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## New President of the Dodge Center Lions Club



Chris Pluto passes the gavel to Carol Johnson, the new president of the Dodge Center Lions Club.

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## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at North Park

By Kenya Narveson

It was a perfect day for the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the re-opening of North Park. The festivities included a speech by The City Administrator Bryce Lange and ribbon cutting by Diane Page, Kim Marquardt, Aaron Tarasenko, and Gerald Head. The members of the Dodge Center Foundation raise funds for projects, or events that may need financial assistance. The Dodge Center Foundation partnered with the City of Dodge Center and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources granted funds to help with the upgrades to the park. Neighborhood parks offer more than just a “natural” escape. They also serve as meeting points for picnics, school trips and family gatherings. Of course, the upgrades are designed to enhance the experience of social gatherings that take place at North Park.

There were two phases that included upgrades to the park. The work started in 2019 and ended in summer of 2021. The first



phase included: resurfacing the tennis court, a bike path, concrete sidewalk, a flower garden, the new pavilion, and a parking lot on the far west end. The additions are vital to the well being of the residents.

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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.

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Kevin L. Nawrocki

## Dodge Center Restaurant Temporarily Closes

By Kenya Narveson

The owner of Pure Country Family Dining, Kevin L. Nawrocki, 64 passed away on Sunday June 26, 2022.

He grew up and attended school in Michigan. When Kevin was 31, he married his lifelong partner, Tammy Tucker. They moved to Dodge Center, MN in October 2013. Soon after moving to Dodge Center, Kevin opened his restaurant, Pure Country Family Dining located on Main Street. Kevin spent most of his time tending to his restaurant. He had many years of experience in managing restaurants and always wanted to own a restaurant. When he reopened Pure Country Family Dining; he stated, “I was closed for 14 months for the pandemic, I feel very blessed that people are happy to have me back”. He truly loved serving a smile and great tasting food to the community.

His business neighbors located on Main Street will miss Kevin dearly. The Owner of Huckleberry Floral Design and Gift Shop expressed, “Kevin was a great neighbor and supportive of the other businesses.”

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## Thriving Spiritually



**Pastor Roger Langworthy**  
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Francis Schaeffer, in his book "Escape From Reason", illustrates that life is like a two-story house. The first story is like the lower order of man including the earth and all created things. The second story is the realm of God, of heaven, of spiritual and eternal things.

Francis Schaeffer continues to say that the problem is that we live too much on the first level – the level of natural things, and very little on the second level, with the presence of God and a consciousness of all things eternal. Our first level is well furnished with all the things we need to function in the natural world, and we spend much time arranging the furniture of this level to make it as comfortable a dwelling place as we can. Yet our second level goes unfurnished. Very little time is

spent on the second level, so the lack of furnishings goes unnoticed. And yet the scriptures instruct us to "...set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth." *Colossians 3:1-2*

So much of our time is spent on the first level that we are living most of our life from this earthly perspective. We lack spiritual depth and spiritual perception. We settle for an existence that merely flows well with the world's system, missing much of the true life that God has intended for us while yet dwelling in this world. Certainly, there is need for some of our dwelling to be on this first level, functioning in this world with our lives and our work and our interaction with society. But were we to dwell much more on the second level as well as the first we would find how much more effectively we could live our lives in this world.

As Francis Schaeffer alludes, as we dwell much more on this dimension, we will see how much more we will THRIVE in our daily lives in this world. When we function with the governing principles of the kingdom of God (the Spiritual Realm) we will have great advantage in this physical realm. When we have the wisdom of God to apply to our daily lives it will help us to succeed in all our earthly pursuits.

I encourage you to spend more time on this "second level", trusting that it will help you personally to THRIVE, in your understanding of all things Spiritual. Start your day with a short time in prayer, even if it is the "Our Father, who art in heaven..." and then

open a Bible and see how Father will give you insight through His word to grow in your spiritual understanding and maturity, and to enable you to be more effective living out your life here on earth.

Proverbs 2:1-11 — 1 My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. 2 Tune your ears to wisdom and concentrate on understanding. 3 Cry out for insight and ask for understanding. 4 Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. 5 Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. 8 He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. 9 Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will find the right way to go. 10 For wisdom

will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. 11 Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Michele Swift & Bryan Wanek are excited to announce their son Devan Wanek's wedding took place July 2nd at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cadott, WI.

Devan's beautiful bride is Delanie Stangl from Cadott WI, daughter of Dave and Denise Stangl.

We are thrilled to welcome her into our family. They will reside together in Dodge Center, MN. May God bless their lives richly.

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## Area Church Directory

### Smells Beautiful

*"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me." — Mark 14:6*

After Jesus died, his body was supposed to be anointed. That was the custom with dead bodies, to honor the deceased and help keep away the smell of decay. But when a group of women came to anoint Jesus' body in the tomb (Mark 16), they could not find it! Jesus had risen from the dead.

This helps to explain an important detail in our reading for today. A few days before Jesus died, a woman anointed him at a dinner gathering using expensive perfume. Some of the guests were offended at the waste, but Jesus was not. He said, "She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial" (v. 8). Even if the woman didn't know it then, her act of honor and devotion hinted at the resurrection; she was anointing Jesus because he wouldn't be anointed later.

Jesus said that what she did was beautiful. Any action that points to the resurrection of Jesus is beautiful. When we preach about the resurrection today, it is beautiful. When a hospice nurse gives tender care to a dying person, it is beautiful. When we raise children to live with courage in a world of fear, it is beautiful. When we are willing to give up trying to control things that we can't control, even though it makes us afraid of our limits, it is beautiful. Jesus rose from the dead, and celebrating that fact is a beautiful way to live.

Risen Lord Jesus, we praise you for your victory over death. We praise you that as the anointed King, you would die and rise again to give us new life. Amen.

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## Lucille Inez Rolfe

Lucille Inez Rolfe, 91, of Fridley, formerly of Rochester, MN passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family On Monday, June 20, 2022, at The Harbors in Fridley.



Lucille as born December 6, 1930, in Garner, IA to Henry and Louise (Dietz) Jante. She was a graduate of Hayfield High School. On December 17, 1950, Lucille married Vernon Rolfe in Dodge Center, MN. She worked as an editorial specialist for IBM and retired in 1987. Lucille was a prolific painter and flower arranger. She enjoyed playing cards, Bingo, fishing, and she was a huge sports fan. Lucille and Vern loved spending time up north at their cabin and wintering for decades in Donna, TX. She was caring and loving with a sweet mischievous smile. Lucille was extremely generous and was always putting others first. Above all, Lucille loved her two grandchildren, Peter and Elizabeth.

Lucille is survived by her son, Randy (Irene) Rolfe of Montana, son-in-law, Rob Barta of Fridley, MN; grandchildren, Peter Barta and Elizabeth (Paul Dumas) Barta; sister, Shirley Nesdahl; brother, Lester Jante and many nieces and nephews. Lucille was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Rolfe; daughter, Joyce Barta; sisters, Millie More, Dorothy Eaton, Darlene Veerkamp; brother, Lawrence Jante and by her parents, Henry and Louise.

A funeral service was held 1:30 PM Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at Calvary Evangelical Free Church, 5500 25th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN. Visitation was held 4:00-7:00 PM Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home, 1624 37th St. NW, Rochester, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Larry Orth officiated with burial at Oakwood Cemetery. The funeral service was livestreamed via the Mahn Family Funeral Home Facebook page. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## Beverly June Morton

Beverly June Morton, 91, of Rochester, MN passed away peacefully on Friday June 24, 2022, surrounded in her final days by her family at Madonna Towers in Rochester, MN. She was born to Leone and Harold Buckman of Dodge Center, MN on June 26,



1930, at Saint Mary's hospital. She met Bill Morton as a classmate in high school. They married in 1950 and together had three children, Cynthia, Susan, and Craig. In high school, Bev co-founded and co-edited the Dodge Center Dodgers yearbook. While in high school she participated in school plays, played the French horn, was student director of music, sang in the choir, was a majorette, and salutatorian her Senior year. She graduated with honors from Winona State College with a teaching degree. While in college, she sang in the Mendelsohn club, played French horn and drums in the band, and was presented an award by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Bev identified the need for a kindergarten class at Byron elementary, and taught the first new classes for 2 summers, along with 2 school years of 1st grade. Bev was a substitute teacher for Rochester elementary schools from 1960 until 2005. Bev and Bill were avid square dancers for 46 years. Bill was an accomplished square dance caller. Bev would call a duet with him, on occasion. When they danced together, their smooth, fluid movements were in perfect sync. Their primary club was the Roc 8's, however they traveled to many different towns and states with square dancing. They spent their summers living in Wabasha, boating the Mississippi. Many happy memories were created for their children and grandchildren during those joy-filled days! They enjoyed playing card games together, and always enjoyed a good win! (This has become a family tradition!) Bev volunteered in her church serving on many committees, singing in the choir, and performing solos. She was an accomplished bridge player and belonged to various clubs both in Rochester and Wabasha. In retirement, Bev volunteered as an auxilian for the Mayo Clinic. She also spent many hours visiting and assisting shut in friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her mother and father, Leone and Harold Buckman Sr.; her parents-in-law, Harry and Meron Morton; siblings and in-law's, Harold (Alice) Buckman Jr., Patricia (Clinton) Peterson, Phyllis (Alrow) Funk, Mary (James) Baker, Ronald (Dorothy) Morton, and James Paulson; nephews, David Morton, Royce Phillip Baker; great-niece, Anna Funk; great-nephews, Ryan Peterson and Mitchell Morton.

Bev is survived by her children, Cynthia (Duane) Wiste, Susan (James) Crawley, and Craig Morton; grandchildren, Timothy Wiste, Jillaine (Brad) Eastridge, Nichole (Scott) Gifford, Leslie Crawley, Matthew (Tiffany) Crawley, Justin Morton, and Chelsi (Aric) Dodd; 13 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Dorothy Paulson from London, Canada; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She blessed many lives and will be greatly missed.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at Peace United Church of Christ, 1503 2nd Ave NE Rochester, MN. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes, 5421 Royal Place NW Rochester, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in Riverside cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

To share a special memory or condolence

please visit [www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com](http://www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com), Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW P.O. Box 502, Dodge Center, MN 55927 (507) 374-2155. Blessed be her memory.

## Kevin Lee Nawrocki

Kevin Lee Nawrocki, 64, of Dodge Center, MN passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2022, in Dodge Center, MN.



Kevin was born on September 19, 1957, in Warren, Michigan to Stanton and Phyllis (Geinitz) Nawrocki. He grew up and attended school in Michigan. When Kevin was 31, he married his lifelong partner, Tammy Tucker. They moved to Dodge Center, MN in October 2013. Soon after moving to Dodge Center, Kevin opened his restaurant, Pure Country Family Dining located on Main Street. Kevin spent most of his time tending to his restaurant. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed riding his Harley, camping, and socializing with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Tammy Nawrocki of Dodge Center, MN; furry children, Seger, Chance, Cane, Serene, and Oreo; nephew, David Nawrocki of Rochester, MN; father, Stanton (Mary) Nawrocki of Fort Wayne, IN; brothers, Greg Nawrocki of Georgia and David Nawrocki of Detroit; and sister, April (Todd) Leamon.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Nawrocki.

Kevin's family hosted a celebration of life benefit starting at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Pure Country Family Dining, 30 Main Street W Dodge Center, MN. They served breakfast and asked for donations to cover funeral expenses from this unexpected loss.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Kevin's family.

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## Donald Martin Scheller

Donald Martin Scheller, age 76, passed away Friday, July 8, 2022, at his home in Kasson, MN. Don was born August 25, 1945, to Dr. D. L. and Eleanor (Schneider) Scheller in Des Moines, IA. In 1963,



he graduated from Arlington High School

in Arlington, SD. He attended and graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1967 and then worked for the local lumberyard for a year. Following this, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served our country for 5 years and was honorably discharged in 1973. He at-

tended South Dakota State University for a year. Don went on to attend Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY and graduated in 1977. His first pastorate was in the United Methodist Church in Gilman, IA. Subsequently, he served a 2-point charge in the United Methodist Churches in Ayrshire, IA and Curlew, IA.

On June 14, 1980, he was united in marriage to Brenda Trapp at Pleasant Corners United Methodist Church, and the couple recently celebrated 42 years of marriage. Together they were blessed with two children, Paul and Elizabeth. On August 1, 1985, the family arrived in Dallas, TX where Don and Brenda studied at the International Linguistics Center for three semesters. They joined Wycliffe Bible Translators in December 1985 and made further preparations for service abroad. On August 1, 1988, they arrived in the Philippines where they would spend 27 years translating Scripture for a small people group in southern Mindanao. On August 1, 2015, Don and Brenda returned to the United States and settled in Kasson, MN. By remote assignment, they continued to be involved in the translation. Don was a faithful member of Pleasant Corners United Methodist Church. He enjoyed playing basketball, swimming, SCUBA diving, big band and other music, bird watching, and spending time with his precious family who meant so much to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. D. L. and Eleanor Scheller and his brother-in-law, Bart Trapp.

He is survived by his loving wife, Brenda Scheller of Kasson, MN; children, Paul (Calli) Scheller of Bismarck, ND and Elizabeth (Steve) Ewest of St. Paul, MN; his grandchildren, Hannah and Clara Scheller and Audrey and Theo Ewest; brothers, Douglas (Donna) Scheller of Rapid City, SD and David Scheller of Rochelle Park, NJ; brothers-in-law, Randall Trapp of rural Dodge Center, MN, Daniel Trapp of rural Dodge Center, MN, and Les (Donna) Trapp of East Gull Lake, MN; along with his nieces and nephews.

A funeral service for Don took place at 11:00 am, Friday, July 15, 2022, at Pleasant Corners United Methodist Church, 21927 650th Street in Kasson. Pastor Jacob Hanson officiated. Visitation took place Thursday, July 14, 2022, from 4:00-7:00 pm at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE in Kasson and one hour prior to the service at church. Burial with military honors provided by the Kasson American Legion Post 333 took place at Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN. The funeral service was livestreamed on the "Kasson United Methodist Church" Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/KassonUMC/](http://www.facebook.com/KassonUMC/)).

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200 ([www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)).

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## Cobra Communications



**Craig Schlichting**  
Superintendent

I have been having issues with my minivan this summer, and this past weekend I had plans to drop it off to have the rear differential looked at. It is a long story on how I got to that point but it involved needing to have all four tires replaced and the front end aligned. I had the front end aligned in March, but it needed to be done again, and I was made aware of the issue with the issue with the rear differential. So I made an appointment and arrangements to drop off the van. I got about 2 miles from my house and heard a loud thud followed by a clunking noise. I pulled over to the side of the road and checked things over. Fortunately, my wife was right behind me and I wasn't stranded in the middle of nowhere. She was already on the phone with calling our road side assistance. While she was on the phone I made a call to our local towing company and was able to get them the location of the vehicle and made arrangements to have it dropped off at the repair shop. I told her she could cancel

the roadside assistance as we had a local company coming to take care of it. We were on our way with the vehicle left behind with a broken drive shaft. Needless to say, things were not going the way I had planned. It reminded me of the past few years as a superintendent.

My first summer as the superintendent we had just completed a community survey and were looking at things we could do as a school district. We brought back the homecoming parade and were able to get a lot of positive momentum and pride in our school district. Then when March of 2020 came along, we began dealing with the pandemic and all of the issues associated with it. Things were quickly changing and it made it difficult to keep that positive momentum going. We became focused on what we had to do rather than what we would like to do. We were stuck on the side of the road so to speak looking at what had to be done with the situation. Much of that time it felt like many of the things we wanted to do were dictated by the fact that we were metaphorically speaking, stuck on the side of the road. We were calling on others for guidance on what we needed to do and dealing with the situation at hand.

I am finally feeling like we are getting back on the road and ready to get things going in a positive direction. We can start to focus on and enjoy the great things that are happening in our district and look ahead to what we can do, rather than what we have to do. It is cer-

tainly an exciting time for me as an educator to have all of the issues of the pandemic in the rear view mirror and looking ahead to all of the great opportunities to serve our district. Our district is fortunate to have a great staff in place for the upcoming school year and we have some wonderful new staff to add to our Triton Family. We have been through a lot these past couple of years, but I cannot express how excited I am to get things going again with the upcoming school year. Much like the situation with my van, I feel like we are going to be able to work with our staff and not have to rely on some generic roadside assistance to get things figured out. We live in a special place, and I feel blessed to work in

such a wonderful community with great people and I am proud to serve as our school district's superintendent.

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have regarding our school district. You can email me at [schlich@triton.k12.mn.us](mailto:schlich@triton.k12.mn.us) or you can call me at 507-418-7530 to reach me at the district office. I would be happy to set up a time to meet with you or your organization. I believe that communication is an important aspect of my job responsibility, and I welcome the opportunity to learn from your perspective. GO COBRAS!

**#WeAreTriton**

### University of Wyoming Spring Semester Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls: Minnesota

The University of Wyoming lists the following students from Minnesota on the 2022 spring semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Rolls.

The honor rolls consist of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average.

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## TRITON CLASS OF 2022



### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Myles Christianson was a senior at Triton High School in 2021-22.

His parents are Bryan and Melissa Christianson and he has one brother Graham.

He was active in SADD, FCCLA and STARS.

He also played football, baseball and soccer and playing basketball with friends.

Outside of school he enjoys hiking, going to the lake, being outside and hanging out with friends.

His hobbies are video games and gardening and watching action movies.

After graduation his plans are to attend UCCS in Colorado for secondary history education.



**MYLES CHRISTIANSON**

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## Dodge Center Lions Club



3. The Dodge Center Lions Club presented Wayne and Marie Runnells with the honor of 2022 Dodge Center Citizens of the Year. Their family joined them at the Lions picnic to celebrate.



Dodge Center Lions gather at the lovely Deyo home for their annual picnic.



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at North Park

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Sedentary lifestyles and obesity are becoming more of a trend to a health epidemic comparable to smoking cigarettes. Adults increasingly spend long hours at desk jobs followed by hours of television. An alarming percentage of children receive little to no exercise unless they are made to go outside and play. For those who can afford them, gyms represent an excellent way to combat this trend. But outfitting public parks with a walking trail and bike path are arguably more effective — especially since everyone in the community can use them regardless of so-

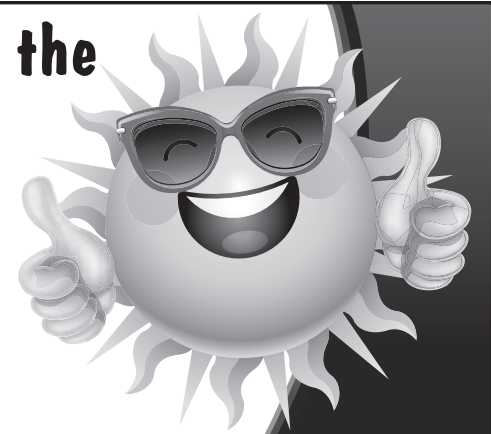
cioeconomic status. They're relatively low maintenance and can provide hours of free and safe exercise for members of the community.

The second phase included updates to the soccer field and softball fields. New dugouts, cameras, red rock, and score boards were installed. The softball players and soccer players have thoroughly enjoyed the updates to those areas. The total cost of upgrades was \$370,000. "When you can have several community partners work together; you can achieve bigger results." Bryce proudly said. He spoke with so much excitement about how the community came together to make this possible.

Parks contribute significantly to making places where people want to live. By fully understanding proximity and convenience and their influences on valuable community places; leaders and city dwellers can help extend the benefits of parks to all residents.

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# Dodge County Fair



Dairy Princess milking a cow



Colton Predmore of the Milton Climbers 4H club showed this registered Holstein. Many 4H ers, like Colton lease animals from other dairy families so they can have the experience of showing at the fair. Colton least this spring yearling from the Alberts Brothers farm.



Wyatt Sullivan: Grand Champion Market Barrow & Grand Champion overall swine.



Josie Sauder placed first in intermediate showmanship in the open class junior show Saturday. Josie will be in tenth grade this fall and works on her family farm, Alberts Bros of Pine Island. She received her ribbon from her sister, Dodge County Dairy princess Amanda Sauder.



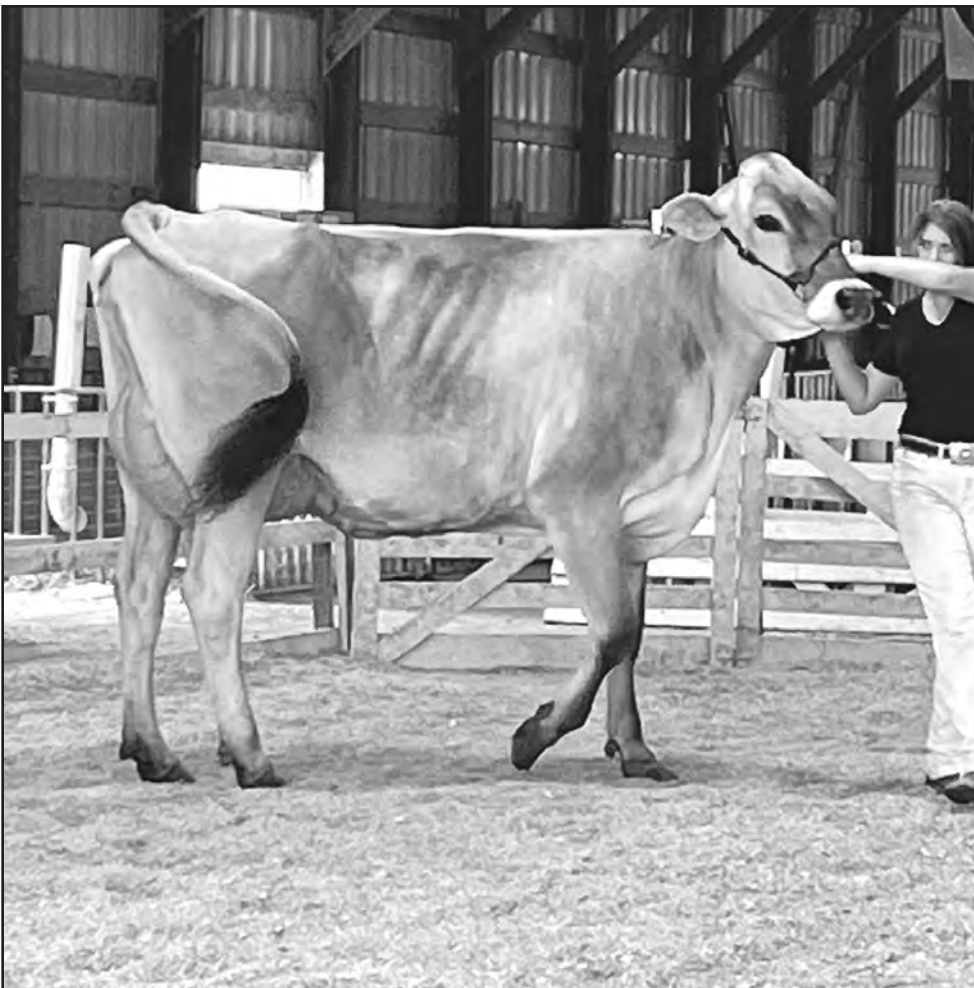
# Dodge County Fair



Charli Henslin waiting for her time of judging. Daughter of Peter & Jenni.



West Concord's Stella Streich, champion in 4H fashion review will be headed to state fair with this beautiful original garment she constructed.



Brooke Bauer with her Grand Champion Brown Swiss



4H dairy show - Grand champ with Brown Swiss, Brooke Bauer from Hayfield. Reserve with his Jersey, Jacob Schimek of Pine Island and honorable mention, Reagan Schimek Pine Island. Serving as judge Tony Scheffler of Goodhue.

*(additional pictures at [www.dodgecentermn.com](http://www.dodgecentermn.com))*



## Dodge Center Restaurant Temporarily Closes

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He was super funny and generous. And a heck of a cook. The Biscuits & Gravy, the Chicken Quesadillas, and His Cinnamon Swirl Bread was phenomenal. He made a huge impact on the community. She continued, "I watched people wait for him to open the doors in the morning. He had a great following."

Larry Blood, a local resident; built a friendship with Kevin. Larry often stopped by his restaurant when Kevin and his brother were remodeling the building to open the restaurant. Larry wanted to share that Kevin was not only a fantastic cook, but also a skilled car-

penter. He further explained, "All of my years in dealing with the public and retail operations, I've never met anyone who worked as hard as Kevin did. The quality of his food was always superb on his busiest days at the restaurant. I know Kevin experienced two hospital stays and subsequent health complications but that didn't keep him down. He was dedicated to his customers and wanted those doors open everyday at 7am."

Nadine Langworthy, the owner of The Annadine located on Main Street, politely interjected saying, "And he always had a smile. He would look up from the griddle and have a grin and a hello for ya. It's like, he loved what he did. And did what he loved."

Kevin would agree that life is meant to be lived with a smile and eating great food! A Celebration of Kevin's life will be on July 16th 2022 at 1pm-5pm. This event will be held at The Annadine to honor the memories that were shared with Kevin and this community. This event is intended to share stories that help us all to remember the great times and friendly soul that Kevin was.



## Dodge Center Veterans Memorial



Taking the flags down Tuesday from the weekend at DC Veterans Memorial

## Car Show at the Dodge Center Legion



Car show at the Dodge Center Legion. Hep Cats playing.

## Kasson Fair



People dancing to LP & the 45s at the Kasson fair



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**July 24, 2022**  
**Bidding Begins: ... July 16, 2022**  
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**Vernon Center, MN**  
ONLINE ONLY REPAIR SERVICE SHOP AUCTION FOR THE HERMAN SPECK ESTATE  
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**July 29, 2022 ..... 9:30 AM CDT**  
**West Concord, MN**  
LARGE COUNTRY ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE MINOR "CORKY" BUCKINGHAM ESTATE  
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**August 13, 2022 ... 8:30 AM CDT**  
**Kenyon, MN**  
AREA FARMERS PRE-HARVEST CONSIGNMENT AUCTION Live and Online Area Farmers Consignment Auction, Tractors, Combines, Trailers, Construction Equipment, Planters & Tillage Equipment, Livestock Equipment, Pickups, Cars, ATVs and Farm Support Items

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**Kenyon, MN**  
161.11 ACRES OF PRIME FARM LAND GOODHUE CO. MN FOR ANGELA MORKEN  
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**Kenyon, MN**  
154.71 ACRES PRIME CLASS A CROP LAND STEELE CO. MN FOR LYOD "PAT" KERN ESTATE  
154.71 Acres of Prime Class A Crop Land in Section 10 & 11 of Merton Township, Steele County MN, Selling in 2 Separate Parcels, 80 Acres in Sec. 10 with 93.4 CPI, 74.71 Acres in Sec. 11 with 92.7 CPI, Drain Tile in Place

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## Dennison Native is Oldest Living Congressman in U.S.

Albert Quie, former Minnesota governor and congressman is now the oldest living former governor of any U. S. state as well as the oldest living former member of the United States House of Representatives.

Albert Harold Quie was born on the family farm near Dennison on September 18, 1923. The farm had been in the family of Norwegian immigrants since his soldier grandfather purchased the property after returning from the Civil War. Al grew up on the dairy farm and learned to ride horse there, a love that stayed with him all his life. For many years the Al Quie Trail Ride was a multi-day equestrian adventure enjoyed by many horse lovers in southeast Minnesota.

Al joined the United States Navy and served as a fighter pilot in active combat during World War Two. Albert Quie married Gretchen in 1948, a union which lasted until she passed away in 2015. After the war he enrolled in St. Olaf College in Northfield where he graduated with a political science degree in 1950. He first followed in the family business as a dairy farmer. Quie embarked on his political career with winning his first election to the Minnesota State Senate in 1955. Three years later he was elected to the United States House of Representatives and served eleven terms before retiring to run for the Governor position in Minnesota in 1978. He was elected and served as the state's Governor from 1979 to 1983. One of his accomplishments was to straighten up the state's

fiscal problems with spending cuts, leaving the state with a surplus when he left office. During his twenty-eight-year career in public office Quie never lost an election. After leaving public office he did not enter business or lobbying to capitalize on his political connections.

He considered public office to be a stewardship of the citizens he represented and that a public servant was just that, a servant.

Al Quie always held a strong faith in God and a deep spiritual conviction. He recalls growing up in the depression years and often hoboos would show up at the family dairy farm, where his parents would invite them in and share a meal. This gave him a lasting belief to respect the dignity of every person.

At the time that Richard Nixon resigned, Albert Quie was one of the persons Gerald Ford considered for the position of vice president. Another incident that came out of the Nixon and Watergate scandal involved Special Counsel to the president Chuck Colson. Colson was one of the Watergate Five, eventually charged with obstructing justice and faced prison for his part in the coverup. Colson, a hardnosed political hack who was described as someone who "would walk over his own grandmother", had once instigated some union leaders into organizing an attack by 200 construction workers on 1,000 college kids demonstrating against the Viet Nam war. Indicted and facing arrest and an eventual one to three-year prison sentence, Colson was given a C.S. Lewis book, "Mere Christianity" by a friend. Colson became a born again Christian and joined a Bible Study group with some congressmen, including Al Quie. Many claimed Colson's conversion was a ploy to avoid sentencing but Quie sensed that Colson was a changed man. Seven months into Colson's prison sentence some family problems surfaced and Al Quie went to then president Ford and asked if he could finish out Colson's

prison term for him to allow Chuck to go free to be with his family. Although the offer never came to fruition, Chuck Colson was overwhelmed with the willingness of Al Quie, in an act of Christian service, to pay his penalty. Colson went on to become an influential evangelical Christian writer and speaker who authored over thirty books and formed the Prison Fellowship foundation, which has ministered to thousands of incarcerated individuals. After retiring from political life Al Quie, joined the Prison Fellowship and has devoted much of his time since helping prisoners turn their lives around through belief in Jesus Christ. In 2008 Quie was awarded the William Wilberforce Award given each year to a person who is an exemplary witness for Jesus Christ and advancing Christian values. A programming facility at Lino Lakes State Prison has been named after Albert Quie, the only current or former elected official to receive that honor. When he counsels prisoners, Al asks for the most difficult convict available. "It makes it interesting" he says.

Al Quie has been respected by members of both parties especially his opponents on the other side of the aisle, who are won over by his honesty, character and unswerving dedication to the truth. Roger Moe, Minnesota Senate majority leader and political foe, stated that Al Quie is "one of the most decent people I've ever met." He has even made it in Minnesota folklore, being mentioned in Garrison Keillor's Lake Wobegon Days, where he is said to be the first governor to visit the mythical community of Lake Wobegon where he dedicated a plaque to the Statue of the Unknown Norwegian.

Quie's love of horses has always been a priority in his life and in 2003 he published a book about his adventures with a number of his friends who spent eight summers riding a route from Canada to Mexico through the



Albert Quie

Rocky Mountains. The book was named "Riding the Great Divide", and followed their experiences riding and camping out in the western United States as they made their way through the wilderness much as explorers would have two centuries ago. Quite an undertaking for a man in his seventies.

On December 5, 2021, with the passing of Bob Dole, Albert Quie became the oldest living former governor and former United States Congressman.

## Stay With Your Pet During Euthanasia

Putting a dog down is a heartbreaking choice. They may be suffering from chronic medical issues, disease, or injury that makes it nearly impossible for the animal to have a good quality of life.

No one deserves to be in pain every day, and sometimes, euthanasia is the compassionate choice.

Often though, someone will take a dog in to be euthanized, shed a lot of tears, say their goodbyes, and leave before the dog is put to sleep. Simply put, they drop off their pet at the vet to die and walk away – leaving the dog all alone in their final moments.

One vet employee, posted, begging pet owners to stay with their pets while they're being euthanized because she's seen first-hand how heartbreaking it is for the pets when their owners leave them all alone.

In the post, she wrote, "I'm sick of people dropping their dogs off to be euthanized. It might be hard to say goodbye but it's hell for them. They already don't like the vet, they're confused, they're scared, they're sad and they're looking for YOU when they take their last breath."

She said that she can do her best "to provide them as much love and comfort as I humanly can," but ultimately, nothing can replace the love of their owner, especially not a stranger.

She went on to share a heartbreaking story of a woman who left her dog alone to be euthanized. She wrote: "Today a lady dropped off her 13 year old dog to be put to sleep after I told her we didn't have a vet in clinic as she was on farm calls all day, she insisted on leaving her there at 9am, knowing that our vet wouldn't be back until well after 6pm. She was too busy to bring her back later, so she left her sweet girl to be alone all day before dying."

The vet employee kept the dog with her the rest of the day and even took her for a small walk and bought her a cheeseburger and a donut for her last meal. She wrote in the post that she ended up laying on the ground and cuddling the dog, but the dog refused to be comforted by her, a stranger. She said, "I kissed her and told her she was a good girl while she crossed the rainbow bridge, but her eyes never stopped looking for her family. Dogs know what's happening, don't do this to them. Be there when they cross that bridge. It won't kill you, I promise."

It's a heartbreaking story but serves as a good reminder to always be there for your pet when possible, right down to the last minute.

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## How to Conquer Fatigue and Low Energy



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Being tired and exhausted is one of the most common complaints in society today. To address fatigue and low energy, you need to improve mitochondrial energy production. Mitochondria are miniature organs within your body's cells. Mitochondria are the powerhouses of the cells. Mitochondria use the energy we consume from food and oxygen to provide our cells with energy to function and live. In high school biology, we were taught that mitochondria were automatic energy generators for our cells. Now science has learned that they are an essential part of metabolism. Mitochondria's ability to manufacture energy declines 10% with each decade of life. A senior citizen may have 50 -75% less mitochondria function than a younger person. In addition, Mitochondria function decreases with stress, anxiety, inflammation, sleep deprivation, environmental toxins and poor nutrition.

The most common causes of mitochondrial deficiency are eating too much omega 6 fats. Omega 6 fats are found in corn, soybeans and meats. Avoiding vegetable oils (corn, soy, canola, sunflower, safflower), daily consumption of red meats, dark meat chicken and turkey will help your mitochondria perform at an optimal level. Exercise on a daily basis also improves mitochondria function as well as periods fasting. Intermittent fasting 2-3 days a week will jump start your metabolism which improves how the mitochondria work. An intermittent fast is not eating for a period of 14-16 hours (which is each easy if you include the hours when you are sleeping.) Lastly, Light deficiency affects mitochondria function and is another common cause for fa-

tigue. Sun exposure not only begins vitamin D production in the body, but also helps energy levels.

Melatonin is a hormone in the body that helps with our sleep cycle and sleep rhythm. 95% of melatonin in the body is produced by mitochondria when exposed to sunlight. Melatonin is a strong anti-inflammatory. This allows sunlight to focus in on cell damage caused by oxidative stress right where it's needed the most, inside the cells. Melatonin via sunlight is absolutely vital for protecting your mitochondria and protecting them from damage as you age. According to experts, swallowing melatonin is useless for this, as oral melatonin supplementation, while effective for a good night's sleep, cannot reach the mitochondria inside the cells. Only sunlight can do this. Red and infrared light directly stimulate energy production in the mitochondria. These light wavelengths also instruct the mitochondria to grow bigger and stronger. Healthy, timed, non-burning sun exposure (without sun block) is crucial for healthy mitochondria and energy levels. If you absolutely abhor being out in the sun or you have a job that prevents you from acquiring the light waves that your body needs, there are artificial lights that provide the light wavelengths needed to help with mitochondria production and improving sleep while fighting fatigue. I use the Theralight Halo Bright Light Therapy Lamp. It sits on my desk and when I am writing these articles, paying the bills, checking email or just surfing the web, the light is on providing me with the light wavelengths needed to help my mitochondria function. In addition, if you suffer from anxiety or depression, light therapy has been shown to be a very helpful adjunct therapy. FYI, the Theralight Halo Bright Light is available online for \$69.99.

Chiropractic Thought for the Week: The nervous system, via neural impulses from the brain through the spinal cord and spinal nerves to the body's cells, tissues and organs, controls every function in the body, including body chemistry. Body chemistry refers to all processes in the body, including cell production. That being said, my discussion of mitochondria health and fatigue levels must include the chiropractic effect on improving neural impulse flow which then positively affects body chemistry, including mitochondria cellular health and fatigue in the body. Spinal adjustments on a regular basis improve neural impulse flow and in turn function in the body.



By Jim Miller

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**Can you give me a brief rundown of Medicare's enrollment choices along with when and how to sign up? – Approaching 65**

Dear Approaching,

The rules and timetables for Medicare enrollment can be confusing to many new retirees, so it's smart to plan ahead. Here's a simplified rundown of what to know. First a quick review. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people, and Part B which covers doctor's visits and other medical services, and costs \$170.10 per month for most enrollees in 2022.

#### WHEN TO ENROLL

Everyone is eligible for Medicare at age 65, even if your full Social Security retirement age is 66 or later. You can enroll any time during the "initial enrollment period," which is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday. It's best to enroll three months before your birth month to ensure your coverage starts when you turn 65. If you happen to miss the seven-month sign-up window for Medicare Part B, you'll have to wait until the next "general enrollment period" which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium. You can sign up for premium-free Part A at any time with no penalty.

#### WORKING EXCEPTIONS

Special rules apply if you're eligible for Medicare and still on the job. If you have health insurance coverage through your employer or your spouse's employer, and the company has 20 or more employees, you have a "special enrollment period" in which you can sign up. This means that you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B and are not subject to the 10 percent late-enrollment penalty as long as you sign up within eight months of losing that coverage.

#### DRUG COVERAGE

Be aware that original Medicare does not cover prescription medications, so if you don't have credible drug coverage from an employer or union, you'll need to buy a Part D drug plan from a private insurance company (see Medicare.gov/plan-compare) during your initial enrollment if you want coverage. If you don't, you'll incur a premium penalty – 1 percent of the average national premium (\$33 in 2022) for every month you don't have coverage – if you enroll later.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL COVERAGE

If you choose original Medicare, it's also a good idea to get a Medigap (Medicare supplemental) policy within six months after enrolling in Part B to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. See Medicare.gov and click on "Supplements & Other Insurance" to shop and compare policies.

#### ALL-IN-ONE PLANS

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan instead (see Medicare.gov/plan-compare) that covers everything in one plan. Nearly half of all new Medicare enrollees are signing up for Advantage plans. These plans, which are also sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs and often have cheaper premiums, but their deductibles and co-pays are usually higher. Many of these plans also provide coverage for extra services not offered by original Medicare like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships. Most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

#### HOW TO ENROLL

If you're already receiving your Social Security benefits before 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment. If you're not receiving Social Security, you'll need to enroll either online at SSA.gov/medicare, over the phone at 800-772-1213 or through your local Social Security.



## 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 sto-



Marcia Endres, U of M Extension animal scientist (left) visits with Lisa Groetsch at Groetsch Dairy.

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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](http://extension.umn.edu)). Podcast listeners can also hear Lisa Groetsch on The Moos Room, episode 105.

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- 8-11a.m. **All You Can Eat Dad's Waffle Breakfast** Sponsored by Polka Dot Dairy, Parkside General Store, Dennison Community Church \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under, 3 & under FREE. Includes waffles, sausage, coffee, juice, milk. Under Mainstreet Tent.
- 7:30 a.m. **Sign Up for Clutchmen Truck & Tractor Pull at Pull Site**  
Truck Pull Jeff at 651-380-3118 • Tractor Pull Dave 507-649-0710
- 8a.m. **Citywide Garage Sales**  
**5K Run** Begins at Paul's Plumbing Building, North of Dennison Depot. For more information text Barbie at 507-581-1021 or e-mail: dennisonvangoffice@gmail.com  
**Classic Car Show on Mainstreet** Presented by Capitol Construction. Trophies at 1:00p.m. Contact Steve King 612-968-9547 or email: kingpin1876@gmail.com
- 8:30a.m. **Euchure at Fireside Lounge** For information, contact Jen Eggum 507-649-0602
- 9a.m. **Truck & Tractor Pull Begins on the Hill**, sign up begins at 7:30a.m.
- 10a.m. **Cow Milking Contest** Main Street, hosted by David Flom Dairy
- 11a.m. **Food Stands Open**  
**Joel Stenhaus & Jim Tracy Memorial Horseshoe Tournament in City Park** Presented by the Dennison Lions  
**Kids Bingo** Under the tent. Presented by Dennison Lions. Ages 3-11.  
**MarLeas Bean Bag Tournament** Sign Up at MarLeas
- 1-3p.m. **Kids Carnival** Presented by Randolph FFA students
- 1:30p.m. **Parade Downtown - A Kiddie Parade Leads Off Main Parade** (Ages 12 & Under) **\$100.00 Prize for Best Parade Entry!**  
Sign up at 12:00 p.m. South Mainstreet. Contact Diane at 612-532-0268
- 2:30p.m. **Purse & Power Tool Bingo Under Mainstreet Tent** Presented by Dennison Lions & Fireside Lounge
- 5:00p.m. **Minute To Win It Game Show Under the Big Tent** Presented by Dennison Lions. Contact Jen Eggum 507-649-0602
- 7p.m.-12a.m. **Live Music from "Driver Five" on Mainstreet Stage** 18+ event. No Cover Charge. 21 to drink. Presented by Capitol Construction and Fireside Lounge & Supper Club



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# Local Government

## DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, June 13, 2022

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the June 13, 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.dodge-center.mn.us](http://www.ci.dodge-center.mn.us).

Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Bryce Lange, Tina Kozisek, Mark Barwald, others.

The City Council approved the following items:

- Minutes and accounts payable as presented;
- Ordinance No. 153, Allowing Chickens for

Residential Use;

- Ordinance No. 154, Accessory Structures;
- \$8,148 for parts and labor to maintain the oxidation ditch at the wastewater treatment plant;

Conditional Use Permit for the Living Water Assembly of God with the amendment that camping units can only be on the property for up to two weeks twice per year;

- Quote from Handtevy for \$2,659.29 for the Ambulance;
- One additional lifeguard at \$11.33 per hour and one additional rotation staff at \$10.33 per hour for the Aquatic Center;
- Laserfiche software upgrade and setup costs of \$1,850;
- \$200 donation to help cover costs for

Music on Main during Dodger Days;

\$18,058.50 to replace sidewalks on 3rd Ave/County Road 7;

- Post the RFP for the CBDG-CV Broadband Grant.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm

## DODGE CENTER SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES Monday, June 27, 2022

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Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy

Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Bryce Lange, Tina Kozisek, Angie Jarrett, AJ Gengler, others.

The City Council approved the following items:

- Minutes and accounts payable as presented;
  - Purchase of a new ambulance with delivery in 2024 and authorizing the Ambulance Director and City Administrator to move up delivery if an opening becomes available;
  - Hiring a full-time paramedic at a Step 8 in the payscale;
  - Hiring a paid on-call EMT;
  - HammerQ food truck to be located at the southwest corner of the Ambulance/Fire Department parking lot on June 27, July 11, and July 25 from 4 PM-8 PM;
  - Staff to research and develop a food truck ordinance;
  - Residents near Meadowview Pond to treat the pond using Crystal Blue Copper Sulfate Algaecide, as long as they notify staff when it is being applied;
  - Center Clinic to use the community center July 11-15 for a mental health workshop and to waive the daily use fee;
  - The Annadine hosting Music on Main events on July 8, August 26, September 16, and September 23;
  - Placing a bike rack and bike pump purchased with a SHIP Grant at North Park and a second bike rack to be donated by the Lions Club to be placed at Lions Park.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm



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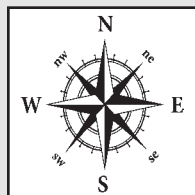
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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Meeting the Old People who Once Lived in Our House



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.*

We bought an old house in Tennessee. It is not as old as the house up the street that was once reportedly used as a stop in the underground railroad prior to the Civil War, but it has a history. Our friend Jim's grandparents used to live in the house, and he still lives nearby. He drives past every day. He stopped in with his sister Pat, to meet the new owners of their family's house. That is how we got acquainted with some of the original owners. Jim's son Danny is the local newspaper publisher and the bedroom upstairs that I use as my office was once Danny's bedroom when he was a kid. I find that an interesting coincidence.

Aulsie was the family matriarch. She seems to have ruled the family with an iron fist. Aulsie is as far back as we can find as an original owner of the house. She owned about 70 acres on this lot and accumulated land by marrying husbands. Three by our count, and she outlived them all. Our new friends brought us pictures of the house many years ago as well as pictures of Aulsie, who was an old woman before any photos were taken of her. The stories about Aulsie lacked affection, but gave you a kind of a healthy respect for her and a hope she wasn't still around listening in. One of the pictures was of Aulsie and couple of her old lady friends sitting in the living room, each with a cigar in their mouth.

Pat relates that she was a young girl when she remembered seeing Aulsie on the front porch with a pistol on her lap. Seems someone was shooting frogs in the pond and the old woman was going to put an end to it. When Pat was a teenager, she was staying with her grandmother and snuck out of the house with a couple friends to join some boys swimming at the pond. Aulsie told Pat's dad that "the boys had no pants on and had whiskey bottles in their pockets." Her dad was very mad and gave her "what fer" and so she stormed back to grandma Aulsie's house to defend her honor. She found herself looking at Aulsie, down the barrel of a shotgun.

Her Uncle Garfield lived up on top of the hill in an old log cabin and was the local drunk. Her dad and Garfield would raise a hog each summer and butcher it in the fall for meat. Garfield would trade his hog for cases of beer and stay drunk for weeks. They would send eight-year-old Pat up to find out if he was dead or just still drunk.

Pat and her husband moved into the old farmhouse when they were first married. Her

last recollection of Garfield was watching him come down the hill one day while she was eight months pregnant. She picked up the shotgun and walked out on the porch where she dared him to come closer because he was not in range yet. He looked at her and

said, "you would really shoot me, wouldn't you"? She said yes, and he turned around and headed back up the hill.

Life could be rough out in the backwoods Tennessee country and girls learned to be tough to survive.

## A Minnesotan: Fireworks



By RosaLin Alcoser

I absolutely love to watch fireworks. Last Fourth of July I watched them from my apartment window. At University I went to watch the start of year fireworks every year. I've photographed them for newspapers and have watched them go off over the lake a number of times. In fact I just watched some while visiting my grandpa over Father's Day weekend this year.

This love of fireworks has not always been the case. Like most small children I was not a fan of fireworks, mainly because they were loud and I did not quite understand how they worked. On the Fourth of July, when I was two, I watched the fireworks with a tiny child's lawn chair over my head; my mother says that I told them at the time that the chair was to protect my

hair from catching on fire from the fireworks.

As I got a little bit older I started being less afraid of fireworks for a few years. By less afraid I mean that I was OK with sparklers and fireworks that were set off far away from where I was watching them from.

One Fourth of July when I was probably seven, I was excited about the sparkler cake that we had for a birthday that same day. In full honesty I was a bit disappointed when it was not an actual cake, but it was still pretty cool.

Fireworks were less bad for me until the next Fourth of July when I was eight. That year one of Grandpa's buddies who will not be named, you know who are, came over to set off fireworks from the deck while we were on the deck. He brought a Mad Dog firework that lasted forever; and let me tell you, you do not want to share a deck space with one of those things.

After that I was scared of fireworks again for a one to three of the next couple of years and proceeded to spend the next couple Fourth of July fireworks in the basement because I was now more afraid of the fireworks than I was of the furnace. I was also afraid of Grandpa's buddy after that because of the Mad Dog firework.

Thankfully for me and my family, who like to go to fireworks, I am no longer afraid of fireworks unless they are set off on the deck while I am on it.



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**Thursday, July 21**

**7:00 pm** - Guns vs Hoses Charity Softball Event (Police, Firefighters & EMS)  
 \*Donations will be made to Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention\*

**Friday, July 22**

**7:00 am - 11:00 am** - Methodist Church Coffee & Doughnuts  
**8:00 am** - City Wide Garage Sales begin - List available in WC Messenger Newspaper  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm** - Garage Sale & Museum Open - West Concord Historical Society  
**4:30 - 7:30 pm** - Memorial Park Picnic and Kids Activities - Memorial Park - Hosted by Ellingson Co.  
**5:00 pm** - Food Stands & Beer Garden Open  
**5:30 pm** - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - Memorial Park  
**6:00 pm** - Garden Tractor Pull - South on Front Street  
**6:30 pm** - Bean Bag Tournament Registration w/7:00pm Start Time - East End Main St (If rain, held in Fire Hall)  
**6:30 pm** - Mayor's Key, Miss West Concord Pageant, Citizen of the Year and Baby Contest - Lions Park (by the Methodist Church) if rain, inside Trinity Church  
**7:00 pm** - 5K Color Run/Walk Registration w/ 7:15pm start time - Line up at Memorial Park by the pool  
**8:30 pm - 12:00 am** - Live music under the big tent - "Show Me Your Hits" - Admission \$5 or button  
**12:30 am** - Last call, 1:00 am Beer Garden Closes

**Saturday, July 23**

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm** - Fire Department Burrito Breakfast and Burgers  
**8:00 am - 12:00 pm** - Scott Hodgman Classic Car & Bike Show - Main Street  
**8:00 am** - Softball Tournament Starts  
**8:30 am - 2:00 pm** - Garage Sale & Museum Open - WCHS  
**9:00 am** - Sandpit Volleyball Tournament begins  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm** - Fun on the Farm - Gochbauer Dairy Barn - East end of Main St  
**11:00 am** - Food Stands Open  
**11:30 am** - Treasure Hunt at the Swimming Pool - ages 2-12 are welcome, bring a swim suit  
**1:00 pm** - Library Program, "Family Music is Fun with Will" with music, presented by Will Bjorndal - Lion's Park (in case of rain, Methodist Church) This presentation was made possible by a Library Legacy Grant  
**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** - Adult Bingo - Hosted by WCHS - Under the tent on Main St  
**2:00 pm** - Beer Garden Open  
**7:30 pm** - Excavator Rodeo - East end of Main St  
**8:30 pm - 12:30 am** - Dance under the tent - "Devon Worley Band" - Admission \$10 or with a button  
**10:00 pm** - FIREWORKS - Location TBD ( Bring lawn chairs) rain day - TBD  
**12:00 am** - Ticket Sales End, 12:30 am Last call, 1:00 am Beer Garden Closes

**Sunday, July 24**

**7:00 am - 11:00 am** - American Legion/Auxiliary Breakfast - Legion Hall, Main St  
**9:00 am** - Softball & Volleyball tournaments resume  
**9:30 am** - Community Worship Service - Lion's Park (bring your own lawn chair - in event of rain, service will be held at the Methodist Church)  
**11:00 am** - Food Stands Open  
**12:00 pm** - Beer Garden  
**12:00 pm - 3:00 pm** - Trinity Lutheran Pie & Ice Cream Social - Under the tent  
**1:00 pm** - Grand Parade - Route: Streets ( Main/Front > Main > Third > Eugene > First > Olive > Front > Main)  
**2:00 pm** - Firefighters' "Water Fight" - East end of Main St  
**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm** - Music under the Big Tent after the Parade "CCB Jazz"  
**3:30 pm** - Beer Garden closes



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