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## Dodge Center Memorial Day Schedule

The Dodge Center American Legion Post 384 has scheduled Memorial Day services for Monday May 30th. They will begin at the Dodge Center cemetery at 9:30am with a program including the Triton high school band and special speaker Dale Wellik. Next stop is at the Dodge Center Veterans Memorial beside the Fire Hall at 10am. From there they will stop at the bridge over the Zumbro River outside of Wasioja, where they will fire over the river in honor of those servicemen who died at sea. At 10:15am they will be at the Wasioja cemetery for a short program and then on to the Wasioja Seminary site where the Dodge County Historical Society will present a program at 11am. They will fire over the seminary ruins and then head to the Ashland cemetery at noon where they will fore over the grave of one Civil War veteran. In case of inclement weather the service will be held at the Dodge Center Legion building.

## Announcements

• The United Methodist Church of Dodge Center at 20 First Street NE offers a meal carry out from 5:00-6:00pm the third Wednesday of each month.

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## Don't Dodge Those Dodger Days!

By Megan Ziegler

Mark your calendars for the first annual Dodger Days celebration next month! The city of Dodge Center is proud to host a community event Father's Day weekend, Friday, June 17 through Sunday, June 19th. Everyone is encouraged to participate and take this opportunity to reconnect with neighbors with a variety of activities showcasing food, fine arts, sports and more!

I asked Dodge Center's City Administrator, Bryce Lange, to share a bit about the history of Dodger Days. Although this is the first official Dodger Days, it's not the first ever community celebration. Bryce explained, "The last time that a community event was held over Father's Day weekend was 'Center Fest' in 2002, 20 years ago. The Dodge Center Park Board wanted to establish an-

other community event to bring people together, especially after the 2-year pandemic. We really learned the value of being able to be together with our neighbors."

The city worked closely with several community partners to plan the Dodger Days' activities line-up. Bryce explained the process stating, "The Park Board worked with local organizations, businesses, and partners to create the list of events." If you have an idea for next year, Bryce said, "The events are set, but if there is interest from someone to lead an event over Dodger Days, we would be willing to help advertise for their event or help them put it into action next year."

Here are a few highlights from the activities list. Thursday, June 16th is the registration deadline for the BBQ cookoff and the city-wide garage sale. Some of Friday, June

17th events include the North Park grand reopening ceremony, swim activities, and the Fire Department cook out. On Saturday, June 18th, a few of the highlights are the sports tournaments, chalk art at North Park, the BBQ Cook Off, the Lego movie at North Park that evening, music on Main hosted by local treasure the Annadine, and fireworks. Sunday, June 19th kicks off with breakfast at the airport, followed by a 5K run and a car show.

As far as funding, Bryce said, "Dodger Days has been mostly funded by private donations or contributions with donations from McNeilus Steel and Hometown Haulers, but the city has also contributed funding towards the event as well such as the outdoor movie, liability insurance, and the use of city facilities."

As with any large event, volunteers play a crucial role. *(continued on page 5)*

## 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. Registration 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.



## 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.

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.

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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.



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## Area Church Directory 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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Christian Education 9:15a.m.  
Contemporary Worship 10a.m.

### Grace Lutheran Church

404 Central Avenue N, Dodge Center  
Rev. Elliot Malm • 507-633-2253  
Worship 9a.m.; Sunday School 10:30a.m.

### Praise Fellowship Church

602 Central Avenue S, Dodge Center  
Roger Langworthy • 507-374-6400  
Kid: Church 9:15a.m.; Sunday Worship 9:30a.m.

### Dodge Center Methodist Church

201 1st St. SE, Dodge Center  
Rev. Chad Christensen • 507-374-6885  
Worship 8a.m.

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## Harold "Bozo" Wilke

Harold "Bozo" Wilke, 95, of Kasson, MN passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Benedictine Living Center in Owatonna, MN, where he has resided for the last 6 weeks.

Harold was born on August 4, 1926, in Wasioja, MN to Hugo and Margaret (Holtorf) Wilke. He married Marilyn Ann Stevenson on October 11, 1947. He was a lifelong resident of Dodge County except for his time serving in the US Army in Germany from 1945-1946.

Harold and Marilyn started their married life in Wasioja, where they had 3 children: Janet, Frederick, and Arnold. In 1954, they moved to Kasson where Harold eventually purchased the local welding shop. He ran Harold's Welding Shop from 1956 until the sale of his business in the mid 80's. He worked for a time at McNeilus Steel before starting work at the Durst Dairy operation in Mantorville, MN. He worked there until September 2019, when he truly retired.

Harold was an active member in his com-

munity. He was a Kasson volunteer firefighter for 38 years and he was a Dodge County Commissioner for 2 terms. His pride and joy was being a life-time member of the Kasson American Legion and the Mantorville VFW. He served several capacities in both organizations, still being the VFW Commander at his passing. This will be the first year in many, many years that he is not selling poppies.

In his younger years he was a bowler, and the pins fell down in fear before the ball got to them! He enjoyed watching his son and grandchildren in their sporting events. He also enjoyed the occasional fishing trip, especially with his son and grandsons. In his mid to later years, he enjoyed some travels after never taking time off from his welding duties. He felt especially honored to be one of the veterans to go on an "Honor Flight" to Washington DC. He also enjoyed a couple of trips to Vegas and a cruise, where he could do a bit of casino games, but not too much. His last trip was to Mount Rushmore where he was able to honor our Presidents.

Harold is survived by his wife of 74 ½ years, Marilyn, residing at Benedictine Living Center in Owatonna, MN; children, Janet (Mark) Erickson of Owatonna, MN and Arnold (Mary) Wilke of Kasson, MN; 7 grandchildren, Karen (Curt) Hoffman of Brainerd, MN, Brenda (Eric) Raney of Edina, MN, Aaron (Nicky) Wilke of Kasson, MN, Bo (Nikki) Wilke of Sauk Rapids, MN, Michael (Whitney) Erickson of Minot, ND, Andrea (Matt) Rau of Forest Lake, MN, and Cassandra (Jesse) Busch of Bloomington, MN; 29 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-

great-grandchildren; sister, Ruthie Kelman of Richfield, MN; sister-in-law, Margaret (Don) Christianson of Bella Vista, AR; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Leonard Wilke of Dell Rapids, SD, and his twin, Harry Wilke of Wasioja, MN; infant son, Frederick Wilke; and infant great-granddaughter, Morgan Wilke.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN. Pastor Pete Wyttenbach officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Military Honors were provided by the Kasson American Legion Post 333.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorials to Dodge County SEMCAC Food Shelf, PO Box 36 Kasson, MN 55944.

## Beverly Ann Oakland

Beverly Ann Oakland, 55, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022, at her home.

Beverly was born on March 22, 1967, in Apple Valley, MN to Dale and Alice (Wangsnes) Cady. She graduated from West Concord High School in 1985. She then went on to receive her nursing degree and worked at

Fairview Care Center in Dodge Center, MN and later at Samaritan Bethany in Rochester, MN. She worked there until she became disabled in 2009. She married Lonnie Oakland on September 21, 1996, in Dodge Center, MN. Together they had three children.

Beverly enjoyed latch hooking, gardening, and flowers. She loved any time she was able to spend with her family. She will be deeply missed.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Lonnie Oakland of Dodge Center, MN; daughters, Amanda Oakland of Hayfield, MN and Katelyn Oakland of Bismark, ND; sister, Barbara Clark of Kasson, MN; and brother, Charles Clark of Mantorville, MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Matthew.

A funeral service was at 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2nd St NW Dodge Center, MN. Reverend Nate Luong officiated. Visitation was 6:00-8:00 pm Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South St SW Dodge Center, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in Riverside cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit [www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com), Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW P.O. Box 502, Dodge Center, MN 55927 (507) 374-2155. Blessed be her memory.



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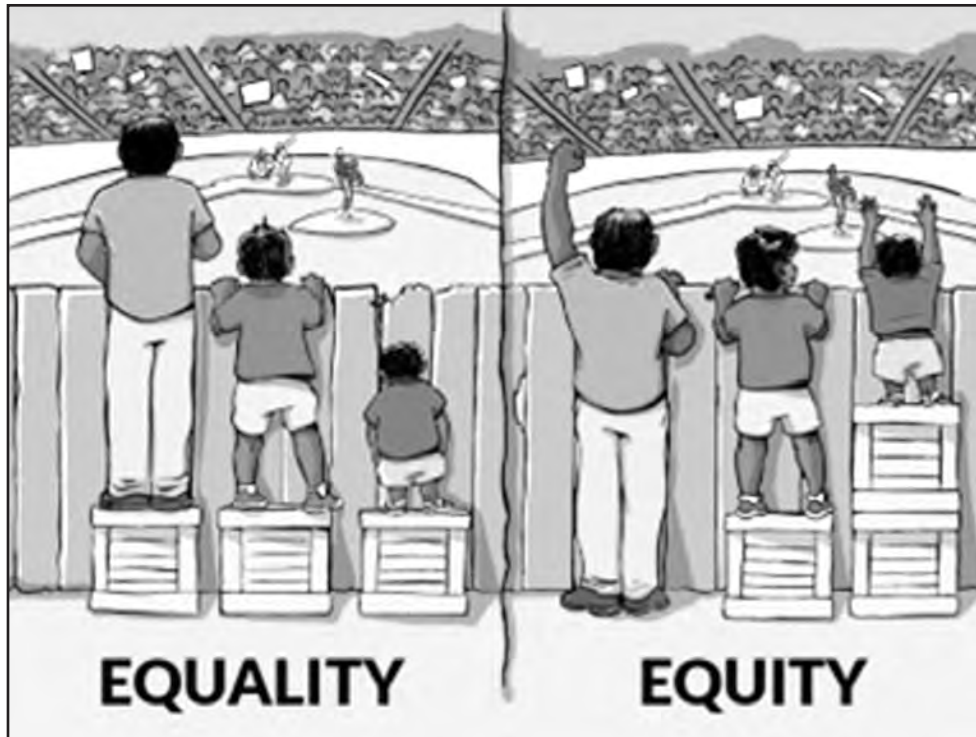


**Craig Schlichting**  
Superintendent

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 challenge we have as a school is to find accom-

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



modations 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 dis-

trict. 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 2022

### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



**KAI ZILL**

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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**Don't Dodge Those Dodger Days!**

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Bryce gave a shout out to all the people, business and organizations that have made this event possible stating, "We appreciate everyone who has either volunteered to help run events or donate funding or items in order to do so. McNeilus Steel has donated the cost of the fireworks on Saturday evening, Hometown Haulers has donated the use of trash bins, and Triton Community Education has helped out a great deal with leading the 5K fun run and beanbag tournament."

In an effort to keep the activities available to all, event planners strove to keep costs down. Bryce explained, "Many of the events are completely free to participate and that has been a priority of the city in order to remove any barriers that might exist for families to partake. However, there are a few events that do have charges in order to participate such as the BBQ contest, the fun run, and the beanbag tournament. In order to participate in those events, people need to register and pay in advance. Otherwise, those events will be fun for people to spectate as well."

Overall safety and wellness have been important considerations for event planners. Bryce mentioned, "We will be working with Dodge County Sheriff's office, the Dodge Center Ambulance, and Dodge Center Fire Department to ensure that emergency services are available if needed. Hometown Haulers graciously donated the use of nine trash bins over the weekend to be used, so that trash can be thrown away. The city has a great maintenance department and facility at North Park with bathrooms."

In the case of inclement weather, Bryce encouraged folks to stay connected to the latest updates on Facebook. "We will play bad weather by ear. Some events may still be able to occur while others may need to be cancelled or rescheduled. People will need to monitor Facebook for the most recent information on events."

I ended our questions by asking Bryce what his hopes are for the future of the event. He concluded, "The goals of the event are to make a sustainable community celebration year after year over Father's Day weekend. We would like to see it grow and offer even more events in the future. Ultimately, we would like to have a weekend where we can all come together as a community."

Check out the flier accompanying this article for a full list of events! And remember, don't dodge the first annual Dodger Days! We'll see you there!

THE CITY OF DODGE CENTER PRESENTS:

**DODGER DAYS**

FRIDAY, JUNE 17-SUNDAY, JUNE 19

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

Registration for BBQ Cook Off closes at 12 PM

- Contact David Myrom at [comdevsp@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us](mailto:comdevsp@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us) for more information.

Registration for City-Wide Garage Sales closes at 12 PM

- Contact David Myrom at [comdevsp@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us](mailto:comdevsp@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us) to sign up
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**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

# TRITON CLASS OF 2022



**Regan Adams**

Song: "Toxic" by Britney Spears



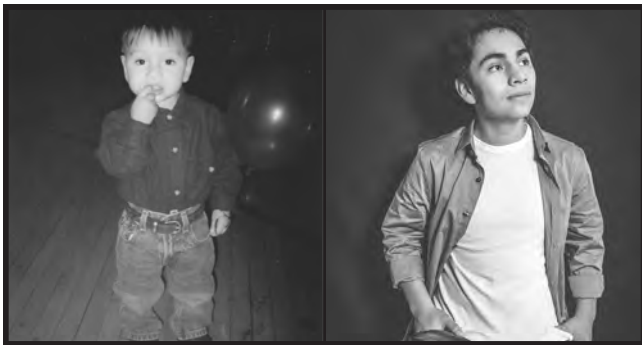
**Alex Alvarado**

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



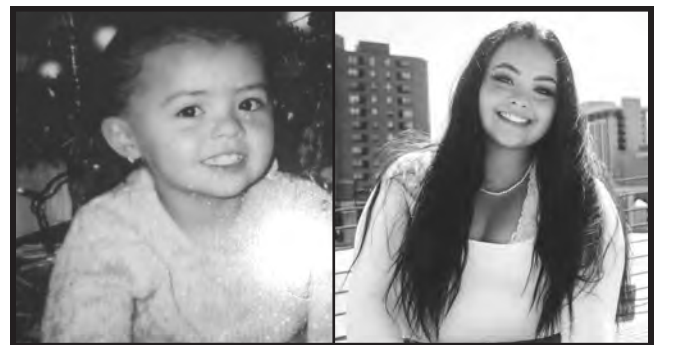
**Irelynn Bowman**

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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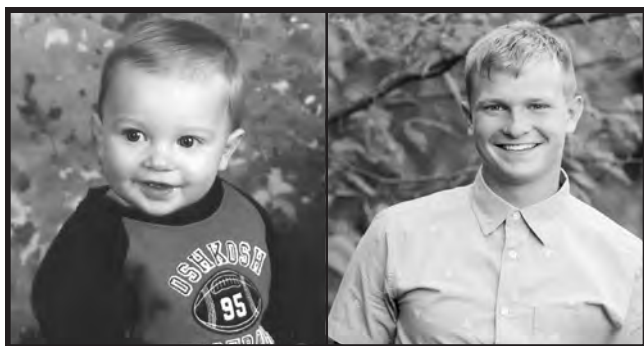


**Joel Mendoza**

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



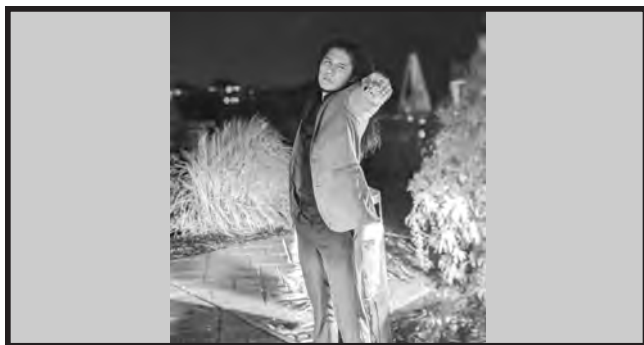
**Emma Ogren**

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**

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Song: "Welcome To Brixton" by SR

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**Sydnee Sawyer**  
Song: "Love Shake" by B-52's



**Laura Schmidt**  
Song: "Yeah" by Usher



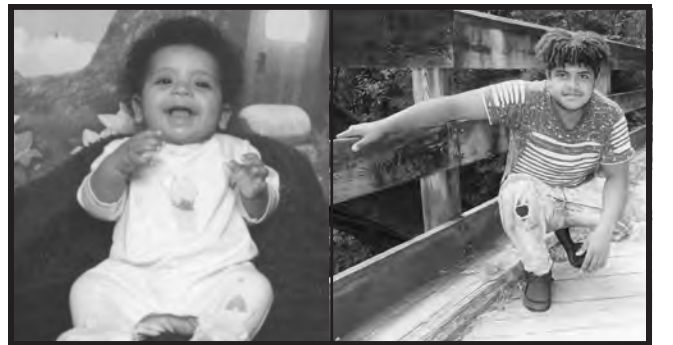
**Isabella Selthun**  
Song: "Fight On Fighter" by For King & Country



**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**  
Song: "The Way Life Goes" by Lil Uzi Vert



**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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LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR JOHN & DAWN HERRICK  
(11) John Deere Mfwd & 2wd Tractor, 2 Skid Loaders, Planter & Drill, Tillage Machinery, 2 Forage Harvestors, 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 Gt544 Wagons, Clean Chevy 70 Grain Truck, Spraying & Tillage Equipment, Other Farm Machinery, Farm Support Items

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**DIRECTIONS:** From Hayfield: 5-1/2 miles east on Hwy 30 to Oslo, then south on 250th Ave for 1-3/4 miles.

**TRACTORS, SKID LOADERS, TRAILER:** 1953 IH 966 tractor, 9,951 hrs, 3-pt, dual hyd, w/GB heavy duty loader & 8' material bucket - Zebra 2522 diesel utility tractor, 267 hrs, 3-pt, exc rubber - Farmall H w/ fenders - Gehl 4500 skid steer w/bucket, gas - Gehl 3510 skid steer, needs radiator & new motor - 16' car hauler trailer

**FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT:** Vermeer 605F round baler - 3-pt heavy duty post hole digger - New Holland 56 rake - Southeast pallet-type round bale mover - Homemade pallet-type bale mover - 2-section drag - 3-pt blade - Loftness 3-pt. snow blower - Wire cattle panels - 3-pt digger - John Deere 40 manure spreader - New Holland 489 haybine - Tube gates of varied lengths - Tombstone round bale feeder - Older round bale feeder - 350 Chevy motor - 3-pt spear round bale fork - 220' silo cord - Steel posts - Fimco sprayer on trailer - 90' cement H-feed bunk (buyer to remove)

**TOOLS & SHOP ITEMS:** King Craft generator - Alkota 3102A elec pressure washer, 1,000 lb PSI - Bosch 3/8 hammer drill - IH 3/4" socket set - Lincoln 225 amp welder - Fifth-wheel camper hitch - 30' extension ladder - Forks - Shovels - Assorted shop supplies & tools

**LAWN & GARDEN:** Senator garden tiller w/Briggs & Stratton engine - Patio set w/glass-top table & 4 chairs - 4 grill LP gas tanks - Lawn roller - Remington pole saw - Poulan chain saw 35 cc 16" bar - Sprayer motor, hose & reel

**OTHER:** Round pen with 14 panels & 1 gate - Approx 50 round bales of grass hay (1,000# bales)

**ANTIQUES:** Quick Meal wood kitchen stove - Vintage wood toolbox, 100 years old - 3-drawer dresser - Mantle clock - Vintage Singer treadle sewing machine w/cabinet - Spool back rocker - 2 antique brass fire extinguishers - Steel wagon wheel - Metal implement seats - Foot locker

**HOUSEHOLD:** Dining Set w/table & 5 chairs - Leather recliner - Swivel rocker - 3-drawer dresser - Sewing machine cabinet - Wrought iron twin bed w/new mattress - Twin bed w/high back headboard - Commode w/towel rack - Dresser w/wishbone mirror - Teeter hang up tip table - Frigidaire chest freezer - Knee scooter - Assorted household items

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10:00 AM

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

(continued from page 1)

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 cred-

ited 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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## 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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### 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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## How Medicare Covers Alzheimer's Disease

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://Medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/get-help-paying-costs).

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



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## DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, April 11, 2022

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Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Matt Maas, Bryce Lange, Mark Barwald, Angie Jarrett, Dave Kenworthy, Rod French, others.

The City Council approved the following items:

- Minutes and accounts payable as presented;
- \$7,377.44 for purchase indoor refrigerator sampler for the Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- \$10,860 for purchase of a boom lift attachment for a maintenance pickup;
- Waiving a Conditional Use Permit and water charges for Grace Lutheran Church to have an ice rink winter 2022-2023, provided they give the City a letter of understanding;

• Fireworks display at North Park Saturday, June 18, 2022, and to pay Ryan Wiczorek \$2,500 as down payment;

• Resolution 2022-014, A Resolution Denying Rezoning Request of Property Known as 710 3rd Avenue NW;

• Items to be sold using MinnBid;

• Resolution 2022-015, A Resolution to Elect the Standard Allowance Available Under the Revenue Loss Provision of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Established Under the American Rescue Plan Act;

• Increase the City Administrator from a Step 2 to a Step 4.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

## SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, April 25, 2022

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Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Bryce Lange, Mark Barwald, Daren Meier, Craig Britton, Tim Woessner, others.

The City Council approved the following items:

• Authorize City Attorneys to begin negotiations for 2020 Street Project Liquidated Damages;

• Accept staff's recommendations for the 2022 County Road 7 Street Project;

• Resolution 2022-022, A Resolution Ordering a Report on Improvement.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

## SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, April 25, 2022

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the April 25, Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at [www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us](http://www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us).

Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Bryce Lange, Tina Kozisek, Mark Barwald, Angie Jarrett, AJ Gengler, others.

The City Council approved the following items:

• Minutes and accounts payable as presented;

• Have staff put together a trial proposal for allowing chickens within City limits;

• Authorize staff to give approval for Music on Main without having to bring it to Council each time;

• Authorize the City Administrator to begin advertising for open positions as long as they are existing positions;

• Authorize the City Administrator and the Mayor to come up with an incentive plan for hiring ambulance staff, and look at something for existing staff;

• Applying for the Dodge County SHIP Grant and the City's contribution of \$486.12 to purchase a bicycle pump and bike rack for one of the parks in town, to be determined at a later date;

• Park Board recommendations of a \$25 entrance fee for the Dodger Days BBQ contest and using 75% of the proceeds as prize money;

• Food trucks during Dodger Days and waive the permit fees, as long as they have the required state licensing;

• Travel expenses of \$1,735 for AJ Gengler to attend the EMS World Expo in Florida in October 2022;

• \$2,500 donation to Triton Community Education for summer programming;

• Resolution 2022-008, A Resolution Designating a Newspaper for all Official Public Notices;

• Resolution 2022-016, A Resolution Adopting Dodge County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan;

• Resolution 2022-017, A Resolution Approving State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreements with the City of Dodge Center on Behalf of its City Attorney and Police Department;

• Resolution 2022-018, A Resolution Supporting the Dodge County Redistricting Proposal;

• Resolution 2022-019, A Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election to be Held May 24, 2022;

• Resolution 2022-020, A Resolution Establishing a General Fund Reserve Policy;

• Resolution 2022-021, A Resolution Accepting the City of Dodge Center's 2021 Audit;

• Covering the cost of grounding for the installation of water meters.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm

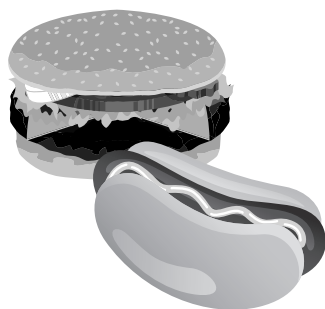
## West Concord Firemen's Relief Association BURGER BASKET NIGHT (with Hot Dogs for Kids)

Saturday, May 21st  
5:00-8:00 PM

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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!

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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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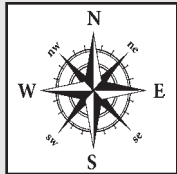
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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Carp on the Bridge



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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