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CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

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

City staff and others present: City Administrator Evan Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, City Attorney Mark Rahrnick, City Engineer Derek Olinger, and Buffy Beranek and Sara Fuher with SEMMCHRA

Klejeski requested to add Solar Garden to the agenda under the Public Health and Safety Committee. Motion by McGovern to approve the amended agenda, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the July 7, 2022, City Council Meeting, Minutes of the July 7, 2022, Special City Council Meeting, and Automatic Renewal of CD. Motion by Klejeski to approve the Consent Agenda, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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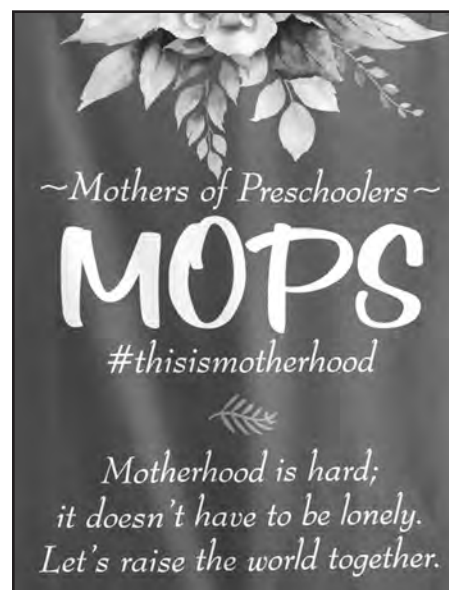
Fifteen new Teachers at Triton This Fall

Ashley Boland will be teaching Sixth Grade Language arts this year at Triton. Ashley is from Altura, Minnesota and attended college at Winona State. She was active in drama, volleyball, track and field and event coordination during her high school and college years. She lives in Owatonna and enjoys reading, being outdoors and playing with her two dogs.

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Pictured to the right, L to R: Christine Deetz, behind her in the flowered top is LuAnn McMahan, Allissa Hallaway, Peyton Soltau, Jill Lutterman, Tyffanie Heublein, Cynthia Hougo, Ashley Boland (front in sweater)

John Hager, Andrew Wotherspoon, Brady Essig, Brandon Neseth, Jennifer Ryg, Lisa Chicos, Beth Hammit



Local MOPS Group To Provide Support for Moms


The acronym "MOPS" stands for "Mothers of Preschoolers" and it began in 1973 in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, when a group of moms with young children met together to share with each other and encourage each other on the parenting journey. In the ensuing 48 years, MOPS has expanded to include moms with school-aged children. MOPS partners with over 4,000 churches and organizations worldwide and is now encouraging moms in more than 70 countries.

MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers) encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders in relationship with Jesus and in partnership with the local church.

MOPS will meet every 1st and 3rd Friday at 9:30 a.m. beginning September 16th at Faith Community Church located on 395 State Street North in West Concord, MN. 55985.

The MOPS organization believes remarkable things happen when moms come together to encourage each other. We, as moms, do too!

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A special Thank you to Casey Dahl, Jacob Klejeski, Brian Styndl, Marshall Ahrens, City of Claremont, and Claremont Fire Department for helping us with this year's Claremont Hogfest!

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The Whole Truth... So Help Me God



Pastor Roger Langworthy
Praise Fellowship Church

The abbreviated phrase in the title of this article comes from a familiar sworn oath to give witness to the truth. It is typically used in a court of law with expectations that the witness will speak the truth under the possibility of being charged for perjury if they are caught in a lie.

But what about when a minister stands before a congregation affirming that they are going to speak truth to the people that they are leading? How can a minister know that what they are saying is truth?

The word "truth" is being challenged in our culture to the point where it is no longer an

indication of an absolute, but much more viewed as an evolving and cultural shifting of what seems right to you or "your truth".

I am a proponent of what the Bible speaks of as Truth and that there are absolutes that if we yield to those truths, we will experience the greatest freedom that we can here on earth. Here are some things that Jesus said about truth.

In his prayer to God he says, "Thy word is truth." John 17:17

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

The Bible also has some things to say about deciding your own truth or denying truth.

"All the people did what was right in their own eyes." Judges 21:25

"They suppress the truth by their wickedness... Claiming to be wise they became utter fools... They traded the truth about God for a

lie... Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness." (Romans 1:18-32)

Ministers must make a choice, no matter the cost. The scriptures speak about a time when people will no longer listen to sound teaching. Instead, they will gather to themselves teachers that will tell them what they want to hear. I think we are in those days. Paul instructs Pastor Timothy to preach the word (the truth) whether it is favorably received or not. (2 Timothy 4:1-3). He also told Timothy that "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

As a pastor, I intend to Swear (affirm) to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God. The last part of that

oath, I make it more of a prayer..."so, please, help me, God!" Help me to "work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

At Praise Fellowship Church we have begun a new series during our Sunday morning services called "Tuned and Trained to Truth". Come join us at our 9:30am service or check it out on our website at pfc-of-dc.org/sermons. We will be exploring how it is that we can have confidence that the scriptures are God's inspired truth and see the differences between the absolutes of scripture compared to the evolving cultural shift that people are calling "Truth."

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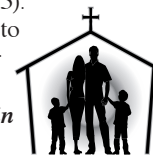
Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. — James 1:2-4

When James writes that we should face trials with joy, he is talking about challenges to our faith that can help us learn and grow. He is talking about hardships we may face as believers in Christ, and how those can strengthen our faith and help us discern God's will.

For example, the first followers of Jesus were often persecuted. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit to preach the good news of Jesus and even to heal people in Jesus' name (Acts 2-3). And they were thrown in jail by the ruling authorities who did not believe in Jesus and his resurrection. The apostles were put on trial and asked where they got the authority to do such things. But they did not back down. Filled with the Spirit, they said, "There is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved," and, "We must obey God rather than human beings!" And even though they were punished and brutally whipped for their faith and their actions, they had joy "because they had been counted worthy of disgrace for the Name" of Christ (see Acts 4-5).

Another example can be that we are always "prepared to give an answer . . . with gentleness and respect" to explain the hope that we have in Christ. "For it is better . . . to suffer for doing good than for doing evil" (1 Peter 3:15-17).

Lord, give us the courage we need to serve you and to face trials when they come, that we may grow mature in you. Amen.



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Obituaries & Marigold Days

Kenneth Luverne Folie

Kenneth Luverne Folie, 81, of Kasson, MN passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN of a hemorrhagic stroke. He was born at home in Clarks Grove, MN on April 4, 1941, to Sherman and Ada (Christensen) Folie.

Ken graduated from Albert Lea High School. After graduating from junior college, he went to work at IBM, first in Chicago and then at the Rochester location. After 30 years, he retired and went to work for Dodge County as an Ag Technician for several years. He retired from that job and then served as a Canisteo Township supervisor for the next 9 years.

Ken married Judy Saxton at Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester on September 8, 1971, the same day as his father's birthday, probably because he wanted to be able to remember our anniversary. A week later on September 15, 1971, they moved onto their farm SW of Kasson, where they have resided for the last 50 years. The first time they looked at the farm, little did he know his

wife's childhood church was a mile down the road. Luckily, it was a great neighborhood to move into.

Ken was known for his love and knowledge of tractors, especially Oliver's. Many backroads were taken, especially when traveling so that he could drive through implement lots. When someone wanted to buy an older Oliver, they would often call Ken because of his knowledge of different models to see if it was a good buy.

He loved to talk and would talk to anyone, often at length much to the chagrin of his family (read that, wife) No one ever told him it wasn't the whistle that moved the train.

Ken is survived by his wife, Judy; daughter, Angela; son, Dan; brother, Darrel (Cyndy) Folie; niece, Deana Folie; and nephew, Darren Folie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Vernon Folie, who passed in infancy; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He will be missed greatly by his family, and many others. His journey here is over, and he has been welcomed by Jesus for a much more exciting one.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 11, 2022, at Kasson United Methodist Church, 801 5th Ave NW Kasson, MN. Pastor Jacob Hanson officiated. Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sunday, July

10, 2022, at Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th Street SE Kasson, MN and one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Interment was in Riverside cemetery in Dodge Center, MN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Helpings Paws Inc. (Service Dog organization), P.O. Box 634 Hopkins, MN 55343, <https://helpingpaws.org/>; or Pleasant Corners United Methodist Church.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplewski Family Funeral Homes, 801 7th St SE Kasson, MN 55944 (507)634-6510. Blessed be his memory.

Hunter Donald Moen

Hunter Donald Moen, 19, died on Friday, September 9, 2022, at his home surrounded by loved ones. He fought a 4 1/2 year battle of Osteosarcoma (cancer.)

Hunter was born on October 25, 2002 to Kevin Moen and Rebecca Whitters in St. Cloud, MN. He graduated from Tri-

ton High School in 2021.

Hunter enjoyed fishing, hunting, farming, baseball, basketball, college and professional sports, friends, family, Mexican food, McDonalds, driving around singing, and social media (Snap Chat.)

Hunter is survived by his parents, Rebecca (Whitters) Dominie and Steve Dominie; father, Kevin Moen; maternal grandparents, Walt DeGarmo, Jackie Whitters, and Gerald Schaf; paternal grandparents, Donald Moen, Marcia and Poncho Rosas; siblings, Zach Moen of Annandale, MN, Sklyer Garding and significant other MaCayla of West Concord, MN, Cheyton Dominie, and step sister Aiyanna Dominie of West Concord, MN; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and special friend, Vicki Favilla of Dodge Center, MN.

Hunter is preceded in death by his maternal great grandmother, Ethel Rae; grandmother, Ruby DeGarmo; and paternal great grandparents.

A celebration of life will be held at 11am on Saturday, September 24, 2022 at West Concord Historical Society, 600 West First Street, West Concord, MN.

Rochester Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences of Hunter may be shared at rochestercremationservicesmn.com



Mantorville Marigold Days



The ceremony held Saturday with a field of flags in honor of our servicemen and women



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Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

The new school year is off to a great start and I am so impressed with the amazing people that we have working in our Triton District. It is a real joy coming to work with staff that are dedicated to meeting the needs of our students. The people in the school and the people that make up our Triton Community make it such a great place to work. One specific group of people that I have the pleasure of working with are the people in the kitchen. Our school district has a contract with the foodservice company Taher and they provide the meals for the students. The people that work for Taher are from our community and an amazing part of our Triton family. I really enjoy working with them as they genuinely care about the students in our school. When you are preparing breakfast and lunch for a

thousand students, it can be stressful. The recent supply shortages have made it even more difficult for our kitchen staff. I am thankful that they have always found a way to provide nutritious and tasty meals for our students even with the recent food supply shortages.

Last year all of our students received free school lunches as part of the COVID funding. It was great to see all of our students fed each and every day. The program that supported this funding ended this year, and the reality is that not all students are going to be able to eat every day. I shared a Facebook post the other day in regards to a way you can give back. I know you hear about people that pay it forward and buy someone's lunch in the fast food line, and that is always a nice gesture. The post I shared had another idea, pay it forward by calling the Triton Kitchen and telling them that you would like to put some money into an overdue lunch account. If you would like to donate, please call the phone number for the kitchen at 507-418-7531. I realize that there are programs that support families for free lunch if they qualify based on their income. But, the reality is

that there are still families that struggle to be able to afford school lunch for their children every day. With the current rise in inflation, it will make it even more difficult for some families to be able to afford to pay for school lunch for their students.

We have had some very generous donations in the past that have helped with school lunches, but we know that this year will be especially challenging for some given the state of the economy and the cost of inflation. The kitchen staff have started a Cobra Kindne\$\$ account for any donations. We are hoping that you will consider paying it forward for a student that could use the donation so they can eat lunch. Even though we never turn a student away from the lunch line for a lack of funds in their account, the reality is

that some students will not go through the line if they know their account is low. We used to be able to provide bread for sandwiches to the students, but due to regulations we can no longer provide that for 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 CLASS OF 2023



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Katelynn Kubat is a senior at Triton High School this year.

Her parents are Jason and Melissa Kubat and she has two older sisters, Kindra and Holly.

Katelynn is active in MHS, SADD and is a Link leader.

Outside of school she likes to spend time with friends and family, watching football and volleyball as well as school plays and musicals.

Her hobbies are boating, tubing, fishing and walking her dog.

Her favorite music is country and pop and her favorite movies are The Lost City and Top Gun Maverick.

After graduation she plans to attend UMR and study sonography or become a physicians assistant.

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Fifteen new Teachers at Triton This Fall

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Ashley did have Triton English teacher Anne Schreiber as a teacher while she was in school.

Brady Essig will be teaching middle school phy ed and health this year at Triton. Brady is a Triton graduate and grew up in Dodge Center. He attended Gustavus Adolphus college and enjoyed playing football, basketball, baseball and was in band and choir. He enjoys playing and coaching sports, and being on the

lake. One interesting fact is that he will have his sister for a student here at Triton.

Beth Hammitt will be teaching High School math at Triton this year. She grew up in northwest Iowa and attended Iowa State University. In high school she played volleyball, basketball, softball and was in track and field. She also has experience coaching those sports. She breeds Yorkshire Terriers with her husband and currently has some three week old puppies they are raising. In her spare time she enjoys crossfit, sports and kayaking.

Tyffanie Heublin will be teaching middle school and high school agriculture this year at Triton. She grew up in Winona and attended college at University of Wisconsin-River Falls. She was involved in FFA and girls hockey in high school. She loves to travel and has been to 35 of the 50 states. She enjoys raising beef cattle on her husbands farm.

Luann McMahon will be family and consumer sciences teacher (home economics) at Triton this year. She is from Taopi, Minnesota and lives in Dodge Center and has worked as a substitute teacher in the past years here.

She was in band, choir, volleyball, basketball, softball, 4-H and FFA when growing up. She has three children and enjoys camping, biking, hiking, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, softball, volleyball, swimming, baking and farming in her spare time.

Brandon Neseth will be a high school social studies teacher at Triton this year. Brandon grew up in Byron and was active in football, basketball and baseball in high school and also coached in Byron while in college at University of Minnesota. In 2012 he was on the interview team at Buffalo Lake school district where they hired a new social studies teacher who later became his wife. They have three children and enjoy outdoor activities and traveling with the family.

Jennifer Ryg will be a high school English teacher at Triton this year. She grew up on a farm south of Dodge Center. Jennifer attended Augsburg College and taught at Dover-Eyota and St. Paul before coming back to Dodge Center. She was active in drama in high school and college and graduated with a major in theater. She enjoys reading, running, knitting and spending time with family.

Peyton Soltau will be teaching special education at Triton this year. She graduated from Winona State and was a student teacher at Triton during the 2020-21 school year and taught at K-M last year.

Andrew Wotherspoon will be the choir teacher at Triton this year. He graduated from University of Northern Iowa and has taught at three other schools before coming to Triton.

Christine Deetz will be the elementary music teacher at Triton this year. She grew up


in Rochester and attended college at Winona State University. She was involved in band, choir, theater and soccer in school. She enjoys painting, biking, exercising, playing video games, reading and rock climbing.

Lisa Chicos will be ECSE Kindergarten and First Grade at Triton this year. She attended Winona State University and was active in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, choir in High School and intramural sports in college. She has done child care for 23 ½ years and enjoys playing piano, reading and watching her grandchildren's sporting events.

Allissa Hathaway will be a third-grade teacher at Triton this year. She is a 2018 Triton graduate and grew up in Claremont. She attended college at Winona State University and was active in volleyball and softball. She enjoys reading, games, outdoor activities, traveling and spending time with family and friends. She will be coaching volleyball and softball at Triton as well.

Cindy Hougo will be the seventh and eighth grade science teacher at Triton this year. She grew up in Cannon Falls and attended college at River Falls and Hamline. She plays clarinet, saxophone and harp and was in jazz band and marching band in high school and geology club in college. She enjoys gardening, reading, sewing, music, rock hunting and fossil digging. In her spare time she likes motorcycle rides with her husband.

John Hager will be a special ed teacher at Triton this year. He is from Kasson and attended college at WSU. He was involved in sports, band, choir and FFA in school. He has done lots of traveling and enjoys spending his spare time with family.



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How Often Should You Bathe Your Dog



For a lot of new dog owners, it can be difficult to determine how often you should give your dog a bath. The truth is, the answer depends on a lot of things. How frequently a pet needs a bath greatly varies based upon their breed, lifestyle and length of coat,

The type of coat your dog has is a big factor in how often he requires baths. However, it's not as simple as the shorter the hair, the less bathing required. Hairless breeds, such as the Chinese Crested and the Xoloitzcuintli, are actually quite care-intensive, according to Cristiano, who says these breeds require weekly baths.

At the other end of the spectrum are the long-coated breeds, such as the Maltese and the Collie. "Obviously, the more hair a dog has, the more work is involved, including the frequency of the bath," says Jorge Bendersky, a celebrity dog groomer, pet expert, and best-selling author of "DIY Dog Grooming, From Puppy Cuts to Best in Show: Everything You Need to Know." He adds, "For dogs with medium-to-large coats, a bath could be needed from weekly to every 4-to-6 weeks, as long as the coat is properly maintained in-between baths."

But a breed such as the Puli, which is technically long-haired, is not bathed as often when corded. According to the Puli Club of America, "the Puli doesn't develop that typical doggie odor, and really, a Puli probably doesn't require as many baths as most other breeds."

So, what about dogs that fall somewhere in the middle? "Thick or double coats on breeds such as Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers, Siberian Huskies, etc., naturally insulate the dogs seasonally," explains Monica Handy of Woofie's Mobile Pet Spa. "Over-bathing could strip too much oil from the skin and disrupt this process. Using a product specifically for shedding will help avoid this."

If your dog suffers from certain health conditions, your groomer and/or veterinarian may suggest that you use medicated shampoo while bathing your dog. Even if your canine companion is healthy, a grooming regimen is important to keep him that way. "All pets benefit from monthly ear cleaning and nail trimming," Cristiano comments. "Thorough coat brushing and combing and conditioning are more integral to the pet's health than bath time."

Then, there's the health of the owner. "Sometimes the bath is for the human's comfort, not the pet's," Cristiano continues. "For owners who suffer from allergies, they'll typically react to their pet's dander, which can be managed with a weekly bathing routine." A dander-removing shampoo may also help manage human allergies.

Bendersky notes that an active lifestyle may be easier with a short-coated breed, given that keeping the dog clean in-between baths typically requires less effort. "You can get away with giving short-haired dogs a good rubdown with a damp washcloth to remove the dirt that was picked up during a busy visit to the dog park," he says.

Of course, dogs that are playing in oceans, hunting in muddy waters, or herding sheep all day may end up needing more baths than pups that spend most of their time indoors — regardless of the breed.

At the end of the day, Bendersky offers this advice: "We should wash our dogs when they are no longer huggable."

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SEPT 22

10:00 AM

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- 159 +/- Deeded acres
- 146.32 +/- Tillable acres
- CPI of 65.1
- Open to farm for 2023 crop year

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LIVE LAND 205.17 ACRES +/- AUCTION
SEC 28 & 33 IN HARTLAND TWP
FREEBORN COUNTY, MN

SEPT 27

10:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: MOOSE LODGE
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TRACT 1

- 150.03 +/- Deeded acres
- 139.66 +/- Tillable acres
- CPI of 93.6
- Completely pattern tiled
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TRACT 2

- 55.14 +/- Deeded acres
- 50.18 +/- Tillable acres
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Minnesota Horse Feed Maker Turns to Forgotten Crop as an Ingredient and Investment

Mary Hartman's Kasson, Minn.-based StableFeed firm is bringing back a forgotten perennial crop – sainfoin – to create healthy horse feed as well as a new niche in the U.S. agriculture market.

Courtesy of Post Bulletin

KASSON, Minn. — When researching for her healthy horse feed, Mary Hartman found a key ingredient and a new commodity in a mostly forgotten crop that hasn't been broadly grown in the U.S. since the 1890s.

“My introduction to sainfoin came from researching the equine microbiome. I read an article by a UK researcher who mentioned sainfoin as an outstanding forage for horses that they love to eat. I had never heard of it,” said Hartman. “It's a really ancient forage legume. It used to be grown specifically for

horses and sheep. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew it. They tried to get it to go here. It turned out that alfalfa was easier to grow in rich soils, so it was passed over.”

Sainfoin is a perennial crop with purple flowers that is harvested and baled like alfalfa. After discovering a handful of growers started raising sainfoin in Montana in the 1970s, Hartman tracked them down and started buying up sainfoin to use in her StableFeed products.

“The Montana producers are excited, because there wasn't a market for sainfoin. They just grew a few fields for themselves. Why would you grow a lot of something when there's no market?” she said. “Now, I've created a market for it.”

Thanks to Hartman, sainfoin is now being harvested in southeastern Minnesota for the first time in modern memory. Kory Weis, a Pine Island area farmer, planted a patch of sainfoin for Hartman and they are experimenting with the best ways to grow and harvest it.

Good for horses

“We are the only commercial providers of sainfoin into the market in North America. I'm going to move 190 tons of sainfoin into the market this year. Some of that may go to South Korea, where they have requested 40 tons,” she said.

Selling straight sainfoin pellets is a growing market for Hartman. However, it is also important for her growing business, because sainfoin is also the base ingredient in all five



Kory Weis with a wagon loaded with bales of sainfoin near Pine Island. Weis farms sainfoin for Mary Hartman, owner of StableFeed. Photo by Post Bulletin

of her feed blends for horses with specific health issues.

After starting in 2017 making chia horse biscuits in Rochester basements and garages, Hartman's healthy horse treats and feed company has grown and evolved into a popular name in the equine market.

StableFeed outgrew spaces in Rochester, so Hartman and her seven employees are now based in a 3,200-square-foot facility in Kasson.

“The rent is higher in Rochester than Kasson. This facility is perfect, and there is more space that I could grow into,” she said looking at the warehouse full of bags of her prod-

ucts awaiting shipment.

Each of the five horse feeds feature sainfoin pellets “garnished” with carrots, dandelions, spirulina, prickly pear, burdock, bee pollen and other ingredients that horses used to consume while foraging. StableFeed also still sells the original five types of chia biscuits that launched the company. Most of her business direct sales via her website.

While her high-end, specialty feeds are not cheap, Hartman points out that they are less expensive than calling a vet to treat a horse struggling with gut issues or other health problems.

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Minnesota Horse Feed Maker Turns to Forgotten Crop as an Ingredient and Investment

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When she developed the feeds, Hartman worked closely with Minnesota's Agricultural Utilization Research Institute. AURI is a state-funded nonprofit that spurs economic development by helping entrepreneurs develop and launch new products.

Alan Doering, a senior scientist who manages AURI's Coproducts Utilization Laboratory in Waseca, Minnesota, has worked with the development of a lot of animal feeds. However, Hartman brought several novel ingredients to the table, including sainfoin.

"I actually farm and we grow alfalfa. ... I had no idea what sainfoin was. The interesting thing about sainfoin is that it is a legume. It's high in protein like alfalfa. Unlike alfalfa, it's non-bloating. So it is safe for horses," said Doering.

Good for the land

He sees a lot of promise in sainfoin as a crop in Minnesota.

"I think the big opportunity for sainfoin in Minnesota would be planting it on marginal land. Whether it's river bottom or whether it's hilly land that is higher in sandy soils, this is an ideal crop to produce protein," said Doering.

Alfalfa production is on the decline in Minnesota with low commodity prices and less

dairies operating in the state. This could provide a useful alternative to alfalfa for some farmers, he added.

As a perennial, sainfoin can help farmers who are concerned about erosion.

"It is basically a living cover crop on your soil throughout the winter," Doering said. "And yet, it's not a cover crop, because you're harvesting it. It's a living cover. It'll come up, year after year."

Weis, the farmer who is growing sainfoin for Hartman in the Pine Island area, said it stands out from other local crops.

"When everything else is brown in the fall, after everything freezes before we get snow, this stuff was just as green as could be right up until the snow covered it up. And it starts earlier in the spring. It was greening up just as soon as the days started getting warm. We get some sunlight and it takes off growing," said Weis.

He added that the purple flowers are also very popular with bees. During peak pollinating time, visitors can hear the buzzing before the sainfoin field comes into view, according to Weis.

A bright future

Looking ahead, Hartman expects to grow and sell more sainfoin. She is optimistic that more and more stables and individual owners will start using her feeds and biscuits after they see the difference the products make in a horse's health and appearance.

She would like to build a new facility to turn sainfoin into pellets to ramp up production and closely control the quality of the pellets.

Of course, sainfoin will be a key part of the future growth of StableFeed.

"I really think this is a plant that's time has come. I think that this is a plant that could play a really big role in the ag sector, both in the short term and the long term," said Hartman.



From left, Deb Maiers, Miya Charles, both with StableFeed, and Mary Hartman, owner of StableFeed, work with a chia product in Kasson. Photo by Post Bulletin

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Dear Savvy Senior, I just turned 60 and would like to know what resources you recommend for locating senior discounts.

— Penny Pincher

Dear Penny,

One of the best, yet underutilized perks of growing older in the United States is the many discounts that are available to older adults. There are literally thousands of discounts on a wide variety of products and services including restaurants, grocery stores, travel and lodging, entertainment, retail and apparel, health and beauty, automotive services and much more. These discounts — typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent off — can add up, saving you hundreds of dollars each year. So, if you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find the discounts you may be eligible for.

ASK!

The first thing to know is that most businesses don't advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don't be shy. You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, most don't kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

SEARCH ONLINE

Because senior discounts frequently change and can vary depending on where you live and the time of the year, the internet is the easiest way to locate them. A good place to start is at TheSeniorList.com (click on "Money" then on the "Senior Discount" tab), which provides a large list of discounts in categories, i.e. restaurant dining, grocery stores, retail stores, prescription medications, travel discounts and more. You can also search for discounts by provider. Go to a search engine like Google and Yahoo and type in the business or organization you're curious about, followed by "senior discount" or "senior discount tickets." If you use a smartphone, there are also apps you can use like the "Senior Discounts & Coupons" app (available on the App Store and Google Play), which categorizes discounts by age and type.

JOIN A CLUB

Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its members age 50 and older a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see AARPdiscounts.com). If, however, you don't like or agree with AARP, there are other organizations you can join that also provide discounts like the American Seniors Association (AmericanSeniors.org), the American Automobile Association (AAA.com), or for retired federal workers, the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE.org).

TYPES OF DISCOUNTS

Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find.

Restaurants: Senior discounts are common at restaurants and fast-food establishments — like Applebee's, Arby's, Burger King, Chili's, Denny's and IHOP — ranging from free/discounted drinks, to discounts off your total order. **Retailers:** Many thrift stores like Goodwill and Salvation Army, and certain retailers like TJ Maxx, Banana Republic, Kohl's, Michaels, Ross and Walgreens stores offer a break to seniors on certain days of the week.

Grocery stores: Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like BI-LO, Piggly-Wiggly, Fry's Food Stores, New Seasons, Fred Meyer, and Hy-Vee, which offer discounts on certain days of the week but they vary by location.

Travel: American, United and Southwest Airlines provide limited senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while British Airlines offers AARP members discounts of up to \$200. Amtrak provides a 15 percent discount to travelers over 62. Most car rental companies give discounts to 50-plus customers or those who belong to organizations like AARP. Royal Caribbean, Norwegian, Celebrity and Carnival cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over. And, most hotels offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 20 percent.

Entertainment: Most movie theaters, museums, golf courses, ski resorts and other public entertainment venues provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And the National Park Service offers a lifetime senior pass for those 62 and older for \$80.

Claremont City Council

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Council asked staff to call the contact at Aries Solar Garden and talk to them about mowing the property, especially the outside.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

EDA

Gatorbak and Dean Schuette turned in invoices requesting reimbursement from the business façade grant. It is a matching grant up to \$2500 per building/per year and both grant applications requested \$2500. Motion by Ellis to approve reimbursing Dean Schuette \$2275 for ½ of his façade grant improvement, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by McGovern to approve reimbursing Gatorbak \$1200 for ½ of his façade grant improvement, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

PARKS COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

PEOPLESERVICE

Their reports were in the packet.

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing at this time.

CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Derek Olinger asked the council if they would like to move forward with the water tower rehab project which includes: complete coating removal and replacement of the inside bowl and exterior, partial coating system removal and replacement on the inside riser, and new lettering on the water tower. The current cost estimate is \$375,000 - \$425,000. Funding would come through a low interest loan through Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. The project would be bid this year with completion next year. The council will discuss funding at the next council meeting.

The 2022 street improvements are scheduled to be done this month.

Olinger briefly explained street maintenance ratings, budgeting and the updated street condition ratings in town. He recommended a minimum of a \$13,000 a year budget for street maintenance, a \$70,000 yearly budget if they would like to do crack sealing or a mill and overlay, and a \$150,000 year budget if planning on reconstruction of streets. In 2023, the street improvement plan will be sealcoating only.

The railroad is in the process of approving the permit for the wastewater outfall project and the project will be let for bids soon.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Buffy Beranek and Sara Fuher with SEMMCHRA discussed the Small Cities Development Program Grant partnership with the City of West Concord. The policies and procedures are complete and ready to be approved by the council. The policy and procedures are part of the grant award process and must occur for the funds to be released. Motion by McGovern to approve Resolution No. 22-21: Civil Rights Policy, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ellis to approve Resolution No. 22-22: Residential Anti-Displacement and

Relocation Assistant Plan, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ellis to approve the Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

The council agreed to a proposed overall levy increase of 10%. The 2023 proposed budget and levy will be discussed at the September city council meeting.

Motion by Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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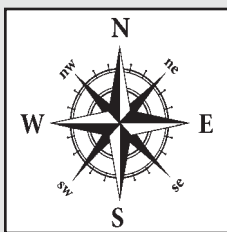
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Frogs, Friends and Fourth Grade



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.

It was September of 1966 and I was in Miss Wick's fourth grade at West Concord Elementary School. We were in the 4E room and it was the week for the Iowa Basic Skills Testing. That was a standardized test that was developed in 1935 to assess the student's skills in reading, language, mathematics, social studies and science. It was boring for a bunch of nine-year old kids.

So, during the recess after lunch break my friend, Lance, and I discovered a frog in the ditch along the play field where all the children went to burn off excess energy. Finding a frog is normal, catching the frog is common, but putting him in a paper cup we found in the ditch and bringing him back to the classroom is a whole new level of crazy.

I, being the consummate risk taker, carried Kermit, our new green captive back from recess, up to the second floor of the school building and right into the classroom. There I sat, hiding the frog under my desk as class resumed. Our principal, Mrs. Wilson, came around the room, aisle by aisle, handing out the test forms to each one of us. Mrs. Wilson was an older lady, rather short, but kind of intimidating to us students.

When she got to my desk, she noticed something amiss. Both of my hands were not on top of my desk, as directed, and she ordered me to do so. I produced a second-hand paper cup, with my right hand over the top. That didn't satisfy her query and I was told to show her what was in the cup.

When I removed my hand, the frog took one great leap for freedom. Right out of the cup and into Mrs. Wilson's face. To my astonishment, she didn't even flinch. She demanded to know why I had brought a frog into the class and before I could think up a good reason, she told me to catch it quickly. As I crawled across the floor, chasing the hopping reptile, there was laughing and shrieking from my classmates. I believe the boys were all quite amused and the girls exhibiting a much more frightened emotion.

Once the frog was secured, I was instructed to return him to the wild, from whence he came, and as I trudged back to class, I contemplated my fate. This was still during the century where corporal punishment was quite common and expected for an infraction such as this. No amount of soul searching could come up with a logical reason for my latest foolishness.

When I got back to the classroom, I took my seat and started the test, with the certainty of impending doom when I was finished.

Much to my amazement, the incident was never mentioned again. I gained a good

deal of respect for Principal Wilson after that day.

A Minnesotan: If You Give a Belizean a Ladder



By RosaLin Alcoser

If you give a Belizean a ladder he will use that ladder in an extremely unsafe way, but somehow always be ok.

My father, the Belizean, is extremely comfortable on ladders and going up steep inclines; my mother says it's because Belize is basically a steep incline.

He is so comfortable with them that I have seen him many, many times throughout my life walk across ladders that he's balanced over things as a gangplank and climb up them while they're tittering on uneven ground.

The amazing thing is that he's never

fallen off of one of these ladders or gotten hurt doing this.

To my knowledge the ladder has only fallen once, while he was not currently on it, trapping him on the roof for a while until my mother found him.

In addition to being extremely comfortable with ladders my father can become easily obsessed with things; like squirrels.

Back in the summer of 2018 he became particularly obsessed with a squirrel that was jumping from the trees onto the roof and running across the roof. The squirrel running across the roof drove him crazy to the point that he decided that it was using a particular branch from the tree next to the house to do this.

So without any help or the right equipment he took his chainsaw and ladder to go up into the tree, climb into the nook where the base of the limb started and cut off the limb. So that he could stop the squirrel from using the limb to jump onto the roof and run across it.

Now I wasn't there to witness this event, because I was away at college, but my mother was and she sent pictures.

The best part about the whole squirrel on the roof chainsaw incident is that after he did all this the squirrel promptly used a different tree to jump onto the roof so it could run across it.

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Get On Board With These School Bus Safety Tips

Here are tips for parents to discuss with their children to reduce risk of bus injuries. These include "bus etiquette":

- Talk to your kids about safety and respect. Ridership is a privilege. It can be taken away due to bad behavior, so check with your school district about established guidelines.

- Dress appropriately for the weather. Many buses are not air-conditioned.

- Be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is set to arrive. Tardiness can lead to mistakes in safety measures. Examples might be running in front of the bus; running back to find something left on the bus; or bending over or bending down to retrieve something dropped while getting off of the bus.

- Kids should follow the five giant steps rule: Be five giant steps back from where the bus actually stops until it comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door.

- Backpacks/bags need to be fully closed and sized appropriately for the child to prevent safety hazards such as dragging straps. Put the backpack under the seat and out of the way of those walking the aisles when loading and unloading.

- Always stay seated on the bus. Teach your child to stay in the seat until the bus comes to a complete stop at your child's destination.

- Show appreciation to the bus driver. Remind your kids to say thank you when they get off. Kindness and good manners go a long way.

- Railroad crossings require drivers to stop, to open the door and to make sure the coast is clear. Teach your kids to be extra quiet during these times.

- Go over your child's bus routine. Describe the location and street where your child should get off. For younger kids, write down their names, bus number, bus stop and where you may be reached and put that information inside their backpack. Help your children memorize your cell telephone number; putting it to song can help.

- Bullying should never be tolerated. Talk to your child about bullying on the bus. Read your district's school bus behavior policy to understand to whom you should report such bullying. It may be the driver, teacher, principal or someone else.

Drivers use caution:

- In addition to the dangers posed to children, drivers speeding through school zones or passing school buses with flashing red lights can receive significant fines including a speeding citation in a school zone.

Other safety tips for parents and children include:

- Children should not talk to strangers. Advise children how to handle a situation in which someone attempts to lure them with prizes or tries to abduct them.

- Teach children bicycle safety tips while riding to and from school.

- Find qualified caregivers for children before and after school care.



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