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**CITY OF CLAREMONT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, September 6, 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, Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, Maintenance Director Brian Styndl, First Responder Director Casey Dahl, and City Engineer Derek Olinger.

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the August 2, 2022, City Council Meeting and Automatic Renewal of a Sewer Fund CD. Motion by Ellis to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Administrator Brown held a 90-day performance review for Maintenance Director Brian Styndl. Council all agreed he has been doing a great job. Motion by Klejeski to give Styndl a 3% raise, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

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Claremont Elections Host Narrow Field



The mayoral race in the city of Claremont features two candidates.

The incumbent, Tasha Dahl is seeking her second term and her challenger was not able to be contacted for an interview. In

the city council there are two seats available and only Hunter McGovern, has filed for re-election. The council may have to appoint someone to fill the open seat.

Tasha Dahl was elected to the Claremont city council in 2018 and then ran for mayor in 2020. She is married to Casey and they have two children, Avery and Brynlee. They have lived in Claremont for thirteen years. Tasha works for Bremer bank as a commercial loan closing coordinator. She is a member of the Claremont Fire Department and is also an EMR. In her spare time she enjoys hunting with the family, watching the kids play sports and running.

During her tenure on the council and as mayor she has learned how city governance works and has attended many meetings with other government officials in Dodge County and developed growing relationships with these other individuals. She was honored to be the opening speaker at the new Highway 14 opening ceremony.

One of the positives in the last year has been the land acquired for a new ballfield by the generous donation from Dick and Sharon Harmer. She is working to collect donations and looking forward to the ground breaking for this community project.



Tasha Dahl



Hunter McGovern

In the coming year Tasha sees the community projects like the new ball field and updating Henning Park as well as refacing the water tower and working with the chamber to get city signs erected out on Highway 14. She would also like to encourage community involvement and is looking for someone to step up to fill the open city council seat.

Hunter McGovern was appointed to the city council in 2021 and is now running for the seat. Hunter and his wife, Ashley, were from Rochester and moved to Claremont after finishing college in Mankato. They are both members of the Minnesota Air National

Guard. Hunter is employed full time with the 133rd Airlift Wing of the National Guard where he performs maintenance as an aircraft engine and propeller specialist.

Hunter joined the council after hearing about the vacancy. He had previously been a member of the EDA board. Some of the issues he sees the council involved in are funding the water tower repairs in the near future. He is also invested in seeing the new ball field funded and built as well as establishing the park around the city pond for community use.

Be sure to exercise your right to vote in the November 8th general election.

Thursday, October 20th *Open Mic*
 Friday, October 28th *Spin the Platter Night...*
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Friday, November 11 *TBA*
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Jesus Is Not Just a Buddy or Friend

By Pastor Norman C. Hoffield

We are living in an era in which everyone wants to feel good. Self-esteem is the “in” thing. We fear making anyone feel badly about themselves. Some schools have even dropped giving grades for classes because those who get low grades may lose that good feeling about themselves. We even have TV

evangelists whose emphasis is on making people feel good about who they are—without regard to the condition of human sin.

In the same way, we are living in an era in which people think they can rush into the presence of God and treat Him just like a friend or buddy. One of the popular hymns of all times is “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” We have always regarded Jesus as our friend

If Jesus would appear in your church on a Sunday morning, you would not rush up to Him or expect to embrace Him. You would instead go down on your knees and worship.

The apostle John was the closest of all disciples to Jesus. He even referred to himself in his own gospel as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” In the Upper Room, John was sitting next to Jesus, reclining close

to Him. However, when he had the vision of the glorified Christ on the Isle of Patmos, he fell at His feet as if dead (Revelation 1:17).

When Peter and the other disciples could not catch any fish, Jesus commanded them to put the nets down and they “enclosed a large number of fish,” and they filled the boat. Peter, when he saw it, “fell down at Jesus’ knees saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man O Lord.’”

It is not that Jesus is not our friend; it is that He is much more than that. It may be that even in some of our worship services, we have made Jesus so much our friend and buddy that we have forgotten His majesty. We forget that He is Lord of all, God in the flesh. We are called to fall down and worship Him and like the multitude in the book of Revelation, cry out:

**“Hallelujah
For the Lord our God
The Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exalt
And give Him the glory.”**
Revelation 19:6b-7a

This may seem very unimportant, however, how we live our life and how we respond to our own sin is wrapped up in how we see God and Jesus. Words like “awe” and “respect” have lost their meaning in today’s world. We dare not lose the meaning of these words when we refer to Jesus. He is not just our redeemer, He is also our judge.

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I Will Come and Eat With You

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. . . . I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” — Revelation 3:20

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people struggled even more than usual with loneliness and isolation. Not being able to meet and eat with friends and family weighed heavily on populations worldwide.

For many people and for many different reasons, though, eating alone was a reality long before COVID restrictions came along, and in those cases the lifting of restrictions won’t mean there will suddenly be people to eat with. So Jesus’ words of invitation here may be especially welcome for people who yearn to eat with someone who loves them.

Jesus’ words in this passage echo some of the lines in another book of the Bible, which is associated with tender, intimate love: the Song of Songs. In Song of Songs 5:2, the woman says, “Listen! My beloved is knocking.” And her beloved says: “Open to me. . . .”

Both the scene in Song of Songs and this scene in Revelation are very tender, and the word for “love” here is phileo, referring to love that is affectionate, as warmhearted as a close friend, and as near to one’s heart as a lover. It makes sense, then, that the great feast that culminates the entire story of God’s love for his people is the wedding supper of the Lamb, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Listen, he stands at the door and knocks. Will you open the door and let Jesus in?
Lord Jesus, I hear you at the door, knocking. Thank you! Lord, please come in and eat with me. Amen.

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SMIF Announces Second Prosperity Initiative Cohort of 2022

By Southern Minnesota Initiative
Foundation

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is pleased to announce the members of the second Prosperity Initiative cohort of 2022, a program which provides free coaching and training to minority entrepreneurs. Four entrepreneurs have joined the program.

Prosperity Initiative clients commit to a six-month period of working directly with an experienced business coach. Additionally, clients connect monthly with other entrepreneurs participating in the program through peer network meetings to discuss challenges and successes. All resources are free for participating businesses.

When the Prosperity Initiative was created in 2016, its mission was to help remove barriers to success for entrepreneurs who identify as Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC). This is the first year that the program has expanded its eligibility to also include entrepreneurs who identify as women, veterans, low-income and/or a person with disabilities. More than 90 clients have gradu-



ated from the program.

SMIF is pleased to welcome the following entrepreneurs to the program:

Akeem Pendleton; New Identity Barber-shop. A barbershop that caters to custom hair and beard grooming needs (Mankato).

Amanda Brees; Amanda Brees Ministries. Offers yoga therapy, meditation, attachment education and therapies for adult survivors of familial trauma (Plainview).

Atiq Bhatt; Midwest Building & Equipment. Manufactures and sells portable storage buildings, custom trailers and modular homes (Mankato).

Jamie West; Baby Morgan. A baby blanket retailer (Rochester).

"We welcome these entrepreneurs into the program and look forward to seeing how their businesses grow over the next six months," said Pam Bishop, vice president of economic development at SMIF.

Applications for the Prosperity Initiative are now being accepted on a rolling basis. Early stage and established entrepreneurs are encouraged to reach out to Christopher Mazziotto, director of business development,

at christopherm@smifoundation.org or 507-214-7018. Visit smifoundation.org/prosperity for more information.

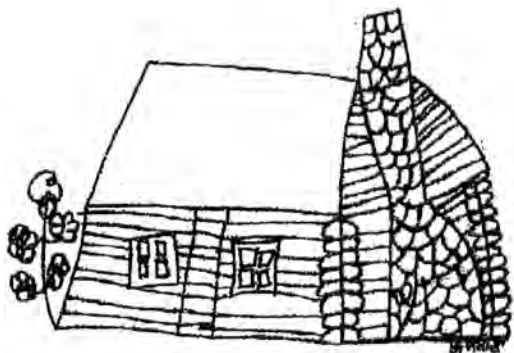
The Prosperity Initiative is supported, in part, by State of Minnesota through a grant from the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Partners in this program include Community Economic Development Associates (CEDA), Collider Foundation, Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment through Research (HACER), Region Nine Development Commission, Merchants Bank – Winona and Minnesota Council of Churches – Tapestry Project.

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By Minnesota FFA Foundation



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Jackets are awarded to students based on their application and financial need.

Join others as we develop leaders through FFA!

The Why

Clemenson shares her Blue Jacket Story: What does the Blue Jacket mean to Clemenson?

"The blue jacket means many things to me. One thing that the blue jacket represents to me is the countless opportunities which can be found within FFA. There is often a place for everyone and something for them to succeed in. There are opportunities for students to grow career and leadership skills. FFA members can make connections and develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Another symbol of the blue jacket to me is the tradition that it tells the story of. There is a history that goes along with FFA, and the jacket can be used to tell that story. The history of agriculture and agricultural education is one that is very important. This jacket can help keep this tradition going into the future. The blue jacket also represents and means family to me. Those who wear the blue jacket usually become like a second family to most. The people in the jackets are usually there for you in times of need, they will lift you up if you fall, and support you always. Lastly the blue jacket represents hopes and dreams to me. Whether it is a goal or dream within FFA or one that you develop for the future while wearing the blue jacket, someone within the jacket will help you find a way to accomplish

that goal. The blue jacket means and represents so much to me!"

How do you think your experience in FFA will impact your future plans?

"My times and experiences in FFA have already impacted me and I expect them to continue to impact my future plans. My time in FFA has taught me that I want to stay connected to agriculture and the agricultural industry, by pursuing a career in Ag. It has also helped display many of the endless opportunities that lay ahead within the agricultural industry."

What would you like to say to the sponsor of your jacket?

"I would like to thank the sponsor of my jacket for helping to provide countless opportunities. In the blue jacket I have been able to grow my personal skills such as public speaking, leadership, organization, and teamwork. The blue jacket has also helped me to develop many connections with people whom I wouldn't otherwise meet. Some of my best friends now, were people that I met while in the blue jacket. Many of my favorite and most unforgettable memories were made while wearing the blue jacket. So, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to those who sponsored my jacket. Thank you for helping to provide me with my best memories, important connections, and endless opportunities."

FFA is a tradition that is bettering students and building the leaders of tomorrow. The blue jacket helps many kids' dreams come true, including a few of my own."

What do you feel has been the most rewarding experience in your blue jacket?

"There are many experiences within my blue jacket that have been rewarding, all in different ways. One would be the feeling after you are able to help someone and serve those around you. Whether it is a younger FFA member at a contest or meeting or someone in the community, it is a great experience when you are able to serve and help those around you."

Another experience that has been rewarding is at the MN FFA State Convention in April of 2022 when my team placed 1st in the dairy evaluation CDE contest, and I placed 1st individually. We all had been practicing and preparing a lot for this contest, so it was very exciting when we were standing on stage and heard the results. In addition to this, being chosen to serve on the Region officer team was another great experience. This has



NATALIE CLEMENSON

Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA Vice-President, Region VIII FFA Assistant Officer

given me many great friends and teammates to work with, I am able to connect with members from across the region and serve at another level. I am very grateful for all these experiences! These are just some of the rewarding times that I have had in my blue jacket!"

Durand is PROUD to support the program:

"When I think of the trajectory my life has taken because of my involvement in the FFA organization, I'm one-hundred percent sold on investing in the future of agriculture and the reinvesting in the FFA organization. I hope to see my three daughters don the jacket someday. I may have even told the new FFA Advisor in my town, that she isn't allowed to move to another school until my kids have had her as an



MS. AMY DURAND
Agribusiness
Instructor -
South Central
College

advisor. Supporting the MN FFA Foundation's Blue Jackets Bright Futures program is important to me because of the windows of information and doors of opportunity the FFA organization unlocks for youth of America.

The value of the Blue FFA Jacket is priceless. During my time wearing the jacket, I began the education that led me to a career in the industry of agriculture. When my role in FFA transitioned to being an FFA Advisor, I helped students into their FFA jacket and put them on their own journey of opportunity and education. Now I'm active in our Belle Plaine Area FFA Alumni & Friends organization to make sure Belle Plaine keeps agricultural education in our school and FFA as an organization in our community."

How can you sponsor a jacket?

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The rural landscape has changed and old ways aren't coming back, so how do we hold on to what we have?

Courtesy of AgWeek

AgWeek reflects on the way things used to be -- both good and bad -- and how rural areas can hold on to the things and people that still make them special.

A ride along to purchase five Holstein bull calves from a dairy producer in southeastern Minnesota was welcome on a glorious late afternoon when the rolling hills best showed their beauty.

It is a strong dairy area, in contrast to the prairie that the calf buyer and I call home. Silos and barns — to an extent relics of a bygone time — remain in sharp contrast to the large dairy we stopped at. Truckloads of fresh-chopped alfalfa were being transported to the edge of a large pile, where it was packed tight by a four-wheel-drive tractor.

Along the way we talked about how vital dairy used to be across Minnesota. Local stores sold milking equipment and other supplies, and small towns were crowded with cars on weekend nights when checks were cashed, and families came to eat and be entertained.

West Concord — a town of less than 1,000 in the 1950s and now — once had a couple of tractor and car dealers, a clothing store, two hardware stores, two banks, a railroad line, and more. A mural painted on a building's side depicts Mainstreet circa the 1950s.

It's a shame, I said, that those days are no more.

"You can say it's a shame," the pickup driver said, "but they are never going to come back."

There are many reasons why that is so. Ease of transportation, technology, cost of

living, efficiency of scale, and an unstoppable exodus of people to metropolitan areas are among the reasons.

Writings dating to the 1980s reveal that I railed against the loss of family farms (a category that remains difficult to define), consolidation in the meatpacking and dairy industries, and the foolishness of federal farm policy that failed in its stated mission to protect family farmers.

Keeping family farmers on the land has been the goal since President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal initiated the farm program framework in the Great Depression. Supply management through land banks and Conservation Reserve Program sign ups have been tried with mixed success ever since the government moved away from parity pricing formulas.

History suggests that the dominance of diversified farms blossomed only briefly. The driver raised a valid point when he said that we tend to remember the good times more than the bad.

Cultivating row crops four times followed by whacking weeds, sick calves in pneumonia-filled barns, picking frozen silage from silo walls, and dealing with untiled fields was no one's idea of fun.

Maybe a more reasonable goal is to hang on to what we have. It will not be easy. The public school closed in the early 1990s, and a start-up school that followed several years later folded. Three churches, hurt by declining attendance, have closed. The lone restaurant closed during the pandemic and won't reopen in its wake. The American Legion, housed in a building constructed in the early 20th century, struggles for members.

The pickup driver asked and answered his own question.

"Would your children want to move back here? No, they wouldn't, because there is nothing to do here."

Well, that is not 100% true. There is much to be said for raising a family away from the busyness of a big city, the community that remains strong in its commitment to schools and other institutions.

The movement away from rural areas is a worldwide phenomenon unmatched in history. The slums of Third World nations are crowded with now-landless people. Europe and the United States are far better equipped to handle the migration as rural residents move for better opportunities.



A pair of stave silos offer a hint at the dairy farming that once went on at the Don and Sylvia Colby farm near Milnor, North Dakota. Mychal Wilmes says the old ways of rural life and farming weren't all good, but there is good in the rural lifestyle to hold onto.

Photo courtesy of AgWeek

Thomas Jefferson wrote centuries ago that the strength of American democracy is found in its millions of family farmers. It remains true to this day, which may explain why countless surveys find that support for family farmers remains strong.

Organic Certification Cost Share Program Increases Affordability of Certification Rebates

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of their organic certification. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is accepting applications for the Minnesota Organic Certification Cost Share Program from now until November 1, 2022.

Organic certification is a third-party verification system. It assures consumers the organic products they buy are produced in accordance with federal organic regulations. Organic operations must follow National Organic Standards and are monitored through review of their records and on-site inspections at least once a year.

"The yearly cost of certification can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars," Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey said. "This program provides some relief and goes a long way to make organic certification more affordable."

Funds for the cost share program are available first-come, first-served and come from a cooperative agreement with the United States

Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Operations that received certification (or had ongoing certification) between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of certification-related expenses, with a maximum of \$500 per category (crop, livestock, processing/handling, wild harvest). MDA also offers a similar cost share program for transitioning a farm to organic.

To qualify, applicants must be certified organic by a USDA-accredited certifying agency. New this year will be an online application process. Certified organic farmers or processors can obtain all the program details and necessary materials on the MDA's website or by calling 651-201-6134. Applicants that do not wish to apply with MDA may apply through their local FSA Office.

Additional funding for up to 25% of allowable certification costs is available through FSA. That application deadline is October 31, 2022.

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The MN Department of Agriculture Offers Tips for Anhydrous Safety

Many farmers and custom applicators will soon apply anhydrous ammonia (NH3) after harvest. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised. Accidents involving NH3 have proven how dangerous and deadly the fertilizer can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers, fertilizer dealers, and custom applicators to safely field apply NH3.

Always wear NH3-rated goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

Be sure to have a clean and accessible emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons available.

Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections of transfer lines, treating them as if they always contain NH3.

Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3. Also, close, bleed, disconnect, and secure valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

Position equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining NH3 equipment, operating NH3 storage facilities, and transporting NH3. Never assume NH3 lines are empty, always wear the required protective safety equipment, and have access to safety water (NH3 storage facilities must have a minimum of one open top container holding 150 gallons of clean, accessible water or an accessible emergency shower with a plumbed eyewash. A 5-gallon container of clean, accessible water must accompany NH3 nurse tanks).

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SVM) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

If an accident or spill occurs, seek medical care if needed, immediately call 911, and then the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798 or 651-649-5451.

You can find more safety, storage, and transportation information on the MDA's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/nh3.

As a reminder, fall application of NH3 should happen after average soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler to help

prevent nitrogen loss and ensure more nitrogen will be available for next season's crop.

View the MDA's interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.

Under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule, fall nitrogen fertilizer application is prohibited in vulnerable groundwater areas of Minnesota due to environmental concerns or risks.

Updated Website Helps Farmers Find Farms, Land FarmLink platform connects beginning, current farmers

An online tool from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to connect current farmers considering retirement with beginning farmers looking for land has undergone a major upgrade.

Minnesota FarmLink, a listing service for Minnesota farms and land parcels for sale or rent, now offers users the ability to post, edit and delete their own listings. Visitors to the site also now have the opportunity to browse the listings without logging in to an account.

In addition to listings of farms and land parcels for sale or rent, FarmLink also has categories for Beginning/Emerging Farmers looking to work alongside a current farm owner on future ownership transition, current farmers looking for successors, job seekers and job postings, and mentorship/internship postings and seekers.

"We know from our work with Emerging Farmers that access to land is a key hurdle to getting more farmers into agriculture, so anything we can do to reduce that barrier will help our state," Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "For farmers thinking about retirement who have no heir, this can be a good way to see their farms continue on."

Listings that are for sale or rent will have contact information available on each posting. For other categories, to contact someone, you must create an account and be logged in, with a listing in the opposite category in order to connect (i.e., a job seeker must have a listing in the Job Seeker category to connect with a Job Posting).

Please note that all listings on the former FarmLink platform were deleted, so people who had listed previously will need to recreate those listings on the new platform.

More information about FarmLink is available on the MDA website. Specific questions regarding FarmLink should be directed to Jim Ostlie at 320-842-6910 or email jim.ostlie@state.mn.us.



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Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant Available

Apply by October 27, 2022 for grant to boost livestock product sales

Minnesota livestock product processors seeking to start up, modernize, or expand their businesses are encouraged to apply for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant program.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$1.4 mil-

lion using a competitive review process. The maximum equipment award is \$150,000, and the minimum award is \$1,000.

The intent of the program is to increase sales of Minnesota-raised livestock products by investing in equipment and physical improvements that support processing, capacity, market diversification, and market access.

“Meat processing demand continues to increase, and capacity has to keep pace for a healthy market to exist,” Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. “This grant helps processors become more agile and resilient, expanding access to products.”

Applicants must:

Intend to or be engaged with livestock slaughter or processing, including meat, poultry, egg, and/or milk.

Be an individual (including farmers), business, agricultural cooperative, non-profit, educational institution, or a local unit of

government (including Tribal Governments).

Currently reside in Minnesota and be authorized to conduct business in Minnesota

Grantees are responsible for at least 50% of the total cost for the first \$50,000 and 75% of the total cost for every dollar after as a cash match. Funding for the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant will be awarded in one round.

Grant applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022. Funding will be awarded in early 2023.

If a grant application is not selected during the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant, it will be considered for the AGRI Value-Added Grant that is expected to open in winter 2023.



Proposals must be submitted through our online application system.

For more information, visit the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant webpage.

Why is my dog “scooting”?

Many dog owners can recall a certain dreaded scenario. You’re sitting around your living room with a few guests when suddenly, your dog starts scooting their bottom brazenly across the floor in front of everyone.

In reality, scooting is a dog’s way of trying to alleviate something wrong back there. That might mean an itch, irritation, pain, or other problem that ranges from the mildly uncomfortable to the medically concerning. Educating yourself on the causes of scooting problems will help lead to more direct resolutions.

Clogged Anal Sacs

Dogs have two small anal sacs on either side of their rear end that contain a foul, fishy-smelling liquid they release when they poop. The liquid may be a biomarker that helps leave a sort of “poop print” for other dogs to smell.

Normally, your dog’s bowel movement triggers their anal sacs to empty. But if they’re not working properly, the fluid can build up. The glands in the sacs have a tendency to get inflamed, solidifying the liquid and hindering its release. When the sacs are continuously full or not emptying properly, it can be painful and this area may even become infected.

Visit your veterinarian if the problem seems serious. Antibiotic ointment and warm compresses may also be recommended.

“If your dog’s glands look very enlarged or they’re having bloody discharge, it’s time to see your vet,” says Dr. Sara Ochoa, DVM. “If the anal glands are very full, we express them. When they are infected, dogs get a round of antibiotics and sometimes pain medication.”

Skin Irritation From Grooming

Dogs that get groomed frequently, such as Cocker Spaniels and Poodles, may experience clipper burns and irritations from sprays, perfumes, or grooming products that get under their tail and around their bottom.

Check for tiny nicks and razor burn if your dog scoots after grooming. If they’re itching all over (including rolling around on their back), it may be due to a grooming product. Ask the groomer to switch products, or bring in your own oatmeal-based, sensitive-skin, hypoallergenic, or organic bath products and dog shampoos. A warm compress is another option to help alleviate irritation due to grooming.

Food Allergies

Food allergies or intolerances may be to blame for some dogs’ anal sac issues. If soft or watery bowel movements aren’t providing the pressure needed to empty the sacs properly, diet may be the cause. A diet with only one or two types of protein, not enough fiber, or one that contains grains like corn, oatmeal, rice, wheat, or soy can be what’s affecting stools and preventing the anal sacs from functioning properly.

Talk to your veterinarian about making dietary changes. “I frequently recommend adding canned pumpkin to their diets. Or using Glandex, a product that helps decrease anal gland material and helps the glands express easier,” says Ochoa.

Trauma to Anal Sacs

Your dog may have experienced trauma to their anal sacs by a groomer who manually expressed the glands unnecessarily. But, these sacs are delicate and can be injured by manipulation or squeezing during manual expression. The glands can experience tissue damage and become inflamed, preventing them from functioning normally. Repeated expressing can injure your dog’s anal sacs. What’s more, the sacs can lose the necessary muscle tone that enables them to express themselves on their own.

In the past, groomers were taught to express anal sacs as part and parcel of your dog’s grooming services. However, dogs rarely needed this service as their anal sacs were designed to function just fine on their own.

That said, groomers should be encouraged to check to see if the anal sacs are full and if so, to gently empty them. Many times, groomers are the first line of alert of growths and other issues, so it’s best to allow them to check first, and empty if needed.

Intestinal Parasites

Intestinal parasites, like tapeworms, could be another culprit for your dog’s scoots. Dogs can get tapeworms by ingesting a flea carrying immature tapeworm larvae. These can cause itching and irritation around the anus when the tapeworms exit after maturing in the stomach. Telltale signs of tapeworms include an itchy bottom, scooting, and rice-like segments of worms around the anus, in your dog’s feces or their bedding.

Visit your vet for an examination right away if you suspect parasites.

“Even if you don’t see worms, they still may be there,” says Ochoa. “Your veterinarian can check a fecal flotation and see if your dog has worms. These are easily treated by a dewormer.”

The bottom line is, if your pup scoots once or twice, it may just be an itch or dirty bottom after a trip outside. But if you notice scooting behavior more frequently, constant licking and biting of the rear area, or other signs of swelling or abnormality, take your pup to the vet right away for an exam to get to the root of the scooting.

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Deer vs. Motorcycle

Minnesota's large deer population makes them a safety hazard on the road all year long, but deer-vehicle crashes peak in the autumn months. Although all motorists need to be extra cautious as the weather cools down, deer crashes can be especially dangerous for motorcyclists — a group which accounted for 15 of the 18 vehicle-deer related deaths in the last five years (2016-2020).

Deer are unpredictable — they stop in the middle of the road, they cross and quickly re-cross back, and sometimes even move toward an approaching vehicle. While it is important to plan ahead for unexpected situations, strategy isn't enough if you don't have the skills to execute it. Rider training helps new riders develop skills and earn a license, while returning and experienced riders can sharpen their skills. The skills learned in the training can save your life.

Sadly, motorcyclist traffic fatalities overall are the highest they've been in several years. Through Sept. 26, preliminary figures show 76 motorcyclists have died on Minnesota roads so far this season. At this time in previous years, that compares with 59 deaths last year, 56 in 2020 and 40 in 2019. All the more reason to take rider training, learn the skills to avoid deer crashes and other hazards on the road, and for riders and drivers to work together to make safety a priority for the remainder of the motorcycle season.

Motorcyclists Safety Tips to Avoid Deer Crashes:

- Avoid night and low-light riding periods. Be especially cautious from 6 - 9 p.m., when deer are most active.

- A rider's best response when encountering a deer is to use both brakes for maximum braking and to keep your eyes and head up to improve your chances of keeping the bike up.

- Use high beams as much as possible at night, especially in deer-active areas.

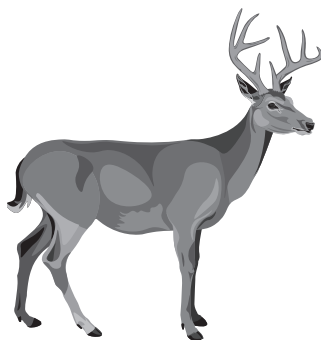
- Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road.

- If anything looks slightly suspicious, slow down.

- Slow down in areas known to have a large deer population — such as areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forest land.

- High visibility gear can assist other driver's in seeing you better; whether it's while making an evasive maneuver to avoid a deer or laying on the roadway after impacting a deer.

When deer cross the road, they don't look twice for motorcycles. Stay alert and always wear full protective gear to protect yourself in case of a crash.



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Here are the top Five Big Money Purchases you will probably regret in retirement

One surprise that hits retirees in their first few years is that even without the costs of working and contributing to retirement accounts, they end up spending more than when they held down a job.

Financial planners cite three retirement phases: Go-Go, Slow-Go and No-Go. In the Go-Go years, typically 65 to 75, healthy young retirees spend big on travel, hobbies and scratching life-long dreams off their bucket list. Retirees are less active between 76 and 85 in the Slow-Go years, and tend to spend their No-Go years of 86 to 100 quietly.

And it's during those early Go-Go years that retirees with pent-up dreams for their golden years often make big purchases that they can end up regretting.

The first years of retirement can be a never-ending vacation, but endless expensive trips can create a serious crack in your nest egg.

Travelers tend to underestimate daily costs, such as meals, tips, resort fees, costs of excursions, airport costs and more, as well as paying for someone to care for your home while you're gone.

A four-day vacation within the U.S. costs on average \$144 a day, while a 12-night international jaunt costs around \$271 per day, based on analysis from ValuePenguin.

And several big trips at the start of your retirement means big withdrawals that limit the growth of your investments for the next 20 or 30 years. That can mean you'll have less to rely on when health care expenses typically rise.

It seems like a reasonable reward to retire to the house you've always wanted but a dream home can become a financial nightmare. After the initial expense, you'll need to continue spending big on upkeep, maintenance and repairs that will eat into your retirement savings.

And you may end up moving anyway.

A 2021 survey from the National Association of Realtors found that, among people between 66 and 74, 16% would move because of life changes such as a birth, death or marriage; 25% for a change in a household member's health and 8% would move to downsize.

Whether it's a fancy boat, a sleek sports car or an opulent recreational vehicle, these fancy toys come with a hefty price tag. Then there are expensive and frequent maintenance, storage and insurance costs.

Don't forget about operating costs, either: RVs quickly burn through expensive diesel fuel, a Maserati won't run on regular and boats need a marina slip to call home.

And while fun, these purchases rapidly depreciate in value. And the eventual physical limitations of aging can make operating them just plain uncomfortable.

A 2020 Merrill Lynch study found that 79% of parents of early adults offer them some financial support. But more shockingly, what they spend on their adult children is twice as much as what they set aside for their own retirement.

And once the pandemic hit to disrupt everyone's finances, 71% of retirees in an Edward Jones study said they'd be willing to jeopardize their own financial future to help their family.

Before heading down that path, any financial adviser worth their salt will remind you to put on your oxygen mask first. Set firm financial boundaries or you'll drain your retirement assets and may end up depending on them for support.

Instead of making withdrawals from your account, set the kids up with a budget or debt counselor, a career coach or even therapy.

Vacation homes are often in coveted locations, which generally means not only will the home and taxes be expensive, so will services and the cost of living, too.

And besides having two places to insure, heat and maintain, you'll need someone to take care of whichever property is empty. And then there's the cost and hassle of traveling between two homes.

You may find as you age, your dream locale loses its appeal, whether because you get tired of the place, find it hard to find the health care or services you need or that remote getaway is simply too far from your family.

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"You Can't Take it With You" coming to the Triton stage!

This year's fall play, under the direction of Anne Schreiber and assisted by Jennifer Ryg, is the award-winning comedy *You Can't Take it With You*, which promises to be another audience favorite. The play performs November 10-12 at 7:00 p.m. with a free senior citizen matinee on Wednesday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m. Tickets for the general admission shows are \$4 for students and \$6 for adults.

You Can't Take It With You is about an eccentric family living in New York City in the 1930s. The patriarch of the family, Grandpa (played by Weston Haugen), worked on Wall Street, but he decided 35 years ago to simply give up his job and do what he wanted to do, which now involves going to college graduations and feeding snakes. His daughter Penelope (played by Jenna Kenworthy) received a typewriter by mistake one day, so she decided to be a novelist; her husband Paul (played by Tavan Radke) builds fireworks in the basement; her daughter Essie (played by Hanna Strom) decided to become a ballerina in her 20s; and Essie's husband Ed (played by Andrew Edge) plays the xylophone and prints Communist sayings, putting them in the candy ("love dreams") that Essie makes. Paul and Penelope's other daughter Alice (played by Talia Kelley) works a "real job" at an office, and she wants to bring her fiance (played by Liam Dostal) and his parents, the rich, aristocratic Kirbys (played by Caleb Chilson and Ashley Dominguez-Marquez), home to meet the family. However, the Kirbys arrive on the wrong night, and chaos (and hilarity) ensues.

The cast and crew are hard at work putting this show together, and everyone is eagerly



The whole cast comes together at the end of Act II.

looking forward to performance weekend. Director Schreiber relates that "this is a more challenging show in terms of special effects, and it also has students stepping out of their boxes more to play these eccentric, zany characters. However, they're doing a great job inhabiting new characters!" In thinking about why she likes the play, Ashley

Dominguez-Marquez (Mrs. Kirby) says, "It's a representation of how life can be life; it doesn't have to be boring. You can have weird habits or hobbies, but they have to make you happy." She thinks that it will be impactful for the audience because, as she says, "The play will make the audience reflect on their life. It will make them think about hobbies

they used to have." Weston Haugen (Grandpa) sums up why people should see this play, saying, "Snakes, explosions, taxes, and laughs." Tavan Radke (Paul Sycamore) adds that the show is "ridiculously hilarious and fun" and that "fireworks make everything great!"

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Cobra Communications



Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

The Triton School District is excited to announce that we will be combining efforts with the Messenger Newspaper to share information with our community. We are going to discontinue the Triton Times as a cost savings measure and put information in the Messenger each month. The Messenger is sent to every home in the district, and is supported by volunteer subscriptions and advertising from local businesses. The cost of printing and postage will be better utilized by supporting our local paper and sharing information more frequently in the newspaper. In the past we have published the Triton Times 4 times a year. We feel that we can better serve our community by using the Messenger and getting information in the paper every month. We will also utilize the Messenger for our Community Education Brochure Information. The biggest change

is that you will need to check the Messenger each month for information rather than waiting for a separate mailing from the school.

We are excited about this partnership because we see it as a win-win opportunity. It allows us to support our local paper AND the school district can get information and school highlights to all of the people in our community on a monthly basis. We are also working on getting students to write articles for the paper and offer them a real world experience in the field of journalism. In my first year as a superintendent, we did a community survey in preparation for the levy override vote. One of the items that I learned is that the local paper is still an important communication tool in our community. Even though we will continue to use social media and other forms of communication, we know that you still like to get information from the local paper. I

feel fortunate to have the Messenger that is sent to all of the homes in our community. I hope you find the information that we provide to be helpful and informative of all of the great things that are happening in our school district.

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

#WeAreTriton

"You Can't Take it With You" coming to the Triton stage!

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Other members of the cast include Lily Dearborn, Corey Lilledahl, Jairo Solano, Logan Tufte, Joaquin Lundi, Raymond Anderson, Percy Furnari, Litany Peterson, Poe Broskoff, Gianna Lamb, and Nancy Fernandez. The crew includes Anna Anderson, Lena Moe, Kaitlyn Krupa, Andrienne Liudahl, Axel Reiser, Anyely Dominguez-Marquez, Bryar Quimby, Frankie Gann, Jade Scovill, Ashley Romero, Abigail Akkerman, Ava Cummings, AJ Kozisek, Kianna Peters, Damian Radke, Jessica Willette, Katya Wheeler, Miley Dostal, and Sarah Jensen.



Jenna Kenworthy studies the script as (from L-to-R) Talia Kelley, Caleb Chilson, Ashley Dominguez-Marquez, and Weston Haugen react to the action.



Hanna Strom looks on as Gigi Lamb sleeps behind her and Andrew Edge listens in on a phone call.



Jenna Kenworthy gets out her painting things, but Andrew Edge is concerned about a man following him home.



Ashley Romero, Damian Radke, Axel Reiser, and Jade Scovill help make the set look nice.

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Triton Defeats Lewiston-Altura 48-8 at Homecoming



Triton students show off the float representing the Class of 2026.



Triton students enjoyed many school spirit activities throughout the Homecoming Week.



Triton students show off the float representing the Class of 2026.



Triton football players prevailed with a Homecoming victory, beating Lewiston-Altura 48-8.



Triton students enjoy the dance on Saturday night of Homecoming Week.



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Triton cheerleaders pump up the crowd during the Homecoming Football game.

Mr. Johnson is now a part of the Southeast Minnesota's Top Driving School and he's bringing it to Triton!

The Enhanced Driving Institute is proud to offer the most comprehensive driver's education program available, and we are extremely excited to be bringing our program to Triton High School with a teacher the students know and trust! Our next class will run October 31st - November 11th and we will offer another class again in June. Class will 3:30-6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Triton HS Media Center. To see the complete calendar, scan the QR code!

All students over 14 years old are legally eligible for class, though we recommend wait-

ing until students are 15 or nearly 15. Our Complete Package (\$399) includes 30 hours of classroom instruction AND the 6 hours of Behind the Wheel Training with a licensed instructor that is required by the state of MN. All behind the wheel lessons will begin and end at our Rochester campus location. The Complete Package is subject to a 10-month program agreement which requires all 3 behind the wheel lessons to be completed 10 months after the first day of class. Students who will not turn 15 for a bit, could also register for the Classroom Only

Package (\$240). The Classroom Only Package is not subject to a program agreement. These students would receive their Blue Card when they enroll in BTW training (\$240). EDI does offer a \$20 discount to EDI classroom students who purchase a BTW package from EDI.

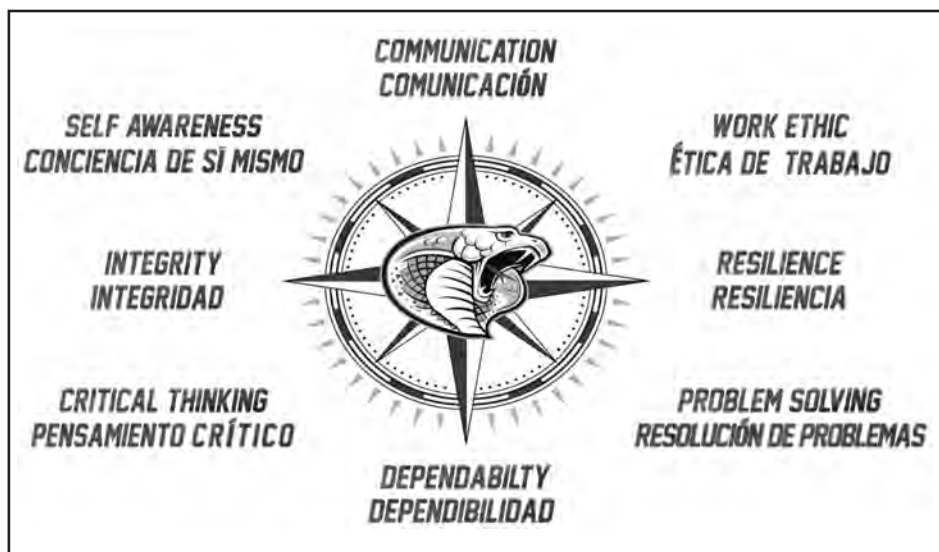
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Triton Counselor's Corner



In the last several years, Triton Public Schools and our community members have come up with qualities that we want every Triton student to embody in their everyday lives and especially upon graduation. We call this the Triton Profile of a Graduate or the Cobra Compass. There are 8 traits on this compass: self-awareness, integrity, critical thinking, dependability, problem solving, resilience, work ethic and communication. As a school counseling and social work team, we'd like to explain a little more about each of these traits and how they can relate to mental health and/or social emotional learning. Our students are learning about these characteristics each month as well.

October's Profile of a Graduate focus is integrity. After our monthly lessons, we hope that students will be able to explain that integrity is honesty, trustworthiness, morals and values. Integrity is being a good human. Many of us have heard the familiar quotation from C.S. Lewis, "Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching." October also happens to be National Bullying Prevention Month. Pacer Center promotes the recognition of this month and one day in particular, Unity Day. This year Unity Day was Wednesday, October 19th and we wore orange "to show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying" (www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp). This was Triton's 10th year participating in Unity Day.

We know that it's one thing to wear orange one day and it's another thing to stand up to a bully or stick up for someone who may be getting bullied. Integrity is just that. Our students can demonstrate integrity by letting an adult know if another student is being treated unkindly by others. Or by choosing to only cheer in a positive way at sporting events for our team and not chanting in a negative way about the opposing team. Or by just including a friend who may be alone on the playground. As adults we can also model integrity in our daily lives for our students. We all make mistakes sometimes, but it can make a big impact on our students when we take responsibility for our actions and take steps toward correcting it. "I'm sorry I lost my temper, I should not have yelled like that and I was wrong. I will try to stay calm next time I am angry by taking a deep breath or a break before we talk." We are always learning from those around us. This month let's make a conscious effort to go out of our way to make sure we're showing kindness, acceptance and inclusion to those around us.

Ashlee Koll, TES Counselor
Tricia Johnson, TMS Social Worker
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Interested in Preschool or Kindergarten?

Here is what you need to know and do....

Birth to 5 years old - Make sure we have your child on the school census.

Ages 18 months to 5 years - join an ECFE class and enjoy "you & child" time. Meet other parents and we clean up the mess. Joining an ECFE class allows you to register early for Preschool in April 2023.

Ages 3-4 - Call for an appointment for Early Childhood Screening. Screening dates this year are October 3, 2022, and March 6, 2023 - or by special appointment.

Ages 3-5 - Register for Preschool. Registration for the Fall 2023-24 school year will start April 11, 2023. Don't delay, we fill up fast.

Ages 4-5 - Children turning 5 by September 1, 2023, can register for Kindergarten. Registration materials available February 2023.

Have other questions or concerns? Please call Diana Eipers at 507-418-7552 or Community Ed at 507-418-7550.



TRITON CLASS OF 2023



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Mackenzie Geers is a senior at Triton High School.

Her parents are Aaron and Jaime Geers. She has one sister.

Mackenzie is an MHS member, president of student council and AFS, active in Link Crew, BPA, SADD, Leadership council, Super Fan club, FCA leader and class secretary.

She is involved in volleyball, dance and track.

In her spare time she likes to hang out with friends and family.

She likes upbeat happy music and enjoys the Transformers series.

After graduation she plans to attend Vitterbo to study nursing.



MACKENZIE GEERS

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THS Community Service Day is November 4th

This year's THS Community Service Day is scheduled for Friday, November 4th. Triton students partake in many different services for residents of the Claremont, Triton, and Dodge Center communities. One of the main services our students provide is raking leaves and yard clean-up for community members. If you know of a neighbor, relative or friend who would need help from our students, please contact Michelle or Annalee in the high school office to sign up. Triton High School's phone number is 507-418-7520.



Triton student-athlete David Kenison supports his cross-country teammates.



Senior Center defenseman Lupillo Martinez at the snake pit boots a goal kick down field.



Throw down. Junior Captain Graham Christionson looks downfield for an open throw.



Triton student-athlete Noah Kleinwort competes in the cross-country race held in Kasson.

2022 Triton FFA Corn and Soybean Fundraiser



What is Corn and Soybean Drive?

Corn and Soybean drive is a fundraiser for Triton FFA. It is used to fund all of our activities throughout the year.

Some of these activities include; CDE and LDE Contests, Region and State fees, Chapter visit to a major agricultural University or business, officer training, and donations to the local food shelf.

How to Donate

Triton FFA members will be out collecting donations on Tuesday, October 25th from 8:00 am to 6:00pm. The rain date is Oct 27.

If interested in donating while you are at the mill, please let the front desk know. They can help you in facilitating that. To mail a check please send to;

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813 W Hwy St
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All Corn and Soybean drive donors will receive free tickets to Triton FFA's Annual Steak feed

Questions?

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The Triton FFA chapter thanks you for all your contributions and support. We greatly appreciate the support you provide!

Thank you to the Dodge Center Fire Department!



Thank you to the Dodge Center Fire Department for instructing students in the Work Readiness class on how to use a fire extinguisher to safely put out a fire. The students used a fire simulator to practice using an extinguisher and learn about careers in fire safety and emergency services.



Tackle being broken by senior Owen Garness against Caledonia on 9/24 trying to get some points on the board. The Cobras would go on to lose this game.



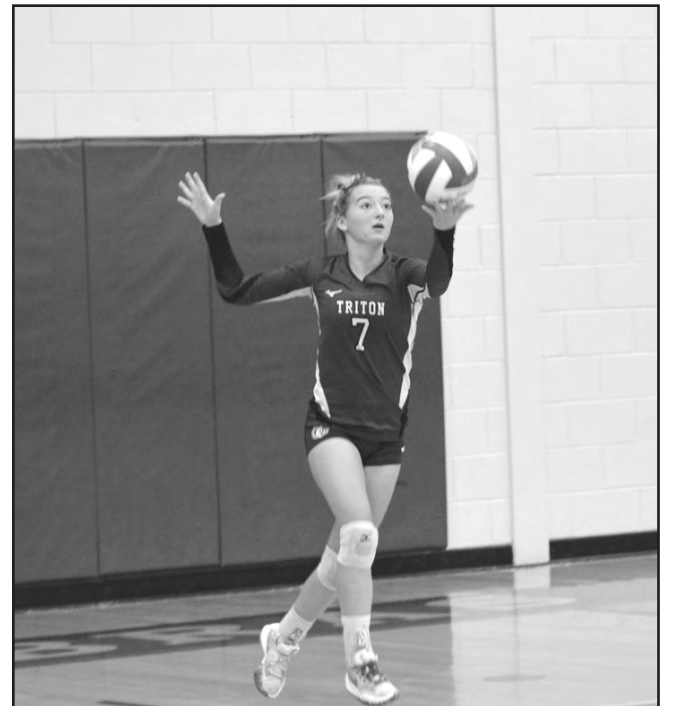
Junior Wide Receiver Jayce Leonardo signaling to the ref that he's going long.



Libero Norah Fredrich, at the home Volleyball game down and ready to receive against PEM. Triton brought this game to best of three.



Defensive specialist Ella Thomas passes the ball to her setter during the home game against PEM.



Senior Mckenzie Geers preparing to strike the ball over to PEM.



This Sophomore wall consisting of Salma Fernedaz, Courtney Chicos, and Oliva Weber built a wall for a penalty kick to help the goalie Miley Dostal.



Soccer squad smiles! soccer team huddled together for a team photo before their game against PEM.

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**Safe Driving Class
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4-Hour Refresher Course (for those that have taken the 8-Hour before)
Cost: \$20, checks should be made to Jim Jensen
November 17
5-9PM in the THS Media Center

**The Wonders of Winona
Winona, MN**



Join us as we tour some of Winona's hidden gems!
We will start our adventure at the Minnesota Marine Art Museum, located right off the Mississippi River. This beautiful building showcases many famous artists including Picasso, Marie Cassat, and Degas. We will enjoy a guided tour by museum staff and have time to wander a bit on our own afterwards and shop in the gift store.

Featured artists on this day:
Karen Savage-Blue is an Anishinaabe artist and art educator living and working in Duluth, MN. Her work can be dreamlike and surreal, and she depicts nature in its raw form, creating a platform where thoughts and emotions overcome the tendency to decipher meaning.

St. Paul artist, Anne Labovitz, creates colorful and powerful large-scale works and installations to invite and engage viewers as part of her artistic and social justice processes. Her recent work explores her childhood experience growing up on the shore of Lake Superior and her current home and community along the Mississippi River.

Next Stop: Lunch at the River City Grill. Lunch will be the responsibility of the individual.

On to:
Treasures Under Sugar Loaf is a mall with antiques, collectibles, crafts, and home decor. It's located in the historical Bub's Brewery building, nestled under Sugar Loaf bluff in Winona, Minnesota.

It features over 60 knowledgeable antiques and collectibles dealers who supply a wide variety of unique treasures that are spread all throughout our three-story building. They also feature dealers who specialize in home decor and crafts, and with new items arriving daily, you will always find something different at Treasures Under Sugar Loaf!

We will finish the day at:
A 30-45 minute guided tour of The Watkins Museum & Store, which offers visitors a view into the Company's 150+ year history with displays of old products, advertising, photographs and other memorabilia. The museum is connected to the Watkins Store that sells over 350 different Watkins products including Watkins Vanilla and Watkins Liniment.

THIS ADVENTURE WILL REQUIRE A LOT OF WALKING
Cost: \$38, includes coach bus and all museum tickets/tours. Lunch will be individual's responsibility.

NOVEMBER 10

Bus	Leaves	Returns
Byron Middle School Parking Lot	8:45 AM	4:30PM
Kasson Football Field Parking Lot	8:30 AM	4:45 PM
Triton High School ACTIVITIES ENTRANCE	8:15AM	5 PM

**Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
The Ives Theatre, Bloomington, MN**

Get into the holiday groove with a rocking selection of some of the season's best music and favorites such as The Beach Boy's "Little Saint Nick", Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You", Celine Dion's "O Holy Night" and the Eagles' "Please Come Home for Christmas". Featuring fabulous vocalists and a band headed by Brian Pekol, this holiday show promises to leave you feeling merry and bright! We will stop at the Pizza Ranch on the way to the theatre. Lunch will be the individual's responsibility.



YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THIS TRIP THROUGH TRITON COMMUNITY ED, CALL US AT 507-418-7550

December 8

Cost: \$66, includes coach bus ride and ticket to the show

Bus	Departs	Approx. Returns
Byron - Middle School Parking Lot	9:15AM	5:30PM
Kasson - KM Telecom Football Field Lot	9:30AM	5:15PM
Triton - NEW-- ACTIVITIES ENTRANCE	9:45AM	5PM

**Triton Community Ed's Annual
Holiday Craft and Vendor Show**

Mark your calendars, grab your friends and SHOP! Here's your opportunity to find unique holiday gifts while supporting local vendors and crafters. Area Vendors will sell their products while getting you into the holiday spirit. Shoppers should park in the Main Elementary Parking Lot and enter through the Main Elementary Doors on the East side of the school.



FREE ADMISSION for the general public!

Saturday, December 10

10:00am-2:00pm

Dolly Parton Imagination Library



Triton Community Ed in partnership with K-M Community Ed has launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library for the entire Dodge County community!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has come to Dodge County. This very powerful program supports Early Childhood Literacy by mailing one FREE, high quality, age-appropriate book each month to children under the age of five, for a full year.

It has been shown that reading to children early is a significant indicator of future academic success, and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has been contributing to early literacy in communities all over the world since 1995.

If your child lives in Dodge County and you are interested in enrolling, use the QR Code to get started!

We'd like to thank the following donors who have generously donated money to make this opportunity available to all qualifying children in Dodge County!

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LAND AUCTION

LIVE & ONLINE

157 ACRES +/-

FREEBORN COUNTY, MN

AUCTION LOCATION: SERVICEMEN'S CLUB, 210 4TH ST NE, BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MN

NOV
17
10:00 AM



SECTION 4 IN NEWRY TWP

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AUCTION #2382 DRD FARMS

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SECTION 15

Very good soils, 83.4 and 86.7
CPI Rating

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Saturday Nov. 19, 2022
• 11:00 A.M.

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OCT
22
10:00 AM



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SECTION 11 IN MOSCOW TWP
ONLINE BIDDING AT LANDPROZ.COM
AUCTION #2378 ZEISET FARM
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www.maringauktion.com AUCTION CALENDAR
October 22, 2022 .9:30 AM CDT
Mazeppa, MN
191 +/- ACRES OF BARE CROP LAND FOR THE HEIRS TO THE E.P. WOLF ESTATE
17 IHC & Farmall tractors, 966, 666, Super MTA, Super M, Super H, Super A, M, H, A, B, C, 130, Cub Lo-Boy, IH Cub Cadet 682, 782, 782D, 1282, (3) Cadillac 1978 Eldorado, 97 Mustang, Chevy El Camino, Vehicles, Lawn & Garden, Tools, Farm Antiques
November 17, 2022 ... 10:30 AM
Kenyon, MN
191 +/- ACRES OF BARE CROP LAND FOR THE HEIRS TO THE E.P. WOLF ESTATE
Live Onsite & Online 191 +/- Acres of Prime Bare Crop Land In Section 24, Wheeling Township, Rice County, MN, 149 Tillable Acres, 95.5 CPI, Drain Tile in Place, Grt Farm, Southeast of Nerstrand, MN.
November 19, 2022 9:00 AM
Le Center, MN
LIVE & ONLINE FARM ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE ORVAL LOEWE ESTATE
Case IH 7240 MFWD, John Deere 2950 MFWD, Oliver 1950 MFWD, Oliver 1650, Super 770 & 77, White 2-105, Versatile 160, (2) IH Tandem Trucks, Livestock Machinery, Planting & Tillage, (2) Ford F150 Trucks, Power & Hand Tools
November 22, 2022 ... 11:00 AM
Alden, MN
LIVE & ONLINE 200 ACRES OF PRIME CROP LAND IN FREEBORN CO. MN FOR THE MATHIASON FAMILY FARM
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November 29, 2022 ... 10:00 AM
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Claremont City Council

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The First Presbyterian Church submitted a request to use the Fire Hall October 29. There was concern about keeping all the equipment that is in the building secure and safe, a fire department member(s) would need to be available to move the fire trucks outside during the event and then back in, and liability concerns. The council suggested that the Legion is available for rent and possibly the former school gym. Motion by Klejeski to deny the request to use the Fire Hall, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Council directed Administrator Brown to check into whether the city should allow rental of the fire hall and possibly a policy to rent it.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

EDA

Community Specialist Robert Harris turned in an update on CEDA activities he has been working on.

Gatorbak and Dean Schuette turned in additional invoices requesting the total reim-

bursement from the business façade grant. Both grant applications requested \$2500 and a payment was made previously to them for ½ of what the previous invoices were. Now they submitted more invoices that equaled more than \$2500. Gatorbak was previously reimbursed \$1200 so motion by Mayor Dahl to approve reimbursing Gatorbak \$1300, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously. Dean Schuette was previously reimbursed \$2275 so motion by Mayor Dahl to reimburse Dean Schuette \$225 for ½ of his façade grant improvement, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Director Brian Styndl contacted TruGreen and Owatonna Groundsmasters for weed control at the 2 parks. Motion by McGovern to contact Twin Creek Farms/Jeremy Gnagey for a proposal also as he has done some work for the city before and go with the lowest price bid, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Henning Park still has pea rock where the park equipment used to be, and weeds are growing there. Council agreed to have Styndl haul out the pea rock and have Hodgman Drainage or DeCook bring black dirt in, whichever is cheapest.

Styndl asked if the council would like the ball diamond removed at Henning Park. Council said it will be removed but not until the new ball diamond is finished. It is hard to keep up with the weeds growing there so Klejeski will check on prices for a sterilant. For the rest of the summer he was told to use

up the weed killer inventory at the shop and continue to keep the weeds under control.

The Julia Street storm water pond and the storm water pond south of the railroad tracks are overgrown with shrubs, trees, and weeds. The city doesn't have the equipment to get it under control and an excavator would be best to dig it all out. Council asked Styndl to get prices on what an excavator would charge to clean up the ponds and depending up on the price, 1 or 2 of the ponds will be done this year.

Engineer Olinger will contact Dodge County Highway Department to see if they would put up a sign directing semi traffic out of town to old highway 14 when possible.

Elm Street is in need of rock and Styndl got a quote for \$600 to put gravel down from the railroad tracks to the 2nd driveway. The city will plan on bringing in more gravel next spring. There are also millings at the city shop for sale that would do all of the brush dump road for \$1200 or crushed rock hauled by Styndl would be \$1000. The millings are already in town so that would be easier and less travel time. Motion by Ellis to approve using the millings to put on the drive for the brush dump, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

Styndl could use a grapple for the skid loader to clean up trees around town and will plan on purchasing one from the sale of the black truck.

There are 2 trees on the west side of Henning Park that are dead and the branches have been falling. The property owner will be sent a letter that he has 14 days to remove them.

PARKS COMMITTEE

The council has been discussing putting a walking trail around the storm water pond south of the railroad tracks. A 6' wide trail by 6" deep of rock from County Road 3 to around the pond is approximately \$6000. Motion by Ellis to buy rock and possibly fabric for the walking trail, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dahl will reach out to find updates on the new ball field.

PEOPLESERVICE

Their reports were in the packet.

CITY ATTORNEY

Not present.

CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Derek Olinger went over a rough estimate of how much the water and sewer bill would need to be raised to help get funding through MN PFA for the water tower project.

The street project is almost complete, just a few more manholes need to be done.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2004 black truck received a bid at Hogfest for \$6300 but it seems that party may not be interested anymore. If they don't want it, it will be placed back on MN Bid with a minimum bid of \$6000.

Motion by McGovern to approve the 2023 Proposed Budget, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ellis to approve Resolution No. 22-20: Resolution Adopting the Proposed 2023 Tax Levy, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. The proposed levy is set at 10% higher than last year.

NEW BUSINESS

The council will have a meeting for public input on the 2023 budget and levy December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m., second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg, City Clerk/Treasurer
Tasha Dahl, Mayor

CITY OF CLAREMONT

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

Council members present: Mayor Tasha Dahl, City Council Members Jacob Klejeski and Hunter McGovern. Council Members absent: Deb Ellis. There is 1 vacant city council seat.

City staff and others present: City Administrator Evan Brown, City Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, and City Attorney Mark Rahrnick.

The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss staffing options because City Administrator Brown is being deployed for 440 days. He did state he plans on returning to this position when he comes back. Per USERRA employees on military service leave retain their seniority status, pay rate, and still accumulates vacation/PTO. The League of Minnesota Cities has a list of independent contractors who fill in as city administrators. Brown will reach out to them. There was also discussion of a part-time office worker, if needed. Council will continue discussion at the October 4 city council meeting.

Motion by McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m., second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Sorg, City Clerk/Treasurer
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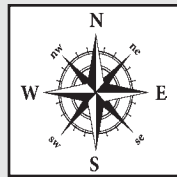
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes The State Fair



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.

Not many events were as exciting to me as a kid as the Minnesota State Fair. I anticipated our annual trip all summer long. Were a farm family and the main reason for going was machinery hill. Eighty acres of farm equipment of every imaginable kind. The Minnesota State Fair machinery hill was larger than the entire Iowa State Fair, we were told. At least that helped to fuel our feeling of superiority over our neighbors to the south.

Our State Fair trip was always between the morning and evening chores, so we woke early and worked fast to get on the road by 8am. We also knew that chores would still be waiting when we returned that night.

My dad would park the car in the lot at the top of machinery hill and we would begin to hike along each street admiring the displays. It smelled of fresh sawdust and delicious food everywhere. The Patz company had a barn cleaner running continuously conveying wood shavings that went up the chute and dropped back into the gutter to make another trip. Were amazed because never before had a barn cleaner looked so clean.

My dad knew most of the sales reps at each booth and they were primed to try and sell him the newest and best they had that year. My favorite was the John Deere exhibit. I would check out the riding lawn mowers. The John Deere 140 was the biggest lawn tractor available in the late 1960's, with a huge 14 horsepower engine. I was in awe and never dreamed I would mow lawn with a 27 hp zero turn when I grew up.

A couple of the farm machinery companies would have a tent set up with bleachers where you could sit and watch a tractor parade while the announcer pointed out all the features of each model. Our blood was green but we still sat there and admired the orange, yellow, red and blue tractors as they chugged through. The dairy building was always on the agenda to visit. There we would get a milk shake and watch as one farmer's daughter had her life size likeness carved in butter. They would even bring out a tray of butter chips served on crackers for us to taste, as the artist shaped the block into a pretty girl's face.

As the day progressed, we would head toward the grandstand to see three levels of merchandise waiting for us to purchase. I still recall one year as we walked down Dan Patch Avenue, one of my dad's friends saw us and headed toward us. His greeting to my father was, "the things you see when you don't have a gun." And then they laughed and talked, leaving this ten-year-old boy contemplating their silly banter.

One of the less pleasant experiences of my life took place in the grandstand one year. There were salesmen pitching their vacuum cleaners, mops, sewing machines and every house hold appliance made. For some reason the guy demonstrating a liquefier caught their attention. He would chuck every inedible food product into this machine and after grinding it into a juice, he would pour some into a tiny Dixie cup and hand it out to the observers. I watched in horror as vegetables and a whole egg went in the top and then was dispensed into sample size portions for unsuspecting kids to consume. My parents bought this contraption and seeing he had a captive audience, the hawker poured us each a large cup of the brew. I could barely choke down the first batch and now I was given a second large helping. As an obedient child I

knew that I couldn't refuse food offered with such good intent.

All of the delicious smells of fair food were

suddenly drowned out by this unwanted health drink. I mean how many ten-year-old boys have a taste for vegetable juice?

A Minnesotan: Trick-or-Treat



By RosaLin Alcoser

Trick-or-treat as a kid is the most magical night of the year. Dressing up and going from house to house getting candy was absolutely one of the best nights of the year growing up.

Don't get me wrong I still love Halloween now that I am an adult; a little too much according to my mother. Every year I still dress up in custom, decorate my home and take part in all of the Halloween activities.

As a kid going out trick-or-treating was one of my favorite events of the holiday. But now that I am on the other side of the door handing out the candy a little bit of the magic of trick-or-treat has vanished.

The first Halloween I was out of school, I didn't get the chance to participate in

trick-or-treat on Halloween night because I was traveling and then the second year was the pandemic which frankly was a lost year for us all.

Which means that last Halloween was truly the first one that I was the one on the other side of the door handing out candy and listening for a knock at my door.

Now I live in an apartment building that gives every resident an orange paper sign to tape to the door to let the children in the building know that it's OK to trick-or-treat at that apartment.

I think that night I had made 5 or 6 trick-or-treaters in total for the whole night; mainly the ones who live on my floor and a few who were clearly going to every floor in the building.



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