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We want to Thank You for your continued support of the Dodge Center Messenger again this past year!

Your monthly newspaper, continues with an unwavering goal to bring hometown news to you.

In addition, in an effort to deliver the news and information more timely between print issues, earlier this year we launched our on-line edition of the Messenger. Check it out if you haven't already, There is additional bonus content on the site as well that is not in the print edition.

Thanks to local advertisers and your voluntary subscriptions, we are in your mailbox each month. Enclosed in this month's issue is a subscription envelope. We hope you will consider renewing your voluntary subscription.

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Announcements

• **The United Methodist Church of Dodge Center at 20 First Street NE offers a meal carry out from 5:00-6:00pm the third Wednesday of each month.**

Do you have an announcement?

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Recycling Container Abuse leads to Removal in Dodge County



Abuse of the big blue recycling container bins in the county have caused the temporary removal of the bins from their locations throughout the county. The recycling containers at the recycling center will also be removed on weekends due to the misuse of those who have been putting garbage and unpermitted items in them.

The recycling containers have specific bins for allowed items to be placed in them. These include: steel and aluminum cans, #1, #2 and #5 plastic containers with less than an 8" opening. Glass bottles and jars, corrugated cardboard, newspapers, copy paper, magazines, junk mail, box board, milk cartons, cereal boxes. Do not put recycling in plastic bags. Remove the packaging from inside boxes and flatten all cardboard.

Unacceptable items are garbage, food, frozen food boxes, dishes, mason jars, mugs, pyrex, 5 gallon buckets, kitty litter pails, dia-

pers, bubble wrap or padded envelopes, laundry baskets, car seats, toys, plastic bags, furniture, vinyl siding or gutters, clamshell containers or barrels, Styrofoam, garden hoses or cords, egg cartons, mattresses and box springs.

All other unacceptable items and materials should be brought to the transfer station for disposal. Continued abuse will lead to removing the recycling bins permanently. Help to keep the community clean and beautiful by disposing of trash responsibly.

Finding an Affordable Home in Dodge County

Matt Durand of Arden Home Services LLC of Owatonna, is working to offer affordable housing to qualified buyers. Single family homes for first time buyers are in demand for workers in Dodge County.

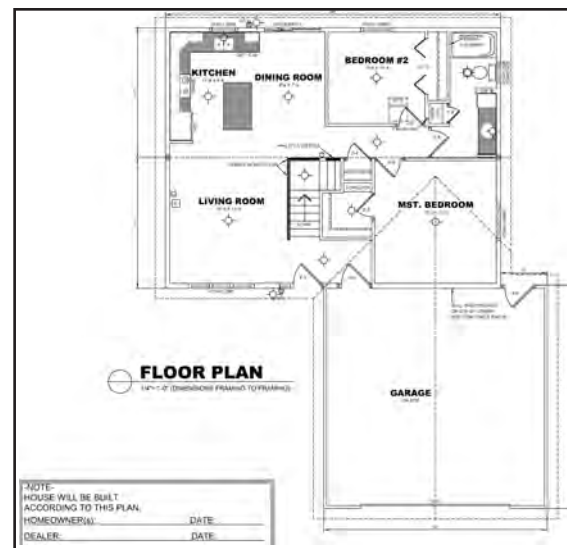
Durand has experience in commercial, residential and environmental construction and has been involved in construction labor as well as project management. He has built custom homes in the metro area in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 range and now wants to help provide more affordable housing in the rural communities.

The steps for this include attending an eight-hour program of homeowner education to prepare the buyer to apply for a USDA home mortgage. Under these guidelines a family of three or more with an annual income of less than \$129,000 will

qualify for the mortgage and the free quarter acre lot.

The house is a 1,008 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom rambler built on a full unfinished basement, with an attached two car garage. The price of the home is \$260,000 and are offered only through the USDA financing and not through a realtor. Each house is complete with all finishes and standard appliances and interior walls are painted white. The basement is not finished but can be completed by the homeowner later to include two additional bedrooms, a bath and a family room. All homes are a standardized floor plan.

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We must learn to be thankful...

By Rev. Chad Christensen

A minister relates a time back during the days of 1929 when a group of ministers in the Northeast discussed how they should conduct their Thanksgiving Day services. Things were about as bad as they could get, with no signs of relief. The bread lines were depressingly long, the store market had plummeted, and the term Great Depression seemed to be the right description for the mood of the country.

The ministers thought they should only touch lightly on the subject of Thanksgiving in deference to all the human misery all about them. After all, there was nothing to be thankful for. But Rev. William Stiger, a member of the group, thought differently. He rallied the group. He said this is not the time to give mere passing mention of Thanksgiving. Just the opposite, he thought. This was the time for the nation to get matters in perspective and thank God for the blessings always present, but perhaps suppressed due to hardship. And what better place for that thankfulness to be expressed than in church?

All together, these ministers struck on something: the moments of the most intense thankfulness are not found in times of plenty, but when difficulties abound. Think of the Pil-

grims that first Thanksgiving. Half their number were dead, they were a people without a country, but still there was thanksgiving to God. Their gratitude was not for something but in something. It was that same sense of gratitude that led Abraham Lincoln to formally establish the first Thanksgiving Day—in the midst of the Civil War, when the list of casualties seemed to have no end and the very nation struggled for survival.

Maybe you are going through a hardship right now. You have experienced your own Great Depression—its heaviness and burden, both imagined and real. For what have you to be thankful at Thanksgiving?

May I suggest three reasons to be thankful?

- We must learn to be thankful or we will become bitter.

If we are not thankful, then it becomes too easy to sit around and ponder the question: Why me?

One way to get better instead of bitter is to develop a thankful heart. A Rabbi once said, “Of all those I greet in the temple...I hope that they are at least 10 percent grateful in their hearts. This Rabbi knew people. We come to worship sometimes...sullen, tired, afraid around the edges...only hearing part of the message. But if we can feel just 10 percent of our prayers and sing just 10 percent with our hearts, that is probably a good start that God will smile upon.

- We must learn to be thankful or we will become discouraged.

It is an inescapable tenant of Christianity that hardship will come. No one is immune...from the greatest to the least of

us...but there is another inescapable tenant of our faith, too: we need not be discouraged. Jesus says, “Let not your hearts be troubled” (John 14:1) and “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20b).

As you sit down with family, look around at them and ask yourself, where would I be without her? Where would I be without him? And if you are alone...reflect upon the memory of him or her as a gift, and upon the goodness of God’s provision.

The Apostle Paul wrote: “In everything give thanks.” It is not the test of faith to give thanks when the sun is shining. It is not the test of character when everything you touch turns to gold. It is not the test of our being when we have won the election. The test comes when we have been knocked down. Giving thanks to God, despite our hardships,

keeps discouragement at bay.

- We must learn to be thankful, or we will become arrogant or self-satisfied.

The truth teaches us that none are really independent. When too much self-congratulation is awarded to ourselves, we forget the law of nature which says what goes up must come down. How quickly trouble can come...one telephone call and a life is turned upside down...a national crises and the stock market plummets, retirements are gone and jobs are lost. How quickly our lives can change.

Our prayer in the morning should always begin: You have given me much, O Lord. I pray you give me one more thing: a grateful heart.


So, we must learn to be thankful—or we will become bitter.



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Trust All

Love . . . always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
— 1 Corinthians 13:7

Our passage tells us that “love . . . always trusts.” Other translations say that “love trusts all things.” The original Greek text says, more simply, “trusts all”—always and all things. When I first noticed that, it seemed impossible to me.

Have you ever been let down by someone only to find that it was because they never trusted you? You might want to scream about who turned out not to be trustworthy! I learned early in life not to trust people that I sensed didn’t trust me. But that can lead to a destructive cycle in which people begin to trust each other less and less.

Love offers a different approach. Love says, “I’ll give you trust.” Period.

An unrelenting effort to “trust all” moves us to dig as deep as we need to in order to find what is trustworthy. And that always brings us to God.

The world will let you down, and you should feel free to move yourself to safety when you need to. But God’s perfect love can drive us to look constantly for new ways to trust.

God, in and through your perfect love, help us to find trust that doesn’t depend on circumstances but on you. Amen.

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Benjamin Arthur St John



Benjamin Arthur St John, 73, of Blooming Prairie, MN passed away Friday, October 28, 2022, peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. Benj was born February 20, 1949, in Red Wing,



MN to Lloyd and Margaret (Klooster) St John. He was one of 11 children. He was a proud veteran who served in the 173rd Airborne of the U.S. Army, 1968-1970.

On April 17, 1971, he married Barbara Jane Schmoll of Claremont, MN. They had four children. Benj was a hard worker until the end. He farmed several years and worked on the pipeline in the Midwest before starting his own excavating business in 1989.

Benj is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barb St John; daughters Tammy St John (Jim

Dozier), Toni (Ashley) Erwin, Shelly (Jim) Abbott, and son Shane (Willa) St John; grandchildren Brianna (Nathaniel) Ward, Kianna Dozier, Jorden Finne (Nikki Nevels), Kertis Stensrud, Tiffany (Jeromey) Ellinghuysen, Ryan Hargrove, Madison Hargrove, Michael St John, Courtney St John, Braedyn Farr, Sebastian Farr, Wyatt St John, Evan St John, Hank St John, and Greta St John; great-grandchildren Cameron Ellinghuysen and Kelsie Ellinghuysen; siblings Joy Pearson, George (Cindy) St John, Tim (Barb) St John, Joni Dignan, Jack (Lucy) St John, Margy (Peter) Higgins, Joe (Cindy) St John, Susie (Dan) Kruse, Gary (Tammy) St John; and many, many nieces and nephews.

Benj was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Leonard and Donna Schmoll; brother, Steve St John; brother-in-law, Ken Dignan; sister, Ginger Cornelius; grandson, Kullen St John; and nephews, Jason St John and Ryan Dignan.

Our Pillar:

Many define a pillar like the dictionary, a

tall vertical structure made of stone, metal, or wood used to support a structure or as a monument. Our pillar was made of the good stuff and was squished with hugs. He was hard working, loved fiercely, and family and friends meant the world to him. He always made the best of what he had and was willing to help out anyone in need...whether it be fussy babies, stranded vehicles, or water where it shouldn't be. He enjoyed getting the crew together...and there are a lot of us!! Hog roasts and potlucks were favorites. He was always up for a visit and interested in what the kids were up to. He taught us how to work and how to have fun, such as his practical jokes, but mind your manners. He was our rock, our oak, our pillar...and we called him Benj, Dad, Grandpa, Papa and Benji. Too soon as it may be, the torch has now been passed... Remember to share time while you can and hug your family and friends often. And perhaps enjoy a PBR

"Family ties are precious threads, no matter where we roam. They draw us close to those we love, and pull our hearts toward home." ~author unknown

Visitation was from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, November 4, 2022, at Czaplewski Funeral Home, 25 South Street SW Dodge Center, MN. The funeral was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 5, 2022, at Faith Lutheran Church, 308 2nd St NW Dodge Center, MN, with visitation one hour before. Burial with military honors at Riverside Cemetery in Dodge Center, MN followed the service.

Thank You

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It insures the paper will continue here in your hometown.

Without this support, we would not be here. We hope you continue to see value in the Messenger. While there are plenty of social media sources and on line sites out there, most don't deliver the hometown news and message like we try to do here.

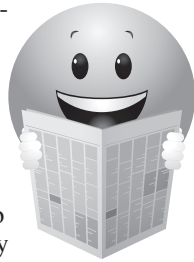
Every year, many newspapers have consolidated or gone out of business.

We have watched this happen many times in recent years in small rural communities, and especially this past several years during the covid situation.

With our small staff of 2.5, we understand this challenge first hand here at the Messenger, which is why we publish the Messenger in its monthly format.

Our goal with the Messenger is to help insure our home towns, still have a community voice of its own, direct mailing to all residents in the zip code. This format allows your hometown to maintain a local monthly paper, and better connect local residents, businesses and the community. We also understand the need for more timely information within the month, so check out the web site for important news that happens between print issues. We continue to expand our digital and online offerings while still maintaining our dedication to our hometowns!


We remain a small family owned business with a goal of supporting our rural communities and businesses. As always, if you have news, information or story ideas, please reach out to us.



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Finding an Affordable Home in Dodge County

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Durand will build the basement and finance the construction once the mortgage has been approved. The house is a modular home built by Dynamic Homes, which assembles the structure in their climate-controlled factory and delivers the home to the final site in two sections. They are set on the foundation by a crane and secured together and then sided and the ridge cap finished. The garage is then built on site. Matt is currently building one of these homes in Owatonna for himself as a way to test the program personally.

Durand has plans to get three families qualified for this program this winter so construction can begin in the spring of 2023. Under his program at this time he has nine lots available in Claremont. The lot is offered by the city under a Tax Increment Financing program so the new homeowner is not assessed for the water, sewer and street costs.

You can find out more about this program by going to the City of Claremont website, www.claremontmn.com and clicking on the Empty Lot Program. There you can find more information and an application to fill out to start your quest for your own home. This is a great way to get into a new home for the beginning buyer or even the couple who are downsizing after the children have left home. You can purchase a new home and build equity for the future.

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Developing a Plan for Growth



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

Over the years of serving as president of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), I have noticed that foundations, of which there are many in our state, are often touted as organizations that do grantmaking. However, I know that grantmaking is often just the tip of the iceberg of what foundations can offer the communities they serve. At SMIF, while we do invest in our 20-county region through grants, we also invest long-term in our communities and people through a variety of targeted support services.

SMIF helps entrepreneurs, early childhood professionals and communities identify the best solutions to many of the challenges they may be facing. We are also fortunate to have a broad network of partners and resources at

our fingertips that we can tap into and help people get on a path for growth. Our Foundation's motto is "collaborating for regional vitality" – and we can help direct you to the resource needed if it is not something SMIF provides.

We encourage any entrepreneur in our region who wants to grow their business to reach out to SMIF. You do not need to be a loan client or plugged into our programming in any way. We can help you determine what your next steps for growth could be and which resources or partners we can direct you to for support. For entrepreneurs who might eventually need a loan, SMIF offers an array of options, including a Small Enterprise Loan which comes with the added benefit of having access to resources like free technical assistance from a wide range of experts.

For those who are in the child care field, SMIF offers consultation services to help providers create a more sustainable business model that also aligns with their personal goals. Sometimes child care business owners need help with developing a business plan or marketing plan. Child care centers can also utilize this support. They might have staffing issues or other challenges that can be addressed by working with our staff.

Outside of one-on-one technical assistance, SMIF also provides customized support to communities seeking solutions to child care challenges. Some of this takes the form of doing an assessment to determine what assets exist in town, and what partnerships could be formed to develop solutions. Currently, our Early Childhood Business Consultant is re-

mindung counties that the funding they were allocated through the American Recovery Plan Act can be utilized for child care infrastructure – an important tool for growth. Significant strides in addressing child care shortages have been made in communities like Northfield and Blooming Prairie with the support of SMIF's services.

The examples listed above are just some of the ways that SMIF provides technical assistance for the region. For those people and communities that are already engaged with us through our programming – like our Community Foundations, Early Childhood Initiatives or Rural Entrepreneurial Venture programs, they have been receiving consistent targeted support services over many years.

Is your community or business in need of



support? Now is the time to reach out to SMIF. The best place to start is by emailing inquiry@smifoundation.org and we will connect you with the right person to help you on your growth journey.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.



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New Research from DEED Takes a Deeper Dive on Labor Force Participation

Minnesota labor force participation surged in 2022, outpacing the U.S. rebound

A new report from the Labor Market Information Office in the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) takes a closer look at the short-term pandemic and long-term demographic impacts on labor force participation.

Increasing labor force participation could help ease hiring challenges resulting from our historically tight labor market, where there are roughly four job openings for every person looking for work. Tight labor markets typically increase labor force participation, and labor force participation has been steadily increasing in Minnesota since its low during the depths of the pandemic.

Labor Market Analyst Anthony Schaffhauser's research takes a closer look at the many factors impacting labor force participation and seeks to answer the question of

whether the larger overall trend toward lower labor force participation set in motion in the early 2000s by demographic changes is likely to continue.

"Minnesota is a hard-working state with labor force participation rates that are consistently far higher than the national average," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "Yet like every state, our participation took a hit during the pandemic. This research helps us better understand these trends - and reveals opportunities for both business and government to grow participation in various sectors of the economy."

Schaffhauser's research could help employers, workforce development specialists, educators and others explore ways that labor force participation could be increased, working within the constraints of an aging population.

Some measures could include increased flexibility to allow more high school age students to enter the workforce, and ensuring enough affordable, high-quality child care for parents of young children. In addition, an expansion of work-based learning opportunities would allow people to earn while they learn, which would help people acquire needed skills while still earning a paycheck. Finally, employers could take steps to urge recent retirees to "unretire."

Minnesota's Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) was 68.2% as of August 2022, the latest period for which data is currently available. Immediately prior to the pandemic, Minnesota's LFPR reached a high of 70.8%. It is important to note that Minnesota's LFPR of 68.2% remains well above the national average of 62.4%. Minnesota's rate has been



higher than the national average since LFPR started being tracked at a state level in 1976.

While an older population usually leads to a lower LFPR, the decline in LFPR is not due entirely to demographic change. COVID-19 has prevented some people from returning to work due to health impacts, such as Long COVID, or due to health concerns among those at higher risk of complications if they contract the virus. In addition, COVID dramatically slowed immigration from other countries, thwarting people who otherwise would have been expected to join the workforce here. Dramatically reduced immigration did have an impact on labor force participation, because foreign-born residents have a higher LFPR than native-born resi-

dents; therefore, more foreign-born residents increase the LFPR. Just over 50% of Minnesota's recent labor force growth has been driven by foreign-born workers.

Read Will a Record-Setting Hot Labor Market Bring Labor Force Participation Back to Pre-Pandemic Levels? in the current edition of Minnesota Economic Trends.

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Minnesota Receives \$15 Million to Boost Meat and Poultry Processing

The State of Minnesota is receiving \$15 million from the United States Department of Agriculture to establish a revolving loan program that will support small and medium-sized meat and poultry processors. The new Meat and Poultry Revolving Loan Fund will be available through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority.

"Local meat processing benefits farmers, our urban and rural economies, and consumers throughout the state," said Governor Tim Walz. "This loan program will help

processors increase their capacity to better serve Minnesotans and ease supply chain disruptions we've witnessed over the past several years."

The fund will offer low-interest loans for the start-up, expansion, or operation of slaughter and value-added meat and poultry processing. Loans of up to \$10 million will be available at a 3% fixed interest rate with a term of up to 10 years. Funds can be used to purchase land or equipment, cover start-up costs, and make other business investments. Returned funds will be available to new borrowers.

"This loan program acts as a catalyst for rural prosperity by opening opportunities to expand local and regional processing capacity and increase competition within the meat industry. It creates new markets, new jobs, and builds our economy," said USDA Rural Development Minnesota State Director

Colleen Landkamer. "Minnesota Rural Development is proud to partner with the State of Minnesota. This is a clear example of how the Biden Administration is building our economy from the bottom up and middle out, investing in meat and poultry processing facilities that know how to serve their community's unique needs."

Minnesota was awarded the maximum of \$15 million in grant money targeting meat and poultry processing from the USDA Minnesota Rural Development Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program. The USDA will be investing a total of \$200 million across the nation through two rounds of program grants.

"The MDA's Rural Finance Authority already oversees over \$96 million in loans and is well qualified to manage and administer this money," said MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen. "We are grateful for this

award from USDA and look forward to its positive impact on the meat and poultry processing industry across Minnesota."

"Minnesota Farmers Union members have championed increased investment in small and medium-sized meat and poultry processors at the state and federal level for several years and are elated to see the establishment of a revolving loan program at Minnesota's Rural Finance Authority," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "These funds will assist rural entrepreneurs in expanding their businesses, which is welcome news for livestock farmers. We are grateful to USDA for making this investment in a more resilient food system, and we are appreciative of the leadership of Gov. Walz and his administration as they pursued this funding to strengthen rural Minnesota's economy."

Loan applications will be available in early 2023.

My Dog Ate My Pills! 10 Most Dangerous Human Medications for Pets

One of the most dangerous rooms of the house with regard to accidental poisonings is the bedroom, on account of the nightstand next to the bed. Many adult dogs and teething puppies sleep in the bed with their humans, and thus have easy access to the drugs on that nightstand. Medications left on counters in kitchens and bathrooms find their way into the stomachs of bored dogs, too.

If your dog ever does happen to ingest human medication, bring the original container to the veterinarian. The original bottle or package can tell you which drug is involved, what strength, how many pills or tablets were in the container, and possibly the manufacturer's recommendations concerning poisoning.

Dangerous Drugs for Dogs

The most common human medications to cause poisoning in dogs include:

NSAIDS

The nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are widely used and readily available — many of these can be purchased over the counter. These drugs are used to treat pain, inflammation, and fever in people. Examples of NSAIDs include aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and indomethacin. In dogs, orally ingested NSAIDs are rapidly absorbed. Most achieve peak concentrations in the blood within three hours. The most commonly seen side effects of these medications are gastrointestinal irritation and damage to the GI tract.

At recommended dosages, NSAIDs have little effect on the kidneys, but in cases of overdose (and also with chronic usage) renal damage has occurred. The simultaneous use of two NSAIDs can lead to kidney dysfunction. Additionally, NSAID overdose has caused clotting problems and liver disease. These drugs can also react with other drugs.

Acetaminophen/Tylenol

Another readily available human medication often used to treat pain and inflammation in dogs is acetaminophen. This drug, sold as Tylenol and other brand names, can be obtained both over the counter and in some prescription preparations. Exposure to dogs usually occurs through administration of acetaminophen by uninformed but well-meaning owners intending to treat fever, pain, or inflammation in their animal. Poisoning can occur from a single exposure to a large dose or from chronic exposure to a low dose.

Acetaminophen poisoning in dogs causes injury to the liver and, in high enough dosages, even liver failure. Clinical signs can include lethargy, loss of appetite, belly pain, and jaundice. Swelling of the face and paws is also commonly seen. Cats are even more sensitive than dogs to acetaminophen — clinical signs can result from ingesting a single tablet.

ADHD Medications

Medications used for attention-deficit disorder and hyperactivity contain amphetamine, a potent stimulant. Ingestion of these medications by dogs can lead to life-threatening tremors, seizures, elevated body temperature, and even cardiac and respiratory arrest.

Blood Pressure Medications

Blood pressure medications, like ACE inhibitors and beta blockers, can cause weakness, stumbling, and dangerously low blood pressure.

Sleep Medications

Medications designed to aid with sleep, like Xanax, Ambien, and Valium, can cause dogs to become lethargic, seem intoxicated and, in some cases, have dangerously slowed breathing rates. Some dogs become severely agitated after ingesting these drugs.

Treatment for Accidental Medication Intoxication

The vast majority of these accidental intoxications can be successfully managed with early treatment. For poisonings, the best outcomes involve seeking immediate advice from your veterinarian followed by aggressive, proactive treatment, if necessary. Your vet may suggest making the animal vomit if ingestion just occurred, but your pet may also need intravenous fluid support or treatment with specific medications and antidotes to combat the toxin. Always check with your veterinarian before starting any treatments to neutralize the poison.

It's important to note that time is of the essence for many of these poisonings, and most treatments are best done at a veterinary hospital.

10 Most Common Human Medications Harmful to Dogs

1. Aspirin	6. Xanax
2. Ibuprofen	7. Ambien
3. Naproxen	8. ACE inhibitors
4. Indomethacin	9. Beta Blockers
5. Acetaminophen	10. Adderall

Pet Poison Hotline


Keep this number on your fridge should your pet ingest a poison or medication*

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24/7 Animal Poison Control Center


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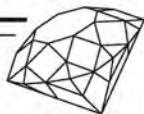
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Triton Public Schools Celebrates and Honors Veterans

On Friday, November 11, Triton Public Schools joined the nation in celebrating and honoring Veterans. As an annual tradition at Triton, our young Cobras are given the opportunity to thank and honor our local Veterans, which includes relatives of many staff and students. Marit Lang, a Veteran herself, ran a very successful program that featured a slide show of local Veterans, readings from several 5th grade students, Patriotic music played by the High School band, led by Mr. Gray, and the presentation of the Triton paver.

The 2022 paver was awarded this year to David Livingston, USAF. Mr. Livingston, who is an active member of our local Lions Club and American Legion, served as a member of the 1352nd Photographic Group based in Los Angeles, California. After his service, Mr. Livingston returned to Dodge Center where he began a family dairy farm. Mr. Livingston has had a positive role with Triton as a part of our transportation department for over 10 years where he has safely transported Triton Students to and from school, to various activities, and on many field trips. We are honored to have Mr. Livingston be a part of our Triton family and thank him for his service.

(additional pictures on page 10)



Cobra Communications



Craig Schlichting
Superintendent

Triton Public Schools – established July 1, 1992. That is what you will see posted on the walls in the school district office. It is when Triton officially became the school district for the communities of Claremont, Dodge Center and West Concord. In a re-

cent conversation with some folks from the community, they wanted to know why we had a starting date of July of 1992 when we had a graduation for Triton students in 1991 and 1992 prior to that date. That is because in the fall of 1990 the three towns of Claremont, Dodge Center and West Concord began the consolidation process and had the students from the three towns combined for 7th through 12th grade. The 7-9 students attended the newly formed junior high school in West Concord and the 10-12 students attended the high school in Dodge Center. All three of the towns had their own separate elementary schools up to grade 6. There were actually 4 school districts at that time. Each town still had their own school district as well as a fourth school district...Triton. It wasn't until July 1, 1992 that there was only one fiscal entity for the Triton School District that represented all three of the communities.

During that time period, the records show that there were 20 total school board members that represented the districts from each town but also worked together to create the Triton School District. I know that many of

those individuals still live in our communities and thank them for all of the work they did to make Triton a reality. I can't imagine how many meetings needed to take place in order to make that vision a reality. I am thankful that they worked hard to help create our school district. I realize that in a perfect world, it may have been ideal for each community to continue on their own. The reality of the situation is that schools are not adequately funded, and when you consolidate, it allows you to share many of the costs that individual school districts need to fund. Having all of our operations on one site has provided many cost savings, and allows us to do share staff for multiple grade levels.

My first year in the district was actually in the fall of 1993, shortly after the finalization of the consolidation. I began working as a teacher in the 7-9 junior high school in West Concord. At that time the school district was operating five total school buildings. Two buildings in West Concord, two buildings in Dodge Center and one in Claremont. Over the years we have seen a number of changes and grade configuration changes. While

many of these changes were difficult when it came to closing schools, I do feel fortunate to have the facilities that we currently have, while having very low bond debt for our existing structure. The current facility is in great shape with all of the improvements we have made over the past couple of years and we also have plenty of room for growth. Overall, our communities have much to be proud of when it comes to our Triton 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!

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Triton Public Schools Celebrates and Honors Veterans



Principal's Corner



Kevin Krenz



Luke Lutterman



Shane Van Beek

Public school high-stakes testing has been at the forefront for decades. Student achievement and school evaluation have gone through many changes with No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and more recently with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Results from high stakes testing and, in our case, the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs) are the most prominent and public measure of student achievement. These results are always significant, and we will use this information as one measure of student achievement. Although this data is vital, we also feel that student achievement and career readiness should be defined by much more than a single test score on a single day.

We know that student success is based on many factors, and we are excited to be implementing numerous practices and measures to monitor progress and improvement. We know that all students learn in different ways and should be able to demonstrate that they are prepared for a career and/or college in various ways. We have continued to look for indicators that adequately measure student achievement that moves beyond simple proficiency scores on High Stakes Tests. This is why Triton Public Schools is very excited to be joining Cohort 2 of Redefining Ready.

By joining Redefining Ready, we will be taking part in a national initiative that was launched by the AASA (The School Superintendent Association). Redefining Ready has numerous research-based indicator areas that will help us more appropriately determine if students are college, career, and life ready. Some of these indicators are (GPA, AP courses, Algebra II passing rates, concurrent college credits, industry credentials, attendance, community service hours, and participation in extra/co-curriculars). We feel this updated measurement more accurately reflects the skills and knowledge needed to be successful regardless of the student's career choice or postsecondary education plans.

The Triton Redefining Ready Team has been working very hard to generate data in line with the indicator areas. This Spring we will compile a School Report Card that clearly states how many of our students are college and career ready based on the research from the Redefining Ready Indicators. More importantly, we will now have the benefit of using a research-based framework to help us focus on making sure all students have the skills and knowledge to be successful after they leave our school.

We look forward to continuing to update the Triton Community on our Redefining Ready progress. As always, we thank you for your support, partnership, and engagement.

Sincerely,
Triton Principals
Kevin Krenz
Luke Lutterman
Shane Van Beek

Together #WeAreTriton

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TRITON CLASS OF 2023

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



LIAM DOSTAL

Liam Dostal is a senior at Triton High School.

His parents are Jeremy and Onawa Dostal.

He has three sisters, Kayla, Miley and Norah.

Liam is active in BPA and theater as well as soccer and will be in track and field.

After school he is active in Boy Scouts, Fire and EMS explorers, and enjoys hanging out with friends and playing with his dog.

His favorite band is Sum 41, his favorite movie is "Catch Me If You Can" and his favorite actor is Leonardo DiCaprio.

After graduation he plans to serve in the National Guard and possibly attend the College of St. Scholastica for social studies education.

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Triton Profile of Graduate October 19th Award Recipients

By Mr. Schlicting

The Triton School District recognizes students and staff members that exhibit the characteristics of the Profile of a Graduate every other month. This past month in October, these individuals from each grade were nominated by teachers and recognized in a ceremony before school. The focus for the ceremony that took place in October was on the character traits of self-awareness and integrity. It is a great way to celebrate the amazing things that our students are doing. During the ceremony, the teacher that nominated the student calls the student up to the front of the assembly and reads off the reason the nominated student for recognition. At the end of the ceremony, staff members are also recognized that display these positive traits. This past month we had three teachers that were nominated. Dana Asleson was nominated by the elementary staff for her work in the special education department. The other two teachers that were nominated were Patrick Floryance (who was also just names the Triton Teacher of the Year) and Kristen Tischer who are both math teachers. Congratulations to this month's award winners.

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TRITON PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

EXCELLENCE IN SELF-AWARENESS + INTEGRITY

Rylee Hvitved Kindergarten	Charlotte Austin First Grade	Evelyn Johnson Second Grade	Magnolia Price Third Grade	Izabella Ortiz Fourth Grade	Charlotte Henslin Fifth Grade	
Samuel Price Sixth Grade	Mason Maes Seventh Grade	Aidree Van Beek Eighth Grade	Henry McMartin Ninth Grade	Jaden Holmes Tenth Grade	Trenton Johnsen Eleventh Grade	Paige DeVetter Twelfth Grade

American Education Week

November 14-18 is American Education Week and during the week the NEA will be honoring these people who play a role in the education journey.

Monday - Teachers, Students, Principals, Counselors

Tuesday - Families

Wednesday - Educational Support People, custodians, bus drivers, Community Education, paraprofessionals, cafeteria workers, administrative assistants, nurses, ETC.

Thursday - Community Supporters

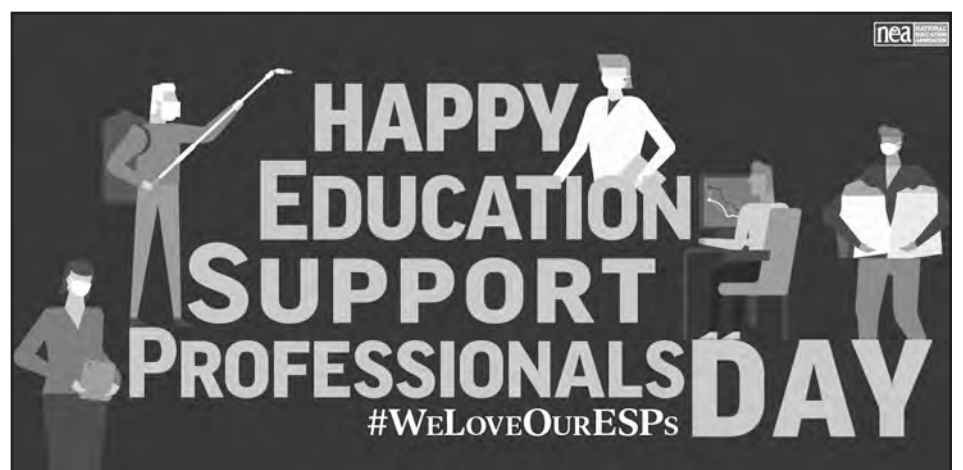
Friday - Substitutes



LEARNING HAPPENS IN SCHOOL, AT HOME, AND EVERYWHERE IN BETWEEN.

NEA has teamed up with PBS station WETA to offer expert tips and resources to help educators and families navigate distance learning. Share these valuable resources with your students and their families to make sure that learning continues—no matter where it takes place!

www.nea.org/familyresources



Triton Business Professionals of America



Congratulations to Triton Business Professionals of America members Wyatt Bendickson and Lydia Stanton for being elected to the 2023 Minnesota State Officer Executive Team! Bendickson was elected MN State President, and Stanton was elected Vice President of Communications. Both will serve through the end of BPA's National Leadership Conference in April.



Congratulations!

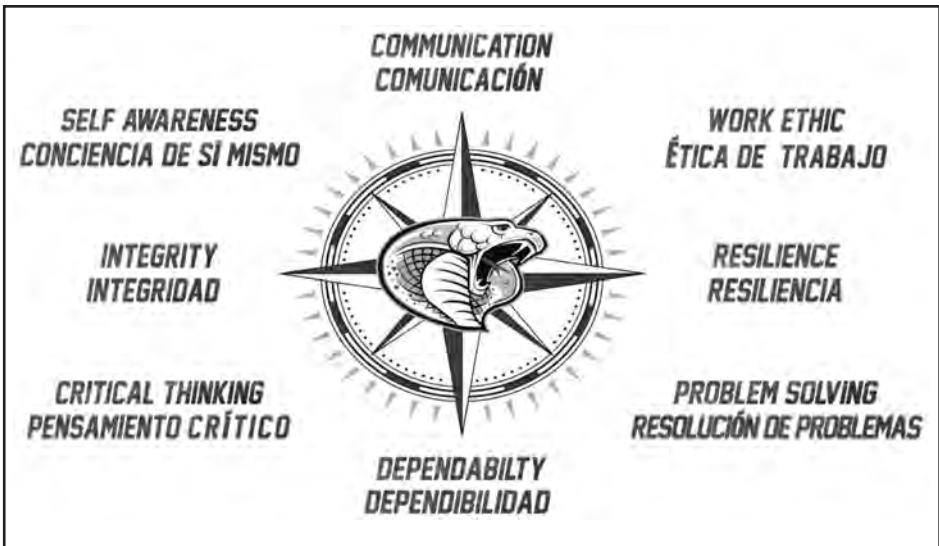
Triton Middle School Quarter 1 A Honor Roll

Last Name	First Name	Grade
FATE	DYLAN	6
FATE	JALYN	6
FELIX	CINTHIA	6
GINDER	RORY	6
HOREJSI	MATHEA	6
JARA	MATIAS	6
KELLOGG	RUBY	6
KUBAT	MAVRIC	6
LEE	GERALD	6
MECHTEL	BROOKLYN	6
OSCARSON	CAREY	6
SCHEPPMANN	ALYVIA	6
STANTON	JULIA	6
VAN BEEK	KENZIE	6
VAN ZUILEN	IVY	6
VERMILYEA	COLBY	6
WENNES	SIRI	6
WILSON	SAMANTHA	6
DAHL	AVERY	7
EMANUEL	ABRIELLE	7
FREIDERICH	ALLIE	7
HUKEE	JESSICA	7
JARRETT	HOLLY	7
JOHNSON	KEANNA	7
KEENER	JENAE	7
KNUTSON	AARON	7
MAES	MADDISON	7
MATEJCEK	AUNIKA	7
OKEEFE	ELIAH	7
PEARSON	CHRISTINE	7
SANSON	AUBRIE	7
SPENCER	TEAGAN	7
WIRKUS	ELLIOT	7
ALLEN	ISABELLA	8
ESSIG	REAGAN	8
FISH	SIERRA	8
FLORES	CARLI	8
GOMEZ-THOMPSON	JESENIA	8
HARTY	ETHAN	8
IVERSON	HARPER	8
KOSS	BRAXTON	8
LUTTERMAN	AIDAN	8
MATEJCEK	MYA	8
NAZE	SYDNEY	8
RUNNELLS	SABREE	8
SCANLAN	AUSTIN	8
SCUDAMORE	ABIGAIL	8
SOLANO	EMANUEL	8
STARKSON	GENEVIEVE	8
THIEMANN	WILLIAM	8
VAN BEEK	AIDREE	8
VERMILYEA	CASEY	8
YOUNG	GAVIN	8

Triton Middle School Quarter 1 B Honor Roll

CHABLE	DARVELIA	6
CHICOS	EMMA	6
CURRAN	ALAYNA	6
DUPEY	KAYLEAH	6
EDGE	MAURICE	6
ERLER	PRESTON	6
FATE	COOPER	6
FATE-KNUDSON	KORBYN	6
FREERKSEN	JOSSLYN	6
GONZALES	LANDYN	6
HERNANDEZ	SOPHIA	6
HOKANSON	REIGN	6
KASPER	CHARLES	6
KRAEMER	MIKAYLA	6
LANDSTEINER	AVERY	6
LAUE	AUBREY	6
LAUE	PEYTON	6
MADSEN	TENLEY	6
MALDONADO	IZAIHA	6
MARKELL	MASON	6
MCNEILUS	ANDREW	6
MEALY	MASON	6
MUNNIKHUYSEN	BRAYDEN	6
OLEYSON	BODE	6
PRICE	SAMUEL	6
RIVERA-CARLSON	ETHAN	6
ROCHA	JAYDIN	6
RONGVE	BRADY	6
SANSON	KIMBER	6
THOMAS	LOGAN	6
AKKERMAN	AUBREY	7
CLEMENT	ETHAN	7
GRZYBOWSKI SCHWERING	GRACELYN	7
HAMM	HUNTER	7
HENSLIN	AVEREE	7
HODGMAN	NOLAN	7
JENSEN	JAXON	7
KLEMMENSEN	JAYDEN	7
KORBISCH	NERAK	7
KRUSE	KALEB	7
LEGLER	ALYVIA	7
LOCKE	AVERIE	7
LOUKS	COLLIN	7
MAES	MASON	7
OCAMPO	JORGE	7
DGREN	HENRY	7
RUDESILL	BROOKLYN	7
SCHROM	ELIJAH	7
TAPIA	ISAAK	7
TUSHAUS	KENDRA	7
VALLEJO	MAYA	7
VONDERSITT	GRACIE	7
WEBER	CASEY	7
BAKER	BROOKLYN	8
BALL	HAILEY	8
BARNETT	FAITH	8
BAUMGARTNER	JAIDEN	8
CAIN	NALLAH	8
CHILSON	CALLIE	8
CHINN	GWENDOLYN	8
CUMMINGS	RILEY	8
FELIX-MIRAMONTES	ANGEL	8
FREERKSEN	BRADY	8
FREIDERICH	GRACE	8
GARZA	RUDY	8
HOKANSON	CAMREN	8
HOREJSI	NEVEN	8
JOHNSON	LINCOLN	8
KISPERT	THEO	8
KRAEMER	JACKSON	8
KRAHN	CARTER	8
KRUCKEBERG	EMMA	8
LANDSTEINER	CHACE	8
LEPP	TAYLOR	8
MADISON	LYDIA	8
MARTINEZ	JANEY	8
MOLINA	KEANNA	8
NELSON	COLTON	8
RIECK	MEGAN	8
ROBERTSON	GUNNAR	8
RONKEN	ADEN	8
SACKETT	HAYDEN	8
SOWIEJA	CONNOR	8
STEVENSON	CLAIRE	8
SZMIOT-McCHESNEY	ISAIAH	8
THOMAS	GRADEN	8
VAN ZUILEN	AIDEN	8
WOLF	JASON	8
ZAMBRANO	LARIYA	8

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 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.

November's Profile of a Graduate focus is critical thinking. After our monthly lessons, we hope that students will be able to understand that critical thinking requires us to ask questions, analyze assumptions, interpret evidence, and evaluate data, to make judgments about what we read, hear, say, or write. Being able to gather relevant information and think through solutions and conclusions is not an easy task; it takes practice and patience. However, building these critical thinking skills will foster your child's ability to make decisions and solve problems, as well as stimulate their curiosity and creativity.

As a parent there are some things you can do to support critical thinking at home. Encourage them to ask questions and be a good listener. Challenge them to be open to new ideas and teach them how to research and analyze that information. Debate everything! By having a healthy debate with your child, you are essentially witnessing critical thinking in action. Our emotional, psychological, and social well-being is shaped by every experience we have. Thinking critically through these experiences will help us make informed decisions that promote our mental health.

Ashlee Koll, TES Counselor
Tricia Johnson, TMS Social Worker
Christi Runnells, THS Counselor
Diane Meyer, TPS K-12 Counselor

Sixth Grader Field Trip to Fort Snelling and State Capitol

Submitted by Melanie Dobson

Triton 6th graders are learning about Minnesota history and government in their Social Studies class. A field trip to St. Paul on October 19 enriched what they have learned so far and gave them a reference for lessons yet to come.

On a brisk Wednesday morning students learned from Fort Snelling guides who were stationed throughout the grounds. Students learned about ancient Native American tools discovered at the site. They watched a blacksmith heat, pound, cut and create a nail. They saw where the famous slaves Dred and Harriet Scott (Supreme Court Dred Scott decision) lived at the fort's hospital. Students explored the rooms of the nicer officer's home, to the not so nice soldiers' quarters. They were instructed on how to march and watched the officer load and fire his gun. And they learned of the hard work of washing clothes.

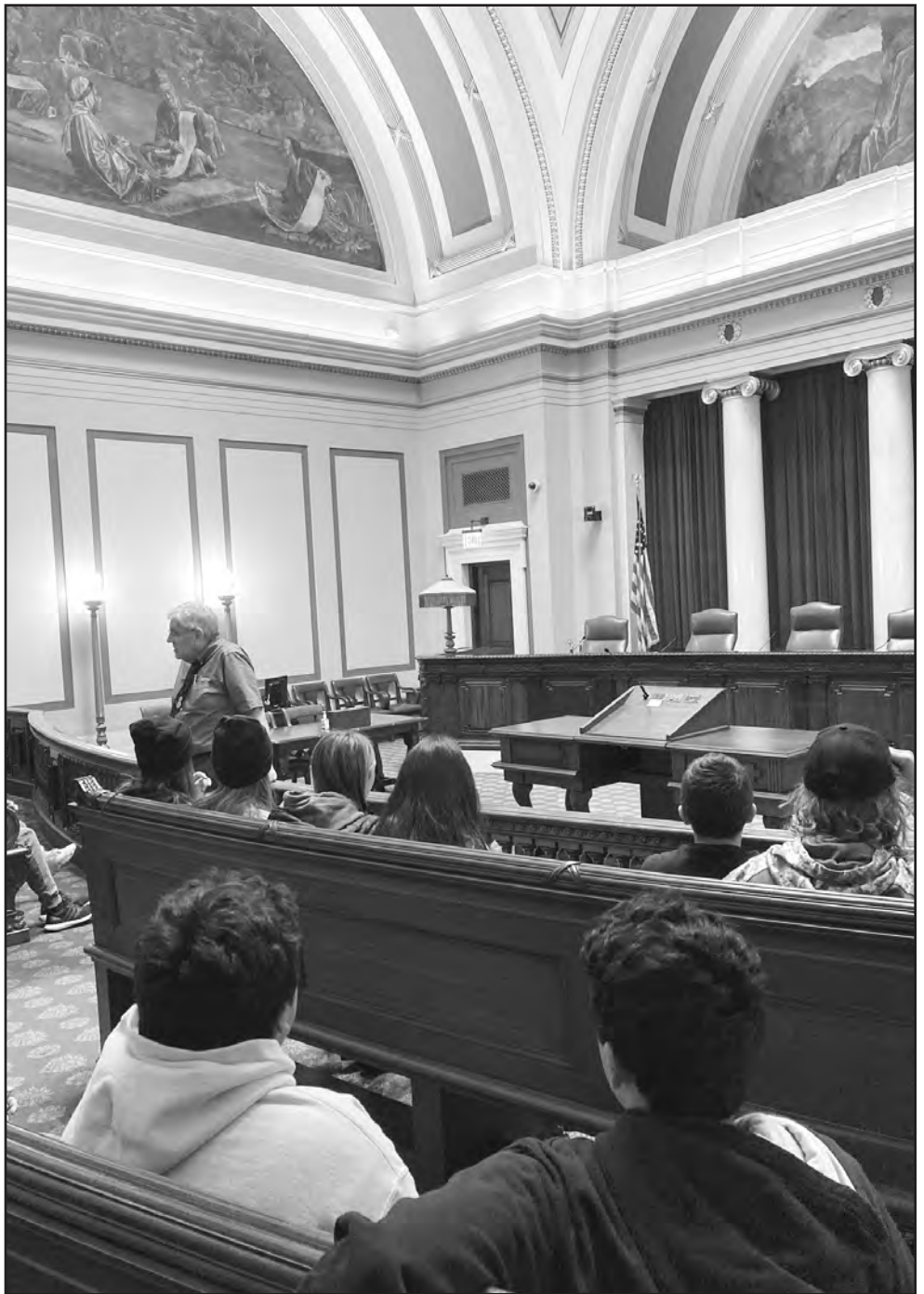
At the State Capitol, knowledgeable and entertaining guides talked about the workings of government as the students were seated in the Minnesota Supreme Court Chambers and the upper gallery of the Senate floor. Then all climbed the spiral staircase to the roof to get a close up look at the golden horses.



A blacksmith at Fort Snelling shows Triton 6th graders how he makes a nail.



Ft. Snelling guide talks about the Dred Scott family. Their daughters lived through the Civil War, WWI and WWII!



A State Capitol tour guide talks to students in the Minnesota Supreme Court chambers.



Triton 6th graders are given marching orders at Ft. Snelling on October 19.

Triton Elementary Students Participating in STEM Activities with Mrs. Bradford in the TES Media Center



Triton Student Council Updates



It's been a busy fall for the Triton High School Student Council! Since we wrapped up Homecoming activities, we have completed our highway cleanup in West Concord, hosted a color run to support NAMI, networked with other SE Minnesota student councils at the SED conference, and began collecting food for the Dodge County Food Shelf.

The 10th annual color run raised \$700 to support NAMI in their efforts to support people with mental illness and to help break the stigma around mental illness. Thanks to those that came out to participate – it was a great morning!

We kicked off the monthlong food drive at Triton High School with Trick-or-Canning in Dodge Center. THANK YOU to Dodge Center residents for their generosity - - several hundred pounds of food were collected for the Dodge County Food Shelf. Now we're having a schoolwide competition to see which class (or staff) brings in the most food over the month of November. If you are interested in contributing, feel free to drop off nonperishable food at the high school office.

We've got a great group of leaders that are making an impact – we're looking forward to the rest of the year!! GO COBRAS!!

Brylee Iverson Signs Her Letter of Intent to Play Basketball at Southwest Minnesota State University



Isaac Gonzalez and Liam Schlichting Lead the Cobras Onto the Field



TRITON COMMUNITY ED NEWS

507-418-7550

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

Mini-Ceramic Santa Planters

Instructor: Kristy Faber

Grades 2-5

Make 2 Santa centerpieces— 1 for your holiday table and 1 for someone special! In this class you will paint your own ceramic Santa planters. After you have designed your own special holiday planters, we will add a little Christmas decoration to each. You will be able to proudly display this work of art on your holiday table as well as give one as a gift to someone special!

Limit 17 kids, first come first served.

Cost: \$15

December 6
3:15-4:30PM
TES Art Room

Triton Community Ed
Craft Class Offering
Ceramic Santa Planters

Please send complete forms and payment to Triton Community Ed or go online to <https://triton.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/home/>

Name: _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Cost: \$15

UCARE/South Country Insurance discounts MAY apply. If you have this insurance please include a copy of the card with the registration —UNLESS it is already on file with Community Ed. Registration not complete without insurance information. Call 507-418-7550 with questions-Thank you!



Cost: \$24/kit

Kit orders deadline is December 1st, and kits will be distributed the week of December 5.

Holiday Magic Mega Craft Kit

Bring home this bag of fantastic holiday inspired fun. This mega pack of crafts and activities will keep kids busy throughout the whole holiday season! Many of the projects would make great gifts for the special people in their lives. Some activities will be designed for the child to do on their own at home, but others may require some help from an older sibling or family member. The kits will be delivered to the student's classroom to take home. If your child is not a Triton student, we will notify you when the kit is ready to pick up. Limit 24 kits available, first come first served.

Triton Community Ed's Annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show

Saturday, December 10
10AM-2PM
Triton's Main Cafeteria

Admission is FREE to the General Public!
Park in the Main Elementary Lot,
and enter through
the Main Elementary Doors # 5



Shop with local crafters and small business vendors for their unique products!

Santa and his elves (Washington DC Fundraising Group) will be there to wrap gifts and take pictures—plus many more holiday activities for the entire family!

Adult Craft At-Home Craft Kit

Wool Felt Ball Coasters (Set of 4)

Need a cozy place to set your warm beverage? Make your own wool felt ball coasters! You will have enough materials to design and handmade a set of 4 coasters. They can be used for hot or cold beverages and will protect your surfaces from condensation or heat damage. These adorable projects make a great gift or simply a beautiful addition to your own home décor.



Each kit comes with all the materials necessary to complete 4 coasters.

Cost: \$18

Deadline to order kits is January 10. We will notify you via email when your order is fulfilled so that you can plans to pick it up or have it delivered.

National Community Ed Day

National Community Ed Day was November 10th. Did you know that Triton Community Ed proudly serves our community with the following services?

Early Childhood Family Education

- Early Childhood Screening- Family Literacy Programs-
- ECFE Classes- Family Events- Preschool-

Youth Enrichment

- Classes and events- Recreational Activities- Arts-
- STEM Classes- Family Activities-

Childcare

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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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December 3, 2022 9:30 AM Randolph, MN
LIVE ONSITE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR ARNIE & MYRA RADMAN
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December 10, 2022 9:00 AM Kenyon, MN
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Parcel 1
*** PID # 15.017.00.50 (Building Site Not Included)
*** Area: 115 +/- Acres of Bare Cropland
*** 114 +/- Tillable Acres
*** CPI: 91.4 Average
*** Drain Tile in Place, Unknown Exact Feet of Drain Tile
*** Taxes for 2022 with Building Site is \$8,869. Building Site Has Been Surveyed Out of This Parcel
*** To Be Sold 115 Times Dollar Amount Bid

PARCEL 2

40 Acres of Prime Class A Cropland Sec. 16 Carlston TWP. Freeborn Co., MN
*** PID # 15.016.0030 *** CPI: 84.9 Average
*** Taxes for 2022 \$2,017 Zone Ag. NHSTD *** Lays Nice: 4 Corners
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PARCEL 3

40 Acres of Prime Class A Cropland Sec. 8 Carlston TWP Freeborn Co. MN
*** PID # 15.008.0060 *** CPI: 93.7 Average
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*** Former PID#: 12.23.4.00001, Taxes For 2022 Based On 160 Acres Are \$1,596.40
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*** CPI: 76.1 Average
*** CRP Contract: There Are 11.31 +/- Acres Under Contract Until September 2027, Per Acre Rate, \$231.49. Rice Co. FSA Will Determine Exact CRP Acres In Parcel After Auction And Land Is Split
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*** CPI: 92.6 Average
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PARCEL 3

2.25 Acre Older Building Site In Section 1, Walcott Township, Rice County, MN



Parcels 2 & 3
*** Address: 6136 220th Street East, Faribault, MN
*** Area: 2.25 Acres Surveyed
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Government imposter scams: These are fraudulent telephone calls from people claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service, Social Security Administration or Medicare. These scammers may falsely tell you that you have unpaid taxes and threaten arrest or deportation if you don't pay up immediately. Or they may say your Social Security or Medicare benefits are in danger of being cut off if you don't provide personal identifying information. They may even "spoof" your caller ID to make it look like the government is actually calling.

Sweepstakes and lottery scams: These scams may contact you by phone, mail or email. They tell you that you've won or have the potential to win a jackpot. But you need to pay a fee, or cover taxes and processing fees to receive your prize, perhaps by prepaid debit card, wire transfer, money order or cash. Scammers may even impersonate well-known sweepstakes organizations, like Publishers Clearing House, to fool you.

Robocalls and phone scam: Robocalls take advantage of sophisticated, automated phone technology to carry out a variety of scams on trusting older adults who answer the phone. Some robocalls may claim that a warranty is expiring on their car or electronic device, and payment is needed to renew it. These scammers may also "spoof" the number to make the call look authentic.

One common robocall is the "Can you hear me?" call. When the older person says "yes," the scammer records their voice and hangs up. The criminal then has a voice signature to authorize unwanted charges on items like stolen credit cards.

Computer tech support scams: These scams prey on senior's lack of knowledge about computers and cybersecurity. A pop-up message or blank screen usually appears on a computer or phone, telling you that your device is compromised and needs fixing. When you call the support number for help, the scammer may either request remote access to your computer and/or that you pay a fee to have it repaired.

Grandparent scam: The grandparent scam has been around for several years now. A scammer will call and say something along the lines of: "Hi Grandma, do you know who this is?" When the unsuspecting grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer has established a fake identity.

The fake grandchild will then ask for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (legal trouble, overdue rent, car repairs, etc.), to be paid via gift cards or money transfers, which don't always require identification to collect.

Other Scams

Some other popular scams targeting older adults right now are romance scams through social media and online dating sites, COVID-19 scams, investment scams, Medicare and health insurance scams, and Internet and email fraud.

For more information on the different types senior scams to watch out for, along with tips to help your mom protect herself, visit the National Council on Aging website at NCOA.org, and type in "the top 5 financial scams targeting older adults" in the search bar.

SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, September 26, 2022

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the September 26, Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us.

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

The City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda, consent agenda, minutes, and accounts payable as presented;
- Paid On-Call Ambulance Hires;
- Triton Student Council Color Run Route;
- Dodge County Sheriff's Office Contract;
- Gambling Premises Permit for Mantorville Restoration Society;
- EDA Board Member Appointment;
- Abatement of 308 3rd Ave. NW;
- Abatement of 108 1st Ave. SE;
- Removal of high priority ash trees on City property for \$12,310.30;
- Amend TIF agreement between the City and Dodger 56 LLC to allow up to \$1.2M in eligible TIF reimbursements or 15 years, whichever comes first;
- Venom Softball to put a permanent softball fence on the southern softball/baseball diamond at North Park;
- Purchase of a leaf vacuum for \$60,021;
- Begin advertising for an additional maintenance worker.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 10, 2022

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the October 10, Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us.

Present: Bill Ketchum, Gary Trelstad, Cathy Skogen, Paul Blaisdell, Matt Maas, Bryce Lange, Tina Kozisek, David Myrom, Daren Meier, Craig Britton, others.

The City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda, consent agenda, minutes, and accounts payable as presented;
- Paid On-Call Ambulance Hire;
- Resolution 2022-036, Ordering Improvement and Preparation of Plans;
- To give the home owner of 912 East Main Street until December 1, 2022 to remove the home from the property;
- Proceed with an administrative warrant for 103 4th Ave. NE;
- Continue the removal of infested ash trees in 2022;
- Holiday-themed pots to be placed on the 8 corners of Main Street from November through February;
- Living Water Assembly Church to use Lions Park to hand out popcorn and warm drinks on October 31, 2022, and to place a port-a-potty there for the evening;
- Adding a proposed public ice rink at Grace Lutheran Church to the City's insurance and authorize City staff to develop a lease agreement between the City of Dodge Center and Grace Lutheran Church;
- The Broadband Grant Agreement with KMTelecom;
- Cancel the City Council meeting scheduled for December 26 and hold a special meeting if needed;
- Donating 2 family season passes for the Aquatic Center to Triton Post Prom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

SUMMARY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 24, 2022

This published information is a summary of the full minutes of the October 24, Dodge Center City Council meeting. A copy of the full minutes is available for viewing at City Hall, 35 East Main Street or online at www.ci.dodgecenter.mn.us.

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

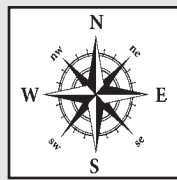
The City Council approved the following items:

- Agenda, consent agenda, minutes, and accounts payable as presented;
- Dodge Center Lions Club use of the community center December 10-17 for Santa Anonymous gift sorting and distribution;
- Accept the gift of historical items from those wishing to donate them and will work towards finding a way to display them;
- Quote from KLM Engineering for \$22,810 and Slack Painting for \$35,500, for a total of \$58,310, to perform proposed maintenance on Water Tower No. 2 in 2023;
- Begin the process to issue a General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$3M, for the 2023 Street Improvement Project, and to pay all costs beyond the \$3M Bond with cash from the Capital Improvement Fund;
- The Dodge Center Lions Club to plant 2 cherry blossom trees in Lions Park.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

*Changes in Latitudes,
Changes in Attitudes*

**Campaign
Tennessee
Style**



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.

I first saw James Hart standing on the street corner across from the courthouse in Dover, when I stopped at the hardware store one day. He was holding up a sign that said, "Bury the Counter Culture, Not Our Children." I was intrigued and went to talk to him. He had a couple different signs he was waving. People drove by and honked and he would give them a thumbs up.

James Hart first ran for Tennessee state representative in 2004. He got 83% of the votes as an Independent. His decision to run was determined after his son became a drug addict and died. James ran on a platform to vote

against any legalization of drugs. He blamed the counter culture for creating an environment that proliferates drug use in the youth. In his words the counter culture has taught kids that two plus two equals five and with no absolutes they are a generation of children with no clue as to right or wrong.

James Hart wanted to make a difference and stop more parents from burying their children from drug abuse deaths. After his initial run for the Tennessee house as an Independent in 2004, James was not successful as the party affiliates would not support him as a candidate. But that didn't stop him from campaigning. He is again on the ballot for District 76 in the 2022 general election.

Over the years James Hart has taken some opposition for his stands. On February 20th of 2017 a white kid from Memphis attacked James while he was standing on the street corner in Paris, Tennessee. He was punched repeatedly and knocked down and was saved by pedestrians and motorists who stopped and pulled his assailant off of him. It seems the Caucasian male took offense to his sign "Equal Rights for Whites". This didn't deter the seventy-eight year old James, who now stands on the street corner with a bullet proof vest and a handgun under his coat.

While a few people fumed over his sign about "Equal Rights for Whites" one of the local predominately black Baptist churches in Paris had a solution. They had some signs made up and presented them to James with their best wishes. The signs said "God Bless America" and "Pray for America". And that is how the good people of Tennessee handle differences with each other.



**A Minnesotan:
Thanksgiving**



By RosaLin Alcoser

The year was 2016. The place was Springfield, MO.

This was the only time in my college years that my older sister drove over from St. Louis to visit me for Thanksgiving instead of me going to her.

The year before that I went to her and the next two years after that I also went to her. But this one year she came to me because I had to work the Black Friday sale the next day at the mall kiosk I worked at that year... which is a story for another time.

My sister drove over the morning of Thanksgiving and I cooked that morning. This was also the only year that anyone has ever trusted me to do this 100% by myself.

It was a fairly traditional Thanksgiving meal for two. I am about 90% sure that I made turkey breast, roasted vegetables, and pumpkin spice cake.

For the record the food turned out pretty well and was not where chaos ensued; that came after dinner.

Now my family has had many odd chaotic things happen on holidays. From the wrong breaker in the fuse box getting thrown and the oven with the Christmas ham getting turned off to the sandwich incident of 2003.

But this one even bluffed us.

After dinner we did the washing up, put all of the dishes into the dishwasher- with the intention to run it later- then got ready to go for a walk in the park.

Right as we were about to walk out of my apartment my sister pointed out that there's smoke coming from my dishwasher that is not turned. So she opened the dishwasher and the coil element at the bottom of it was on fire.

So we threw baking soda on the start of the dishwasher fire and turned off the breaker that went to the dishwasher before we went to the park.

Needless to say, later we had to wash all the dishes by hand and I had to report the whole thing to my university who owned the apartment.

To this day we have no clue how the dishwasher that was not even turned on caught fire but it did. However, to this day it is the one holiday mishap that I will never truly be able to fully explain how it happened.



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