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Announcements

• **The Rice Lake church is having two church services this summer.**
Sunday, June 26th & Sunday, July 10th
at 9:30am

Rice Lake Church
10389 585th St, Claremont, MN
Contact Carmen Von Ruden @ 507-363-9435 for more information.

• **Attention Claremont Residents: Community Pathways of Steele County Inc. is excited to announce that expanded Marketplace Delivery service is coming!**

Where: Claremont Memorial Park
(Front Street West)

When: Friday, June 24th, 2022

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

To complete the required pre-registration please contact Troy Bice, Marketplace Delivery Coordinator at (507) 455-2991 ext. 106 or email: Troy@communitypathwayssc.org

We look forward to our visit with you!

CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, May 3, 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.

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Hogfest Highlights: Part 1

By Megan Ziegler

Alright, ladies and gentlemen! Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends. It's that time of year again to celebrate Claremont's annual community celebration, HogFest. The event will be held August 5-7, 2022.

In this month's article, part 1 of 2 to be continued next month, we'll be highlighting two events, one new and one that's been done in the past. I spoke with Elise Ness who is helping to organize HogFest. She stated, "The main sponsor for both of these (events) is Alcorn." As always, the community is grateful for the sponsorship from Alcorn, and the chance to come together with neighbors to make new memories.

The first event the HogFest committee would like to make special mention of is a gaming trailer on Saturday. This is something new being offered this year. Elise explains, "The gaming trailer will run from 4pm to 6pm. You walk in on one side of the trailer and you can play an Xbox One, a PlayStation, a Nintendo Switch or an Oculus Quest 2 virtual reality headset. Then when you're done playing, you walk out of the other side of the trailer."

The second event to make note of is the antique tractor pull, held on Saturday, August 6 at the CHS lot, located at the west end of Front Street. The Southeast Area Tractor Pullers will be putting on this event. Last year in 2021, the tractor pull was rained out.

Thus, there's a fair amount of anticipation for participants and spectators alike in regards to this fabulous event.

Here are the schedule details for the tractor pull. There will be a driver's meeting prior to starting. The pull itself begins at 9:00am. They anticipate the event will be wrapping up by mid-afternoon, at approximately 3pm.

If you want to participate in the pull, make note of the following. There are four classes, from farm stock to open, up to 10mph. The weights range from 4,500lbs to 13,500lbs. The cost is \$20 per hook. The rules for the pull can be found on the Facebook page of the Southeast Area Tractors Pullers.

For those of you who want to volunteer for any events throughout the weekend, including the tractor pull, you can find a sign-up sheet at the Fire Department. The tractor pull will be in need of two tractors to assist, one as the blade tractor, and one as the pull back tractor. They will also be needing someone to hook up the sled to the tractors. At this point in time, someone from the club can do the announcing, but Roger Schultz, member of the Southeast Area Tractor Pullers, stated that help would be appreciated if there are enough volunteers.

As you finish up your gaming experience or need a bite to eat while watching the tractor pull, be sure to check out the seven food vendors on Front Street. They'll be available all weekend for event-goers to enjoy.

Additional information on HogFest can be found at the Claremont HogFest Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

(schedule of events on page 5)



Triton Choir Director Retires

Craig Anderson, Triton choir director for the last 39 years at Claremont and Triton celebrated his retirement with a party at the Annadine in Dodge Center on Tuesday evening, May 31st. The evening included a full house of Triton teachers with a meal catered by Omar's. Mr. Gray performed Blackbird (the Beatles) and also accompanied an elementary music teacher singing "Retiree" a spoof on the Beatles song "Let it Be". *(additional picture on page 4)*

Pictured to the left: Craig with his three accompanists that have assisted thru the years. Marcia Pitzenburger, Nancy Matti and Nadine Langworthy



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Pack Rats, Purgers & Procrastinators

By Pastor Dave Breederland
Faith Community Church

As an observer of human behavior, I drew a few conclusions recently from a church work-day. We were trying to do a little spring cleaning at the church building. Things accumulate from a variety of sources. Our church is not unlike others where, when folks deem something unnecessary at home, then “perhaps the church could use it.” And so, it arrives and accumulates.

My observations were that we had at least three types of people working that day. Pack rats, they were not going to throw anything away - ever. Purgers. They couldn't wait to get their hands on things fast enough to throw them out. For them, clutter and Christianity do not mix. Their motto: clutter freeness is next to godliness. And then there were the procrastinators. Their philosophy was to not toss something out just quite yet, because as you well know, you might need it someday. Does any of this sound familiar?

Are there any spiritual applications to this? Jesus' beatitude teaching on “Blessed are the peacemakers” comes to mind (see Matthew 5:9). It has some relevance to the situation. You know this to be true if you have been involved with siblings or extended family members cleaning out a home of a loved one. A peacemaker is often needed to help with the tensions between a pack rat, a purger, and

a procrastinator.

However, for my purposes in this article, I want us to consider some spiritual applications of pack rats, purgers, and procrastinators.

Pack Rats have Jesus' permission to store things, although Jesus said to store up for yourselves treasures in heaven (see Matthew 6:19-20). Don't throw away Biblical truth. Hang on to the basics of Christianity. Pack away the Scriptures, the deity of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus, the atonement, the Trinity and more. While many suggest we don't need the Scripture any more in certain areas, pack away its truths. Also have plenty of the Fruit of the Spirit on hand too as it never expires.

Purgers also have a big job. God told his people in the Old Testament to “purge evil from among you” (see Deuteronomy 17:7,

12). There are some specific things that we're not to hold onto and we need to get rid of them. Some of those things the Bible tells us to purge include bitterness, rage, anger, brawling, slander, malice, deceit, hypocrisy and envy (see Ephesians 4:31; Colossians 3:8; James 1:21; 1 Peter 2:1). Our homes, communities and our country would all benefit from a good purging of these things as well as many others.

Finally, the procrastinators are challenged to take action today. Joshua challenged the Israelites to choose for themselves this day whom they will serve. He chose to serve the Lord (see Joshua 24:15). Bob Dylan musically reminds us that we're “gonna have to serve somebody.” The questions are who

and when? The author of Hebrews also challenges us that today, if we hear God's voice, do not harden your hearts (cf. Hebrews 3:15).

The Apostle Paul reminds us that now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). Decisions that will impact our eternal destiny must not be put off. We never know our own expiration date, only God knows.

Maybe it is time for you to do some spiritual spring cleaning. Which area(s) do you need to take action to improve? For the follower of Jesus, the Bible tells us that we have everything we need for a godly life (see 2 Peter 1:3). How will use the resources you've been given to change?

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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Area Church Directory

The Universal Church

There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. — Revelation 7:9

The Christian faith is deeply personal. At the same time, it is also deeply communal. When we say, with the Apostles' Creed, “I believe in . . . the holy catholic church,” we are declaring that the church, the body of Christ, includes all who belong to the people of God throughout history.

Let's be clear, though, that this statement does not single out or promote a particular church within the body of all who believe in Christ. The word “catholic” here means “universal,” indicating that the church of Christ includes all of God's people from all times in history. The breathtaking vision in Revelation captures the scope of Christ's church gathered “from every nation, tribe, people and language.” Can you imagine a more awe-inspiring sight?

And what unites this astonishing multitude of people from every time and place? Since the early centuries of the church, the teaching of statements like the Apostles' Creed has played a central role in uniting Christians around the true faith anchored in Scripture and inspired by the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May the truth and witness of the universal church comfort, encourage, and challenge you to love and serve the God whom countless believers have served through the ages.

Lord, we are humbled and grateful to belong to your church, and we look forward to praising and serving you forever. Amen.

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Pastor Doug Walters
Sunday Worship at 10:00a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church
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James Lonnie Herrick

James Lonnie Herrick, 72, of Claremont, MN passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family.

James was born on December 24, 1949, in Southbridge, MA to James and Lillian (Farr) Herrick. He grew up on a dairy farm in Massachusetts. He loved being on the farm. He became the youngest certified welder in Massachusetts at the age of 16. His family moved to Vermont where he continued to work on the dairy farm with his dad. After his dad passed away, he went back into his welding career.

James worked as a troubleshooting welder for Alcorn in Claremont, MN and he also

worked at Stussy Construction in Mantorville, MN. He was always a very hard worker. He also enjoyed woodworking and carpentry. When James wasn't working, he loved spending time with his family and friends, fishing, hunting, and singing. He has spent the last 27 years with his significant other, Phyllis Posey. James was a very stern but loving man and will be deeply missed.

James is survived by his life partner, Phyllis Posey of Claremont, MN; children, James Herrick Miller, Kimberly Bolby, Dustin Herrick, Rocky Posey, Jody (Darwin) Haiby, Mickie (Gary) Berg, and Jeremy (Jennifer) Posey; sister, Peggy Herrick (Max) Phillips; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; nephews, Billy Herrick, David Herrick, Travis Herrick, Wade Herrick, Dale Iott, and Shane Iott; and his loving dog, Brandy.

James was preceded in death by his parents;

sister, Barbara Johnson; brother, William D. Herrick; stepson, Dennis Posey; and step-grandsons, Cody Tozier and Matthew Blood.

A visitation was from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Monday, May 16, 2022, at Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW Dodge Center, MN.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplowskifuneralhomes.com.

Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW P.O. Box 502, Dodge Center, MN 55927 (507) 374-2155.

Blessed be his memory.

Larry Dale Louks

Larry Dale Louks, 77, of Claremont, died unexpectedly of natural causes Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at his home.

He was born June 7, 1944 in Owatonna, Minnesota the son of Wayne and Marcella (Stark) Louks. He grew up on a farm near Dodge Center where he began milking cows at age 10. He graduated from Dodge Center High School in 1962. After his schooling, he began his lifelong career as a dairy farmer. In addition, Larry worked part-time at the Triton School and full-time at the Owatonna Clinic for five years before retiring.

On July 22, 1972, he married Joette Stim-

son at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Owatonna. The couple made their home on a farm near Havana, then lived on a farm north of Claremont and settle on their farm south of Claremont in 1983.

Larry loved all animals, especially birds. Over the years, the farm was home to just about any animal common to the area. He enjoyed mowing the lawn, vegetable and flower gardening and playing cards, "500" and "Canasta".

He is survived by his wife, Joette Louks of Claremont; children, Renae (and Ricky) Techau of Ellendale, Lisa (and Jeff) Hellevik of Dodge Center, Damon (and Christina) Louks of Claremont and Brian (Kari Brekke Johnsen) Louks of Claremont; 9 grandchildren, Nathaniel Techau, Courtney Techau, Tanner (Hannah Higgins) Hellevik, Carter Hellevik, Hunter Louks, Mason Louks, Pierce Louks, Brody Johnsen and Adyson Johnsen; brother, Kevin Louks of Sebeka; his four furry friends, Missy, Kimber, Sadies and Patches and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Marcella Louks; an infant grandchild; a brother-in-law, Carlos Stimson and other relatives and friends.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna on Tuesday, May 31st from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and at the church one hour prior to the service. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. John Lutheran rural Claremont. The Reverend Alan Broadwell officiated. Interment was in St. John Lutheran Cemetery.



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The end of the school year is always a time of reflection for me. I reflect on the past school year and think about things that went well, and also think about areas that we need to improve. The past few years of school really feel like that have gone together due to the COVID pandemic and it feels like we are finally moving forward. Much of the data related to COVID last summer led me to believe that we were going to be able to enjoy a relatively normal school year. That all changed as we saw a spike in cases right before school started. It reminded us that the pandemic was not gone. I feel that our deci-

sion making team made good decisions and we kept our students safe. We continued to evaluate the cases throughout much of the year and really only had to miss one day of school due to the spike we saw in cases. I am thankful for all of the great work our staff has done to continue to find the best way to serve our students during the pandemic. The pandemic has provided a great deal of learning opportunities and experience I never expected to have and our staff really shined during this difficult time.

Our staff is led by an amazing administrative team of Luke Lutterman, Shane Van Beek and Kevin Krenz. These three individuals have done an amazing job for our district this past school year. Trying to make up for the lost learning time, as well as creating memorable experiences for our students. I am very happy with the leadership they have provided as well as their commitment to improving. They have taken on a number of issues, and found positive resolutions. Whether it was the task of improving the elementary after school pick-up or a post about something related to school on social media, they worked diligently to find a resolution to the issue at hand. They have also worked hard to find new staff to replace those that have left the profession or moved on. I feel fortunate to welcome a great new group of teaching staff at Triton and I am proud of the familial culture that we have de-

veloped at Triton Public Schools. I am looking forward to working to the school year ahead.

The graduating seniors provided such an amazing display of their talents during the senior boards this year. It is exciting to see so many successful and passionate individuals that are preparing to move on from high school to their next adventures. Overall, I am very happy with the positive things that are taking place at Triton. I realize that we will always have room for improvement, but I feel that we have done a great job of weathering the storm these past few years and still

managing to create a great learning environment for our students.

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!

#WeAreTriton

Triton Choir Director Retires



Craig singing "Friends"

THE CITY OF DODGE CENTER PRESENTS:

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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 for more information.
- Registration for City-Wide Garage Sales closes at 12 PM
 - Contact David Myrom at comdevsp@ci.dodgecenter.mn.us to sign up
 - 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 Dodge 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



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Keara Ross is a senior at Triton High School this year.

Her parents are Dennis and Amanda Ross and she has one younger sister, Katherine.

In school Keara is active in Link Crew, SADD, the spring musical, and is 2022 class secretary, MHS vice president and FCCLA co-president. She plays volleyball and is the varsity soft ball manager. She is also active in the Southern Minnesota Volleyball. Her hobbies are being outside, hiking and skiing.

She is also a big Ryan Reynolds fan. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in nursing at Rockford University in Illinois while playing volleyball.



KEARA ROSS

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Two Dodge County Dairy Princesses Return This Year

Two young ladies will share the duties this year representing the dairy industry in the county. Minnesota is the sixth largest state in dairy cattle numbers (460,000 head) and eighth largest in the US in milk production with 9.5 billion pounds of milk annually. There are fewer than 3,400 dairy farms operating in the state, but they account for the second largest livestock sector and produce \$3.8 billion annually, a quarter of the states livestock cash receipts. Dairy farms employ 9,500 people and the dairy processing industry employs an additional 5,500 workers. Minnesota is also sixth in the nation in cheese production, falling far behind Wisconsin, which

maintains the title.

Gabriela Espinoza grew up a dairy farm but moved into Kasson with her family. Her dad works on a dairy farm and she has some dairy cattle there as well. She grew up showing dairy cattle in 4-H and participated in dairy judging and dairy bowl teams through her FFA chapter. Gabi enjoyed interacting with so many different people in the community last year through the dairy princess program and looks forward to being involved again this year. Gabi is pursuing a career in nursing at the University of South Dakota.

Amanda Sauder is a sixth generation family member of Pine Shelter Farms, a family dairy farm near Pine Island. She began showing dairy calves at the county fair from a young age and has been involved in 4-H, FFA and other youth agricultural activities. Amanda will represent the dairy industry in Dodge County again this year and is enrolled at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where she is majoring in Agricultural Communications and Marketing and a minor in Animal Science.



2022 Dodge County Co-Dairy Princesses Gabriela Espinoza and Amanda Sauder

HOGFEST 2022

Friday August 5th

- 5:30 pm Beer Sales Begin
- 5-11:30pm Food Vendors
- 6:00pm Garden Tractor Pulls
- 6:00pm Medallion Hunt (announcement of first clue)
- 8-11:00pm Karaoke Contest

Saturday August 6th

- 9am-11:30pm Food Vendors
- 9-5pm Farmers Mkt/Craft
- 9am Antique Tractor Pulls
- 10am Beer Sales Begin
- 10am Coins in the Sand
- 10-1pm Rad Zoo
- 10-2pm Petting Zoo (Pony Rides, Cow Milking Demo)
- 10-4pm Silent Auction
- 11-1pm Face Painting
- 12pm Bean Bag Tournament Begins
- 1:30-3:30pm Yammy Bear
- 2-4pm Rookie the Clown
- 3:00pm Mudbogs
- 4-6pm Sweet Corn & Pork Feed
- 4-6pm Free Gaming Trailer (Xbox One, PlayStation 4, Nintendo Switches, Oculus Quest 2 VR)
- 6:00pm Announcement of Silent Auction Winners
- 7-11pm Dancers (Street Dance)

Sunday August 7th

- 8-11am Pancake Breakfast
- 8-12pm Car/Bike and Antique Tractor
- 9-2pm Farmers Market/Craft Sale Show
- 1:00pm Parade
- Fireman's Water fight following Parade

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Dairy Producers Connect Over Robotic Milking

By MN Extension

Discussions aid understanding of high-tech dairy systems, cow health and the farm's bottom line

When Lisa and Steve Groetsch's cows are ready to be milked, they approach a milking robot on their own. The system is humane for the cows and brings flexibility to dairy farmers like the Groetsches.

They have been using the system for a decade, and are making the significant investment in robots pay off. Although the farm employs more people than ever, people they appreciate very much, the robotic system provides valuable data and efficiency.

The transition hasn't been without its challenges. Nothing about dairy farming is, but they love their cows and the three young adult children they raised on the farm. Their family's work means someone gets milk on their cereal or yogurt as their tasty snack.

When they were invited to present to other dairy producers via University of Minnesota Extension's virtual Robotic Milking Edition webinar series, Lisa Groetsch realized that while she doesn't see herself as an eloquent speaker, she and Steve had experience to offer.

"To be able to share the good and the bad, and to maybe help another farmer not go through something we've gone through, or to help someone to not feel alone in something, that can be priceless," she says.

Planned to fit farm life

The series is produced by Marcia Endres, an Extension animal scientist who is well known for her research on cow comfort and wellness. She co-hosts the series with Jim Salfer, Extension dairy educator. Webinars are attended live to include question and answer time and then shared on YouTube. The series has registrants from 42 countries.

"Robots are growing worldwide," says Endres. "My priority is Minnesota, but people are sharing the links and talking about it."

Much of the audience is comprised of dairy producers, but there are also industry professionals, as well as students, such as those Endres teaches as a professor in the University's Department of Animal Science.

Endres planned the Extension series with input received when she and Salfer surveyed dairy producers in 2020.

Producer feedback informed her selection of the virtual format, the 11:30 a.m. time slot on the third Thursday of each month and even the 30-minute duration.

Unbiased and candid

Unlike with webinars offered by robotics companies, Extension discusses every brand, every size farm, and every style of dairy farming, including grazing, large and small freestall barns, mixed systems of robot and parlor, robotic rotaries, and more. The audience includes producers at every stage of decision-making, so Endres invites experienced producers like the Groetsches to tell their stories.

Whether a participant decides to proceed with robotics or not to proceed after learning more, it's time well spent.

"Panelists can be honest about what problems they're having," says Endres. "We don't pay producers to present on the webinars. They do it from the goodness of their hearts. Dairy producers are so kind, and they want to share."

Register for the Robotic Milking Edition webinar series at the University of MN Extension's website (extension.umn.edu). Podcast listeners can also hear Lisa Groetsch on The Moos Room, episode 105.

Upcoming dates are: Jul 21, 2022 11:30 AM; Aug 18, 2022 11:30 AM; Sep 15, 2022 11:30 AM; Oct 20, 2022 11:30 AM; Nov 17, 2022 11:30 AM; Dec 15, 2022 11:30 AM



Friday & Saturday JULY 8 & 9

Tickets & Information at
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Friday, July 8



- 4pm Gates Open
- 5pm Weekend Rockstar
- 7pm Night Moves
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- 9pm BlackHawk

Saturday, July 9

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- 3pm Whiskey Trail
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- 7pm Doug Stone
- 9pm Phil Vassar



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9:30 A.M.
Ellendale, MN

37-John Deere Collector Tractors
2-Crawlers - Trucks-Trailer
Backhoe-Shop + Memorabilia Items

Location: On Interstate 35, exit at the New Richland-Blooming Prairie, MN off ramp 26, then 1/4 mile west on Highway 30, then 3 1/2 miles north on SW 42nd Ave.

Auctioneers Note: For those who new Phil realized how strong of a passion he had for John Deere two cylinder tractors. A very good auction to attend with some high quality tractors. Please note: Approximately 1 hour of small misc. items. Hope to see you at the Auction. **Tracy Holland**

JOHN DEERE TRACTORS - CRAWLERS - TRUCK -
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• John Deere 730 Diesel Standard, Restored, Electric start - Adjustable front end, 18.4-30" rear tires, 3 pt. Front weights, rear wheel weights, rear fenders, S.N. 731459 • John Deere 730 Diesel Standard, WF, PS, Electric start, S.N. 7309729 • John Deere 730 Diesel, WF, PS, 3 pt., fenders, electric start, original, S.N. 7321999 • John Deere 720 Standard, WF, PS, 18.4-30" rears, 3 pt., gas, rear weights, S.N. 7201768 • John Deere 630 Standard, Gas, WF, PS, S.N. 6308321 • John Deere 620 Standard, Gas, WF, PS rock shaft, dual Hyd., S.N. 6202007 • John Deere 530 gas, WF, PS, 3 pt., Front Weight, fenders, upright air stack, S.N. 5305077 • John Deere 520 gas, NF, PS, 3 pt., fenders, S.N. 5204952 • John Deere 430T, LP, WF, 3 pt., power adjust wheels, S.N. 160285 • John Deere 430 U, WF, factory PS, 3 pt., fenders, S.N. 142951 • John Deere 430, WF, 3 pt., S.N. 159835 • John Deere 420 crawler, 6' blade, inside frame brackets, S.N. 85955 • John Deere 70 Standard, gas, WF, PS, Adj. Front end, rock shaft, original, S.N. 7015096 • John Deere 70 Diesel, WF, PS, pony motor, S.N. 7034743 • John Deere 60 Standard, WF, PS, Adjustable front end, gas, high seat, rock shaft, live PTO, inside rear weight, S.N. 6050089 • John Deere 50, NF, clam shell fenders, S.N. 5014569 • John Deere 40W, WF, 3 pt., S.N. 61379 (not running, loose) • John Deere R, Diesel, WF, 23.1-26" rear tires, PTO, Hydraulics, wheel weights, S.N. 20181 • John Deere GW, WF, electric start, S.N. 38632 • John Deere D, WF, S.N. 167074 • John Deere D, WF, spoke fronts, S.N. 141412 • John Deere D, PTO, factory turning brakes w/hand brake, S.N. 178579 • John Deere AR, WF, S.N. 262492 • John Deere AW, WF, original rear tires, S.N. 579622 • John Deere A, NF, PTO, 36" split rims, S.N. 478472 • John Deere A, Factory Round Spokes, unstyled, factory center fill, S.N. 411504 • John Deere AN, single front end, 36" split rims, S.N. 456949 • John Deere A, unstyled, Behlen overdrive, fenders, WF, S.N. 461023 • John Deere A, Project tractor, w/parts, S.N. 252209 • John Deere BO, WF, factory round spoke on front, rear cast, S.N. 325743 • John Deere B, NF, slant dash, S.N. 73189 • John Deere BW, WF, fenders, S.N. 178910 • John Deere BN, unstyled, single front end, 36" split rims, S.N. 45282 • John Deere B, unstyled, round spokes on rear, S.N. 31988 • John Deere B, unstyled, WF, Factory round spikes, S.N. 52384 • John Deere HN, single front end, handstart, factory Hyd., S.N. 24049 • John Deere L, WF, handstart, S.N. unknown • John Deere 1520, utility, WF, gas, rear weights, 3 pt, fenders, w/J.D. 48 Hyd. loader, 7'bucket, shows 4152 Hrs., S.N. 1220671 • International TD6 crawler, Factory PTO, S.N. TDBK20067T7CM • Farmall Super MTA, fenders, WF, live Hyd., rear wheel weights, S.N. 67854 • Ford 2N Tractor • Ford 2000 Industrial Backhoe, w/loader • 1998 - Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Ext. Cab, 2wheel, 121, 300 miles, 7.4 engine, Auto, 8' box • Elite 30' gooseneck trailer, 3 ramps, w/beaver tail • 1952 - Chevy pickup, six cylinder, restoration started, (no title) • Club Car Electric Golf Cart, (Weak batteries) • John Deere 1 bottom horseplow • John Deere Disc tiller, 6 blades, on steel, John Deere 15 subsoiler • John Deere 3 bottom x 16" slat plow • John Deere 3 pt. plow, 4 bottom x 14", factory gauge wheel • First choice GM 30-60 finish mower • Woods M5 3 pt. rotary cutter • 3 pt grader blade • 8' J.D. Digger • J.D. 55 3 bottom plow • Set of flat spoke cut offs • Set of factory round spokes • 2 pair fenders for A-B or G • J.D. 800 Hitch • Misc. wheel weights • Fender Ext. for R J.D. • Aire II air compressor, 7 1/2 HP, 80 gal, 220 volt • Clarke parts washer • 2-J.D. Bikes • Drill Press • Flat Belts • Older J.D. tractor cab • 2- Sand blasters • 2 ton cherry picker • 7 car stands • J.D. Pedal car in box limited Sedan Edition • Tonka Dozer • Adams road grader • J.D. clock • 1950's vintage J.D. Hard Hat • J.D. Boy + Dog Cardboard sign • Misc. J.D. toys in boxes

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John Deere Memorabilia - Misc. Items
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Sat., June 25, 2022 - 9:00 A.M.
JD 4400 - JD 270 skid loader - 11 collector tractors - JD 770 Combine - Old D-8 Cat - Old A.C. grader - Trailers - Misc. Farm Equipment - Outdoor Items
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Fri., August 12, 2022 • 9:30 A.M.
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J.D. 4440 - J.D. 3039 MFWD 10-Collector Tractors - J.D. 270 Skid Loader - Farm Equipment - Old D-8 CAT - Antiques - Collectibles

J.D. 4440 - J.D. 270 SKID LOADER - 10 COLLECTOR TRACTORS - J.D. 3039 MFWD - FARM EQUIPMENT - OLD 8 CAT - ANTIQUES + COLLECTIBLES - MISC. HOUSEHOLD

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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 1950 Planter, (2) Brent G1544 Wagons, Clean Chevy 70 Grain Truck, Spraying & Tillage Equipment, Other Farm Machinery, Farm Support Items

July 11, 2022 Bidding Begins: July 2, 2022 Starts Closing..... July 11, 2022 Kenyon, MN
 ONLINE ONLY ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE CHUCK V. DURYEA ESTATE
 Clean Low Mileage 1976 & 1991 Chevy 4x4 Pickups, International 1456 & 756 Tractors, Hobby Farm Machinery, Several Good Firearms, Metal Lathe, Bridge Port Milling & Drilling, Welders, Power & Hand Tools, Farm & Household Antiques

July 15, 2022 Bidding Begins: July 8, 2022 Starts Closing..... July 15, 2022 Kenyon, MN
 ONLINE ONLY LIFETIME COLLECTION, GAS & OIL MEMORABILIA
 Tokheim Clock Face Gas Pump, Gas Globes, Gas & Oil Signs, Oil Cans, 30+ Brass Oilers, 20+ Brass Steam Whistles, 10+ Brass Steam Gauges, Antiques, Old Primitives, Steam & Gas Engine Toys, Lightning Rods & Weathervanes

July 15, 2022 10:00 AM CDT Kenyon, MN
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 50 Antique Gas Hit & Miss Engines, Fairbanks Morse 10hp & Associated 6 Mule Team Restored on Carts, Fuller Johnson, Monitor, Galloway, Fm, Ibc, Maytag, (7) John Deere 2 Cylinder 730, 70, 60, B, A, Tractors, JD 500 Buck ATV, JD Weights, JD Plows, 1941 Ford 1.5 Ton, Inco Lathe, Inco Milling & Drilling, Breaks, Bandsaw

July 20, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... July 13, 2022 Starts Closing..... July 20, 2022 Wanamingo, MN
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 6 Late Model John Deere MFWD & 2WD Tractors, Late Model John Deere Combine, Corn & Bean Heads, Semi's, Grain Trailers, JD Planter, Sprayer, Tillage, Clean Line of Good Farm Machinery

July 24, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... July 16, 2022 Starts Closing..... July 24, 2022 Vernon Center, MN
 ONLINE ONLY REPAIR SERVICE SHOP AUCTION FOR THE HERMAN SPECK ESTATE
 John Deere 2010 Tractor, Large Metal Lathe, Wire Feed Welders, Milling & Drilling Machine, Ellis Power Metal Saw, Punches & Hammers, Drill Press, New Stock Iron Flat, Tube, Angle Round; Power & Hand Tools, Tool Boxes, Repair Supplies

July 31, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... July 23, 2022 Starts Closing..... July 31, 2022 Pine Island, MN
 LARGE TRIPLE ESTATE AUCTION FROM THE PETERMAN, GOPLEN & RUEBER ESTATES
 (2) Oliver 1650 Tractors, John Deere 2010 & 50, Vintage John Deere & Arctic Cat Snowmobiles, JD X520 & Gx345 Mowers, Vintage Mini Bikes, Power & Hand Tools, Woodworking Tools, Antique Farm Machinery, Farm Primitives, Project Cars, Antiques, Collectibles, Household and More.

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John Deere 7720 & 7405 2WD Tractors
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Keeping Your Farmland in Production



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

As any farming family can attest, every farm has its own special history. The small farm that I was raised on outside of Kiester is no exception. Our lives were rooted in the connection between land and community. Because of these important ties to the land, it concerns me that the average farmer is close to retirement age, and that not everyone has an heir to transfer the land to when the time comes. Fortunately, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) has a program that can help farmers safeguard the legacy of their land while simultaneously giving back to their communities.

In southwest Minnesota, Neil and Jenna Kruse wanted to make sure that their family farm will be maintained as farmland after retirement. With help from their estate planning attorney they created a plan that will keep the family's 145 acres in production after they're gone. Rental income from the farmland will support nonprofits that have been important in their lives, including a program that supports agriculture education in Minnesota public schools.

Neil and Jenna's story is just one example of how a farmland donation has benefited the landowner and positively impacted their surrounding community for years to come.

SMIF's Acres for Good program allows farm families like Neil and Jenna to donate their land as a charitable gift. What makes this model unique is that rather than liquidate the asset as most charities do, SMIF retains the land and keeps it in production by a rental arrangement. This allows retiring farmers the peace of mind that their land will continue to be farmed. The landowner receives a tax deduction and bypasses capital gains tax while still being able to maintain a stable revenue source for life.

As the name suggests, the Acres for Good program is also a way to do good things for your community. The income stream from the land is used to support southern Minnesota communities well into the future. With more than \$7 billion of wealth in SMIF's region expected to transfer by 2030, this program can help retain that wealth locally while creating a unique opportunity for farmers to make a long-lasting impact on rural Minnesota.

Farmers will choose how they want to allocate their gift of land through this program. It can go toward one of SMIF's 30 Community Foundations which invest in their communities through grants and programs. For a region-wide reach, farmers can allocate their land toward SMIF's general endowment, or SMIF's specific funds which support youth and entrepreneurs in the region. Farmers can even set up a Donor Advised Fund to allocate resources to their specific interests and values such as their place of worship, alma mater or local charity. We will work with farmers to make the process as simple as possible.

If you know a farmer who is thinking about retirement or estate planning, please let them know that there is a way their land can remain active farmland and provide them with a steady revenue stream, while in the long-term also benefitting the communities and causes they care about most. This is gifting with a purpose at its best – and SMIF is here to help.

To learn more about the Acres for Good program visit smifoundation.org/acresforgood or contact Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Philanthropy Officer, at 507-214-7023 or alissao@smifoundation.org.

How Pets Can Impact Your Health

While people with pets often undergo the greatest health benefits, a pet doesn't necessarily have to be a dog or cat. Even observing fish in a fishbowl can help reduce tension and even a lower pulse rate. Studies have shown that: Pet owners are less prone to suffer from depression than those without pets. People with pets tend to have lower blood pressure in stressful situations than those without pets. One study found that when people with borderline hypertension adopted strays from a shelter, their blood pressure declined significantly within five months. Playing with your cat or dog can raise levels of serotonin and dopamine, which calm and relax. Heart attack patients with pets survive longer than those without pets. Pet owners over age 60 make 35 percent fewer visits to their GP than those without pets.

One of the reasons for these therapeutic effects is that pets fulfill our basic human need for touch and connection. Even seasoned criminals in prison show long-term changes in their behavior after socializing with pets, many of them experiencing mutual affection for the first time. Hugging, stroking, or otherwise touching a loving animal can rapidly calm and soothe you when you're stressed or anxious. The companionship of a pet can also ease loneliness, and most dogs are a great stimulus for healthy exercise, which can substantially boost your mood and ease depression. How pets can help you make healthy lifestyle changes.

Adopting healthy lifestyle changes plays an important part in relieving depression, stress, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and PTSD. Caring for a pet can help you make healthy lifestyle changes by increasing exercise, providing companionship. Companionship can help prevent illness and even add years to your life. They help you meet new people. Pets can be a great social lubricant for their owners to help them start and maintain new friendships. Dog owners frequently stop and talk to each other on walks, hikes, or in a dog park. Pet owners also meet new people in pet stores, clubs, and training classes. They reduce anxiety. An animal's companionship can offer comfort, help ease anxiety, and build self-confidence for people anxious about going out into the world.

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There is 1 vacant city council seat. City staff and others present: City Administrator Evan Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, City Attorney Mark Rahrlick, City Engineer Derek Olinger, First Responder Director Casey Dahl, Claremont Area Chamber President Dean Schuette, and Terri Schuette.

There were two additions to the agenda: Maintenance Position and PeopleService Repairs Needed. Motion by Ellis to approve the agenda with the two additions, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the April 5, 2022 City Council Meeting and Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Motion by McGovern to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Administrator Brown's 90th day of employment is June 11. Council will have a 90-day review with him on July 5 at 6:30 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Klejeski to approve the financial reports, second by McGovern. 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

Nothing at this time.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Derek Gasner, 212 E Front Street, applied

for a variance to put an addition onto his garage that would be 2' from the side yard. Per city ordinance the minimum side setback is 6'. The existing garage was built either close to or right on the property line. He would put the 12' x 20' addition on a cement slab that is already there. His neighbor at 208 E Front Street said she had no problem with it being there. The 2 properties have a shared driveway and the commission suggested Gasner and Heise get a driveway agreement on who will maintain it to prevent future problems between them or any new neighbors. The commission recommended the council approve the variance. Motion by Ellis to approve the variance request for 212 E Front Street, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

EDA

CEDA Specialist Robert Harris finalized the Land Use Plan with some minor revisions the council requested at their last review. Motion by Klejeski to approve Resolution No. 22-13: A Resolution Approving Land Use Plan, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS COMMITTEE

CEDA Specialist Robert Harris found 4 grants that may be available for park equipment. Council requested he apply for the grants that the city qualifies for.

There has been discussion of having a walking trail out to and around the storm water pond between the railroad tracks and new Highway 14. Council requested Administrator Brown research some costs on putting some plastic or felt down for the trail or cost to spray the weeds so they don't grow in the trail. They would like to see a plan of what could be done and the costs.

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• MAKE SOME MEMORIES! •

GRANDSTAND EVENTS

- ★Rice Bull Riding
- ★Fireworks
- ★Stock Car Races
- ★Truck & Pickup Pulls
- ★Power Wheels Derby
- ★Demolition Derby
- ★Trailer Races

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

- ★4H & FFA Shows
- ★George of the Jungle
- ★Little Farmer's Barn
- ★Greg the Great Magic
- ★Koen's Inflatable Fun
- ★Sing II Movie
- ★Our Heros Tug of War



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Once the taxes get paid on the new ball field then the transfer of property can occur. Mayor Dahl will contact Bryon Wolf to start discussion for the layout and plan.

PEOPLESERVICE

There are 2 pumps that are failing at the wastewater treatment facility. Each pump is \$8500 or a temporary fix for \$1300 but it would run the sump pump often. Council was wondering if they could replace one now and one next year. The pumps do have a 10 year life span, and they are almost twice that old. PeopleService will be turning in a report with more information. City Engineer Olinger will look over the report and make a recommendation at that point.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing at this time.

CITY ENGINEER

At the next city council meeting the streets improvement bid will be approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator will be taking military leave May 31 – June 24. Per MN Statute, the city is required to pay for 15 days of military leave in each calendar year. Brown stated in some other jobs the employer would pay for 50% of salary while gone. He can be available by phone or email and do what work he can do when he's gone or he can take no pay and can't be available. He would use the 15 days at other times through the year when he has to be gone. Motion by Ellis to approve 50% wage for Brown during his military leave in the month of June, second by Mc-

Govern. Motion carried unanimously.

It's not uncommon for smaller cities to have Fridays off. Fridays are very slow at City Hall with walk-ins and phone calls. It would save on overhead costs to close City Hall on Fridays. Should something come up that would require someone to be at the office, Brown or Sorg will come in. Motion by McGovern to approve City Hall being closed on Fridays, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Brown, Mayor Dahl, and Chamber President Schuette have been researching new signs to put out on new Highway 14. Schuette stated he will get quotes on the stone or brick pillars. Depending on the quality and size the signs can run \$40,000 or more. Schuette has talked to landowners on both the east and west sides (County Road 1 and 3) of town and they agreed to having the signs there at no cost. The city will get easements for the 2 areas. They will keep researching signs and costs.

Chamber President Schuette asked if they could move the former Claremont city sign that was south of old Highway 14 to north of new Highway 14 as close to the south of the railroad tracks as they permit and on the west side of County Road 3 facing south. They will downsize the sign from the one that used to be on old Highway 14 and have telephone poles to put it up. They could put something on the back side of it also. Schuette has contacted Guy Kohlhofer about the setback and they approved it to be 65' west of the center

of County Road 3. Schuette will bring to the council a draft of the new sign, along with dimensions, and a zoning permit for placement.

The digital community sign by the Fire Hall has seen it's useful life and the company won't fix it. There isn't a lot of information to be placed on the sign as much as in the past and many people use Facebook or the city's website for the same information. The blacktop around the sign is cracking and starting to sink. The bell decor is going to be removed also. The city will remove the bell and wood décor and the sign when they get time. The parking area will be patched or fixed this year. Terri Schuette also requested the city remove the flower bed on County Road 1 and old Highway 14. The Greg Lange memorial with bricks will be removed and upgraded also this summer.

Dodge County updated their All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Ellis to approve Resolution No. 22-15: Adoption of the Dodge County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Klejeski to approve Resolution No. 22-16: Resolution Appointing Election Judges and Rate of Pay, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. The head election judge will be paid \$13.50/hour and the regular judges will be paid \$12.50/hour. Lunch and supper will be provided.

Triton summer recreation requested financial support and use of Henning Park ballfield on Monday evenings for part of June and all of July. Motion by Ellis to contribute \$1000 for the summer rec programs, second by McGovern. Ayes: None. Nay: Dahl,

Ellis, McGovern, and Klejeski. Motion fails. Motion by Ellis to contribute \$500 to the program and use of the ballfield, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

Someone has rented the pavilion June 18 for a graduation party and they requested approval to have a DJ from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Motion by Ellis to allow the DJ on June 18 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

Skjeveland Enterprises submitted a proposal for a city-wide clean up day for 2 guys and a truck at \$135 an hour and waste at a cost of \$100 a ton. Years past, it was around 10 hours and 16 ton. No appliances, tires, chemicals, or construction demo will be allowed. Only 1 pass per household. Motion by McGovern to have a city-wide clean up day on June 6, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Thursday, April 28 two of the council members, Brown, and Sorg interviewed 3 people for the maintenance position. Motion by Mayor Dahl to have Brown offer the maintenance position to Brian Styndl at \$23/hour with the option to negotiate up to \$1, plus standard benefits. If he declines the position will be offered to Conner Breitbarth the rate of \$22/hour due to Conner not having a CDL license, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Klejeski to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m., second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg, City Clerk/Treasurer
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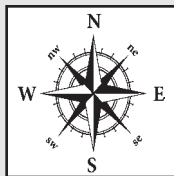


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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Kamikaze Sparrow



By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when its warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

"Whap", it hit the window like a soggy orange thrown by a kid. I was in the living room about 6:30 am. The sun was just peaking over the trees in the east. I was just waking up and heading out for the day. I knew what it was. I am used to it now. I just look on the deck outside the big window and there he lies. A perfectly designed flying machine. Upside down on the deck boards with landing gear fully extended.

This happens quite frequently, almost daily. We have been under assault from the feathered air force for some time. They seem to

strike at dawn when the sun is behind them and they have the element of surprise. I believe the surprise is on them though. I am quite accustomed to it.

I go out and scoop up the destroyed aircraft in the snow shovel and give it one last flight out into the yard. It crash lands into the soft grass, it's final resting place. I thought maybe one of my Labs would pick them up but they seem to only like to retrieve ducks that fall into the water. This small bird is not worth their time.

We feed the birds in colorful bird feeders. We buy 50 pound bags of feed for them. They eat black oil sunflower seeds like a horse. I know because I used to have horses. I planted a row of sunflowers along the fence line one year. The green stalks and bright yellow heads were so pretty when they bloomed. Looked like John Deere plants out there in the yard. Until the day the horses realized what they were. I found my riding friends happily munching down the sunflowers as fast as they could. In a couple days my bright yellow sunshine plants were all gone.

Not sure what possesses these birds to fly into the window. Maybe they think it is a portal to another dimension. It certainly takes them from this world to where ever they go next. I remember God says that a sparrow doesn't fall to the earth, but He notices it. I am preparing for whatever I will do for the day and I know I am in good hands. If He sees the sparrow, I know He will keep an eye on me today.

A Minnesotan: Sirens



By RosaLin Alcoser

A couple of weeks ago I was talking to my sister on the phone when my evening was interrupted by a rather familiar sound; the tornado siren. Which naturally prompted me to tell my sister that I had to go, grabbing my bag and shoes, and running barefoot down the stairs to the basement of my building. As some of you are aware I live on the 11th floor of a high rise in the Twin Cities, which means yes I did run down 11 flights of stairs barefoot.

This event brought back one of my memories from when I was in college back in Southern Missouri; which is not per say in tornado alley but is rather close to it.

It was my final year of my undergrad and I was teaching dance at a studio in the evenings about 20 to 25 minutes away from campus. Naturally the studio had massive floor to ceiling mirrors in the rooms and was also in a shopping center.

I was teaching my final class of the evening, intermediate Broadway Jazz, when suddenly the tornado sirens went off

and the few people that were still there all had to go into the back of the building where the office was, because even though it was not in the middle of the building it was the only room without a window or a massive mirror in it.

After a little bit the siren had stopped in that area, however, the warning was still out and there was a confirmed tornado in the area headed north of town closer to where I lived. Everyone else at the studio lived only a few minutes away and decided to use this opportunity to get home quickly. I choose to take my chances in my car over risking the tornado coming back towards the studio with both me and the massive mirrors in it.

It was one of the longest drives I ever had between my school apartment and that dance studio. There was extremely heavy rain going on while the wind from the storm blew it sideways and I could barely see out of the windshield. Needless to say I immediately regretted my choice to leave the studio.

Just as I was rounding the corner of my street it was starting to let up a bit and I was asking myself why in the world had I decided to do something to stupid and that's when I saw it. The bright shining moment that made me feel a little bit less dumb.

There in the middle of the flooded street was one of my classmates, who was a theater major, who was outside tap dancing in the middle of the street during the storm. Because as he explained the next day when else was he going to be able to do a rendition of Gene Kelly's 1952 dance Singing in the Rain.

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 - 4. Long-limbed
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 - 6. *Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
 - 7. Saint Anne, or Santa ____
 - 8. Resoundingly successful
 - 9. Demeanor
 - 10. Slovenian ski maker
 - 11. Cut with a beam
 - 12. Matt Damon/Adam Driver movie "The Last ____"
 - 15. 2-dimensional
 - 20. Single-cell protozoan
 - 22. Manhole cover
 - 24. Joviality
 - 25. **Nights in White ____"
 - 26. Bullying, e.g.
 - 27. Katmandu country
 - 29. *Eurasian trade route namesake
 - 31. Stake driver
 - 32. Blacksmith's block
 - 33. Part of a play
 - 34. *Chinos fabric
 - 36. "Buenos ____"
 - 38. Adverse
 - 42. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young: " ____ Your Children"
 - 45. Powerfully persuasive
 - 49. 1990s negation
 - 51. Formerly, formerly
 - 54. "M*A*S*H" character
 - 56. FlambÉ
 - 57. Three- ____ sloth
 - 58. 0.405 hectare
 - 59. Perceive by touch
 - 60. *A wedding veil covers it
 - 61. Blue hue
 - 62. Notable achievement
 - 63. Eye amorously
 - 64. Scotland's famous lake
 - 67. Gone by

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