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Spring Piano Recital

On Sunday, May 1, friends and family gathered at Faith Lutheran Church in Dodge Center to enjoy performances by students of Nadine Langworthy, revealing the progress they have made in their technique and musicality, over the past school year.



Abigail Walters

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Farming With a Mission

By Kenya Narveson

Summer is here and there are many activities to do outdoors. One of your activities should include something adventurous, healthy for the mind and body, and good for the environment. Picking your own fruits and veggies from a local garden includes all three. The Mosier family owns Miracle Strawberry Farm and offers already picked strawberries or picking the strawberries yourself. They enjoy farming. The joy of raising most of the food for their own table from their large garden was part of the motivation to start Miracle Strawberry Farm.

Faith, Family, and Farming are Mary Beth's and Barry's foundation. They served in Africa with their children as missionaries

for several years. They miraculously survived an airplane crash that killed forty-seven people. After that miracle, they wanted to continue serving humanity from their hearts; that was filled with more gratitude and love for life. Part of that service is raising healthy food for you to eat. Come experience the miracle!! The produce is naturally grown; as they are able to produce healthy, delicious strawberries and asparagus for your enjoyment! Unlike most growers, they do not spray their fields with herbicides.

The food you'll pick is fresher than any farmer's market or co-op, and picking it yourself makes everything taste all the sweeter. Stocking your freezer with fresh fruits and veggies promotes healthier meals,



Barry and Mary Beth Mosier

because asparagus tastes completely different when you cut it at a farm. You'll think they're candy! Miracle Strawberry Farm offers asparagus either unprocessed (uncut ends, fresh out of the field) or processed (perfectly cut ends, also fresh from the field). One Facebook user posted a picture of her cooked asparagus on a white plate at the dining table and captioned it "If you haven't been out to Miracle Strawberry Farm to get some asparagus, you are missing out! The most beautiful and delicious asparagus I have ever had!"

What are you waiting for? Run to Miracle Strawberry Farm."

The other awesome fact about the Miracle Strawberry Farm is that twenty percent of all profits from their farm goes to help with humanitarian work in Congo, Chad and Tanzania.

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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.

• 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.

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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".

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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 workday. 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 spiri-

tual 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?

OBITUARY

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 life-long 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 Stimson 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.

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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Spring Piano Recital

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A great variety of pieces captured the attention of an appreciative audience, from Burgmuller to Boogie, Moonbeams and Drag-onflies to Haunted Hollows and Skeletons, Jazzy Cats and Monster Trucks, a Nocturne and the Bohemian Rhapsody, to name but a few.

Following the performances, awards were given to those students who participated in the MMTA (Minnesota Music Teachers Association) Comprehensive Piano Exams and the NFMC (National Federation of Music Clubs)

Southeast Minnesota Division Festival.

Westley Gorham, completed the Prep Level of the MMTA Comprehensive Piano Exam in November 2021, receiving a High Distinction rating. Abigail Walters, completed the Level 3 Comprehensive Piano Exam in January of 2022, also receiving a High Distinction.

The Piano Exams consist of Keyboard Skills, (scales, chords, arpeggios) Performances of memorized pieces from an official list, and rhythm, note and interval drills, as well as sight-playing.

Katya Wheeler participated in the Federation Festival in February, held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester. The festival participants perform two memorized pieces before an adjudicator, rating the students on technique, adherence to score, and musicality. This year, Katya received her fourth consecutive Superior, which is Festival's highest



Katya Wheeler



Westley Gorham

rating.

Congratulations students, on another year

of development in your musical studies!

Farming With a Mission

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Marybeth and Barry saw first-hand the great need and poverty there. Since they have returned to the states; they want to continue to help those they once served in Africa.

Strawberry season is set to open June 20, 2022.

And asparagus is ready. The Miracle Farm is located at 60687 205 Avenue Dodge Center, MN. Follow Miracle Strawberry Farm on Facebook and call 507-884-7246 to receive the latest updates.



Two Dodge County Dairy Princesses Return This Year



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

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 on 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.

Thank You, Dairy Farmers!



2022 Dodge County Dairy Princesses

During June Dairy Month, we celebrate all that you bring to the table. From fresh products that nourish our bodies to the jobs and revenue generated for our communities, dairy farms are essential in keeping our community healthy and strong.



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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 decision 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 developed 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!

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Triton Choir Director Retires



Craig singing "Friends"

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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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**DEED Announces
Historic Funding
for Broadband
Expansion**

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) launched a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will award \$95 million in broadband grants across the state, applications must be submitted by August 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Building on appropriations from both the 2021 and 2022 legislative sessions, this grant round contains the highest-ever amount of funding for the Border-to-Border Broadband Infrastructure grant program. Funding from two sources – state and federal – can be used to reimburse for up to half the cost of the broadband infrastructure deployed. Funding for a single project is capped at \$5 million.

“This historic level of broadband funding will increase opportunities for Minnesotans across the state, said Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, “Now, more than ever, broadband is what connects Minnesotans to their education, jobs and the rest of the world.”

On the state funding side, in May 2022 Governor Tim Walz signed legislation ap-

propriating \$50 million -- \$25M in FY23 and \$25M in FY24 – from the state’s general fund for broadband. This bolsters the state’s practice since 2014 of providing state funds to build out broadband service in areas of the state where it is challenging to do so.

For federal broadband funding, the remaining \$70 million available for grant awards in this round is federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Capital Projects Fund, administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury).

“High-speed, high-quality broadband is central to modern life – from schools to business to healthcare and beyond,” said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. “This historic round of funding will go a long way towards connecting the over 240,000 homes & businesses that remain without access to the “modern plumbing” of today’s economy.”

Requirements and application materials for this competitive grant program are available on DEED’s website.

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DODGER DAYS

FRIDAY, JUNE 17-SUNDAY, JUNE 19

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

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Registration for City-Wide Garage Sales closes at 12 PM

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- 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

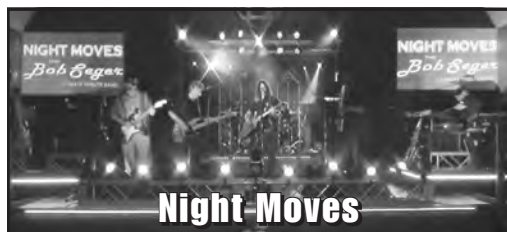
- 7 AM-12 PM Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast at the Dodge Center Airport
 - Hosted by the EAA Chapter 100
- 10:30 AM Dodger Dash 5K Check In at North Park hosted by Triton Community Education
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- 10 AM-12:30 PM Drive In Car Show on Main Street
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Auctioneers 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 - TRAILER - BACKHOE - SHOP + MEMORABLIA ITEMS

• 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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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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SATURDAY,
JUNE 25, 2022,
9:00 A.M.
Austin, MN

Location: 19443 560th Ave, Austin, MN
55912 (South of Austin Airport)

Auctioneers Note: We had recently sold the farmland for the Richard E. Epley estate and now for the personal property items. A very good auction to attend with some high quality collector tractors. Hope to see you auction day. Tracy Holland

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

• John Deere 4440, Quadrangle, 18.4-38" tires, 3pt. 2 Hyd., shows 6239 Hrs, w/ John Deere 158 Hyd. loader, S.N. 056211 • John Deere 3039R, MFWD, shows 220 Hrs, Diesel, 3pt., PTO, w/Auto Connect 72D mower deck, S.N. ILV3039REFH210434 • John Deere 270 skid loader, shows 1035 Hrs, w/82" bucket, S.N. KV0270A170710 • John Deere 730 Standard, gas, P.S., WF, 18.4-26" tires, Sackett restoration S.N. 7328260 (NICE) • John Deere 720, Diesel, 3pt., P.S., N.F., S.N. 7215754 • John Deere 630, WF, 3pt., PTO, front + rear weights, fenders, Sackett restoration, S.N. 6316602 • John Deere D. standard, electric start, WF, not running, loose, S.N. 172879 • John Deere G, electric start, N.F., S.N. 33666 • J.D. 820 utility, diesel, W.F., 3pt., Sackett restoration, S.N. 088812L • J.D. 820 utility, diesel, shows 1309 Hrs, 3pt., PTO, canopy, w/John Deere 37 loader, S.N. 104297L • John Deere 301A Industrial, diesel, 3pt., W.F., shows 2358 Hrs, w/J.D. 37 Hyd. loader, S.N. 358092T • John Deere 50, NF, S.N. 5020565 • Farmall H (needs work) • Skidloader Forks-Stump puller + Brush Grapple attachments • John Deere 7700 combine, diesel, (needs work) • Old D-8 cat, winch, (not running) S.N. 13A70 • Old A-C road grader, (not running salvage) • John Deere F145A plow, 3pt., 3 bottom x16" • John Deere 45 loader • GM1072E 3pt. finish mower • Walsh flairbot w/gear • 3pt. snowblow 8", single auger • Older 18' car trailer, tandem axle • Homemade single rowplanter • Old HD trailer, (salvage) • John Deere hit + miss engine, 3HP, Type E, #245305 • Several fuel barrels-300-500 + 1000 gals • David Bradley walk behind sickle mower • Single bottom horse plow • Hand corn sheller • 27" Anvil • Century 170 GS mig wire feed welder • Predator 4000 generator • CBR Arc welder • 3-Baldor-5HP electric motors, 1 phase, never used 2 in boxes • Several aluminum pipes • 2- John Deere suit case weights • 4- H.D metal saw horses • Engine stand • Air hose reel • Misc. lumber • Truck + imp. tires • 6 sections scaffolding • 2-stackable tool chest • cream cans • Misc. shop + hand tools • Misc. household items



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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 950 Planter, (2) Brent G544 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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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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Chevy C70 Grain Truck, (2) Brent 544 Wagons
 '80 Chevy C70 Single Axle Grain Truck, 15' Steel Box & Hoist, 27,780 Act. Miles, 5x2, V8 Gas, Very Clean Must See; (2) Brent 544 Gravity Flow Wagons, R22.5 Tires, Rear Brakes, Light Kit, Sight Glass, Like New ; MN 250 Gravity Flow Wagon, JD 1065 Gear

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CIH & JD Tillage Equipment
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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!

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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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**ORDINANCE NO. 153,
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
DODGE CENTER, MINNESOTA
AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 12,
ENTITLED
“PUBLIC PROTECTION, CRIMES AND
OFFENSES”**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DODGE CENTER ORDAINS:

Section 1. City Code Section 12.06 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SEC.12.06 PROHIBITION OF THE KEEP-
ING OF AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS.**

Subd. 1. It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, turkeys, mules, donkeys, llamas, alpacas, other fowl, or other animal commonly kept for agricultural purposes, within the city limits, except as permitted as a Conditional or Interim Use in an industrial zone.

Subd. 2. Permit Fee. The fee for such permit shall be in the amount adopted by resolution of the Council and shall be payable when the written application therefore is submitted to the Clerk Administrator for approval by the Council.

Subd. 3. Regulations. The permit holder shall comply with the following regulations:

A. No stable, barn or building in which horses, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, mules, donkeys, rabbits, turkeys or other fowl are kept may be located within 50 feet of human habitation.

B. Such stables, barns or other buildings shall be kept clean. Manure and droppings shall be removed with sufficient frequency to avoid nuisance from odors or from breeding of flies.

C. Wherever domestic animals or fowl of any kind are kept, they shall be securely confined within an enclosure by the owner thereof and no domestic animals shall be allowed to stray or feed upon the streets, or property abutting the streets or alleys.

Subd. 4. Other Unlawful Act. It is unlawful for any person to keep any animal that disturbs the comfort or repose of persons in the vicinity by its frequent or continued noise.

Subd. 5. Keeping of Chickens in a Residential Zone for a Non-Commercial Use.

It is recognized that the ability to cultivate one's own food is a sustainable activity that can also be a rewarding past time. Therefore, it is the purpose and intent of this subchapter to permit the keeping and maintenance of chicken hens for eggs in a clean and sanitary manner that is not a nuisance to or detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community, the keeping of other poultry is prohibited.

The permit holder shall comply with the following regulations in order to keep chickens within a residential zone for non-commercial use.

- No person shall keep or harbor more than six (6) hen chickens on any premises.

- Roosters are strictly prohibited within City limits at any time.

- No residential property shall keep or harbor chickens other than single-family detached units.

- The permit shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this subchapter and any additional conditions deemed necessary by the City Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The necessary permit applications will be available at City Hall. An initial fee and/or a renewal fee, which the City Council may establish from time to time, shall be charged for each permit. Permits shall be effective for one (1) year and may be renewed for additional 1-year periods.

- The City may revoke any permit issued under this subchapter if the person holding the permit refuses or fails to comply with this subchapter, with any regulations promoted by the

City Council pursuant to this subchapter, or with any state or local law governing cruelty to animals or the keeping of animals. Any person whose permit is revoked shall, within ten days thereafter humanely dispose of all chickens being owned, kept or harbored by such person, and no part of the permit fee shall be refunded.

- Chickens must be confined at all times in a chicken coop or chicken run. Chicken coops and chicken runs shall comply with the following requirements:

- The location of the chicken coop or run shall comply with the setback requirements for accessory structures in the zoning district in which the property lies; and shall be located in the rear or side yard of the property and all chickens must be kept in a manner that does not constitute a nuisance to the occupants of adjacent properties.

- The City may require screening of the chicken coop or run.

- Stationary chicken coops shall not exceed 24 square feet (by outside dimensions) or six feet in height and must provide at least two square feet per chicken. Coops must be elevated with a clear, open space of at least 24 inches between the ground and the floor or framing of the coop.

- Coops shall be constructed in a manner and using materials which are adequate to prevent access by rodents or other wildlife.

- Chicken runs must not exceed 120 square feet or six feet in height and must be completely enclosed with woven wire or wood. Fencing shall be at least 5% open for the passage of air and light.

- Chicken feed must be stored in rodent and raccoon-proof containers.

- The premises where chickens are kept must be maintained in a healthy and sanitary condition and in a manner that will prevent noxious or offensive odors from being carried to adjacent properties.

- All premises on which chicken hens are kept or maintained shall be kept clean from filth, garbage, and any substances which attract rodents. The coop and its surroundings must be cleaned frequently enough to control odor. Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in a way that causes an unsanitary condition or causes odors detectable on another property. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the officer removing chickens from the premises and/or revoking a chicken permit.

- Dead chickens must be disposed of according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health rules which, require chicken carcasses to be disposed of as soon as possible after death, usually within 48 to 72 hours. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include burial, offsite incineration or rendering, or offsite composting. Slaughtering of chickens on the property is prohibited.

- Any chicken coop or run may be inspected at any reasonable time by the City Administrator to determine compliance with this subchapter and the applicable permit. Notification of inspection needed will be sent by mail, with time and date of inspection to be set up by owner, no later the seven days after being sent to resident.

- A violation of this subchapter is a misdemeanor. Any person violating any conditions of the permit or this subchapter shall reimburse the city for all costs borne by the city to enforce the conditions of the permit including but not limited to the pickup and impounding of chickens

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2022.

Bill Ketchum, Mayor

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Social Security benefits are integral for many older adults. In fact, 44% of baby boomers expect Social Security to be their primary source of income in retirement, according to a 2021 survey from the Nationwide Retirement Institute.

While Social Security wasn't designed to be a sole source of income, it can make for a more comfortable retirement. It's critical, though, to make the most of your benefits.

There are many factors that affect how much you receive each month, and these two factors could result in collecting less from Social Security than you expect.

1. State and federal taxes

Even in retirement, your Social Security benefits may be subject to both state and federal income taxes.

Your state taxes will depend on where you live, and the good news is that only 12 states tax Social Security: Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, and West Virginia. If you live in one of the other 38 states, you don't need to worry about state taxes on your benefits.

Even if you live in a tax-friendly state, though, you could still owe federal taxes on your benefits. Your federal taxes will depend on a figure called your "combined income." This is half of your annual benefit amount plus your adjusted gross income and any nontaxable interest.

If your combined income is higher than \$25,000 per year (or \$32,000 per year for married couples filing jointly), you'll owe federal taxes on up to 85% of your benefits.

You may not be able to change whether or not you owe taxes on your Social Security, but you can prepare for this expense. When you're aware of the taxes you might owe in retirement, it will be easier to budget for them so you're not caught off guard.

2. Not filing at the right age

One of the biggest factors influencing your benefit amount is the age you begin claiming. Age 62 is the earliest you can file for Social Security, but if you claim at this age, your benefit amount will be reduced by up to 30%.

You can also delay benefits and receive larger checks. By waiting until age 70 to file, for example, you'll collect your full benefit amount based on your work record along with up to 32% extra each month.

In theory, you should collect the same amount over a lifetime, no matter when you claim. You'll either receive smaller checks but more of them or fewer, larger payments. However, in some cases, you could come out ahead by claiming at a particular age.

For example, if you end up living a much longer-than-average lifespan, you could collect more over a lifetime if you delay benefits. Conversely, if you live a shorter lifespan, claiming early could be in your best interest.

For most people, the break-even point (or the age at which you'll receive more in total by delaying benefits) is somewhere in the late 70s or early 80s. If you live past that age, delaying Social Security could be a smart financial move. But if you have reason to believe you won't live that long, you may be better off claiming early.

Everyone's situation is different, so the best strategy for one person may not be right for you. But the more you understand how your benefits are calculated, the easier it will be to make the most of them.

If you're like most Americans, you're a few years (or more) behind on your retirement savings. But a handful of little-known "Social Security secrets" could help ensure a boost in your retirement income. For example: one easy trick could pay you as much as \$18,984 more... each year! Once you learn how to maximize your Social Security benefits, we think you could retire confidently with the peace of mind we're all after.

ORDINANCE NO. 153

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ATTEST:
Bryce A. Lange, City Administrator
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**ORDINANCE NO. 154,
SECOND SERIES
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
DODGE CENTER, MINNESOTA
AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 4,
ENTITLED
“LAND USE REGULATION (ZONING)”**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF DODGE CENTER ORDAINS:

Section 1. City Code Section 4.60, Subdivision 11. entitled “Accessory Buildings and Structures” is hereby deleted and recreated to read as follows:

Subd. II. Accessory Buildings and Structures.

A. In R-1A, R-2 and R-3 Residential Districts.

- No accessory buildings on an internal lot may be located within six (6) feet of the rear lot line or from the designated setback on a corner lot.

- No accessory building shall exceed sixteen (16) feet in height.

- Utility sheds shall not be located any closer than twelve (12) feet from the principal structure. A concrete slab or other foundation permitted by the building code shall be required. Such sheds shall not exceed 200 square feet in area.

- The maximum lot coverage of all buildings including accessory buildings shall not exceed fifty (50%) percent.

- No attached accessory structure shall have any access door or other opening which exceeds a height of ten (10) feet.

- Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, all multi-family structures shall be permitted to construct an accessory structure equal to one and one-half (1½) single stall enclosed parking spaces per dwelling unit.

B. In R-1 Districts

- No accessory buildings on an internal lot may be located within eight (8) feet of the rear lot line or from the designated setback on a corner lot.

- No accessory building shall be located closer to the front property line than any portion of the foundation of the primary structure. In making this determination, permitted encroachments shall not be considered a portion of the foundation of the primary structure.

- No accessory structure shall exceed twenty-five (25’) feet in height and no accessory structure shall have a height greater than that of the principal structure.

- Utility sheds shall not be located any closer than twelve (12) feet from the principal structure. A concrete slab or other foundation permitted by the building code shall be required. Such sheds shall not exceed 200 square feet in area.

- No detached accessory structure shall have any access door or other opening exceed the height of twelve (12) feet.

- The maximum lot coverage of all buildings

including accessory buildings shall not exceed twenty-five (25%) percent.

- No attached accessory structure shall have any access door or other opening which exceeds a height of ten (10) feet.

C. In Commercial and Industrial Districts.

- No accessory building shall exceed the height of the principal building except by conditional use permit.

- Accessory buildings may be located any place to the rear of the principal buildings, subject to the State Building Code regulations except where prohibited by other Sections of this Chapter.

D. In All Districts.

- Accessory buildings shall not be constructed prior to or in lieu of the principal building.

- Construction and Maintenance. All accessory structures shall be constructed and maintained in a good and workmanlike manner and of material reasonably suited for the purpose for which the accessory structure is proposed to be used.

- Nuisance. Any accessory structure which is or has become dangerous to the public safety, health, or welfare, is a public nuisance, and the Zoning Administrator shall commence proper proceedings for the abatement thereof.

- All swimming pools whether above or below ground, holding more than 100 gallons of water, shall be totally enclosed in a fence with secured access. Fence to be constructed of suitable material and in a configuration to prevent unwanted entry to the pool.

- Penalty. Any violation of this subdivision is a petty misdemeanor punishable by fine.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication.

Adopted this 13th day of June 2022.

Bill Ketchum, Mayor

ATTEST:
Bryce A. Lange, City Administrator

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Dodge Center Summary Council Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2022

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the May 9, 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.

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;
- Dodge County Fair contract with the Ambulance;
- Purchase a new canopy for the Aquatic Center slide from Whitewater Canvas;
- Blocking a portion of Main Street and Central Ave. on June 4, 2022 from 11 AM-4 PM for Center Clinic’s Wellness Fair;
- Resolution 2022-023, A Resolution Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Blake Hilsman;
- Resolution 2022-024, A Resolution Rezoning Property, as long as they apply for a conditional use permit;
- Resolution 2022-025, A Resolution Denying a Variance for Lora St. Andrew;
- Set a public hearing for June 13, 2022, during the regular City Council Meeting for a possible change to the chicken ordinance;
- The Supplemental Authorization No. 2 for the Airport Taxilane Project;
- Hiring 2022 Aquatic Center staff;
- Resolution 2022-026, A Resolution Designating a Newspaper for all Official Public Notices;
- Resignation of the library assistant and to begin advertising for a replacement.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

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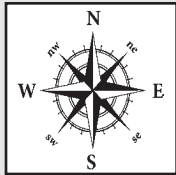
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**Kamikaze
Sparrow**



By Terry Campbell

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

Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's 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 so 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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