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Claremont Memorial Day Services

The American Legion in Claremont has scheduled service times for Memorial Day, Monday May 30th. Services



will be at Claremont Street cemetery at 8am, Moland Church at 8:30am, Rice Lake Cemetery at 9am, St. John's at 9:30am and Hillside cemetery at 10am. They will return to the American Legion hall in Claremont for refreshments at 10:30 after the services. In case of inclement weather services will be held at the American Legion in Claremont.

CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Tasha Dahl, City Council Members Jacob Klejeski, Deb Ellis, and Hunter McGovern. Council Members absent: None. There is 1 vacant city council seat.

City staff and others present: City Administrator Evan Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, City Attorney Mark Rahrack, City Engineer Derek Olinger, First Responder Director Casey Dahl, CEDA Representative Robert Harris, and Nancy Schwanke.

There were no changes to the agenda.

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Liz's Niche

By Megan Ziegler

According to the Oxford Languages dictionary, a niche is a comfortable or suitable position in life or employment. What an appropriate definition for Claremont's own Elizabeth Sorg, long-time City Clerk and Treasurer! Liz found her niche here and is celebrating 25 years on the job. She was awarded a commemorative plaque for her service at a city council meeting on April 5, 2022. Let's take a look at her time helping our community in her role.

After high school, Liz attended RCTC in

Rochester, receiving a diploma as a legal secretary. When asked how she first heard about the job 25 years ago, Liz explained, "I saw the position in the paper and thought city government would be a good job to have." At the time, she was juggling 4 different part-time jobs and was interested in doing something different. She continued, "It was close to home too so I wouldn't have to move."

Throughout her time in Claremont, Liz has learned a lot. When she first started out, she said, "I was young then and didn't really understand the legalities of government, why



things were done 'that way,' taxes, or levies so I have really learned so much through my work here and am still learning." She has worked with eleven mayors and seven city administrators, gaining knowledge and building professional relationships to further her effectiveness. *(continued on page 3)*

Wind Farm Near Claremont Meets Resistance

A massive wind farm project is in the works in Dodge, Steele and Mower county. The project is an approximate \$400 million investment for the counties.

NextEra Energy is planning to build a wind farm with 79 wind turbines south of Claremont and a 27 mile long transmission from Claremont to east of Sargeant. The project would bring in 400 construction jobs and between \$970,000 - \$1,180,000 in annual production taxes.

But not everybody is onboard with the project.

"If we're going to put up 160 foot towers, that's going to fragment this property it's going to not allow it to be utilized," Aaron Tempel, who owns 160 acres of land in Ashland Township said.

Tempel owns a wetland with his brothers that's home to several different types of plants and birds. He says the project could disrupt the ecosystem.

"They say they're a green company, but yet why would you then come in and try to keep a property like this to exist," he said.

Tempel also raising concerns about the company pleading guilty to killing and wounding bald eagles.

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The Gear Daddies To Headline the 2022 All Saints Music Festival May 20th

The All Saints Music Festival will return to the Little Log House Pioneer Village Friday May 20th 2022. *(continued on page 19)*

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A Life with Purpose

By Pastor Norman C. Hoffeld
Bible Lutheran Church

In the Old Testament, Solomon expresses his dismay at life – “I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.” (Ecclesiastes 1:14) His dismay becomes even more pointed when he confesses all the great things he had done. Listing his great achievements, he says: “And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11)

Solomon had begun his kingship with great blessings from God, but he had forgotten God and tried to “do things his way.” Solomon found out that trying to find meaning in life apart from God ended in emptiness and frustration. Man has only limited enjoyment from the things he does. The fact is that life without God has no real purpose or meaning.

There is no ultimate significance to human life. Since man is basically an animal, he has no more value than the rocks on the moon. It is a philosophy of despair. William B. Provine, professor of Biological Sciences at Cornell University put it this way:

“There are no gods, no purposes, no goal-

directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. That’s the end for me. There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning to life, and no free will for humans, either.”

What a tragic view of humanity. Secularism (or humanism) is rampant in our country today. This teaches that man is basically good and is able to determine his own values; therefore, there is no real “right” and “wrong.” Evil does not exist – Sin does not exist – Therefore, there is no need for forgiveness and repentance. This philosophy has consequences: Some of the results are an increased use of drugs and alcohol, the killing of old people and sick people, rampant abortions, the acceptance of extreme profanity especially in the movies, the acceptance of pre-marital sexual relations, etc.

In addition, secularism leaves people without real meaning; everything we do in our relationships is judged by whether or not we have built someone’s “self-esteem.” The fact is that if I came into this world as an evolved part of nature without the hand of a creator, and when I die, I go nowhere (that is the end); then why would I not have trouble with “self-esteem”?

Rick Warren in his book *The Purpose Driven Life* says: “. . . your life has profound meaning! We discover that meaning and purpose only when we make God the reference point of our lives.” He goes on to say, “Nothing matters more than knowing God’s purposes for your life, and nothing can

compensate for not knowing them.” Whatever our profession or our calling in life, the only way we can find meaning in life is to allow the Lord Jesus Christ to be at the center of all we do. There is no real ultimate meaning in earning a lot of money and gaining a powerful position without the Lord. Someday we will all pass out of this life, and we will leave all our money and whatever else we have gained in life to someone else. It will be of no benefit if our loved ones bury our treasures in the casket with us. It is a wonderful thing that the Lord has created every one of us for a purpose. Until we realize that, there is no peace, no joy and no ultimate significance to our lives.

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 (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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An Imperishable Body

With the resurrection of the dead . . . the body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable. . . . — 1 Corinthians 15:42

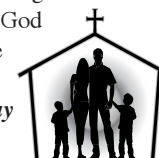
A curious by-product of all the precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic was that colds and flu didn’t spread as much as in earlier years. With more people staying home, those common diseases couldn’t spread so widely. Even so, many, many people got sick with COVID-19, and many of us know someone who died from it.

Ultimately the final answer to our physical struggles—such as pain, sickness, brokenness, death, body-image issues, and more—will be realized in the resurrection. Our present bodies are perishable, imperfect, weak, and limited—but because of Jesus, all who believe in him will one day be raised to a new capacity as imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual.

In the book of Revelation we read that when Jesus comes again, there will be no more death or mourning or pain or tears, and the tree of life will grow by the river of the water of life (Revelation 21-22). Amazing!

All of these things will be good for us, and we will enjoy life to the full—but really the main point in all this is to give greater glory to God. The resurrection of Jesus, which brings the promise of our own resurrection, shows us what God is doing to make all things new again so that all things, our bodies included, can more wonderfully declare the glory of God!

Dear Jesus, fill our hearts with the hope of living life fully with you in eternity, so that in all things we may reflect and give glory to God! Thank you. Amen.



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Liz's Niche

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To help us gain some insight into what she does, I asked Liz to explain a typical day on the job. "A typical day includes answering the phone or helping customers that come in, entering water and sewer payments, getting the mail and distributing it where it needs to go, accounts receivable and payable, preparing agendas for upcoming meetings and after the meetings typing up the minutes, and helping out with finding answers to whatever questions come my way."

There are also longer-term tasks. She mentioned, "Throughout the year we work out an annual budget, preparing for a new park or new projects that the council would like to start, elections, building permits, payrolls, and so much more."

Setting goals and putting projects into mo-

tion are important aspects of city governing. Liz has been an integral part of many projects throughout the years. For example, she referenced, "The city got water meters, moved City Hall to a better location with more room for meetings, tore down the old pavilion and built a better, safer one, and renovated Memorial Park by taking down the old equipment and putting in new equipment, with the help of many volunteers and donors." And most recently, she witnessed the completion of many years of planning and collaboration to see the new Highway 14 completed.

As with all city projects, there's a revolving door of ideas and tasks that need to be completed for the vision and mission of the city to move forward. I asked Liz about current projects. There is a focus on parks, painting the water tower, and new housing. She explained, "New houses have been built in the free lots and there was approval of a developer's agreement for the rest of the lots." She continued, "The council is discussing

having a walking trail around a pond south of the railroad tracks, and on getting a new ball diamond on 3rd Street and new playground equipment will go in Henning Park" Liz reflected, "Improvements such as these really make my job enjoyable. I love seeing improvements to the town with more options for the residents."

With her wealth of knowledge and experience in this community, I was curious what Liz hoped to see improved during the coming years. She responded, "One thing I would like to improve would be for more people to get involved in their town. Such as, there is a council vacancy right now and I am looking for election judges."

She also stressed the idea of open, productive communication referencing, "I will hear some people say they don't like how certain

things are but some won't talk to their council about it with workable suggestions on how to make things better. Not all suggestions are practical but it opens the door for discussion to try to make things better."

On her wish list for the future of Claremont was the following. "I would like to see a gas station in city limits, more affordable housing, a new fire hall, and finishing and having 3 parks for everyone to enjoy."

Evan Brown, Claremont's City Administrator, had this to say about Liz. "Liz has provided the city with many years of dedicated service and we would be completely lost without her." Thank you, Liz, for finding your niche in our community and committing yourself to a job well done. Congratulations on your service milestone of 25 years!

Wind Farm Near Claremont Meets Resistance

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"That was concerning, the taking and killing of bald eagles," he said.

NextEra says the company has been working closely with the Department of Natural Resources on the project.

"We continue that coordination with The Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to have good conversations about the best way to maximize without unintentionally having any other impacts," Dodge County Wind project director Mark Lennox said.

The company is offering approximately \$83,000,000 in payments to landowners, but for Tempel, no amount is enough.

"To us, it's not about the money. It's about keeping this piece of property that we have," Tempel said.

The wind project's application is under review with the state. The company hopes to have a decision hearing at the Public Utility Commission by early next year, and to begin construction by this time next year.

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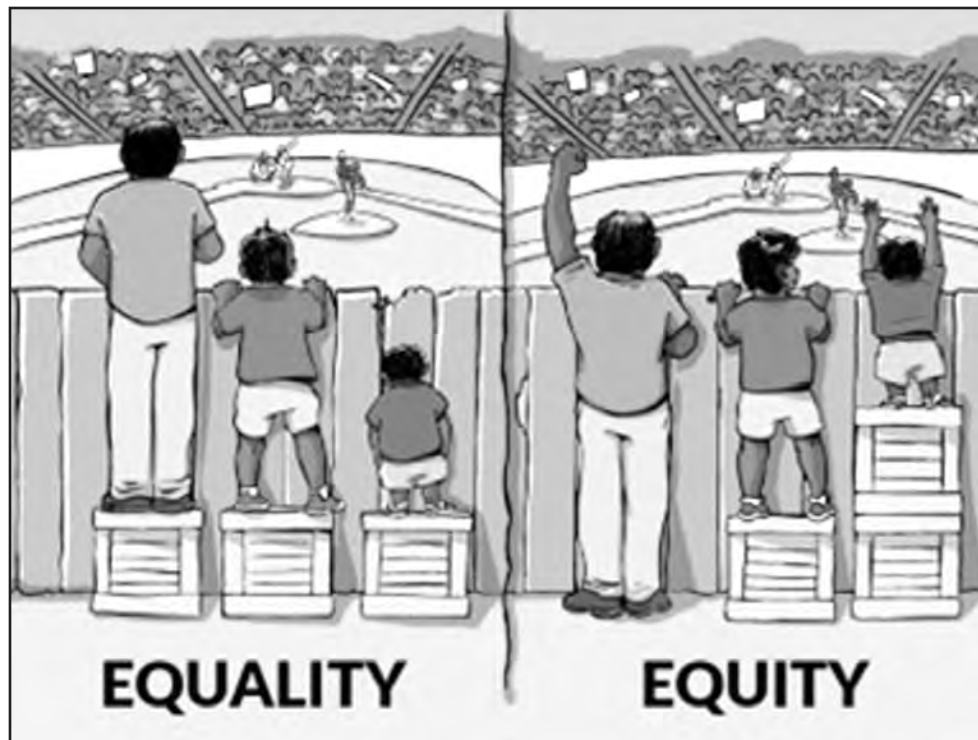


Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

our doors are also unique, and all have different needs. Schools need to be aware of those needs because without addressing them it will create barriers to learning. The role of the school is to create opportunities of learning for ALL students. To do that, we need to make sure that we are being equitable which helps to provide learning opportunities for all our students.

A quick example of an individual need that students have would be vision and hearing. We try to identify students that have difficulty hearing or with vision impairment in the elementary every year with vision and hearing screening. Why do we do that? Because if a student has an unidentified hearing or vision impairment, it will make it more difficult for them to learn. To make things equitable, they may need glasses or hearing aids, or they might just need to sit closer to the front of the room. This is an example of being equitable. If we just treated everyone the same, or equally, we would not address this need and leave the student to struggle with a hearing or vision impairment. Helping students with vision and hearing are simple examples of being equitable, and I don't think anyone would disagree with allowing students to use glasses if it would help them learn. How about a student that has difficulty writing, reading, or processing the letters they see? There are a variety of different needs that students have, and some are easy to understand, and some are only able to be diagnosed with specialized testing. The needs that students have can be unique. The chal-

The word Equity is an important consideration when it comes to learning and education. Lately, it seems that this word in some circles has been given a bad connotation. I realize that the political climate today is charged with a variety of extremes, but I wanted to share why the word equity is important as it relates to education and why I think it is important for the schools to continue to focus on being equitable. When I hear someone say we should just treat all students the same, I shudder at the thought. The first thing that comes to my mind is this picture on the right. The picture does a great job of showing the difference between treating everyone the same (equality) and treating them equitably (equity). Each student in the picture has a different need when it comes to being able to see over the fence. The students that walk through



lenge we have as a school is to find accommodations and/or make modifications to help the student learn by providing supports that make the opportunity to learn equitable. Learning is not a competition; we want everyone to be successful! It would seem logical that those needs should be supported to help students learn. Being equitable in a school means that we are doing what we can to help students be successful in their learning. 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 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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KAI ZILL

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kai Zill is a senior at Triton this year. Her parents are David and Deborah and she has one sister, Olivia. She is active in theatre and G.S.A. Club as well as softball and dance. Her hobbies are making jewelry, cosplay and playing with her dogs. She enjoys alternative music and the live action Beauty and the Beast. Her favorite actress is Bex Taylor-Klaus. After graduation she plans to attend Arizona State University to study elementary education.

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**American Legion
Girls Softball
Program to
launch Triton
Community Team**

This One's For the Girls, is the motto for the American Legion fast pitch softball league this summer. Ninety-six years ago the first boys league tournament was played in Mankato and this year they are going to have a girl's tournament in Mankato at the end of July. All female athletes are eligible from seventh grade up to 19 years old. Registra-



tion starts this week and practice will begin at the Triton ballfield after Memorial Day. Caitlyn Sowieja, 2019 Triton graduate, will be the coach.

The American Legion has been committed to supporting youth sports since naming youth oriented programs as one of their four founding pillars in 1919. They expect girl's fast pitch softball participation to triple in the next year. Information is available through the Triton Community Education department or you can contact Luann McMahan at 507-440-7690.

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Registration for City-Wide Garage Sales closes at 12 PM

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- Watch our Facebook page for a complete listing

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

• City-Wide Garage Sales Begin

- 10 AM North Park Grand Re-Opening with the DC Foundation
- 11 AM-12 PM Dodge Center Library Yard Game Showcase at North Park
- 11 AM-12 PM Cannonball Contest at the Natalie Webb Family Aquatic Center
- 12 PM-7 PM Free Swim Day at the Aquatic Center
- 6:30-8:30 PM Beanbag Tournament hosted by Triton Community Education
- 4-7 PM Dodge Center Fire Department Cook Out

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

- 6:30-7 AM BBQ Cook Off Check In
- Venom Softball Tournament
- Soccer Tournament
- 9 AM-12 PM Chalk Art Contest with the Dodge Center Library at North Park
 - Judging begins at 12 PM
- 1-3 PM Ice Cream at North Park hosted by Faith In Action
- 5 PM BBQ Cook Off judging and awards
- 6:30-10 PM Music on Main hosted by the Annadine
- 8:30-10 PM Lego Movie at North Park
- 10 PM Fireworks Display sponsored by McNeilus Steel

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

- 7 AM-12 PM Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast at the Dodge Center Airport
 - Hosted by the EAA Chapter 100
- 10:30 AM Dodger Dash 5K Check In at North Park hosted by Triton Community Education
 - Race begins at 11 AM
- 10 AM-12:30 PM Drive In Car Show on Main Street
 - Kids Choice Judging begins at NOON

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Regan Adams

Song: "Toxic" by Britney Spears



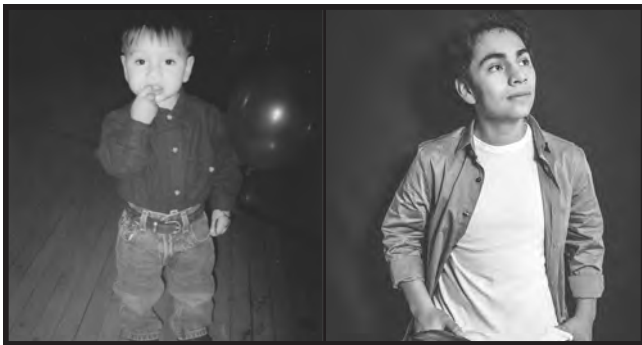
Alex Alvarado

Song: "Bang!" by Trippie Redd



Kristina Anderson

Song: "Get Off My Back" by Bryan Adams



Galen Anguiano

Song: "I Wonder" by Kanye West



Ashtyne Avery

Song: "Impossible" by Nothing But Thieves



Kiya Avery

Song: "Man I Feel Like A Woman!" by Shania Twain



Caitlyn Baier

Song: "Washington Lilacs" by Zach Bryan



Peyton Bills

Song: "Super Gremlin" by Kodak Black



Alexis Boeck

Song: "On My Way" by Phil Collins



Irelynn Bowman

Song: "Call Me Irresponsible" by Bobby Darin



Grant Brown

Song: "Life Ain't Always Beautiful" by Gary Allan



Mariana Castaneda

Song: "Whered All The Time Go" by Dr Dog

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Myles Christianson

Song: "Moon And The Star" by \$not

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Anthony Crofton

Song: "Infinite Amethyst" by Lena Raine



Cody Cunningham

Song: "I Hold On" by Dierks Bentley



Adriana Dean

Song: "Moon" by Kanye West



Sequoia Dominie

Song: "Whiskey Glasses" by Morgan Wallen



Emma Esplan

Song: "Kevin's Heart" by J Cole



Phoebe Ferrell

Song: "All The Things She Said" by t.A.T.u.



Sydney Flores

Song: "Don't Think Jesus" by Morgan Wallen



Corbin Giesler

Song: "Baby Shark" by Pinkfong



Hunter Gnagey

Song: "Rockstar" by Nickelback



Kevin Harty

Song: "Not Dead Yet" by Jakey



Shelbie Heinlein

Song: "I've Got A Feeling" by The Black Eyed Peas



Jessica Hogate

Song: "Skin & Bones" by Lund



Justin Ibarra

Song: "Disfruto Lo Malo" by Junior H

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Aspen Iverson

Song: "Knife Talk" by Drake



MacKenna Johnson

Song: "Life's Not Like The Movies" by Andi



Olivia July

Song: "Cruel World" by Lana Del Ray



Breanna Klejeski

Song: "Life's A Dance" by John Michael Montgomery



Connor Koball

Song: "2055" by Sleepy Hollow



August Kozisek

Song: "the Nights" by Avicii



Kavon Langr

Song: "Because I Got High" by Afroman



Braden Liudahl

Song: "Cowboys Don't Cry" by Oliver Tree



Jadyn Maes

Song: "Baby Shark" by Pinkfong



Dasmine Marquardt

Song: "Don't Blink" by Kenny Chesney



Abigale Martin

Song: "The Way I Am" by Eminem



Kimberly McCormick

Song: "She" Tyler The Creator" by Frank Ocean

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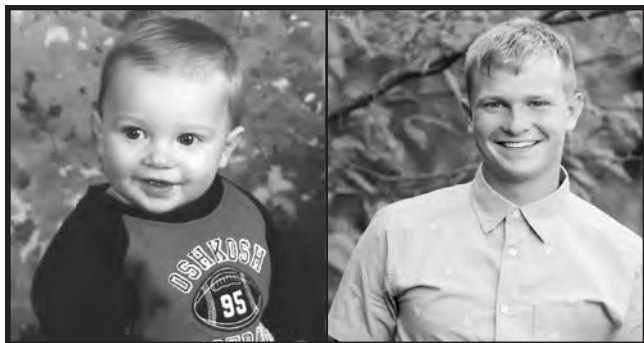
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Joel Mendoza

Song: "Lost Boy" by The Midnight

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Benett Monosmith

Song: "Gasolina" by Daddy Yankee



Braxton Munnikhuisen

Song: "Everything I Am" by Kanye West



Elliot Noble

Song: "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" by Cyndi Lauper



Scott Nolan

Song: "Drive By" by Train



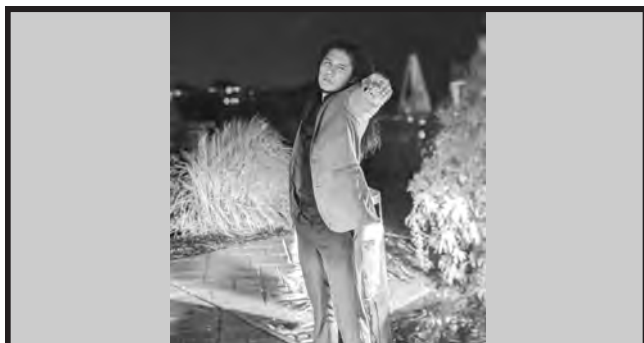
Emma Ogren

Song: "Me And Your Mama" by Childish Gambino



Carolina Olveda-Carrera

Song: "The Way I Are" by Timbaland



Haniel Ortiz

Song: "Jus' Know" by BlackMayo



Alan Perez Rodriguez

Song: "Lose Yourself" by Eminem



Owen Petersohn

Song: "Wants And Needs" by Drake, Lil Baby



Spencer Pflaum

Song: "Best Day Of Your Life" by American Authors



Aidan Plowman

Song: "American Idiot" by Green Day



Sydney Pluto

Song: "Holiday" by KSI.



Keara Ross

Song: "Boombastic" by Shaggy



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Song: "Yeah" by Usher



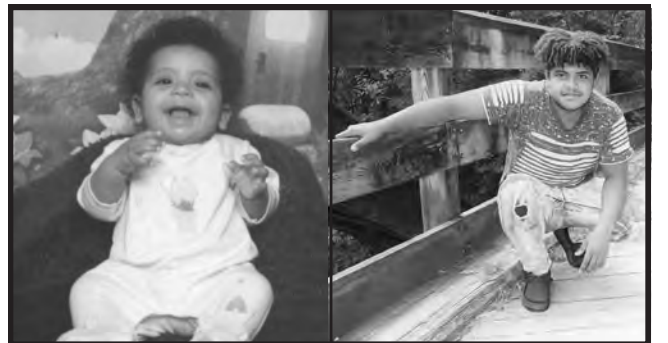
Isabella Selthun
Song: "Fight On Fighter" by For King & Country



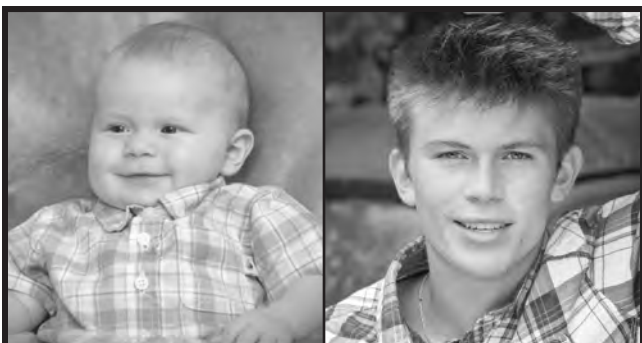
Natalie Shadow
Song: "Best Day Ever" by Mac Miller



Sereniti Shumaker
Song: "Suit And Jacket" by Judah & The Lion



Layton Snider-Johnson
Song: "Hmmm" by Hot Headz



Noah Thomas
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Weston Thomas
Song: "You're Gonna Miss This" by Trace Adkins



Makiya Vagt
Song: "Not Afraid" by Eminem



Kimberly Valdez Miranda
Song: "The Boys Are Back In Town" by Thin Lizzy Official



Grace Weber
Song: "Eventually" by tame Impala



Taron Winter
Song: "Black Betty" by Ram Jam



Domanic Zelinske
Song: "Left Me" by Kidd G



Kai Zill
Song: "Older" by Alec Benjamin

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May 21, 2022 9:30 AM CST Northfield, MN
LIVE ONSITE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR GARY FALKENBERG
John Deere 4955 MFWD, John Deere 730 Diesel, JD 630, IHC 560, John Deere 7000 Planter, JD 8200 Drill, Case IH 200 Field Cultivator, DMI 527 Ripper, (2) IHC Tandem Grain Trucks, Wagons, Farm Support Items

June 2, 2022 Bidding Begins: ..May 26, 2022 Starts Closing.....June 2, 2022 Kenyon, MN
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June 16, 2022 10:00 AM CST Boyd, WI
LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOHN & DAWN HERRICK
(11) John Deere Mfwd & 2wd Tractor, 2 Skid Loaders, Planter & Drill, Tillage Machinery, 2 Forage Harvesters, 3 Manure Spreaders, 2 Manure Tanks, Livestock Machinery, Pickups, Trailers, Clean Well Maintained Equipment

June 25, 2022 9:00 AM CST Owatonna, MN
LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOHN & JUDY KRIESEL
John Deere 7720 2WD & 7405 2WD Tractors, Case IH 4300 Field Cultivator, Case IH 950 Planter, (2) Brent G544 Wagons, Clean Chevy 70 Grain Truck, Spraying & Tillage Equipment, Other Farm Machinery, Farm Support Items

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JD 4400 - JD 270 skid loader - 11 collector tractors - JD 7700 Combine - Old D-8 Cat - Old A.C. grader - Trailers - Misc. Farm Equipment - Outdoor Items
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By Harvey Mackay

A giant ship's engine failed, and the vessel's owners consulted one expert after another, but none of them could fix the engine. They finally brought in an old man who had been fixing ship engines since he was very young. After looking things over, the old man reached into his bag of tools and pulled out a small hammer and gently tapped something. Instantly the engine started and was fixed.

A week later the owners received a bill from the old man for \$10,000 and couldn't believe it. In their eyes he hadn't done much, so they wrote him back and asked for an itemized bill.

His bill read: "Tapping with a hammer = \$2. Knowing where to tap = \$9,998."

We've all heard that "knowledge is power," but there's one caveat: It still must be used. I like to say knowledge without action is worthless. It's not what you know, or even who you know – it's how you use what you know.

Knowledge is more readily accessible today than at any time in our history thanks to the internet, 24/7 cable TV, online media and so on.

We start absorbing knowledge as infants and continue the process through years of school-

ing. Really smart people don't stop learning then, however. Being a student of life will provide practical knowledge that continues for a lifetime.

As Jim Rohn, a motivational genius, said, "Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune."

It's all about learning as much as you can to make yourself more marketable. Building knowledge has so many benefits, as seen in the following.

Knowledge creates opportunities, as any entrepreneur will tell you. They identify a need and seize it. They look for opportunities for learning and growth.

Knowledge helps you minimize risks and make better decisions. When you are informed, you make better choices, so do your homework and learn as much as you can. I always check with people I trust to give me guidance from all sides.

Knowledge helps you solve problems by using the information you have at hand or learning how to deal with issues. Knowledge allows you to handle adversity and persevere.

Knowledge improves relationships. When I meet with employees, customers, suppliers or anyone with whom I want to develop a relationship, I try to learn as much as I can about those persons and make note of the information for future use, which I compile in a tool I call the Mackay 66 Customer Profile. A copy is available on my website (harveymackay.com). You can only talk about business so much. Your people are not one-dimensional, so you must humanize your strategy. People don't care how much you know about them once they know how much you care about them.

I also pass along my knowledge to my valuable employees, customers and contacts. I tell them I'm available 24/7, and to call me if they ever have a need. I've built my business on this philosophy.

Knowledge can keep your business rele-



vant. Change is inevitable; you need to be aware of new technologies, advancements and improvements. What you don't know can hurt you. Just ask Blockbuster, Kodak, RadioShack, Toys R Us or Pier 1 Imports.

Knowledge can certainly improve your health and well-being. I am always studying ways to improve my health, whether through nutrition, exercise, sleep or whatever will allow me to live a better life.

Knowledge can also improve your finances. According to an article in "Forbes Magazine," 54 percent of Americans are having trouble with some aspect of their financial lives. There is so much information available in this area that there is no excuse not to learn.

Knowledge might be most important in the customer service area where companies must identify the needs and wants of their target audiences. Nothing is more important than

customer service. Don't wait for customers to tell you there's a problem. Go out and ask them if there's a problem.

Having and using knowledge will never go out of style.

At a 1962 dinner for the American Nobel Prize recipients, President John F. Kennedy celebrated the importance of knowledge. He said: "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered together at the White House – with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

Mackay's Moral: Knowledge is like a garden; if it is not cultivated, it cannot be harvested.

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Age Is Just a Number! Why You Should Adopt a Senior Pet

Puppies and kittens are adorable and make delightful additions to a family. Everybody wants to bring one home. However, if you're considering becoming a pet parent, few things compare to the love of senior pets!

On the fence? We have compelling reasons that may change your mind

Senior dogs spend almost four times longer in shelters or on adoption websites. Many never find homes. When you adopt a senior pet, you save them from almost certain death. All animals – no matter their age – deserve another chance at a happy, comfortable life.

Older pets become collateral damage when there's a drastic change in a family's situation – relocating abroad, a family member's death, or a new residence that doesn't allow pets. What does this mean for you? The chances are that your senior pet already knows basic commands and how to walk on a leash. They're familiar with litterboxes and come housebroken – perfect for first-time pet parents.

Older pets have seen and done it all, almost. Their puppy or kitten years are far behind them – meaning they already have well-rounded, developed personalities. It becomes easier to decide whether a pet will be a good fit for the family and vice-versa. What you see is what you get. Fair warning: senior dogs can experience delirious levels of puppy-like happiness when adopted!

Senior pets love being by their humans' side, but they don't feel the need to be there all the time. They keep themselves gainfully occupied or amused – without destroying stuff around the house. You'll often find them happily curled up to take a nap or playing contentedly with a favorite toy.

You absolutely can! Senior pets are quick, eager learners. They adjust easily to new lifestyles and rhythms. Families only need to communicate it through training. Contrary to popular perception, older dogs don't just lie down all day. Barring any medical conditions, they can hike, play, run, and jump like their younger selves.

They may be older but it doesn't mean they have any less affection and cuddles to give you. Give a mature four-legged friend a home and get love back in leaps and bounds!

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Connect with SMIF at Regional Events this June



Tim Penny
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At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), our tagline is "Collaborating for Regional Vitality." Whether we are working with partners in early childhood, economic development or community vitality, we do our best to complement what others are doing in those arenas so that collectively we can have more results than we would have separately. This spirit of collaboration will be brought to life at our regional Sprout events this June.

These free networking events, which will be hosted in New Ulm, Dundas and Winona, are an effort to connect directly to more people in our region, while celebrating the partnerships that have had an impact on the place we call home. Each event will allow people to connect with some of our partners about the important work they are doing in the region, and how partnering with SMIF has enhanced that work.

If you are someone who does not know much about SMIF, I encourage you to attend one of these Sprout events. It will especially be beneficial for entrepreneurs, Early Childhood professionals, community leaders and community volunteers to attend in order to learn more about the services and support we can provide.

If you are someone who already has a connection to SMIF, I encourage you to attend as well. You may have something to share with others that could ignite a spark for a community project. You may even learn something new about SMIF, or forge new relationships that could help you in your own endeavors.

Make sure to register for the Sprout event of your choice by June 1 by visiting smifoundation.org/sprout. We look forward to seeing old friends and developing new relationships this June.

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



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How Medicare Covers Alzheimer's Disease

Dear Savvy Senior,

What exactly does Medicare cover when it comes to Alzheimer's disease? My husband was recently diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's, and we would like to find out what's covered and what isn't. --Planning Ahead

Dear Planning, I'm very sorry to hear about your husband's diagnosis, but you'll be happy to know that most medical costs to treat beneficiaries with Alzheimer's disease are covered by Medicare. Unfortunately, long-term custodial care costs that most patients eventually need are not. Here's a breakdown of what Medicare does and doesn't cover when it comes to Alzheimer's disease, along with some tips that can help you plan ahead.

Medical care: For the most part, ongoing medical care to diagnose and treat Alzheimer's disease is covered by Medicare Part B, including visits to primary care doctors and specialists, lab tests, speech and occupational therapy, home health care and outpatient counseling services. Medicare pays 80 percent of these costs, and you will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent after you've met your annual \$233 Part B deductible.

Sixty days of inpatient hospital care is also covered under Medicare Part A after you pay a \$1,556 deductible. Beyond 60 days, a daily coinsurance fee is added.

Medications: Most Alzheimer's medications are covered under Medicare's Part D prescription drug plans, but coverage varies so check his plan's formulary. The only exception is Aduhelm, the controversial new drug that is estimated to cost \$28,200 per year. Medicare Part B will only cover this drug if your husband is enrolled in a clinical trial.

Long-term custodial care: It's important to understand that original Medicare does not cover long-term custodial care. This includes nursing home care, the costs of assisted living facilities and adult day care. Medicare does, however, pay for some shorter-term nursing home care, but only up to 100 days following a three-day inpatient hospital stay.

Hiring home help for bathing, toileting and dressing (this is known as custodial care) is not covered by Medicare either unless your husband is also receiving skilled-nursing care or physical or occupational therapy.

To help with these costs, you may want to look into getting a long-term care insurance policy or short-term care plan (see aaltci.org/stc) if possible, or if your income and assets are very limited, you may qualify for Medicaid. To investigate your financial options for long-term care, go to PayingForSeniorCare.com.

Hospice: In the final stages of the disease, Medicare Part A covers nearly all aspects of hospice care, including doctor services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies, physical and occupational therapy, homemaker services, counseling and respite care. To qualify, a doctor must certify that a patient has six months or less to live.

Other Insurance and Assistance

If your husband is enrolled in original Medicare and he doesn't have a supplemental insurance (Medigap) policy, you should consider getting him one. A Medigap plan will help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. To search for plans in your area, go to Medicare.gov/plan-compare and click on "Medigap policy only."

Or, if you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), his plan must provide him at least the same coverage as original Medicare does. Some advantage plans may also offer additional coverage for home care services.

If you can't afford your Medicare out-of-pocket costs or need help with medication expenses, there are Medicare Savings Programs and the Extra Help program that provide financial assistance for medications. To learn more, see Medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/get-help-paying-costs.

You can also get help through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShipHelp.org or call 877-839-2675), which provides free Medicare and long-term care counseling.

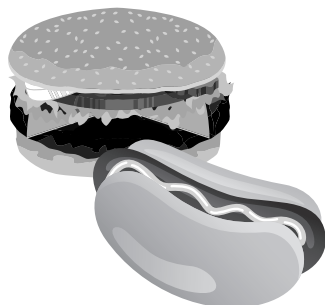
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Celebrating Small Business: Moving From Surviving to Thriving

(StatePoint) Small businesses are the heartbeat of communities. They pump life into neighborhoods, making them vibrant places to live, work and raise families, and are key to millions of local jobs. In fact, approximately 50% of all Americans are employed by a small business and 99% of American businesses are small businesses, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Every year, National Small Business Week celebrated during the first week of May, acknowledges the contributions that America's entrepreneurs make to the economy, culture and overall business community.

"Small business is big business," said Wells Fargo's head of Small Business Derek Ellington. "As a bank that proudly serves over 3 million small business customers, we are still supporting small businesses in their post-pandemic recovery, but we're also seeing many growing businesses bringing new ideas to life, and going from surviving to thriving. Now more than ever, it's an important time for small businesses because they are such a vital part of the economy."

National Small Business Week also marks an important time for entrepreneurs to further economic growth, strengthen their business, and deliver on the products and services the nation depends on every day. To help your business thrive, Wells Fargo offers the following four tips:

1. Be flexible. If there was one glaring lesson business owners learned from COVID-19, it was to be flexible. Businesses had to revamp their online offerings and create a digital, ecommerce presence. Most had to change relationships with supply chains and vendors or reduce hiring. When it comes to business planning for the next six, 12 or even 18 months, one thing is certain: flexibility will be key. Between staffing demands, supply chain delays and rising interest rates and inflation, write your plans in pencil. Most importantly, be nimble enough to pivot, using your experiences over the past two years as a guide.

2. Stay in the know. Stay informed of the latest developments that could impact your business. For example, what do rising rates and growing costs of supplies and services mean for you? A small business banker can help you understand your options based on your particular business and needs, and make any necessary adjustments. Keep in touch with your tax advisor, accountant, and local chambers of commerce to stay in the know.

3. Prepare for new competition. Now that life has regained a sense of normalcy, new business trends are emerging fast. To prepare for new competition, stay ahead of your competitors and drive new growth:

- Know your customers, and find and solve



their pain points

- Ensure you have competitive pricing
- Change your business model and services to stay ahead
- Provide exceptional customer service to existing and new customers
- Target new markets

4. Invest in growth strategically. To continue to grow, innovate and attract the best employees, demonstrate that you're willing to invest in the future. However, it's never cheap, and you might not be able to afford needed investments with your current rev-

enue. Before borrowing money or taking out a loan, consider opportunities like changing your payments or receivable collection process, or reducing expenses. Then look into the right lending opportunities when you are ready to accomplish big milestones like expanding, relocating, or adding new technologies with more capabilities. Strategic growth is all about investing in the right areas of your business at the right time to create an infrastructure in which you can flourish.

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PUBLIC INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the March 1, 2022 City Council Meeting, Minutes of the March 1, 2022 Closed City Council Meeting, Minutes of the March 1, 2022 Special City Council Meeting, Resolution No. 22-12: Resolution Authorizing Signature Authority for City Accounts, and Automatic Renewal of a Water Fund CD. Motion by Ellis to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the Minutes of the March 1, 2022 Closed City Council Meeting, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by McGovern to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 Closed City Council Meeting with 1 change to the minutes of 5 cans to 3 cans on the first page, second paragraph, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Administrator Brown drafted a maintenance position job posting and job description. Motion by Ellis to approve the posting and description, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Motion by Ellis to approve the amended list of bills to be paid, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Evan Brown applied to be on the Fire Department. He met with the Fire Chief and a couple members of the department, and they recommended approval. Motion by Klejeski to approve Brown to the Fire Department, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

The bell and wood décor in front of the fire department needs repair as the box is falling apart. The fire department will look back and see if it was donated to them, if so, it will get fixed.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing currently.

EDA

CEDA Specialist Robert Harris introduced himself as he is replacing Matt Durand. The council went over the Land Use Plan and made some minor revisions for Harris to fix and then they will review it next month for approval.

PARKS COMMITTEE

There has been discussion of having the maintenance department mow a path out to and around the storm water pond between the railroad tracks and new Highway 14 for a walking path. People could park alongside the wastewater treatment plant road. The park committee will get together and discuss a plan and bring to the council for approval.

The brick planter in front of the pavilion has black dirt in it so when it rains it is pushing the bricks out and falling apart. The park committee will discuss this too.

PEOPLESERVICE

Nothing at this time.

CITY ATTORNEY

The Developer's Agreement with Arden Homes will be signed tonight.

The surveyor has started the property sur-

vey behind the Fire Hall.

Attorney Rahrck has been in contact with the Harmer's and is just waiting for them to sign the documents.

CITY ENGINEER

Motion by Ellis to approve Resolution No. 22-14: Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Solicitation for Quotes, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

There are a couple small areas that need a little street repair now. They will be discussed when the bids come in and possibly be done when the contractors are in town.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A resident submitted a request to council to remove an old, dead tree that is in a city easement. Motion by McGovern to verify the location is city property and if so, get it cut down and the stump removed, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Terri Schuette submitted a proposal for planting flowers in the 12 pots to be placed in front of the main street businesses, the city park sign, the memorial in front of the pavilion, and under the electric sign. She will donate her time for gathering the materials, planting, and weekly maintenance. The city maintenance person, Mrs. Schuette and hopefully 1 or 2 more volunteers will water the flowers. The estimated cost is not to exceed \$650, and the Chamber will pay half, providing the city pays the other half. Mr. Schuette asked to change it to \$700 total with the city's half being \$350. Motion by McGovern to donate up to \$350 for the city flowers, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chamber President Mr. Schuette asked if they could move the former Claremont city sign that was south of old Highway 14 to north of new Highway 14 south of the railroad tracks. It was unsure if the placement would be on the west side of County Road 3 or the east side. There was also concern about strong winds and if they were going to add additional support. The council tabled the issue and Administrator Brown will verify the information about exactly where they would like it and the support.

Mayor Dahl and the council thanked City Clerk Sorg for 25 years of service to the City.

Motion by McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m., second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg, City Clerk/Treasurer
Tasha Dahl, Mayor



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May Winners

Company Casserole Submitted by Norma A. Frank

6 Oz. Cooked Wild Rice
1/2 C. tiny chopped onion
1/2 C. butter
1/4 C. flour
Small can of mushrooms with the juice of mushrooms and chicken broth to equal 1/2 cup of liquid
Parsley, salt and pepper
1 & 1/2 C. cream
3 C. chicken
1/4 C. Pimento

Brown onion in butter. Stir in flour. Add rest of ingredients. Top with sliced almonds. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 8 people.

Company French Toast Submitted by Beth Arendt

1/2 cup butter
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 tsp cinnamon
12 slices bread
6 eggs
1 1/2 cup milk

Melt together butter, sugar and cinnamon. Spread half the mixture evenly on the bottom of a 9X13 cake pan.

Put 6 whole slices of bread on the bottom of the pan. Repeat layers. Mix together eggs and milk. Cover the bread completely with the egg/milk mixture. Cover pan and refrigerate overnight.

Bake covered for 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

***Can add blueberries between the bread layers for an added treat.

Chicken Cashew Salad Submitted by Pam Thomas

3 cups cubed (cooked) chicken
1/2 cup onion
1/2 cup green pepper
1/2 cup celery
1/2 cup black olives
2 T pimento
1 1/2 cup salad dressing (Hellman's)
1 1/2 t soy sauce
3 or 4 hard boiled eggs
3/4 cup cashews
Green grapes as desired (cut in half)
3/4 cup chow mein noodle

Mix all ingredients together except cashews and chow mein noodles. Add before serving.

Spaghetti Salad Submitted by Cyndie Nosek

1 pound angel hair pasta, broken into small pieces
10 slices bacon, chopped and cooked crisp
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 medium onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 ounce can chopped black olives
2 Roma tomatoes, chopped
1 0.7 ounce envelope Italian dressing mix
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup white vinegar
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook angel hair until tender. Drain and in a large bowl mix in the rest of the ingredients and mix until all well coated. Chill well.



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The Gear Daddies To Headline the 2022 All Saints Music Festival May 20th

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A fundraiser for 5 area church parishes, this event is worth the drive!

Promoted as the First Part of The Summer, this years event will not disappoint. Opening Act will be Chris Kroeze, Runner Up on NBC's THE VOICE.

Growing up, there was a guitar in the corner of the family basement that no one was supposed to touch. When no one was looking, a young Chris Kroeze (pronounced Cruise-E) would sneak down and find it. On his 6th birthday, Chris got a guitar of his own and hasn't put it down since.

Sitting around the campfire on warm summer nights as a child, Chris fell in love with the guitar. His dad would put small stickers on the strings to show him how to play and he listened and learned under the stars in

Northwest Wisconsin. Before long, the instrument became the most important thing in his life.

Biking around his hometown of Barron, Wisconsin, he would listen to a tape of Chuck Berry on his Walkman over and over, stopping every three and a half minutes to rewind.

When he was in middle school, his dad told him every band needed a singer, and the only way to tell if that would be Chris was to give it a try. He was a natural.

The pull of small town life and the passion for music never left as Kroeze turned into one of the top country musicians in the Midwest. The power of small town community

showed as family and friends in Barron helped him get started on his journey to Nashville in 2014, holding a fundraiser that would lead to him recording his first single "Four Letter Words," which received strong radio play and kick started his career.

In 2015, he began a busy stretch of playing over 175 shows a year, and creating a large and loyal fan following. That popularity soared in 2018, when he appeared on NBC's hit TV show "The Voice," making it all the way to the finals in a runner-up finish. In the finale, Kroeze sang the original song "Human," which was TOP 10 on the Billboard HOT 100 and TOP 5 on the iTunes TOP 100. His vocal and guitar skills, combined with a small-town charm, led to Kroeze to become the most streamed artist in the show's history.

A popular live performer, Chris continued to perform at a frantic pace maintaining an average of over 175 shows a year through 2019, and the crowds have gotten bigger and bigger. He headlined a show at Aquafest for over 5,500 fans and has had a number of stops in which he has sold out multiple nights in a row, yet he still returns for pop-up shows at local bars he used to play at early in his career.

A small town boy who loves the outdoors through and through, Kroeze still lives in Barron, Wisconsin with his wife and can't imagine raising his two children anywhere else.

The Gear Daddies will headline this years event

Gear Daddies is an Americana/Rock band originally from Austin, Minnesota. Members Martin Zellar (electric and acoustic guitar, harmonica and vocals), Nick Ciola (bass), Randy Broughten (electric and pedal steel guitar) and James "Billy" Dankert (drums and vocals), played their first shows together in 1984. Between 1986 and 1992, the band released three popular albums and became an important part of the Twin Cities music scene.

Many of the fan's favorite songs ("Stupid Boy", "Color of Her Eyes", "She's Happy", "Drank So Much" and many others) are credited to the exceptionally passionate writing skills possessed by Zellar, however Dankert has also contributed some of the compositions, including "Time Heals", and "Blues Mary".

Their most notable mainstream success was when they played "Stupid Boy" on Late Night with David Letterman in 1991. Zellar had this to say of the experience: "I was so nervous, and it all happened so quickly. I couldn't tell you what the hell happened. I got done, and I was walking back and said to Randy (Broughten), 'Did I sing all the words? Did I do that?' When I watched it that night in the hotel room I had no recollection of having lived it."

Arguably, Zellar's "I Wanna Drive the Zamboni" is the band's best-known song, having been featured in the movies D2: The Mighty Ducks and Mystery, Alaska, as well as on the television program Malcolm in the Middle. It's also a staple at hockey games throughout North America and Europe.

Parking will be Free, and again, this is an 18+ event.

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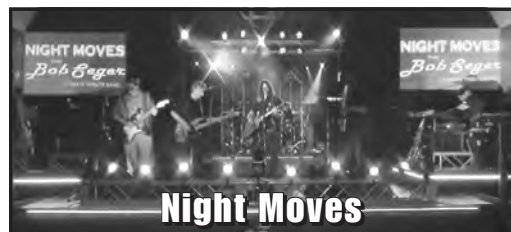
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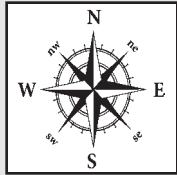
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Carp on the Bridge



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.

This column was written by my wife Ashley because she has crazy adventures in Tennessee as well.

I am about 1/4 mile away from the bridge, going about 80mph. It's dark. I have the music at full blast. The windows are open. My hair is a halo of competency flying around me. I am illuminated by the lights from the dash. Hard pounding rock thumps out the car as I speed down the road through the Bayou. Cannot wait to get home and take a shower after a day of dirty yardwork at the cabin. I see some type of reflective fabric on the bridge. Uh oh. Police? No. Not Police. Oh, Good. 'Cuz we're doin' 80. Yeah, I know. This is a 50 zone. I know. I am so tired and dehydrated and strung out from the recent days I think I may be hallucinating. I'm definitely talking to myself. I blink and shake my head. Nope. Still reflective and moving around. A mylar balloon caught in the road? Closing fast, whatever it is. Still doing 80. Oh, right. Bridge has only one lane. I remember. Right-o. Adjust to 50. Music is still driving at a mad pace. I switch on high beams. A single high wattage bulb responds right back at me. Oh #@%\$ it IS cops. No. Not cops, woulda already been lit up. Ok, no idea. Slow to 50. Low beams. The light goes away.

I turn the music down. I see a dog in the road. OK, I see now. That's no problem. Someone let their dog out for a potty break on a lonely stretch of road and the dog won't get back in the car. All good. Crazy dogs. Aren't they something? But the dog is running from one spot to another on the bridge. Barking. At the reflective fabric. I bet the owner is irritated. I laugh. Dumb dog.

He's a purebred bloodhound. All floppy ears, droopy eyes and long goofy legs. He is havin' a good ol' time. I watch him, still trying to determine what he's doing. I imagine his name is Beau. ROLF ROFL ROLF he howls at the fabric. I have slowed down to a crawl to allow the owners to catch their dog. But no one is trying to catch him. Then I realize the fabric on the road is actually my headlights reflecting off about 8 or 10 big fish. Ten 15 pound live fish are in the middle of this bridge, flopping around and this dog is going crazy. Complete stop. Eyes straight ahead.

FWAPP! The sound startles me. It's another fish. It's fallen from above the windshield of my vehicle onto the bridge. For all intents and purposes it is raining fish on this bridge. Beau or Rufus or whatever his name is howls mournfully and bows down playfully at the new arrival. I'm right there with ya, Beau. I feel like howling a bit, too, Buddy. The light comes back. It points at me and wiggles a little. I cannot see what is behind the light. I follow the light and I can see two young boys standing on the sidewalk of the bridge. Leaning over. Oh dear. Something is wrong. They motion me forward. A little impatiently. Considering everything. I inch up to the entry to the bridge.

"You good?" I ask in my best Southern drawl. You good? applies to everything from greeting people at Sunday school thru car troubles and apparently a fish storm.

"Yep." They eye my license plate skeptically. Out of the corner of my eye, I detect movement. I turn my head slightly to the left, still keeping Rufus and his finned friends in sight, a nod to the rearview mirror, because, let's face it, I am still in Tennessee. A bright white T-shirt straightens up from leaning over the bridge. He's maybe 13. In his left hand he has a compound crossbow. A weapon. Capable of travelling 100 yards at 430 feet per second. He is holding a weapon, just as sure as I am sitting there. That is a full-on weapon. He is not yet old enough to shave. He looks unconcerned. In his right hand he is holding a spear. On the end of the spear is a 20 pound piece of reflective muscle. The reflective muscle gives a half-hearted twitch in response.

"You can go ahead," says Opie. He waves the dog out of the way. The dog pants happily and sits obediently. "Oh. OK. Thanks. I didn't want to run over your fish" There's a sentence I have never said before. "Naw, it don't matter." He waves me through. I proceed cautiously across the bridge, at first swerving to avoid the fish. When there are too many, I drive over a couple. It makes a noise. It sounds about how you would expect it to sound.

I look in the rearview mirror. The newly caught reflective muscle flies through the air and lands with a thunk near Rufus who howls gleefully but does not run out onto the road until permitted. I drive home the rest of the way with the music off. I keep to the speed limit.

The following day I see our neighbor "Bobby!!! Bobby!! You would not believe what happened!!!" I'm breathless, because I ran to catch up to him. He looks at me knowingly. He knows I cuss and have a hot temper and he knows the climate down South. He waits. I tell him about the dog and the fish and the music and the lights and the crossbow and the reflective fabric and everything. He does not miss a step. His gait does not alter one inch. He tosses a reply over his shoulder without breaking stride, "Nah, they supposed to throw em' in the bushes, they not supposed to leave them on the bridge."

A Minnesotan: Spring



By RosaLin Alcoser

My family moved to Minnesota from the south right as the century was turning from the last into this current one. For us this meant the winter of 2000 was our first Minnesota winter and our first time experiencing how long it takes for spring to come around.

Before coming to Minnesota it started warming up for us more like in February or March, not in late April, or May... some years we all know that spring is really just a brief moment in June. So winter starting at Halloween and lasting until it finally gives up and leaves was a brand new concept to us that my mother still hasn't ad-

justed 22 years later.

My parents built the house that my sister and I grew up in, out near Mazeppa and it had this huge porch that started at the front of the house and wrapped all the way around to the back. Right off the side of the porch was a branch from one of the nearby trees that leaned over just far enough that it felt like you should be able to reach out and touch it off the side of the porch.

I can remember clearly throughout my childhood watching my mother go out onto the porch, when spring decided to grace us with her presents, to look at that branch when the new leaf buds would start to appear; and she would cheer on the leaves. Telling them things like "go leaves! You can do it" and "come on little leaves you can do it."

I am not entirely sure why she used to do this, but it is what I remember watching my mother do when I was a kid every year between April and June depending on the year. Whether it really was to get the leaves to grow faster or if it was just a fun thing for her to do is still unknown to me. What I do know is that when I was a child the first real signs of spring for me was hearing my mother cheer on the new leaves to help them grow.



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