This event will be held virtually. Their presentation will be video recorded and uploaded to FCCLA web portal. The presentations are 8-10 minutes long. The panel of judges will consist of 3-5 experts in various industries like Childcare, Culinary art, education, and etc.



Kiya Avery



Dasmine Marquardt

There will be keynote speakers from various industries at the competition too. FCCLA competitions help students build connections with other students and industry leaders.



Winter Golf Comes to Dodge Country Club

By Kenya Narveson

Brrrrrr. It's cold outside and sitting inside the house with a plush blanket, a warm beverage and watching Netflix sounds cozy. It's easy to stay indoors and tuck yourself away for the winter. However, there are so many fun winter activities to choose from such as: ice fishing, ice skating, sledding and skiing, just to name a few. Another great activity and new to the Dodge Center community is winter golf. "Golfing in the snow?" You may ask. Yes! It's true, golf can be enjoyed in the winter. The Dodge Center Country Club is hosting a golf event in March. This spectacular event is organized by Sue Osborn, Kim Marquadt and Dawn Leppert.

Sue Osborn had the opportunity to experience a winter golf event for the first time near the Twin Cities and thought it would be a great event to bring to this community. "It was great doing something new and getting out of the house," Sue commented. "It was so much fun holding hot chocolate and trudging through the snow with friends." She rallied her friends Kim and Dawn to begin organizing the first Dodge Center Winter Golf event to be held this March 2021! The team is working closely with the course manager to ensure that the event is sustainable, safe and fun.

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The Beautiful Not Yet.



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“But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.”

(Romans 8:25, NRSV Bible)

The other day, my husband Steve got us tickets to a concert. No, we weren't going to be standing in a stadium waving bic lighters for encores from an aging rock legend. We weren't going to crowd into a nightclub to hear an up-and-coming group. We weren't even going to his daughter's high school band concert. All of those sound wonderful! But, Covid.

Instead, we were going to curl up on the couch and tune in to a new concert-streaming site to see and hear one of my favorite singers of spiritual music—Carrie Newcomer. We listened to some of her newer songs, as well as most of my old favorites, including one called “The Beautiful Not Yet.” And I thought of you.

*Spring is humming... Bits of something
A melody the simple part... A song that I
once knew by heart
Juniper, wild indigo... Foxglove, lupine,
Queen Ann's lace
Will be coming any day
The restlessness... The quickening...
The almost but...
Not yet*

Carrie was singing about spring. As the days grow longer and brighter, I catch her excitement. Could we soon be past the frigid temps and frozen drifts? Could seeds and buds be restless even now to awaken? One warm sunny day comes our way, and then a cold spell dashes our hopes again. Yet spring will come.

And Carrie was also singing about something else, something more. Something just beyond the edge of our vision, something

we want so badly but cannot yet quite grab hold of. For many of us, that something is an end to pandemic isolation, and a return to gathered worship and fellowship, and to family reunions, breakfast groups, pizza nights, sports events, county fairs and yes, concerts. A return to hugs and handshakes and hanging out with anyone we want, anywhere we want, no worries.

At times, we get the sense the tide is turning, it will be coming any day, just as soon as we get vaccines in the arms of our community. We feel restless. And then at other times, we feel like it'll never come, that viral variants will keep us spiraling indefinitely through pandemic. Almost. But not yet.

Jesus's first words in the Gospel of Mark

were about the Beautiful Not Yet, too. “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news” (Mark 1:15). Carrie was singing about this, too—the already and not-yet nature of the Kingdom of God. God's realm is near. Sometimes a glimpse of it thrills our heart, and we know for certain that “all things work together for good for those who love God” (Romans 8:28a). And other times the Kingdom of God seems an eternity away, and repentance and belief impossible.

Already. Or not yet. Or both at once. The good news is that God's steadfast loves endures forever, regardless. Covid or post-Covid, our beautiful God has been, is, and will be... with us through it all.

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Area Church Directory
Who Then Can Be Saved?

Scripture Reading — Mark 10:17-31
The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” — Mark 10:26

In reading stories about people like the man in this episode, people who don't really understand Jesus, I'm tempted to look down on them. The man appears to have been wealthy, and he had a high opinion of how well he kept the law. But he seems to have had no idea that Jesus was simply calling him to give his whole life to God—or maybe he just didn't want to do that. I think to myself, “I guess he just doesn't get what it means to follow Jesus.”

And yet I often respond to Jesus in the same way that man did. Often I don't catch what Jesus is about, or understand what he has just said, or realize what he expects of me.

But in this story, Jesus doesn't look down on the man. Jesus looks at him and loves him, the Bible says.

I am so thankful that—even though the man had it all wrong—Jesus didn't just dismiss him or condemn him. Instead, Jesus loved him and invited the man to follow him.

Right there is something wonderful I can learn from Jesus. When I don't understand his teachings, or when I misunderstand the truth about Jesus and his kingdom, there is still a loving invitation from Jesus to follow him and keep learning.

Whatever else Jesus says to the man in the story, it's in the context of Jesus' love for a person who doesn't fully get it. That is reassuring to me!

Thank you, Jesus, for looking at me with love even when I have it all wrong. Instead of seeing what I have done, show me what you have done for me. Amen.

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Luke Gordon Nash

Luke Gordon Nash, 56, of Mantorville, MN passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2020 at Mayo Clinic Saint Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN.

Luke was born May 5, 1964 in Red Wing to Luke M. Nash and Muriel

(Haas, Nash) Weber. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Evangelist Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN. He graduated from Red Wing High School in 1982, being active as a lifeguard and in football, wrestling, and chess club. In addition, he was on the Olympic powerlifting team. Luke joined the United States Army in 1982, as a MP in the Old Guard stationed in Washington, DC.

After his career in the military, Luke started his law enforcement career in Goodhue County, thereafter, joining the Dodge County Sheriff's Department, starting as dispatcher, and ending his career as a sergeant. During this time, he married his wife Lynnette (Kenworthy) Nash, and they had two children, Alexa and Luke B. Nash. He retired from the Dodge County Sheriff's Office in 2012, but continued to be active in the community as a member of the Mantorville City Council, having once served as Mayor, and in his church as a deacon, as well as a moderator at the First Congregational Church in Dodge Center. Luke also continued to work at the family business, the Chocolate Shoppe, as head cook. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening in the church food shelf garden, and riding motorcycle with his son. As a final act of generosity, he donated his organs to others with Life Source, continuing to give to others and help anyone who needed it, whether it was his family, his friends, or even those he never got to know.

Luke is survived by his wife Lynnette; children, Alexa and Luke B.; mother, Muriel Weber; siblings, Jody Nash and Scott Nash; mother-in-law, Lynne Kenworthy; father-in-law, Forest (Kay) Kenworthy; brothers-in-law, Scott (Amy) Kenworthy, Matthew Kenworthy, and David (Wendy) Kenworthy; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended

family.

Luke Nash is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents; father, Luke M. Nash; stepfather, Bill Weber, and brother-in-law, John Kenworthy.

Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, February 15, 2021 at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson. A private family service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at First Congregational Church in Dodge Center, MN. Inurnment was in Concord Cemetery with military honors.

To share a special memory or condolence, please visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com, 801 7th Street SE Kasson, MN 55944 (507)634-6510. Blessed be his memory.

Eunice Eloise Sackett

Eunice Eloise Sackett, 99, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Saint Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN.

Eunice was born on February 4, 1921 in Dodge County, MN to Edward and Beatrice (Beldon)

Sackett. She worked at Triton Public Schools in the library. She loved all the Triton students and always treated them with little gifts. She was very well liked in her community.

Eunice enjoyed gardening and spending time with her many nieces and nephews. She looked forward to her visits to Arizona and Georgia. She was a member of Living Water Assembly Church in Dodge Center, MN. She will be deeply missed.

Eunice is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, two sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

A private family service has been held with Reverend Dan Johnson officiating. Interment was in Wildwood Cemetery in Wasioja, MN.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927 (507)374-2155. Blessed be her memory.

Dwayne "Dewey" Dean Carmack

Dwayne "Dewey" Dean Carmack, 53, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at his home.

Dewey loved life and truly tried to make the best of it. His greatest joy was his children and grandchildren, but his son, Wyatt was his reason for living. He also enjoyed grilling, fishing and anything competitive. He's the three-time champion of his fantasy football league, and let us not forget, his unrelenting passion for a good jam session.

Although he did suffer from alcoholism, that is not what took him away from his loved ones, Dewey died peacefully in his sleep.

Dewey is survived by his daughter, Alicia (Corey) Sobek of Wabasha; granddaughters, Charlee and Emmi; and son, Wyatt of Dodge Center. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jay; and granddaughter, Weylyn.

A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street in Dodge Center, MN 55927.

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Cheers to Dewey.

Darrel Dan Kiefer

Darrel Dan Kiefer, 64, of Rochester, MN passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Monday February 8, 2021.

Darrel was born on February 13, 1956 to Loren and Marion (O'Brien) Kiefer in Owatonna, MN. He graduated from Dodge Center High School in 1974. While attending high school, Darrel began his passion for painting and auto body repair at McNeilus Steel. After high school Darrel

went on to work for Gordy's, Pepsi and ended his career working at The Mayo Clinic. Darrel married Barbara Bakkedahl and they had two children together, and later divorced. Darrel met Joan-Marie Stier in 1996 and they were married August 26, 2006.

Darrel was a car enthusiast his entire life, working on and building classic cars, going to car shows and cruises. He also enjoyed dancing, listening to music, reminiscing with friends, and taking vacations to warm getaways, including recent trips to Cuba, Belize, and Honduras. Darrel loved being outside going camping, fishing and took great pride in his yard and his flower gardens. Darrel was a compassionate man, always putting others first and was always lending a hand to help. He had a great sense of humor and a contagious laugh. Above all, family, his children and his grandchildren were the most important part of Darrel's life. He will be greatly missed.

Darrel is survived by his wife, Joan-Marie; children, Kayla (James) Bonebrake of Little Falls, MN and Brock Kiefer of St. Cloud, MN; grandchildren, Aden, Brianna and Brooklyn; mother, Marion Kiefer of Dodge Center, MN; sisters, Sharon Narveson of Kasson, MN and Cheryl (Kevin) Hornberg of Bethany, MN. Darrel was preceded in death by his loving father, Loren Kiefer and his twin brother, Delmer.

Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson. Due to Covid-19, masks and social distancing were observed.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN 55944 (507)634-6510.

Blessed be his memory.

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Claude Dale Stafford

Claude Dale Stafford, 89, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at his daughter's home in Dodge Center, MN surrounded by his loving family.

Claude was born on January 10, 1932 in Miton Township, MN to Markie and Isabelle (Bartholomew) Stafford. He served in the Army during the Korean War Conflict on the 39th Parallel and was the recipient of several medals for his heroic service. He married Muriel Kay Scherger on June 30, 1956 and together they had four children.

Claude worked as a dairy farmer and he was a construction foreman for underground pipeline. He also raised Appaloosa horses. He was a devoted member of the Dodge Center American Legion, Dodge County Saddle Club, Appaloosa Horse Club, and Grace Lutheran Church in Dodge Center, MN. He will be deeply missed.

Claude is survived by his wife Muriel Stafford of Dodge Center, MN; children, Cathy (Oscar) Skogen of Dodge Center, MN, Laurie (Darin) Bernard of Owatonna, MN, Vicki (Robert) Munson of Dodge Center, MN; son-in-law, Steve Snyder of

Deerwood, MN; brother, Donald (Arleen) Stafford of Dodge Center, MN; brother-in-law, Larry Scherger of Dodge Center; grandchildren, Melinda Fields, Jessica (John) Schwering, Larissa (Sok) Sin, Nick (Rachel) Skogen, Trent (Ashley) Snyder, Travis (Andrea) Snyder, Christine (Adam) Heroff, Matthew (Casandra) Szydal, Michael (Kaitlin) Szydal, Ryan (Lindsay) Munson, and Rachel (Ethan) Taylor; 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Pamela Jean Snyder; siblings, Mavis Atkinson, Kyle Stafford, Janice McGovern, Evelyn Dostal, Fred Stafford, Lucille Capretz, Harold Stafford, Arlene Erickson; and sister-in-law, Bette Scherger.

Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2021 at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street in Dodge Center, and one hour prior to the service at the church. A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Grace Lutheran Church, 404 Central Ave N in Dodge Center. Reverend Bruce Stam officiated. You were invited to join a live stream of the funeral service on the Czaplewski Facebook page starting at 10:20 a.m., <https://www.facebook.com/Czaplewski-Family-Funeral-Homes-Crematory-336420016774213/>. Burial will be held in the spring with military honors provided by the Dodge Center American Legion in Wildwood Cemetery in Wasioja, MN.

Due to the current health concerns and

restrictions, everyone was asked to respect social distancing and the wearing of face masks both at the visitation and funeral.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplewskifuneral-homes.com, Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street, Dodge Center, MN 55927 (507)374-2155. Blessed be his memory.

Roger L. Hanson

Roger L. Hanson, age 83, of Dodge Center, MN passed away January 7th, 2021 in Rochester, MN at St. Mary's Hospital.

Roger was born March 14, 1937 in Austin, MN to Lester and Elaine (Stanton) Hanson. He graduated from Hayfield High School and then enrolled in trade school in Austin. While in High School, he joined the Navy National Guard and was with them for eight years. Roger was united in marriage to Jean Johnson on December 2, 1956 in Austin. The couple recently celebrated their 64th Anniversary. They were blessed with three daughters, Laurie, Linda, and Shelley. While in trade school, Roger got a call to work for IBM where he spent 30 years working. In 1976, Roger and Jean purchased and began managing Valley View

Mobile Home Park in Dodge Center. His wife Jean handled the management side of the park and Roger did the maintenance work. The couple retired and sold the park in 1999 and then moved to Kasson, MN. They moved back to Dodge Center in 2018.

Roger enjoyed fishing, gardening, visiting the Horseshoe Chain of Lakes area, was an avid reader and loved history. He dearly loved his family and enjoyed attending the sporting events of his grandchildren. Roger liked tinkering with various items around the house to better understand how they worked and could put them back together easily. He also enjoyed attending church and visiting over coffee with his church friends.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents, Lester Hanson and Elaine Steele; and son in law, Bruce Franko.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Hanson of Dodge Center; his three daughters, Laurie (Jim) Belden, Linda (Mike) Stevens, and Shelley (Randy) Ferson, all of Dodge Center; grandchildren, Katie Williamson, Kirby Belden, Cheyenne Stevens, Jade Schoenfeldt, Shane Stevens, Brock Franko, Morgan Franko, and Kylie Franko; eleven great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Due to the pandemic, a private family service was held for Roger with Pastor Roy Andrews of Living Water Assembly Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Living Water Church, American Heart Association or charity of choice appreciated by the family. Blessed be his memory.

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American Red Cross Blood Donation Opportunity in Dodge Center February 26

Donors who give in February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card thanks to \$1 million donation from Amazon

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This gift is made possible by a generous \$1 million donation from Amazon, and the Red Cross hopes it will motivate donors to roll up a sleeve to ensure patients continue to have access to lifesaving blood products. During this pandemic, the Red Cross has been fortunate to witness the best of humanity and grateful to partners like Amazon, who have stepped up to help. Amazon's generous donation will specifically help support the Red Cross efforts to collect a sufficient amount of con-

valescent plasma to treat COVID-19 patients as well as support the needs of sickle cell patients by helping to engage the Black community on the importance of giving blood and hosting blood drives.

In addition to Amazon's financial gift, Amazon has opened their corporate and operations building to host blood drives nationwide. In 2020, Amazon hosted 65 blood drives, collecting nearly 2,000 donations to help save thousands of lives.

Important COVID-19 information for donors

The Red Cross is testing blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies. The test may indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether an individual developed COVID-19 symptoms. Red Cross antibody tests will be helpful to identify individuals who have COVID-19 antibodies and may now help current coronavirus patients in need of convalescent plasma transfusions. Convalescent plasma is a type of blood donation collected from COVID-19 survivors that have antibodies that may help patients who are actively fighting the virus. Plasma from whole blood donations that test positive for COVID-19 antibodies may be used to help COVID-19 patients.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within one to two weeks in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. A positive anti-

body test result does not confirm infection or immunity. The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test. To protect the health and safety of Red Cross staff and donors, it is important that individuals who do not feel well or believe they may be ill with COVID-19 postpone donation.

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including temperature checks, social distancing and face coverings

for donors and staff – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

Red Cross blood donation opportunity Dodge Center

2/26/2021: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Dodge Center City Hall, 35 E. Main St.

Winter Golf Comes to Dodge Country Club

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To play golf well in winter elements, it is important to dress appropriately; there is nothing worse than being cold and wet. It is recommended to layer up so that if weather changes, you can remain comfortable. It is also important to stretch and do light exercises prior to leaving your house. This will help get the blood circulating and prepare your body for the outdoor elements.

Depending on the weather conditions, switching to a firmer ball may be more effective. Firmer balls will spin less and travel further. The color of the golf ball is important for visibility; the ball should be a color that will stand out from surrounding elements. Another fun fact is that it's

important to keep the golf balls warm. It's been proven that a warm golf ball flies further than a cold golf ball. If you're worried about which iron to use in these elements, it's recommended to use one of your "practice" irons. Typically, only one club is used for winter golf. The golf course may shorten the fairways and use green dye to guide people throughout the course.

Being active outdoors in the winter is beneficial for both your mental and physical health. So get outdoors and enjoy family and friends at the Dodge Center Country Club in March. Let the winter games begin!

For more details: TEXT Sue Osborn (507) 226-4899.

February is National Pet Dental Health Month



"Periodontal disease is the most common disease in dogs and cats over 3 years old," says Dr. Mallory Kanwal, a veterinarian who is pursuing specialization in dentistry at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana.

Periodontal disease begins in pets just as it does in people: as inflammation of the gums that can be avoided with regular toothbrushing. "Unfortunately, dogs and cats aren't brushing their teeth themselves, and that is where we come in. Brushing is the best way to support our pets' oral health" says Dr. Kanwal.

Dr. Kanwal recommends, "Brushing daily or every other day has been shown to significantly reduce the buildup that leads to inflamed gums."

The first step is choosing a pet friendly toothpaste. "Human toothpaste is not safe for pets. It may contain fluoride and xylitol, which are toxic to animals."

If your pet doesn't like any of the commercial toothpaste varieties, Dr. Kanwal suggests using non-toothpastes, such as watered-down peanut butter or cream cheese. "The goal of toothpaste is to make toothbrushing enjoyable, so choose based on what your pet enjoys."

Adding new routines to a pet's schedule is sometimes difficult. "Starting slowly and making sure it is a positive experience is key. Start with them licking the toothpaste off the brush and slowly build to a few strokes of the toothbrush," Dr. Kanwal says.

Pets can sometimes be very excited and move around during toothbrushing. To effectively brush a pet's teeth, the owners should focus on brushing the outside of the teeth. Dogs and cats have very low cavity risk due to differences in tooth shape and the bacteria that live in the mouth.

Starting daily tooth brushing at a young age is ideal, but older pets can learn to enjoy it. Going slowly and using positive reinforcement is key, as is consulting with your veterinarian.

Always consult your veterinarian before starting your pet on a new routine. Your veterinarian can assess your older pet's gum health before you begin brushing. If your pet's gums are already painful, toothbrushing will not be a positive experience.

Tartar buildup on teeth is common. Although brushing can slow additional buildup and progression of gum disease, only a dental cleaning under anesthesia can remove tartar from your pet's teeth.

Pets still need regular dental checkups with a veterinarian even when you brush their teeth routinely.

"Toothbrushing will never replace anesthetic oral exams with dental radiographs, similar to how people still need to go to the dentist twice a year," says Dr. Kanwal. "Dogs that are more prone to periodontal disease, such as small dogs or those with tooth crowding, benefit the most from toothbrushing. However, large dogs still benefit from toothbrushing to improve breath and avoid periodontal disease."

Brushing teeth helps to improve overall pet health, and the training can be reinforced with a dental treat. Dr. Kanwal recommends choosing a treat that has been approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC), a group of veterinary dentists and scientists. VOHC reviews scientific literature on chews, diets, treats, water additives, and other products to evaluate whether those products meet pre-set standards of plaque and calculus reductions.

"The VOHC guides what I buy for my own dog," she says.

Lastly, some pets do not like taking treats, so water additives are an option for picky eaters. "Water additives won't be as effective as toothbrushing or a dental diet, but it can help some animals," says Dr. Kanwal.

"Always have a bowl of water available without any additive so your pet can choose. VOHC-approved dental wipes also help to remove plaque."

Dr. Kanwal says that toothbrushing is the gold standard of at-home dental care for pets. "It is the most effective way to disrupt the plaque buildup that leads to periodontal disease," she says. "It can take time to train your pet to tolerate or enjoy brushing, but once they get the hang of it brushing becomes an enjoyable bonding time and your pet has better breath for giving kisses!"

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We are back to full in-person with our PK-2 students and begin in-person with the 3-5 students the week of February 15th. The school board will be voting on a plan to bring back the 6-12 students on February 16th. If that plan is approved, we will be able to have all of our students back to in-person by the end of March. The guidelines from the state limit how many grades we can bring back at a time, so we are doing the best we can to get our students back to in-person learning. At this time, we have over 80% of the staff that work in the district vaccinated. I am so thankful for the excellent work that was done by Dodge County Public Health to get the vaccination to those that wanted it in the school district. We are well ahead of many other schools in the state of Minnesota due to the work of Dodge County Public Health.

The Triton School Board has approved a renovation project that will do a great job

of ensuring that our school building is well taken care of for years to come. The renovation project will start this summer. It involves three major areas that needed to be addressed. The first area is the parking lot. We are able to use special state funding process called Abatement Bonds to address our parking lot. The main concern has been the lack of proper drainage that has caused issues during the freeze and thaw cycles. This project will fix some drainage issues that we currently have and fix the areas that are deteriorated. This will also include some new designations of traffic flow in our elementary pick-up area that will help in that area. This will also include an additional area for bus parking on the West side of the bus barn. When we have large events, the visiting busses can congest the parking area and this will help eliminate that issue as well. The next major area of the project will be the roof. We have large sections of our roof that are at their end of life cycle and need to be addressed. The district has done a great job of maintaining the roof areas that have needed to be addressed, but this project will take care of a large portion of the our roof that is need of replacement. The last major part of this project will be to update and dehumidify the remaining areas of the building that need to be done. Most of the high school classrooms and the areas around it are not dehumidified including the main gymnasium. If you have ever been to a graduation in June, you know what that can feel like. The learning environment in the fall and spring for our high school students will see a nice improvement. This will also update the controls to make sure that all of the areas in the building are receiving the prop-

er air flow as well as the installation of a ionization system to help purify the air in our buidlings. The overall cost of the project was put together and sold in bond that is spread out over 15 years. There will not be a major tax impact for our community since it is spread out in this way. This type of funding is called Long-term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) which is a way for districts to maintain their facilities.

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have regarding our school dis-

trict. You can email me at schlich@triton.k12.mn.us or you can call me at 507-418-7530 to reach me at the district office. I would be happy to set up a time to meet with you or your organization. I believe that communication is an important aspect of my job responsibility, and I welcome the opportunity to learn from your perspective. GO COBRAS!

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Triton FFA Highlights



Anna Ridenour



Kiya Avery

Triton FFA members; Anna Ridenour and Kiya Avery. Anna and Kiya both qualified for state in Discussion Meet and Anna qualified for state in Extemporeous Speaking.

Triton FFA chapter members were active this past year. Here are some of the highlights of competitions for the year:

Best Informed Greenhand- 2nd in the region

Ag Mechanics- 2nd in the region

Isaac Reyant was 1st individual in the region

Extemp speaking- Anna Ridenour 1st in the region

Discussion Meet- Anna Ridenour and Kiya Avery qualified for state

Students applying for state FFA degrees:

1. Anna Ridenour
2. Hannah Stark
3. Megan Justice
4. Emily DeVetter
5. Isaac Reyant
6. Isaac Kenworthy
7. Kaiden Reick
8. Ari Thompson

9. Katrina Heimer

10. Madi Styndl

Students applying for proficiencies:

Katie Fitzgerald- Beef Entrepreneurship

Anna Ridenour- Goat Entrepreneurship

Anna Ridenour- Sheep Entrepreneurship

Kiya Avery- Beef Placement

Students applying for American Degree:

1. Katie Fitzgerald

2. Devin Dohrmann

Officer team:

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VP- Emily DeVetter

Secretary: Kiya Avery

Reporter: Madi Styndl

Treasurer: Hannah Stark

Sentinel: Isaac Reyant

Parliamentarian- Isaac Kenworthy

Jr. Advisor- John Moening

TRITON CLASS OF 2021



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Megan Justice is a senior at Triton High School. Her parents are Mike and Pam Justice and she has one brother.

She is active in FFA, MHS, Link Crew and trap shooting.

Outside of school she enjoys showing and riding horses.

Megan likes George Strait and classic country music.

After graduation Megan plans to attend Colorado State University-Fort Collins and major in Equine Science with an emphasis in reproduction.



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So. MN Initiative Foundation

When I served in Congress, I was dedicated to representing my southern Minnesota district. I was not there to simply vote the party line; I did my best to take into consideration the differing political ideologies that existed at the time among my constituents. As a legislator, I made it a priority to develop partnerships with other legislators – in both parties – to find common ground and to influence legislation to the benefit of the communities I served.

As divisions in our country and state have become amplified in recent years, I believe it is important to emphasize that collabora-

tion is central to how we will be able to move forward. Here at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), collaboration is a key value and a guiding force in how we do our work.

SMIF's vision is that southern Minnesota will be a prosperous and growing region with vibrant communities, innovative and successful economies and engaged and valued citizens. As we celebrate SMIF's 35th anniversary this year, and more than \$121 million invested in our 20-county region during that time, we know that we would not have been able to make progress on this vision without the many partners that have supported our efforts over the past three and a half decades.

Partnerships have made it possible for SMIF to award 4,300 grants since our inception. For example, we work with Ace Hardware and Arrow Hardware & Paint, to distribute paint to communities for projects like murals through our Paint the Town Grants. We partner with publishers ABDO and Capstone to distribute thousands of books to children birth through age five through our Early Literacy Grants (and many more thousands of books get distributed through our Early Childhood programming). We recently partnered with Region Nine Development Commission and SE MN Together to launch a special Inclusive and Equitable Communities Grant program, awarding \$160,000 to organizations that are increasing equity and inclusion within communities and supporting entre-



preneurs of diverse backgrounds.

Since 1986 we have been able to support more than 700 businesses through our lending program because of our partnerships with financial institutions and economic development agencies. We have also partnered with our 30 Community Foundations by providing \$823,000 in matching grants over the years, offering direct support to their communities.

Our commitment to collaboration made it possible for us to distribute \$12.1 million in COVID-19 response dollars. SMIF partnered with the State of Minnesota throughout 2020 to distribute grants and loans to support children, childcare providers, entrepreneurs and communities in our region during this crisis. Most recently we partnered with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to distribute \$10.2 million in Small

Business Relief Grants, helping keep more than 1,000 southern Minnesota businesses afloat. We also worked with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to award \$180,000 in Early Care and Wrap Around Grants to fund early care and education wrap around services for children birth to age eight from underserved populations impacted by the pandemic.

It is impossible to name every partner that has made a difference in SMIF's work, but we are appreciative of each and every one of them. Without this culture of collaboration, we would have a vision for our region's prosperity without the means to execute that vision. Likewise, Minnesota – and our country – will make progress when we all work together.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.

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DODGE CENTER COUNCIL MINUTES January 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dodge Center, Minnesota was held on Monday, January

11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Tele-Meeting, City Hall, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Council members present: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Matt Maas

Council members absent: Paul Blaisdell

City staff and others present: Joshua Tetzlaff, City Administrator; Tina Kozisek, Administrative Clerk

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bill Ketchum at 6:00 p.m.

Oaths of Office

City Administrator Joshua Tetzlaff administered Oaths of Office for Councilwoman Cathy Skogen, and Councilman Matt Maas. These Council members were re-elected in the General Election held November 3, 2020.

Adopt Agenda

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Maas, seconded by Skogen, to approve minutes of the February 10, 2020 and August 17, 2020

Ambulance Commission Meeting, the December 28, 2020 City Council Meeting, the December 1, 2020 EDA

Meeting, the October 13, 2020 HRA Meeting, the February 13, 2020, May 14, 2020, June 11, 2020, July 9, 2020, August 13, 2020, and November 12, 2020 Library Board Meetings, and the December 7, 2020 Planning & Zoning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Payment of Bills

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to approve payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

None.

Administrator's Report

A. 2021 Acting Mayor

Resolution 2021-001 was presented for Council's consideration.

Motion made by Skogen, seconded by Maas, to approve Resolution 2021-001 to designate Gary Trelstad as the 2021 Acting Mayor. Trelstad abstained. Motion carried.

B. 2021 Fee Schedule

Resolution 2021-002 was presented for Council's consideration.

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Maas, to approve Resolution 2021-002, A Resolution Fixing Fees for Licenses, Permits, and Services for the City of Dodge Center. Motion carried unanimously.

C. 2021 Bank Depositories

Resolution 2021-003 was presented for Council's consideration.

Motion made by Skogen, seconded by Trelstad, to approve Resolution 2021-003, Designating Official Depositories of the City of Dodge Center, Minnesota. Motion carried unanimously.

D. 2021 Utility Rates

Resolution 2021-004 was presented for Council's consideration.

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to approve Resolution 2021-004, Fixing Rates and Charges for Municipal Utilities. Motion carried unanimously.

E. 2021 Newspaper Designation

Resolution 2021-005 was presented for Council's consideration.

Motion made by Maas, seconded by Trelstad, to Resolution 2021-005, Designating a Newspaper for all Official Public Notices. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Utility Billing Policy

This policy is being presented to formalize our current policy.

Motion made by Skogen, seconded by Maas, to approve the Utility Billing Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Tetzlaff added that he had spoken with the City Attorney in regards to dissolving the Ambulance Commission.

In order to do this, they would need to repeal Section 2.39 of the City Code, and the first step would be to call a public hearing. Tetzlaff recommends calling the public hearing for the February 8, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Maas, to approve holding a public hearing to dissolve the Ambulance Commission on February 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Skogen asked what Council's thoughts were on continuing online meetings. Tetzlaff wondered if Council would be open to doing hybrid meetings, where some members of Council would remain online and others could be in the community center, and we could allow

members of the public to either be online or in the community center. Trelstad said he would be willing to start hybrid meetings as early as the January 25, 2021 meeting. Council agreed that hybrid meetings would begin January 25, 2021.

Adjournment

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Kozisek, Administrative Clerk

DODGE CENTER COUNCIL MINUTES January 25, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Dodge Center, Minnesota was held on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Community Center Room and Tele-Meeting, City Hall, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Council members present: Mayor Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas

Council members absent:

City staff and others present: Joshua Tetzlaff, City Administrator; Tina Kozisek, Administrative Clerk; Bryce Lange, Community Development Specialist; Angie Jarrett, Ambulance Director.

Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bill Ketchum at 6:00 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

None.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Skogen, seconded by Blaisdell, to approve minutes of the January 11, 2021 City Council

Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Payment of Bills

Mayor Ketchum presented one addition to the bills for \$415,404.65 to Bremer Bank for the 2020 bond payment.

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to approve payment of bills as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

Community Development Specialist, Bryce Lange, presented a request from Leonard Marquardt to have 2 acres of his land annexed within City limits in order to hook into sanitary sewer. At the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting the board held a public hearing and recommended approval of Mr. Marquardt's annexation request. Lange requests that Council hold a public hearing to approve Ordinance No. 148 and 149, which approve the annexation and zoning of R-1 for the property.

Mayor Ketchum opened the hearing at 6:06:08 pm. Being there was no one present for comment Mayor Ketchum closed the

hearing at 6:06:10 pm.

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Blaisdell, to approve Ordinance No. 148 Annexation Ordinance Leonard Marquardt, and Ordinance No. 149 Approving Zoning Designation. Motion carried unanimously.

Lange then presented a variance request from Doug Ims, Ims Construction, to allow a new cold storage building to be positioned within 10 feet of the western property line, which is less than the required 40 feet required for I-2 zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing at their last meeting and recommends Council to approve the request, pending approval of the stormwater management plan by the City Engineer. Lange has posted for a public hearing tonight if Council would like to hold one.

Mayor Ketchum opened the public hearing at 6:08:59 pm. Being there was no one present for comment

Mayor Ketchum closed the public hearing at 6:09:10 pm.

Motion made by Skogen, seconded by Maas, to approve Resolution 21-006 Approving Variance for Ims Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

Lange updated Council that he has sent out letters for a public hearing to be held for the Lions Park

Shelter at the February 8, 2021 meeting. There is also a public hearing scheduled for abatement at 106 4th Ave. NE.

Ambulance Director, Angie Jarrett was present with a request to hire an EMT to be paid on call.

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to hire an EMT as paid on call staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Jarrett also had a couple of updates for Council. The 2021 Ford Explorer that was purchased with CARES Funding is now in service and staff feedback has been good. In February staff plans to resume in person trainings.

Administrator's Report

A. 2021 Swimming Season

In the packet is the 2021 Aquatic Center employment advertisement.

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to approve the 2021 Aquatic Center employment advertisement. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Ketchum asked if the sidewalk ordinance was being enforced to the new portion of 2nd St. NE.

Tetzlaff stated that currently staff is working on a complaint basis for enforcement, but street parking is being enforced. Council would like to further discuss enforcement at the next workshop.

Adjournment

Motion made by Trelstad, seconded by Skogen, to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tina Kozisek, Administrative Clerk



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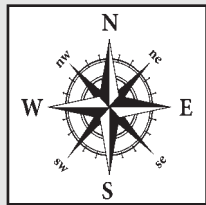
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By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell.

Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

There is a language all of its own in the south, and a curious delivery by the natives who have coined the expressions. Sometimes you get the idea and other times you haven't a clue.

My first exposure was the kindly looking lady working at the local landfill. You were to pull onto the scale to declare what you were hauling but you didn't have to weigh

leaving after unloading. So, I pull up with my truck and trailer and got too far on the scale. After asking what I was delivering, she smiled and sweetly said, "Honey, you pulled up too far on the scale. If you do it next time I am going to have to come out there and kill you."

You get used to terms of endearment. The ladies are effusive in buttery words. It is "how you doin' love, what can I get you darlin', what'll you have dear, how are you honey." Don't think that you are special because they say it to everyone. You will sit down at the booth in the diner with your wife and the young waitress steps up to take your order, looks you right in the eye and calls you sweetie. Whoa girl, we kind of reserve those words for the special lady we are with where I came from. One day while paying for my lunch at the local café, one of the elderly matrons walked through the door, looked straight at the cashier and said "how are you beautiful?"

Well, you get used to it. And you actually start to really enjoy it. A kind word and a pleasant demeanor brightens up the day. But don't start thinking that those southern belles are pushovers. I still remember the first summer we were in Tennessee, and a little old lady was describing encountering a copperhead in her yard. She said, "I emptied my .380 on him and then came back out with the 12 gauge and blew his head off.

A Minnesotan in the North: Snow Boots



By RosaLin Alcoser

In Minnesota it is a fairly common practice, as in I have seen a lot of people do this over the years, for people to wear their snow boots and carry their dress shoes when it is snowing and they have to go somewhere where they will need their dress shoes. Then change shoes when they get there.

This is just a practical practice that many Minnesotans have adopted over time to keep their feet warm and dry... unless you're a pastor from the Caribbean and have lived in Minnesota for 20 years.

One Sunday morning when we had about

three or so inches of snow come down before the night before my mother and I both did this as we got ready to go to the church. My father on the other hand did not.

Since it was not spouse to snow there was a chance being way up north like we are that the church parking lot would not be plowed when we got there; after all the pastor always has to get there first. So I reminded my father that he should wear his boots to which he replied that he would not need them.

Except the parking lot had not been plowed out yet and he decided to shovel paths in the parking lot so that people would not have to walk in the snow.

After people got to church he was telling them all about how he had to shovel the parking lot and how his feet were now cold. I could hear all of this from where I was in the sound booth.

So into the social hall I popped saying, "don't take pity on him. He was told to wear his snow boots and bring his shoes so that if he had to shovel his feet wouldn't be cold and he told me, 'no, I don't need my boots.' So don't take any pity on the pastor because he was told." Then back to my sound booth I went while people laughed at him.

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**Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the eligibility requirements to get Medicaid coverage for nursing home care?**

—Caregiving Daughter

Dear Caregiving,

The rules and requirements for Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care are complicated and will vary according to the state where your parent lives. With that said, here's a general, simplified rundown of what it takes to qualify.

Medicaid Eligibility

Medicaid, the joint federal and state program that covers health care for the poor, is also the largest single payer of America's nursing home bills for seniors who don't have the resources to pay for their own care.

Most people who enter nursing homes don't qualify for Medicaid at first, but pay for care either through long-term care insurance or out-of-pocket until they deplete their savings and become eligible for Medicaid.

To qualify for Medicaid, your parent's income and assets will need to be under a certain level that's determined by their state. Most states require that a person have no more than about \$2,000 in countable assets that includes cash, savings, investments or other financial resources that can be turned into cash.

Assets that aren't counted for eligibility include their home if it's valued under \$560,000 (this limit is higher – up to \$840,000 – in some states), their personal possessions and household goods, one vehicle, prepaid funeral plans and a small amount of life insurance.

But be aware that while your parent's home is not considered a countable asset to determine their eligibility, if he or she can't return home, Medicaid can go after the proceeds of their house to help reimburse their nursing home costs, unless a spouse or other dependent relative lives there. (There are some other exceptions to this rule.)

After qualifying, all sources of your parent's income such as Social Security and pension checks must be turned over to Medicaid to pay for their care, except for a small personal needs allowance – usually between \$30 and \$90.

You also need to be aware that your parent can't give away their assets to qualify for Medicaid faster. Medicaid officials will look at their financial records going back five years to root out suspicious asset transfers. If they find one, their Medicaid coverage will be delayed a certain length of time, according to a formula that divides the transfer amount by the average monthly cost of nursing home care in their state.

So if, for example, your parent lives in a state where the average monthly nursing home cost is \$5,000 and they gave away cash or other assets worth \$50,000, they would be ineligible for benefits for 10 months (\$50,000 divided by \$5,000 = 10).

Spousal Protection

Medicaid also has special rules for married couples when one spouse enters a nursing home and the other spouse remains at home. In these cases, the healthy spouse can keep one half of the couple's assets up to \$120,900 (this amount varies by state), the family home, all the furniture and household goods and one automobile. The healthy spouse is also entitled to keep a portion of the couple's monthly income – between \$2,030 and \$3,022. Any income above that goes toward the cost of the nursing home recipient's care.

What about Medicare?

Medicare, the federal health insurance program for seniors 65 and older, and some younger people with disabilities, does not pay for long-term care. It only helps pay up to 100 days of rehabilitative nursing home care, which must occur after a hospital stay.

Find Help

For more detailed information, contact your state Medicaid office. You can also get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program, which provides free counseling on all Medicare and Medicaid issues.

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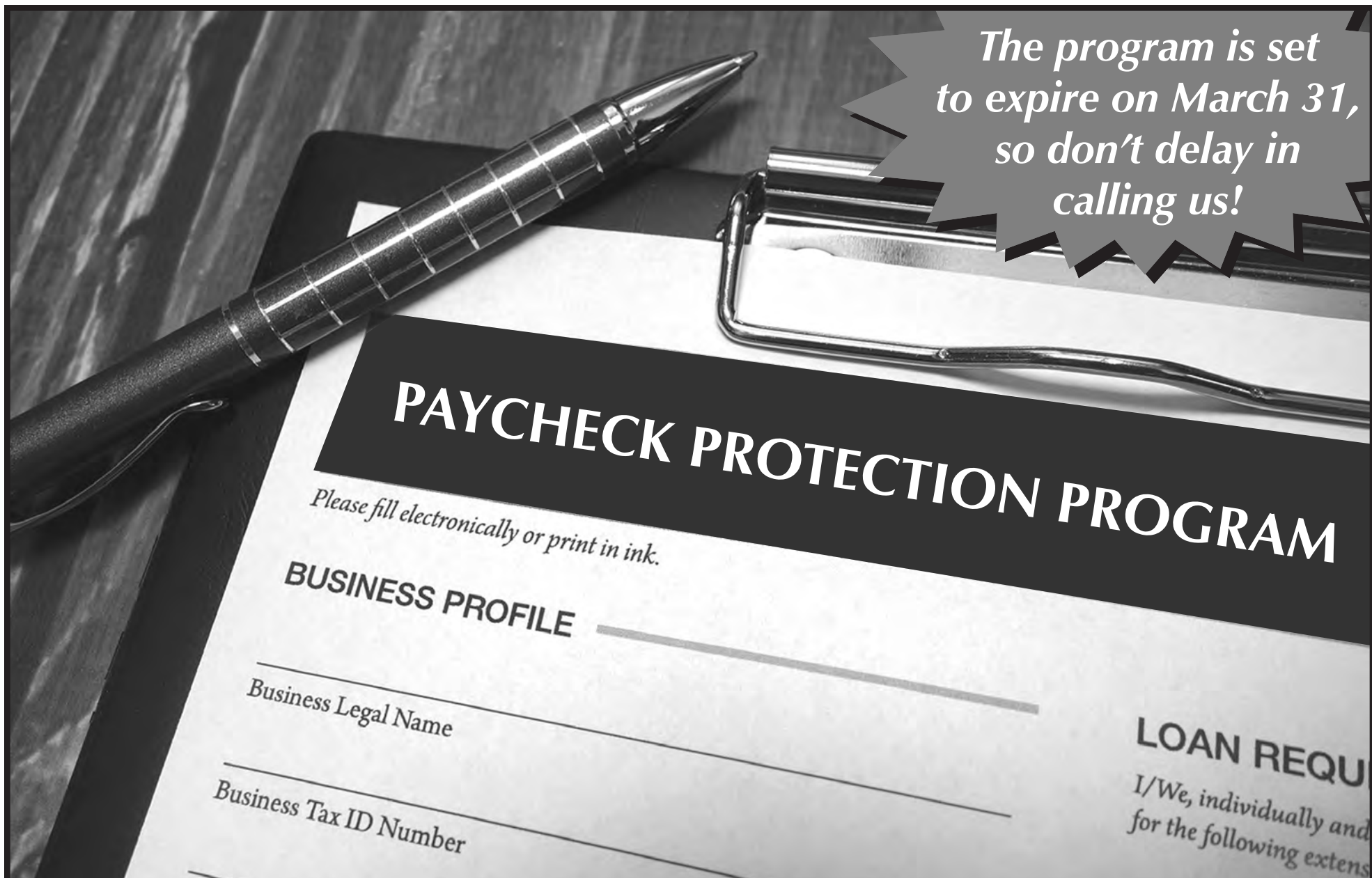
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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

- THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY
- ACROSS
1. "You're the ____!"
 2. Canyon sound
 5. Horse color
 8. Interesting person, acr.
 11. *Feeling of the heart
 12. Nevada city
 13. City in Belgium
 15. Use a whisk
 16. Greek H's
 17. *Popular Valentine's Day delivery, pl.
 18. "'Love means never having to say you're sorry' movie
 20. Ballpark calls
 21. Strong adhesive
 22. Greek letter N, pl.
 23. Lord's subordinate
 26. Given to drinking
 30. Ovine mom
 31. Old storage medium
 34. Fairy-tale beginning
 35. Politician Pelosi
 37. Tokyo, once
 38. Bone hollows
 39. Sky bear
 40. Fitted with a name tag, e.g.
 42. "Ever" to a poet
 43. With more seeds
 45. Attic
 47. Summer sandwich?
 48. Fraternity letter
 50. Medieval headdress
 52. *Only day more popular than Valentine's for card giving
 56. Like blue sky
 57. Walk the Pacific Crest Trail, e.g.
 58. Samoan money
 59. *Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
 60. Affirm
 61. Give off
 62. Plays for pay
 63. *Color of Valentine's Day
 64. *Lovers' reunion
- DOWN
1. Cry like a baby
 2. Canyon sound
 3. Convict's weapon
 4. Conical dwellings
 5. Get on juice diet, e.g.
 6. Opposite of binary
 7. Like a gossipmonger
 8. Exterminator's target
 9. Change for a five
 10. Part of T.G.I.F.
 12. Like an abridged classic
 13. Tiler's paste
 14. "'I Will Always Love You" singer
 19. Stupefied
 22. Us, in Mexico
 23. *Cupid's mother
 24. In the know
 25. Common thing?
 26. Smoke plus fog
 27. Lay to rest
 28. Rocks at mountain base
 29. *Symbol of Valentine's Day
 32. Infantry's last row
 33. Roulette bet
 36. *Chocolatier, pioneer of the heart-shaped box
 38. ____ apple
 40. Risk something
 41. Between eggy and eggst
 44. Feeling worse than before
 46. Gave away
 48. Thin piece
 49. Annoyed
 50. Russia's alternative to caesar
 51. Aries or Taurus, e.g.
 52. Burn to a crisp
 53. MADD member, colloquially
 54. Climbed down, as from a carriage
 55. Fill beyond full
 56. Pharaoh's cobra



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