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## Announcements



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### CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Tasha Dahl, City Council Members Deb Ellis, Jacob Klejeski, and Vickie Madsen. Members absent: Heather Gray.

City staff and others present: City Administrator Connor LaPointe, City Clerk/Treasurer Liz Sorg, City Maintenance Glen Hvitved, City Attorney Mark Rahrnick, Fire Department Member Casey Dahl, Nancy Schwanke, Tamara Olson, and Doug Stimpert.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Madsen to approve the agenda with the removal of Adjustment Request on Water/Sewer Bill-Church Street under New Business per the requestor, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

None

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# Parrot-Wise in 2021



### Claremont High School Reunion Dinner

By Megan Ziegler, Staff Writer for the Claremont Messenger

Greetings all you guys and gals who grad-

uated from Claremont High School. Thank you to everyone who made it to the all-school reunion last month! For those of you



Water wars between fire stations on Sunday after the parade.

### Hogfest Offered Local Opportunities for Music, Food and Entertainment

By Megan Ziegler, Staff Writer for the Claremont Messenger

Many community members came out to enjoy the 2021 Hogfest activities the first weekend in August.

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who may not know, the Parrot was the mascot for Claremont High School back in the day. The 1958-1959 school year even had the Parrot-Wise newspaper booklet for bringing peers up to date on high school happenings. Let's take a page from their book, so to speak, for this latest edition of the Parrot-Wise. Here are a few highlights from the 2021 reunion.

The Claremont High School all-class reunion was held on Saturday, July 17, 2021, beginning at 4pm at the Owatonna VFW. Approximately 175 people attended. The reunion has been held every 5 years since 1990 when the last class graduated from CHS.

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## Walking the Walk

By Peter Moen

In the beginning of an old DC Talk song called "What if I Stumble" there is a quote from a respected Christian author by the name of Brennan Manning, "The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips and walk out the door and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable."

I think there is some truth to that statement. We have a world full of "Christians" who are hypocrites. They will talk the talk when they are at church and around their church buddies, but they don't walk the walk when they're around their other friends or at work or wherever else in the world.

It is so critical that we live lifestyles which are an example, witness, and testimony to Christ, rather than one that gives just another reason for someone to ridicule or deny Christ. Someone once asked the question this way, "If you were arrested today for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

In the book of James we get a concise admonition:

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and

one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith."

When the church is a model of good works, it becomes an example of the believer's faith in God on exhibit for the world to observe. What do people see us do? What do people hear us say? Where do people see us go? What do people see in us? How genuine is our walk with the Lord?

The truth is every area of our Christian life is to be an influence to others for Christ sake. Our ministry, our lifestyle, our friends, our family and our church relationship with each other to be intact and filled with purpose to instruct those who do not believe. That they see in us the hope of glory, and that Christ is truly the way, the truth, and the life.

People notice what we do for others, they examine our advice to determine our credibility, the way we conduct our business, the entertainment or habits we are involved in, the way we spend money, how we serve at church, the way we respond to the needs of those around us, the way we react to those who offend us, and so forth.

There is always someone watching to profile our work and life in Christ. Let's always remember that all of these things are teachable moments for someone. And even if our Christ-like efforts are not noticed by the world it is a work of labor and love that will not be forgotten by the Lord.

## FAITH IN ACTION NEEDS YOU!

Covid 19 has been hard on most individuals. It has closed down many of the things that we all hold dear – seeing family, worshiping together in church, going out to a favorite restaurant, browsing in shops, and on and on. Faith in Action has felt the impact of the pandemic also. Many of our limited volunteer drivers chose to put volunteering on hold early on in the pandemic. At first, it didn't effect our services because most medical appointments were canceled or postponed so there was no need for transportation services. As things began opening up, appointments became available again but some drivers still weren't comfortable transporting someone in the confines of their cars. The vaccine is helping to get us back on track but there is still an urgent need for volunteers to drive seniors to appointments.

Being a volunteer for Faith in Action is a very flexible position. When clients call for transportation, our coordinator contacts volunteers with the dates and times needed. At that point, it is the volunteer's decision whether they can take the transport or not. If not, the coordinator will contact other volunteers to fill the need. In a given month, a volunteer might choose to provide transportation for seniors perhaps 1 to 4 times. Please consider putting your "faith in action" by becoming a Faith in Action volunteer driver. On our website, [fiadodgecounty.org](http://fiadodgecounty.org) (under forms on the menu) you will find a volunteer application to print, complete and return. If you do not have internet access, please call 507-634-3654 for an application.



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*"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9*

It's natural to have some fear or apprehension at the beginning of a new task. We may ask ourselves questions like "What if I don't know what to do?" or "What if I'm not good enough?" Every time I stand up in front of a group of people to present something—whether it's a sermon, a lecture, or a presentation of some kind—those questions run through my head and are accompanied by fear and doubt.

In our passage today Joshua had just been told that Moses, the leader of God's people, was dead. And now God told Joshua that he would be the one to lead the people. What a huge task! We couldn't blame Joshua for at least having a little fear. But God tells him to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid or discouraged. And this encouragement is more than a pep talk. This is God's promise to Joshua that wherever he goes in the new land that God would bring them into—and however hard the task before him would be—God would always be right there with him.

We face difficulties all the time—at work and school, and with our families and friends. We have many opportunities to be discouraged and afraid. But God's promise to us is the same as it was to Joshua: God will be with us wherever we go.

And if God is with us, what do we have to fear?

*Prayer: Ever-present God, you promise to be with us wherever we go. Help us to remember this truth in the difficult tasks that lie ahead of us each day. Amen.*



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## How to Track Down Old Friends Online

**Dear Savvy Senior: I'm interested in tracking down some old friends I've lost touch with over the years but could use some help. What websites can you recommend that can help me find them?**

**--Tracking Tom**

Dear Tom: Thanks to the Internet, tracking down long lost friends from many years ago is relatively easy to do and, in most cases, it won't cost you a cent. Here are some tips and online tools to help you get started.

### Remembering the Details

Before you begin your search, a good first step is to jot down any information you can remember or find out about the people you're trying to locate. Things like their full name (maiden and married), age or birth date, last known address or phone number, old e-mail address, names of family members, etc. Knowing details can help you turn up clues while you search.

### Social Media and Search Engines

After you compile your information, a good place to start your search is at social media sites like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. And search engines like Google and Yahoo. When using search engines, type in the name of the person you're searching for in quotation marks, for example, "John Smith." You can narrow your search by adding other criteria like their nickname or middle name, the city or state they may live in, or even their occupation.

### People Search Sites

If your initial search comes up empty, you can also use people searches like AnyWho.com, Intelius.com or WhitePages.com. These sites will provide a list of potential matches from across the U.S. Because many people share the same name, these sites will also supply details to help identify the right person, perhaps including their age, prior hometowns, names of relatives, colleges attended or employer. While these sites are free to use at a basic level, they charge a small fee for providing certain details like the persons contact information. WhitePages, however, sometimes provides home phone numbers for free.

### Niche Finding Sites

Here are a few other niche people-finding websites to help you with your search. To look for old high school classmates, try Classmates.com. This site has contact information only for people who have registered with it. But even if your friend hasn't registered, it could provide contact info for another classmate who remains in touch with your friend. Another option is to check out your high school alumni website. Not every school has its own site, but some do, and you can look for it by going to any search engine and typing in the name of the school with the city and state it's located in. You can also search at AlumniClass.com, a huge hosting site for thousands of high schools across the U.S. If you're looking for old college friends, look for an alumni directory on the school's website. You might be able to access your friend's contact info by completing an online registration. Or, try calling or emailing your alumni relations department and ask them to pass on your contact info to your friend. If you're looking for someone you served with in the military, Military.com offers a free "Buddy Finder" service that has a database of more than 20 million records – visit Military.com/buddy-finder. You can also search for free at G1search.com, TogetherWeServed.com and VetFriends.com. If you can't find any current information about the person you're searching for, it could be that he or she is dead. To find out if that's the case, use obituary databases such as Tributes.com and Legacy.com, which has a newspaper obituary search tool from hundreds of U.S. newspapers.

## Mona A. McMartin

Mona A. McMartin, 73, of Claremont, died Sunday, July 18, 2021, peacefully at her home in Claremont surrounded by her family.



Mona was born August 3, 1947, the daughter of Emil and Lorraine (Cain) Butler, in Owatonna. She attended country school, West Concord School and then Waseca Ag School. She was married to Donald "Mick" McMartin on October 3, 1963, in Claremont. They lived in Claremont for a couple of years before moving to Owatonna. In 1971, Mick and Mona built a home in Claremont and they lived there for the rest of her life. She provided daycare and also worked at Jostens before getting her real estate license. Mona loved the community in which she lived. She was an awarded realtor dedicated for 36 years, a school board member, a championship bowler, a devoted volunteer and organizer. They loved to travel together to see family and friends throughout the states. She also liked fishing, flower gardening and feeding the birds.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years Donald "Mick" McMartin of Claremont, children Mellany Heise of Tulalip, Washington, Jason (Christy) McMartin of Cottage Grove, grandchildren Chad (Brittney) Heise, Ashley (Davis) Heise, Brandon Heise, and Matthew Heise. She is also survived by her siblings Perry Butler of Palm Springs, CA, Lorraine Mueller of Janesville, Steve Butler of Brooklyn Park, Danny (Tonya) Butler of Aitkin, Randy (Sonja) Butler of Brooklyn Park, Brian (Vicki) Butler of Cedar, Veletta (Todd) Gartner of Golden Valley, Rhonda Egan of Brooklyn Park, sisters-in-law Nancy Butler De Sota, Belchertown, MA and Wendy (Butler) Summers of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents Emil and Lorraine, brothers Rodney Loren, Roger and Dalen Butler, sister Penny Butler, brothers-in-law Paul Mueller, Larry Johnson, Larry McMartin and nephews Matthew Mueller and Willie Mueller.

The family would love to thank Hospice Mayo for all their love and support they have shown Mona and the family throughout Mona's last weeks. They have been a pillar of support, resource, caring and kindness that will not be forgotten.

Visitation was held July 25, 2021 from 4-7:00pm at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna. Memorial Service was held July 26, 2021 at 11:00am at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna.



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# CHS Reunion

## Parrot-Wise in 2021

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The 2020 reunion was rescheduled for this summer due to Covid-19. The evening began with social time from 4-5:30pm where classmates mingled and viewed tables with CHS memorabilia, followed by a presentation from lead organizer Connie Wobig. She welcomed special guests, including former teachers, and thanked those who supported the organizing efforts. Then former cheerleaders were called to the front to lead the CHS rouser before dinner began. Dinner was served from 5:30-6:30pm, followed by additional social time until 10pm.

One of the best parts of all-school reunions is catching up with familiar faces to reminisce about the past. I had the privilege to chat with a handful of Claremont High School alumni and wanted to share some of their experiences.

Marjorie (Duschek) Ulrich was one of the special guests and held the honor of being a member of the oldest graduating class represented that night, the class of 1945. Marjorie is currently 93 years old and still lives in



Marjorie (Duschek) Ulrich

southern Minnesota. She remembers high school as, "good friends and good times." Marjorie states, "I worked hard and I took piano lessons." After graduating in 1945, she went to two years of college in Winona to become a teacher. She returned to Claremont and taught there for five years. She taught 2nd and 3rd grade combined. Marjorie averaged 30-35 kids for her combined class each year. After returning as a teacher, she put her ability to play the piano to use and helped with the school's Christmas programs. She reports that her students were well behaved. When she taught, teachers "did the whole works" as there were no teachers for specials as they call it today. For example, Marjorie would teach her own students their physical education class. There were also times she and another teacher would swap classes, and one would teach music, and one would teach science. It was wonderful to have the combined perspective of a former student and teacher.

Ernestine (Jante) Rand was the 2nd oldest graduating class member who came out to the reunion. She graduated with the class of 1946. Ernestine is currently 93 years old. When I asked her what she enjoyed about high school she responded, "We had a good time."



Ernestine (Jante) Rand

Ernestine had a special interest in business studies stating, "I liked the business part of it. My favorite was typing."

Next, I spoke with two of the fourteen members of the class of 1958, Irene (McMartin) Ness and Eunice (Jackel) Ehlers. Irene stated, "I enjoyed playing in the band." She played trombone, and did marching band. She recalls that the uniforms were hot and joked they were made of "scratchy wool stuff." Irene also did chorus and physical education, but there were no organized girls' sports at that time. She recalls participating in plays. Her classmate Eunice joined the conversation, and both mentioned the 1958 Senior Trip. Irene and Eunice said their graduating class took a senior trip to Rapid City, SD. Irene described it as they, "took a slow train all night long" to arrive at their destination. The trip lasted from Friday night through Sunday night and was chaperoned by a teacher. They went to Deadwood and Mt. Rushmore among other stops. Eunice said the 14 students in their grade were close because they knew everyone and got along well.

I asked Irene and Eunice what they did for fun in Claremont in the late 1950's. Irene said there were three cafes at which to meet and socialize with friends, one of her favorites being the Coffee Cup Café. They also had movies in the park on Saturday evenings when the weather was nice. Irene recalled that her mom and dad would buy groceries in Claremont while the kids watched the movie, usually featuring comedies of a light-hearted nature such as Laurel and Hardy shows.

I peeked at a yearbook from 1958. Similar to today's yearbooks, the seniors' photos showed both their graduating photos and cute baby photos. Some examples of groups and activities from 1958 included student council, majorettes, glee club, mixed chorus, the Parrot-Wise staff, library club, homecoming pictures, and prom pictures. One other interesting topic that Eunice mentioned from the 1958 yearbook is that one of the janitors who worked for the school was Rosie Milverstedt. Rosie was pictured in the yearbook and lived to be 107, recently passing away earlier this year.

Let's jump forward a few decades to the 1970s. I spoke with Lenny Schmoll who graduated in 1973. Lenny enjoyed sports. There were both girls' and boys' teams by the early 1970s. Lenny recalled that for his basketball games, "We'd fill the gym" with spectators. He reported that there were also lots of fans at the football games. One of the big sport stories of the early 1970's was that CHS switched conferences, coinciding with Lenny's high school career. After the switch, the school started to travel further to play other small towns. He recalls playing Dodge Center, Morristown, Randolph, Kenyon, Dover, Eyota, Rose Creek, Adams, Elkton, and Mazeppa, all being separate schools back then. Lenny also mentioned that younger classmates such as freshmen and sophomores often played on the varsity team, depending on the sport. This draw of talent from younger classes allowed those students to have good field time. Lenny recalls that he went to prom with his now wife, Karla (Kos) Schmoll who is also a CHS graduate, class of 1974. When I asked what they did for fun in the early 1970s,



Lenny mentioned that there was an ice rank behind the Claremont pump house that sits by the water tower. Guys and gals skated there during the winter. They would also spend a lot of time in the woods south of town where there's a nature area and creek. Lenny concluded that he enjoys coming to the reunions because "it's good to see people you don't expect to be here."

Lenny's brother, Jeff Schmoll, was the only member to attend from the class of 1984. He's given the honor of having traveled the furthest of anyone I knew of, hailing all the way from San Diego, California. Congratulations on the most miles covered, and thanks for your effort to come home, Jeff!

I also spoke with Lisa (Keck) Johnson, who graduated in 1979 with a class of 28 students. She currently lives in Montana, but loves making the trip back to come to reunions because you "get to see parents' classmates. It's amazing to talk to them and it's nice to listen to their stories." She appreciated that Claremont High School "had opportunities even though we were a small town" referencing the opportunities she had to be in volleyball, softball and golf. Lisa also mentioned band, choir and plays they



did with mixed grade levels.

That's a wrap guys and gals of CHS. I hope you're feeling a little more parrot-wise after this briefing. I look forward to hearing more fun memories at the next Claremont High School all-school reunion. Mark your calendars for the summer of 2025!



# Hogfest

## Hogfest Offered Local Opportunities for Music, Food and Entertainment

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From delicious food, fellowship, and live music to kids' games, cars and more, Hogfest had something for everyone. Despite some on and off rain throughout the weekend, causing Saturday's volleyball tournament and tractor pull to be cancelled, most scheduled events went on as planned.

The Claremont community is grateful for the many hard-working volunteers, area businesses, local organizations and attendees that came together to make this event possible. Thank you for helping to celebrate and support Hogfest! Enjoy the following photos from Hogfest 2021!



Rookie the Clown did balloons for the kids in the pavilion on Saturday afternoon.



Just 4 Kix Kids games



Car Show



Garden State Tractor pull event



Community Pancake Breakfast



## Cobra Communications



**Craig Schlichting**  
Superintendent



The light is at the end of the tunnel with our building project and it has gone very

well. We have had excellent weather to get the roofing and parking lot done on the outside. The work on the inside of the is also going very well. We have updated our HVAC and much of the plumbing that goes along with that system as well as the ceiling tiles in the hallways which needed to be removed to provide access to work on these systems. All of the project work is scheduled to be completed before the staff arrive at the end of August.

On the outside of the building, we have added a couple of additional areas for parking that I think will be very beneficial. One area is West of the bus garage, this can be used for visiting busses when we have large events that require busses from multiple

schools. The other area is a parking space off to the East of the varsity softball field. This will help with parking for spectators in that area. The elementary drop-off area will have a new design when it is repainted to help traffic flow and avoid the congestion. That area has created issues for parents in the past and we want to get that issue resolved. With the roofing part of the project, all areas of our roof will now have fully adhered roofs. This means that we were able to eliminate the rocks on top of the roof that were used to hold down the older bladder style roof that was used in the past. We have had very good success with these types of roofs and it will be great to have all of our roofing using the updated system. The only thing we are waiting on is the trim pieces around the top, which has been delayed due to the supply of materials availability.

Many schools that have had projects this year have run into supply issues and increased costs for the materials needed for their projects. I am very happy to report that this has not been the case on our project. Other than the trim work for the roof, the only other item that we have had to wait on is two of the chillers that will be installed in the HVAC units. These are both currently scheduled to be completed by the time the school year begins. The learning environment for our students will be all climate controlled. We had a number of areas that did not have air conditioning and it will be nice to have the ability to keep those areas climate controlled. The HVAC system will also be fully ionized. This helps clean the

air clean from particulates, microbes and odors. This is especially helpful to people that suffer from allergies, asthma and other respiratory ailments.

To have a project this large being completed on time and under budget is a huge relief. I am very happy that we have been able to get all of these upgrades completed to solidify the infrastructure of our facility so that it can continue to serve the district for years to come. Our district is very fortunate to have such nice facilities that serve the needs of our communities.

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have regarding our school district. You can email me at [schlich@triton.k12.mn.us](mailto: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 CLASS OF 2021

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### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Madilyn Styndl is a 2021 senior at Triton High School.

Her parents are Brian and Michele Styndl and she has one sibling, Morgan Styndl.

She enjoys school activities such as FFA, Theater and Trap shooting.

She is also active in 4-H.

Her favorite music is 80s rock and 60s, 70s, 80s country.

After graduation she will be attending RCTC in the fall.



**MADILYN STYNDL**

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## Triton Summer Trip

By Robert Ickler

The Triton FFA did a summer trip tour of local agricultural businesses. Some years we tour universities such as SDSU or tour factories such as Agco in Jackson. This year the group toured businesses in

Goodhue and Rice counties. Farms that the group toured were Keith and Morgan Allen in Wanamingo that milk 40 dairy goats, Shawn Erickson's family sheep operation in Cannon Falls, Herricks' beef and swine operation in West Concord, Sustane Fertilizer in Cannon Falls and Al Meyer's robotic dairy farm in Faribault. Students that attended the tour were Kiya Avery, Cadence Spearman, Melanie Andrist, John Moenning, Grady Klankowski, Brady Staub, Elyssa Robinson, Noah Kasper and Jacob Kasper. The Triton FFA members are very appreciative to have been able to see so many different agriculture industries in a day.



### 2021 Dodge County FFA Livestock Exhibit Results

Beef Show Results		
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Champion Angus	Sadie Sullivan	Kasson Mantorville
Res. Champion Angus	Brody Johnson	Kasson Mantorville
Champion Simmental	Noah Kasper	Triton
Res. Champion Simmental	Noah Kasper	Triton
Champion AOB Bull Calf	Karlee Paulson	Pine Island
Res. Champion AOB Bull Calf	Samuel Gochnauer	Triton
Champion AOB	Karlee Paulson	Pine Island
Res. Champion AOB	Karlee Paulson	Pine Island
Champion Commercial	Karlee Paulson	Pine Island
Res. Champion Commercial	Samuel Gochnauer	Triton
Grand Champion Beef	Noah Kasper	Triton
Res. Grand Champion Beef	Noah Kasper	Triton
Dairy Show Results		
Champion Jr. Holstein	Reagan Schimek	Pine Island
Res. Champion Jr. Holstein	Samuel Gochnauer	Triton
Champion Jr. Brown Swiss	Brooke Bauer	Hayfield
Res. Champion Brown Swiss	Ella Bauer	Hayfield
Champion Jr. Jersey	Gigi Polikowski	Triton
Res. Champion Jr. Jersey	Alita Reinhart	Kasson Mantorville
Champion Jr. Ayrshire	Stella Striech	Triton
Res. Champion Jr. Ayrshire	Cadence Spearman	Triton
Champion Crossbred	Sam Gochnauer	Triton
Res. Champion Crossbred	Alita Reinhart	Kasson Mantorville
Grand Champion Jr. Dairy	Reagan Schimek	Pine Island
Res. Grand Champion Jr. Dairy	Ella Bauer	Hayfield
Sheep Show Results		
Champion Babydoll Ram	Brooke O'Brien	Kenyon Wanamingo
Res. Champion Babydoll Ram	Brooke O'Brien	Kenyon Wanamingo
Champion Babydoll Ewe	Brooke O'Brien	Kenyon Wanamingo
Res. Champion Babydoll Ewe	Brooke O'Brien	Kenyon Wanamingo
Champion Crossbred Ewe	Courtney Dohrmann	Triton
Res. Champion Crossbred Ewe	Courtney Dohrmann	Triton
Supreme Champion Ram	Brooke O'Brien	Kenyon Wanamingo
Res. Supreme Champion Ram	Brooke O'Brien	Kenyon Wanamingo
Supreme Champion Ewe	Courtney Dohrmann	Triton
Res. Supreme Champion Ewe	Brooke O'Brien	Kenyon Wanamingo
Champion Speckled Face Market Lamb	Brody Erickson	Stewartville
Res. Champion Speckled Face Market Lamb	Brody Erickson	Stewartville
Champion Black Face Market Lamb	Maddy Johnson	Hayfield
Res. Champion Black Face Market Lamb	Maddy Johnson	Hayfield
Champion Pen of 3 Market Lambs	Maddy Johnson	Hayfield
Res. Champion Pen of 3 Market Lambs	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Grand Champion Market Sheep	Maddy Johnson	Hayfield
Res. Grand Champion Market Sheep	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Swine Show Results		
Champion Breeding Gilt	Wyatt Sullivan	Kasson Mantorville
Res. Champion Breeding Gilt	Henry Smith	Kasson Mantorville
Champion Market Barrow	Hannah Falhauber	Hayfield
Res. Champion Market Barrow	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Champion Market Gilt	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Res. Champion Market Gilt	Henry Smith	Kasson Mantorville
Grand Champion Market Swine	Hannah Falhauber	Hayfield
Res. Grand Champion Market Swine	Braeden Erickson	Stewartville
Champion Pen of Three Market Hogs	Hannah Falhauber	Hayfield
Res. Champion Pen of Three Market Hogs	Lily Carstensen	Kasson Mantorville
Champion Dairy Goat	Emma Aarsvold	Kasson Mantorville
Res. Champion Dairy Goat	Stella Striech	Triton
Champion Meat Breeding Doe	Carissa Kleinwort	Triton
Res. Champion Meat Breeding Doe	Tegan Ridenour	Triton
Champion Market Goat	Tegan Ridenour	Triton
Res. Champion Market Goat	Tegan Ridenour	Triton



# Dodge County Fair



Triton Goat exhibitor Left to right: Triton FFA Advisor Ms. Zimmerman, Tegan Ridenour, Connor Kleinwort, Carissa Kleinwort, Stella Streich, Dasmine Marquardt, Triton FFA Advisor Mr. Ickler



Left to right dairy exhibitors: Elyssa Robinson, Cadence Spearman, Gigi Polikowski, Stella Streich, Sam Gochnauer and Carissa Kleinwort



Left to right sheep exhibitors: Sam Gochnauer, Carissa Kleinwort and Courtney Dohrmann



Left to right beef exhibitors: Sam Gochnauer, Triton FFA Advisor Mr. Ickler, Noah Kasper and Triton FFA Advisor Ms. Zimmerman



Pig exhibitor John Moenning



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## Claremont City Council

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### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ellis to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of: Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS CITY ENGINEER

Sump pump inspection letters have been sent out and over 1/2 have been scheduled. Sidewalk inspections will be completed as time permits between sump pump inspec-

tions.

Bolton & Menk have started utility mapping.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Klejeski to approve the financial reports, second by Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ellis to approve payment of the bills, second by Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Recently there has been an increase of vehicles parking on the edge of Front Street in front of the Fire Hall so emergency vehicles can't leave. Signs will be put up

reminding people that this is a no parking area.

Mayor Dahl received the 2022 Dodge County Sheriff Contract and asked the Council to think about the hours they would like for sheriff protection. Currently, it is an average of 4 hours per day. The contract will be discussed at a later date.

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

### EDA

Nothing at this time.

### PARKS COMMITTEE

Jones, Haugh, & Smith proposed \$1400 to survey the Harmer property. Since the Bolton & Menk proposal was more, the Jones, Haugh & Smith proposal was approved. They will have the survey done in about 2 - 3 weeks.

### CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing other than what is on the agenda.

### ADMINISTRATOR

Administrator LaPointe went through his monthly report (which is attached).

On June 29, Governor Walz had stated he would end the State of Emergency, therefore the local State of Emergency has expired. Water/sewer shutoffs will resume on delinquent accounts starting July 19.

Administrator LaPointe requested attending the MN City and County Management Association Conference September 15 - 17. Registration is \$175. Motion by Ellis to approve his attending the conference and expenses for those 3 days, second by Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Tamara Olson and Doug Stimpert applied for a free lot. They do not meet the income requirements, so they are purchasing Lot 1, Block 1 (225 4th Place) for \$9500. They will start building once the lumber prices go down. They plan on building approximately a 1700-1800 sq. ft. house with a 3 car garage in the back. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Purchase Agreement, second by Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

The resident at 515 2nd Street requested an adjustment to their water/sewer bill. They used 42,000 gallons of water due to a leaking toilet which they repaired right away. Their normal usage is 9,000 gallons. Following the Utility Bill Adjustment Policy, motion by Ellis to adjust the water usage to their average amount, second by Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

A CD will mature on July 31. Staff checked out several banks for interest rates. American Equity Bank in town currently has the best rate. Motion by Ellis to renew the CD for 6 months at .25%, second by Madsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Three quotes for snowplows were presented to Council. The consensus was to continue looking for snowplows with lower mileage and other specifications. At this time, more and more plows are being traded in so they will continue looking.

Motion by Klejeski to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m., second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:  
Elizabeth Sorg, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Tasha Dahl, Mayor

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## The Physical Impact of Pets on People

As pet lovers, we can all agree there are many benefits to having pets in our lives, especially when times are tough. And science agrees. From emotional well-being to physical health, dogs and cats have a measurable, positive effect on us. This positive effect is especially important during stressful life events, particularly when we are faced with threats to our personal health and livelihoods. During these times, much-needed relief and comfort can be gained by spending time with your pet.

Fortunately, stress and anxiety both tend to improve when you interact with your pets, in part due to the "feel good" hormones like oxytocin, dopamine, and serotonin being released. Stress hormones like cortisol are also decreased. All of this is proven to boost your immune system, which helps maintain good health<sup>[1]</sup>.

Additionally, people who have a pet tend to be more active (especially if you have a dog that loves their walks), which could mean reduced blood pressure, cholesterol, and triglyceride levels, leading to an overall improvement in cardiovascular health<sup>[1]</sup>. Studies have also shown that owning a dog is associated with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease and, ultimately, mortality<sup>[2]</sup>.

Whether it's in the form of stress, fear, depression, anxiety, or insecurity — when things get rough, our mood and overall mental health can be seriously compromised. Thankfully, we have our cats and dogs to help us through. Most of the time, just being around animals can lift your mood. But it goes much deeper than that.

Diversion. Having a pet can divert your attention from the stress and anxiety you may be feeling at any given moment and help you focus instead on giving and receiving love and care.

Morale. Pets can help keep your morale up and can motivate you to continue or seek treatment for emotional and mental health issues<sup>[3]</sup>.

Less destructive behavior. People with pets tend to engage more in positive and self-enhancing behaviors, with fewer destructive, aggressive, and self-harm tendencies<sup>[3]</sup>.

Comfort. When you're feeling down, angry, or frustrated, a pet provides an important source of comfort. Pets are very good at reading our body language and frequently offer connection with proximity (closeness) or physical touch, which helps lower blood pressure and regulates heart rate<sup>[3]</sup>.

Fighting loneliness and worry. Studies show that pets help reduce feelings of loneliness, depression, worry, and irritability<sup>[4]</sup>. Our dogs and cats help us feel less lonely simply by being present with us. Being able to talk to our pets when we feel socially isolated helps us process emotions and keeps us engaged in our surroundings and day-to-day routine.

A reason to get up in the morning. The act of caring for another living creature generates a feeling of purpose and accomplishment we often lack during difficult times. This also boosts self-confidence and enhances social interactions<sup>[4]</sup>.

A confidant. Many people feel they can confide in their pets, talking out loud and helping to sort out whatever they're struggling with. Pets represent a judgement-free and unconditionally loving confidant.

Security. Pets can provide a sense of security when a person is feeling exposed or at risk.

Science supports that our pets make us healthier and happier, even in the most difficult times. Their ability to mentally lift us up, physically get us moving, and sometimes even force us out of our comfort zone cannot be overstated. During stressful times as well as happy times, we will continue to turn to our pets for their love, loyalty, and companionship.

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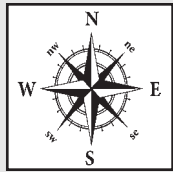
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# Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Run Aground



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.*

The American Cruise Line has big boat that comes past Dover frequently. It is on the Music City Cruise route. The 8-day trip starts at Memphis and heads up the Mississippi to Paducah where it stops for the first night. There the ship passes through the lock into the Cumberland River. It comes down Lake Barkley and stops for a day at Dover to tour the historical Civil War battlefields. From there it is on to Clarkesville and finally to Nashville.

The cruise ship has six decks and 99 cabins, accommodating 190 guests. There are two lounges, a dining room, a café, a library, yoga/fitness room, laundry and four observation/sundecks.

We see many barges coming up and down river on a daily basis and have a couple times passed the cruise ship while piloting our 17' runabout on the river. Our little bowrider has a draft of a couple feet and

one makes sure to stay between the marker buoys on the river because even a small runabout can touch bottom in some places. Lake Barkley was formed about seventy years ago when the hydro-electric dam was built on the Cumberland River. Flooding a river will give you a lot wider waterway, but the shoreline can be misleadingly shallow if you are not careful.

So back to the mechanics of boating where the weight of your craft determines the draft, or depth of your hull below the waterline. One assumes if you were piloting a mega-million dollar cruise ship, the captain would be well schooled in avoiding river bottoms. Really no excuse for a mistake with modern depth finders and navigational tools.

But imagine our amusement in June when the American Jazz Cruise Ship ran aground just outside Dover. Seems the captain steered the ship on the wrong side of the channel buoy and got stuck in the mud. Took a couple Coast Guard tug boats to pull the ship free. And plenty of amusement to the local folk. Moral of the story seems to be if you see a tree growing in the lake, you might be in pretty shallow water.



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6. Credit card-related acronym
9. Goes with rave
13. Garlic mayo
14. "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation
15. Echo sounder
16. Beauty shop
17. European Economic Community
18. Falstaffian in body
19. "Scooby-Dooby-Do, where are you? We got some work \_\_\_\_\_"
21. "So no one told you life was gonna be \_\_\_\_\_"
23. Pocket watch chain
24. Uncouth one
25. Place to get a massage
28. Boozer
30. Pie nuts
35. Sharpen
37. Orange powder drink mix
39. Tennis-affected joint
40. Bright thought
41. Reputation-damaging gossip
43. Symphony member
44. Famous Beethoven symphony
46. Microsoft browser
47. "Young Frankenstein" leading actor
48. Dines at home
50. Telephoned
52. Up to present time
53. Neat
55. Diamond stat
57. "Gee, our old \_\_\_ ran great, those were the days"
61. "Let's ride with the family down the street through the courtesy of Fred's \_\_\_\_\_"
65. Loosen laces
66. Opposite of vend
68. Kind of artery
69. One Beatle
70. Recipe amt.
71. Opposite of atonal
72. "Where the kisses are hers and \_\_\_ and his, Three's company too"
73. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
74. Rosetta Stone, e.g.

**Down**

1. Brewer's kiln
2. "Ta-ta!" in Italy
3. "If you're out on the road feeling lonely, and so \_\_\_"
4. Remote in manner
5. S.S. \_\_\_ of "Gilligan's Island"
6. Not many (2 words)
7. "Movin' on up to the east side, we finally got a piece of the \_\_\_"
8. Right-hand page
9. Schneider and Reiner
10. Afresh
11. Astronaut's insignia
12. Three pointer
15. Evening party
20. Sad newspaper notices
22. Goes with skip and a jump
24. Without a trace of moisture (2 words)
25. "Everybody's got a special kind of story, everybody finds a way to \_\_\_"
26. Podium, pl.
27. Concerning, archaic
29. "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your \_\_\_"
31. Heidi's "Magic Wooden Shoe"
32. The Beatles' "\_\_\_ Road"
33. Not a soul (2 words)
34. "Sunny day, sweepin' the clouds away on my way to where the air is \_\_\_"
36. "Good \_\_\_" cooking show
38. Lady n'Ee Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta
42. Extend subscription
45. Infamous German leader
49. Naught
51. Barley kernels
54. Financial woes
56. Where there's trouble?
57. Verdant
58. Initial stake
59. Hollywood Walk of Fame honor
60. A snob puts them on
61. Use a keyboard
62. Marine eagle
63. Bibliographical abbr.
64. "Just sit right back and you'll hear a \_\_\_"
67. "Oh boy it's swell to say, Good morning \_\_\_!"

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