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**CITY OF CLAREMONT  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Claremont City Hall.

Members present: Mayor Tasha Dahl, City Council Members Deb Ellis, Hunter McGovern, and Jacob Klejeski (Klejeski arrived at 7:23 p.m.). Council Members absent: None. There is 1 vacant city council seat.

City staff and others present: Interim City Administrator Jim Brimeyer, Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Sorg, First Responder Director Casey Dahl, City Engineer Derek Olinger, City Attorney Mark Rahrlick, County Engineer Guy Kohnhofer, Bryon Wolf, Mike Klemmensen, Amber Ward,

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## Memories of Old Time Christmas

Each year we interview a few of our seasoned citizens who recall the Christmas memories of their childhood. Here are three stories to enjoy this holiday.

**Marjorie** was born near Eyota, Minnesota and moved to Illinois when she was four years old, where her father worked as a carpenter. They later moved back to Eyota and her dad built many pole barns in the area. She remembers school pageants as a child and was especially fond of singing in these Christmas musicals. Some of the songs she

recalls singing are the Lord's Prayer and the Indian Love Call.

They would spend Christmas at her grandmother's farm and the years that she lived in Illinois, they would receive a package by mail with gifts from her grandma. A kewpie doll was one present that she remembered getting for Christmas.

Christmas Day was always a time for good food at her grandma's farm. Both her grandmother and her mother were very good cooks. They raised cattle, hogs, turkeys and



## Historic County Seat Coffeehouse Stays the Same; Adds New Items



**Staff Writer**

The Historic County Seat Coffee House located on Highway 57 in downtown Mantorville, is a 50-seat coffee house that offers a hometown atmosphere for locals and visitors.

Husband and Wife Owners Michelle and Wa took over in 2019 and while keeping all the favorites, have added a few new twists.

Keeping the standard fare was important to them and they want all their customers to know the menu and recipes have stayed the same, however they did bring in a few new favorites.

The County Seat serves breakfast all day, including the usual fare of eggs, sausage, ham, bacon, toast, hash browns, pancakes, or French Toast for around \$6-\$8 on average.

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chickens on the farm and had a great supply of canned vegetables from the garden. Her grandma canned sausage and beef and her basement was well stocked with preserved foods. Many years later when they cleaned out the old farmhouse they found a jar of food that had been canned in 1921.

Christmas Day was a time when family gathered to be together and she would play outside with her brother and sister in the snow during the day.

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## Getting Unstuck



By Keith Mosier  
Pastor of the First Congregational  
Church in Dodge Center

This is the time of year when people tend to start worrying about driving in bad weather. No one wants to get stranded in the ditch on the side of an icy road in the middle of a snow storm. I have gone into the ditch myself and I've also pushed or pulled multiple people out of the ditch when they were stranded. I still remember when I was a Child my parents packing the car with an emergency kit including warm clothes, blankets, matches and a candle; just in case we might get stranded on the way to grandma's house two hours away.

I know many young people who are willing to go out in just about any weather conditions. Their confidence seems boundless and busting through drifts or driving in whiteout conditions simply seems like an adventure to tell about. I still remember when I was in college, packing three or four of my friends into my car with skis and snowboards, and driving through a snow storm to get to the local ski resort. We figured as long as we could get there we should be some of the first ones to carve through the fresh powder!

As people get older their perspective often changes. They weigh the risks differently and what once would have seemed like an adventure now seems dangerous and foolish. It may seem better to stay home than to risk being hit by another car or sliding into the ditch and getting stuck. When you get stuck you lose your freedom and you can't move! And as your freedom disappears often times your joy disappears as well, and frustration takes its place.

I recently experienced getting stuck as I attempted to bring home a load of firewood to heat our home. I had already cut down a large dead oak that had been standing in the middle of a plowed field, and now the task at hand was to cut it up and take it home.

I left home two and a half hours before sunrise and soon I was bucking the limbs into stove length by the light of my headlamp. The snow was falling heavily and the wind blew sawdust into my face. The dust caught on my beard and made my eyes sting. Some of the larger pieces must have been over forty inches through and were too heavy for me to load alone. But with a brand new chain and a twenty-five inch bar I was able to get a lot of wood cut in just a few hours. The snow had stopped falling when I began to load up the

truck and I wondered if I would have any trouble backing out of the field. I had recently purchased this pickup from one of the friendly car dealers in Dodge Center, and what had fit into my budget was NOT a 4-wheel drive!

Perhaps the tires were warm and had melted the snow and dirt beneath them. My back tires spun like crazy, but the truck wouldn't move an inch. I began digging with my axe in front of and behind the tires, but still the truck wouldn't move. I stopped to say a prayer and continued digging. Finally I managed to get a few inches forward and I began to lay down pieces of bark behind my tires for traction. My tires caught and I started backing out of the field not stopping to turn around! I had about 400 feet of field to drive over to get to the gravel road and with my limited steering ability, I bounced out of the smooth trail into some rough plowed ground.

Just as I got to the field drive some large logs bounced out behind the truck and one of them lodged itself under my axle! Now that I was high centered my back left tire spun, barely touching the snow beneath it. I tried banging it out and failed. I got under the truck with my chain saw and started making some progress. But as soon as I got to the place with the highest pressure, the chain got pinched. It was an awkward angle and I couldn't free it with my axe! But I was able to remove the bolts from my chainsaw and wrench the bar free. I installed my other chain and soon I was cutting again. This time I cut more carefully but soon the vehicle shifted again and this chain was also held fast. The cuts had loosened the log enough that I was able to knock it loose with my splitting maul, and after reloading the wood I was able to

drive out onto the road.

Relief flooded over me as I realized I would soon be home. My exhausting ordeal made me begin to think about how easily we can get stuck in other areas of life. We have projects, that we can never seem to get around to doing; people we can't seem to get along with; and goals that may never be realized unless we can get unstuck.

Many people feel stuck in their own frustration and feelings of despair. Others are spiritually stuck—they haven't been to church in months or even years, they tried to read the Bible but never got very far. Perhaps they feel caught in a web of guilt or addiction and just don't know where to turn!

Anything worth doing takes some effort. Sometimes the hardest part seems to be knowing where to start. And the good news is there is One who wants to guide you each step of the way. He can lift you out of your depression and He can heal your broken relationships. Your job is to ask for his help and let him take control. James 1:5 says you can ask God for wisdom and he will give it to you. Once you know that first step ask Him for strength to follow through. Isaiah 40:29 promises strength to those who need it. Perhaps you need to pick up that Good book again and find some promises. If your tires are spinning and you don't know where to find God's promises, then do a google search and look for promises that apply to your situation! Maybe God wants you make the effort to go to church. Reconnect with other pilgrims on their way to heaven. Read the story of the shepherds in Luke chapter two and let the joy of Christmas be kindled in your own heart. With a prayer and a little effort, we can all be on the road to a better place.



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## Area Church Directory

### The Family Table

*"All peoples on earth will be blessed through you." — Genesis 12:3*

Many years ago a man received a message from God, and God basically adopted this man. Later God gave him the name Abraham, which means "father of many." And yet Abraham had no children. Then God promised to bless Abraham with many children, and somehow, in some way, through Abraham's family, God would bless all the peoples of the earth.

God stayed true to his promises to bless the world's peoples through Abraham, even though Abraham's descendants were quite dysfunctional. And God surprised everyone by keeping his promises through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, a descendant of Abraham. It turns out that Jesus was the Savior not only for God's adopted people but also for all other peoples as well. And by faith, by trusting in Jesus, people from all nations, tribes, and languages can be adopted into God's family.

So when we come to the Lord's table, it is a family table. Just as we do not get to choose our families and all our relatives, there may well be people in our church family whom we might not have chosen. But God chose them—and us—to be a part of his family together. So we belong to God but also to each other. And at this family table there is grace.

**Father, thank you for accepting us into your family. Just as you have received us in grace, help us do the same for one another. In Jesus' name, Amen.**



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## Shannon William Hendrickson

Shannon William Hendrickson, 43, of Claremont, MN passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2022, at Mayo Clinic St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN.

Shannon was born on December 7, 1978, in Owatonna, MN to Mark Hendrickson and Denice Grems. He graduated Triton High School in 2000. After high school he worked at Daniels Restaurant in Kasson, MN and Opportunity Services. He enjoyed watching movies and looking at different flags.

Shannon is survived by his parents, Mark Hendrickson and Denice (John) Baier; sister, Jessica Hendrickson; step sister, Amy Morrissey; one nephew, three nieces, three step nephews; one step niece.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Christopher Hendrickson; stepsister, Jennifer Coffee; stepbrother, David Baier; maternal and paternal grandparents

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at Praise Fellowship Church, 602 Central Ave S in Dodge Center, MN. Reverend Roger Langworthy officiated. Visitation was held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be held at a later date in Hillside Cemetery in Claremont, MN.

To share a special memory or condolence please visit

www.czaplewskifuneralhomes.com, Czaplowski Family Funeral Homes, 25 South Street SW P.O. Box 502, Dodge Center, MN 55927 (507) 374-2155. Blessed be his memory.

## Betty Torrez

Betty Torrez, 74, passed away peacefully at Taylor House surrounded by her family on Saturday, November 19, 2022. A celebration of life was held at Brick-Meger Funeral Home on Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 1pm-4pm.

Betty was born in Claremont, Minnesota on September 28, 1948, to Hugo and Evelyn Von Ruden. She graduated from Owatonna High School in 1966. Her first job was working as a secretary for Owatonna Elevator. Throughout most of her working years, Betty held various jobs including in-home daycare for many years, and factory work at Owatonna Manufacturing Company, Gopher Sports, and Truth where she retired.

Betty's true passion was cooking and baking. Cooking was her love language and feeding her family was how she expressed her love the best. Betty felt most comfortable and enjoyed being at home. She loved having all her children and grandchildren over and always made sure to have their favorite dishes ready.

Betty is survived by her daughter Lisa

(John) Lindsay, and 3 sons: Robert (Margaret) Pirkel, Derrick (Megan) Torrez, and Ryan Torrez, her three sisters: Norma (Don) Bissen, Margie (Roger) Pedley, and Marlys Paul, 8 granddaughters, 3 grandsons, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her brothers: William Von Ruden, Harold Von Ruden, and Lloyd Von Ruden, and her sister, Donna Baker.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to UnityPoint Hospice-Taylor House.

## Marlin Ewald Kruckeberg

Marlin Ewald Kruckeberg, 84, of Claremont, passed away on Monday, December 5th, 2022 at the Owatonna Hospital.

He was born May 14, 1938, in Owatonna to Ewald and Hertha (Schmidt) Kruckeberg. Marlin graduated from Blooming Prairie High School in 1955.

After graduation, he continued to work on the family farm while he was employed at Bixby Feed Mill. In 1961, he enlisted in the United States Army Reserves from which he was honorably discharged in 1967. He married Theresa Zak on November 20, 1965; and their marriage of 57 years was blessed with four children.

Marlin and his family lived in Blooming Prairie where he worked as an assistant man-

ager at Prairie Farm Services. In 1976, Marlin became manager at the feed service in Kiester. Moving back to the Kruckeberg farm in 1980, Marlin began raising row crops and hogs until he started a hog business in 1994. He retired in his late seventies, but he continued to enjoy maintaining his over-a-century-old family homestead.

Marlin's other joys included a yearly family fishing trip to Big Sand Lake near Remer, playing Smear with his in-laws, Alfred and Getrude Zak, and attending his children's high school and college track meets. He also liked taking the family to watch the Minnesota Twins, hosting an old-fashioned hot-dog roast to spend time with his children and grandchildren, and reading the Bible.

He is survived by his wife Theresa Kruckeberg of Claremont; children, Lori (Anthony) Mattson of Coon Rapids; Randy (Shannon) Kruckeberg of Claremont; Jeanne (James) Ide of Arlington; Ronnie Kruckeberg of St. Cloud; grandchildren, Alexa Mattson, Jonathan Muncil, Jessica (Mike) Petefish, Alex Kruckeberg, Justin (Lindsey) Ide, Jaime Ide, Janessa (Jon) Rose, Kayla (Josh) Brooks, Dylan (Hannah Decowski) Kruckeberg, Cody Kruckeberg, and Jena Kruckeberg; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, Myrna (Ray) Stroh; brother, Gary (Elaine) Kruckeberg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ewald and Hertha Kruckeberg; sister, Ardis Reed; and brother, Reuben Kruckeberg.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 12th, 2022 at 11AM at St. John Lutheran Church with Pastor Dave Klawiter officiating. The visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Owatonna.



Warmest wishes to you and yours for a healthy and happy year ahead.

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## Historic County Seat Coffeehouse Stays the Same; Adds New Items

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They offer a nice assortment of omelets, including the Southwest and Stuffed Hash Brown type served with toast at \$8-\$9.

Try the Webster's Baked Oatmeal (\$5.25) and fresh fruit (\$2.99)

Specialty or Gourmet coffee, teas and Espressos can be made Hot, Iced or Blended to be enjoyed In-house or To-Go.

The Chai Tea Latte, The Breve, and The Miel are on the menu, along with the usual Cappuccinos, Lattes and Americanos plus, Steamers and an impressive list of blended drinks, and smoothies. Check out the Pepsi products, water and 2 kinds of milk, plus root beer floats are on tap and they're offering special seasonal flavored drinks. I've had several of the coffees; they are quite good.

For the Lunch crowd they offer House Specialty Paninis, priced between \$8.50 and \$9.75 such as:

The oven roasted chicken with Gouda, bacon and special sauce on grilled sourdough with served with a big, crunchy dill pickle, fresh fruit and kettle chips (\$9.25)

The Ham and Cheese Panini on marble rye

with sides sounds yummy. (\$9)

The Hawaiian has double smoked ham, grilled pineapple, teriyaki sauce and Swiss on grilled sourdough and served with kettle chips, fresh fruit and dill pickle.

The Avocado Supreme Panini is avocado slices with feta cheese, red onion, tomato, spinach and Swiss on grilled sourdough.

The House Specialty Sandwiches, Wraps, Salads and Soups are freshly made, with beautiful, fresh ingredients, and nicely presented by the friendly staff. (\$9-\$10.25)

I like the Southwest Chipotle Wrap and Asian Chopped Salad if I am looking to switch it up a little. The list of soups, salads, chili, sandwiches and combos is always new and comforting.

Michelle, the very busy, friendly, gal you see bringing out plates of delicious food is originally from Massachusetts and husband, Wa hails from nearby Rochester.

The couple have 3 children and have been in the food and service industries for 29 years, including, in the past, owning China Express.

The favorite part for Michelle is that, while the schedule can be demanding, there is plenty of free cappuccino for her while she's working. She loves seeing her regular customers because they are awesome. The family enjoys travelling, but at this time is fully occupied with running the coffeehouse.

They brought in Pad Thai (which I love and am experienced in). This is one of my favorites; crisp veggies, thinner noodles and lots of Cilantro, it has a bright flavor. I am

addicted to the stuff. And its amazing to have it so conveniently located; I don't have to trek to Rochester or Owatonna for some anymore.

They added Lo Mein and Fried Rice, too.

Their very popular Beef Pho Soup (pronounced FUH) is authentic and healthy.

The Ramen Noodle featuring dumpling, marinated meat, spinach, egg and green onions in a delicious broth is both popular and gorgeous.

Spring rolls and eggs rolls may sometimes be had, depending upon supply.

The bakery case is full of cookies, mini loaves, scones, seasonal pies, along with some grab and go canned sodas.

Some items can be made gluten free by request and they have a kids menu, for those up to 12 years of age.

Michelle says the staff is amazing and have a really great work ethic.

Indeed, whenever we are there, we are

treated politely, promptly and the food has been consistent and prepared perfectly, every time.

We spent a few hours there having meals, and sipped coffee in the big comfy armchairs while using the Free WIFI. There are some craft items to buy in one corner of the café.

I found it to be comfortable, pleasant, clean, safe, and conveniently located. I highly recommend it. I go 2 - 3 times per week whenever possible.

They are Open: Mon - Fri from 7am-3pm and Sat 8 am - 2 pm. They are closed on Sundays.

You can place an order at (507) 635-5507 or visit County Seat Coffeehouse on Facebook for additional information.

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## Memories of Old Time Christmas

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Marjorie was born during the depression, and even though there was always plenty of food, some years the Christmas presents were quite sparse. Her brother would often receive cowboy things while Marjorie and her sister would get dolls and homemade clothing items.

The tree would magically appear and she surmised her father cut it from the woods nearby. It would be decorated with antique ornaments and holiday adornments they made in school. One she remembers was made out of construction paper with her picture in the middle of it.

Summer and winter the kids helped out with chores on the farm. The girls helped mom in the kitchen and Marjorie could prepare a meal by herself by the age of twelve. They walked two miles each way to the country school-

house and she recalls one day she didn't want to go to school. Marjorie walked into the ditch on the way and got her clothes all wet and went back home. Her grandma was not fooled by her shenanigans and dressed her in dry clothes and sent her back to school.

There was a pond near the farm and sometimes in the winter she remembers going skating there with her parents. They would bring hot chocolate with marshmallows to the skating party.

**Dale** grew up on a farm in the Wasioja area. His parents raised crops, cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens, His two brothers and one sister helped out with chores and he learned to milk cows by hand by the age of ten.

A week before Christmas his dad would cut a tree from the woods on the farm and they would decorate it with ornaments, tinsel and strings of popcorn. They never had lights on the tree. One of his favorite memories was Christmas shopping with his family.

The family always went to church on Christmas eve and then celebrated with a big meal on Christmas Day with lots of family and relatives for company. The meal was usually chicken, potatoes and gravy. For dessert they would hand churn homemade ice cream to enjoy with homemade candy like taffy, fudge and divinity. They would open their gifts on Christmas Day and they received practical gifts like clothes. His favorite was a Farmall toy tractor. The kids always had a small gift to give their parents.

The kids played outside all the time. They would get in snowball fights and go sledding. One year he made a couple pegs with a nail in the end and they would propel the sled



along on the ice the frozen river.

They went to the country school in Wasioja with grades 1-4 on the lower level and grades 5-8 upstairs. Dale says they learned more in those eight grades than kids do now in twelve. The teachers were local farm wives. There was always a Christmas program at school and he remembers the kids playing angels and shepherds.

**Carole** grew up in town, but would spend Christmas at her grandparent's farm. On Christmas eve they would open presents,

usually inexpensive handmade items. The family would have lutefisk and then attend Christmas eve service at church and then have lefse afterwards. She loved being in the Christmas programs at school and at church.

Her father drove the snowplow truck and the seven kids would stay at the grandparent's farm. Sometimes the roads were very bad in the winter. She recalled one year when the roads were so bad that they went into the ditch and they were fortunate that they didn't end up in the river.

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# Stroll and Bowl Coming to Wescon Lanes this weekend



The Rockin' Hep Cats will be playing this Friday evening at the Wescon lanes in West Concord from 7 to 10pm. The trio from Dodge Center has been playing shows in the area for the last couple years, and bring their style of rockabilly music from the 50's and 60's. Twenty-one year old Coltan Smisek started out playing at the Annadine in Dodge Center while still in High School, and was joined by Todd Owen on upright bass, and Ben Owen on lead guitar. Coltan played a gig at the West Concord Historical Society this fall as an Elvis impersonator. He brings energy and talent and a great time to all of his performances. Be sure to catch their show if you can.



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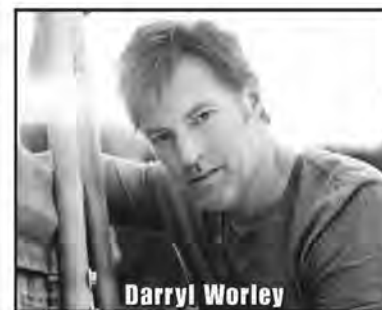
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## And the President's Award goes to...

By Cheri Roshon

Milo Peterson Ford! If you are driving north out of Kenyon on 56, it's not long before you will see rows and rows of cars and trucks. A big blue Ford sign tells you that you've arrived at the well-loved Milo Peterson Ford dealership that won the President's award and the One Ford Elite Award in 2021.

What's the President's Award? It is an award given by the Ford Motor Company for outstanding sales and service. Only a few dealerships are lucky enough to have received this award, and it is through adherence to a strict standard of criteria that is met by polling the

customers of the Ford dealerships everywhere. After a vehicle has been sold or serviced, the customers are asked to rate their experience, and in order to win, you need score nearly 100% satisfaction. Now that is saying a lot!

Milo Peterson started his dealership in 1961, and ran it until his son, Jerry took over. Now, Paul, the third generation is running the show. Paul Peterson started working at the dealership under his father at age 12, washing cars. As he continued to work there, he learned the business from the ground up.

With all the hands-on training, he knows every aspect of the business and what it takes to keep it running, even through the hard times. He says he bleeds Ford blue!

Peterson Ford not only sells the vehicles, but does full service in the mechanics and body work aspects as well.

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Paul Peterson

## Can Dogs Get Seasonal Affective Disorder?

For dogs and humans, winter brings the fun of snowball fights and sports like skijoring, but it also means fewer hours of daylight. And in people, that can lead to the winter blues or seasonal affective disorder (SAD), which is a type of depression with a seasonal pattern. Have you noticed your dog's behavior change during the winter months?

As dogs share similar moods and brain chemistry with humans, it's reasonable to think they might suffer from seasonal affective disorder, too. Read on to learn if the winter is getting your dog down and what you can do to prevent it.

### Do Dogs Experience Seasonal Affective Disorder?

In humans, it's thought that SAD results from the decreased amount of sunlight in the fall and winter. This can disrupt a person's internal clock, lower our levels of serotonin (a brain chemical that regulates mood), and increase melatonin (a brain chemical released by the pineal gland that affects sleep). A study of sled dogs showed that the dogs' melatonin levels were higher in the winter than in the summer, so perhaps dogs are susceptible to SAD, too.

However, there has yet to be a single study looking specifically at seasonal affective disorder in dogs. Dr. Jerry Klein, Chief Veterinary Officer for the AKC, explains, "At this time, there is no scientific evidence that dogs get seasonal affective disorder (SAD) as described in humans, though dogs also have pineal glands in their brain. The pineal gland produces melatonin, a serotonin-derived hormone that modulates sleep patterns. In humans, some people produce higher amounts of melatonin than usual in winter months, so it may be conceivable that dogs have some changes in mood. But there is no way to objectively measure or diagnose this condition in dogs."

Dr. Klein also expects that if dogs do suffer from SAD, it would be more common in northern climates with shorter days. "In humans, SAD is described more for people living in northern parts of the world rather than sunnier, warmer climates," he says. "One would therefore think that dogs living in the far northern climates, such as the sled working dogs would be the most affected, but no known reports or study confirms this. Perhaps because they are physically active and mentally involved."

### What Could Cause a Dog to Get the Winter Blues?

Although there has been a lack of extensive research in this area, a survey carried out in the United Kingdom by the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals found that many owners felt their pets become more depressed during the darker winter months. The dogs seemed to sleep more and were less active. Dr. Klein points out, "Like all surveys, it was subjective and relied on the owner's perceptions of their pets. So, it was anecdotal rather than scientific."

Of course, there are many explanations for the survey results. People could be projecting their own winter blues onto their pets. A recent study showed that dogs can recognize their owner's moods and distinguish between positive and negative emotions. So, if their owner is feeling down or experiencing SAD, it's not a stretch to imagine that could impact the dog's own emotional state. Or perhaps owners provide their pets with less mental stimulation and physical exercise in the winter.

It's hard to know if your dog is responding to your mood, reacting to your actions, or suffering from their own emotional problems. There could even be an underlying issue with their physical health. Therefore, Dr. Klein suggests you don't diagnose your dog with SAD on your own. "There is no scientific evidence that dogs suffer from seasonal affective disorder. If a dog seems lethargic or off their feed, it is best to have them checked by a veterinarian to make sure there is not an underlying medical issue."

### Ways to Keep Your Dog Happy and Healthy in the Winter

It's important to provide for all your dog's physical and emotional needs all year long. For example, take daily walks, play games together, or provide puzzle toys that will challenge your dog's brain. Consider activities you can do inside on freezing cold days, such as scent work or a homemade agility course. Dr. Klein suggests, "Get outside with your dog and get some sunlight when possible. Find ways to stimulate your dog mentally as well as physically. And open the shades and get sunlight inside."

Although there are treatments for humans such as light therapy and vitamin D or omega-3 supplements, don't try these on your dog without your vet's say-so. In fact, vitamin D can be harmful. According to Dr. Klein, "A dog being fed a well-balanced diet already receives the proper minerals and vitamins needed and should not need any supplements or additives. In fact, giving excessive vitamin D can be toxic to dogs, potentially causing fatal kidney damage as well as other medical problems. Omega-3 fatty acids have been reported to increase cognitive function but should be given on the advice of a veterinarian."

The easiest way to keep your dog happy through the winter is to be the best owner you can be. And that goes for the summer too. As Dr. Klein says, "There is no scientific evidence that dogs suffer from seasonal affective disorder at this time. It is better to enrich our dogs' lives through good husbandry, proper, well-balanced nutrition, adequate exercise, and mental stimulation: not just during the winter months but all year long."

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Peterson has 17 employees who live in and near Kenyon. Many of them have been with him for over 30 years. It is important for them to know they have security in this ever-evolving economy. They are like a tight knit family, and Paul counts on each one to help keep his business moving in the right direction. He gives credit to the men and women who keep the dealership running, and would like to thank them for their loyalty to the dealership.

I asked him how the pandemic has affected the business. He says it is still really hard to

get new vehicles because of the supply and demand for parts, but that he is always willing to take orders for new vehicles, and get them to the customer as soon as they are available. He notes that he is buying used vehicles from people all the time, at higher than average prices. If you have a vehicle you want to get rid of, Paul will give you a price that may surprise you. Since many people are working from home these days, a lot of families are able to sell one vehicle and get by comfortably with just one.

I asked him why he thinks his business is so successful. He says it is the old fashioned way he does business. There are no gimmicks, no games played, just honest and fair pricing. He knows the recipe for success is in honesty and integrity, and that word of mouth advertising is crucial to success. People he works with know that he stands behind his word, and will do everything in his power to keep his customers happy. If a customer needs their vehicle serviced, he will even have the vehicle picked up and delivered back home after the maintenance is completed.



# THE SAVVY SENIOR



By Jim Miller

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**Dear Savvy Senior, I would like to get my personal, legal and financial information organized so my kids will know what's going on when I'm no longer around. Can you offer any ideas on the best way to do this?**  
– Procrastinating Paul

Dear Paul, Organizing your important papers and getting your personal and financial affairs in order is a smart idea and wonderful gift to your loved ones. Here are some tips to get you started.

### GET ORGANIZED

The first step in getting your affairs in order is to gather up all your important personal, financial and legal information so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit you now, and your loved ones later. Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled when you die or if you become incapacitated. Here's a checklist of areas you need to focus on.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

- **Contacts:** Make a master list of names and phone numbers of close friends, doctors, and professional advisers such as your lawyer, accountant, broker and insurance agent.
- **Medical information:** Include a list of medications you take, along with any allergies and illnesses.
- **Personal documents:** Include such items as your birth certificate, Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, etc.
- **Secured places:** List all the places you keep under lock and key such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, etc.
- **Digital assets:** Make a list of all your digital assets, including everything from social media accounts to online banking accounts to home utilities that you manage online. It should include usernames and passwords.
- **Pets:** If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.
- **End of life:** Indicate your wishes for organ and tissue donation and write out your funeral instructions. If you've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home include a copy of agreement, their contact information and whether you've prepaid or not.

### LEGAL DOCUMENTS

- **Will, trust and estate plan:** Include the original copy of your will and other estate planning documents you've made.
- **Financial power of attorney:** This document names someone you trust to handle money matters if you're incapacitated.
- **Advance health care directives:** This includes a living will and medical power of attorney, which spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

### FINANCIAL RECORDS

- **Financial accounts:** Make a list of all your bank accounts, brokerage and mutual fund accounts, and any other financial assets you have.
  - **Debts and liabilities:** Make a list of any loans, leases or debt you have – mortgages owed, car loans, student loans, medical bills, credit card debts. Also, make a list of all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.
  - **Company benefits:** List any retirement plans, pensions or health benefits from your current or former employer including the contact information of the benefits administrator.
  - **Insurance:** List the insurance policies you have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, Medigap, prescription drug, etc.) including the policy numbers, agents, and phone numbers.
  - **Property:** List real estate, vehicles and other properties you own, rent or lease and include documents such as deeds, titles, and loan or lease agreements.
  - **Taxes:** Include the location of your tax records and your tax preparer's contact information. Keep all your organized information and files together in one convenient location, ideally in a fireproof filing cabinet or safe in your home.
- Also be sure to review and update it every year, and don't forget to tell your kids where they can find it. If you need help, consider getting a copy of "12 Critical Things Your Family Needs to Know." This is a 60-page workbook available at [12CriticalThings.com](http://12CriticalThings.com) for \$15 or \$19 for the downloadable versions, or \$25 for a printed copy.

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## 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year



By Shelly Bungum

Patrick Floryance is Triton's 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year. Patrick is a middle school math teacher and Technovation Coach. Patrick is in his 10th year of teaching at Triton, all 10 years being in the Middle school. Teaching math runs in the Floryance family. Patrick's sister Kristen Tischer, teaches high school math at Triton and was the 2021-2022 Triton Teacher of the Year.

Patrick graduated from Century High School in 2008. He received a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and a Master's degree in Mathematics Instruction, both from the University of Minnesota. Patrick graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2012. He immediately entered the post-grad teaching program that summer and finished in the Spring of 2013. In 2018 he went back to complete his Master's degree which was awarded in 2019. He started off primarily teaching 7th grade math but transitioned to 8th grade Algebra. He also works with 6th graders doing tiered math classes.

Over Patrick's 10 years at Triton, he also has been involved with the school's technology department for about 8 years supporting teaching and learning, a Professional Learning Community (PLC) leader for 4 years and a member of the District Achievement Team.

In addition to teaching, he was the head soccer coach for one year and has spent the last 7 years being the coach of the Technovation team. Patrick said, "I am extremely proud of the work we have done with Technovation in inspiring young girls to explore the possibilities of computer science and entrepreneurship. Last year the team was top in the State." He also has done work with the football team running cameras at the varsity Football games as well as announcing and running the scoring for gymnastics.

When asked, "Why did you become a teacher," Patrick said, "I first started being interested in teaching when I was in high school. I loved to learn new things and be a part of the culture of the school. I was involved in various activities that enriched my life and helped shape the person I became today. I wanted to continue being part of what makes schools such a wonderful place for kids, so I chose to be an educator. I wanted to connect with the next generation and guide them as they figure out who they want to be." Patrick also said, "I always enjoyed mathematics and learning how it connects with the world around us. There are so many math applications we encounter every day. I learn something new or come up with new questions that mathematics can help solve. It is just so cool! I want my students to be able to have that same passion as well."

As part of the nomination process for Teacher of the Year, colleagues write a brief explanation of who they are nominating, his colleagues wrote; Patrick Floryance is a consummate professional as a colleague and a fantastic educator for our Middle School stu-



Patrick Floryance

dents. Not only does he do great work as a member of the math department, but his support in the tech department is also critical for the middle school. Furthermore, his work with the Technovation team is sometimes overlooked, and he does great things with those female students interested in technology. Put simply, he is a complete educator and someone his colleagues look up to.

Patrick is always there to help with tech needs, big or small. He's also there to help students who are struggling with math. He teaches in a way that students "get it". He's also patient with those who struggle and good at finding another way to get the concept across.

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### Cobra Communications



Craig Schlichting  
Superintendent

As a superintendent it is important to analyze and evaluate data. Looking at trends and developing projections of what lies ahead in the future are an important part of looking out for the district. I enjoy gathering and putting together data to create a visual representation of the past in order to prepare for the future. Two of the latest

spreadsheets that I put together looked at our enrollment over the past 12 years as well as an analysis of the class sizes at our elementary over the past 15 years.

When looking at the enrollment data, it is clear that we have fewer students than we have had in the past. We have seen a trend of fewer kindergarten students over the past few years and fewer births in our district. This is part of a nationwide trend, and not just impacting us at Triton. Even though we have had a number of new homes built in the district over the past 10 to 15 years, families are having fewer children and smaller in size. With fewer students it is important to evaluate areas that we can reduce spending to keep things in-line with the incoming revenue. It would be helpful if the state fully funded the special education cross-subsidy, as well as the inflationary increases that impact our budget. With a 17.6 billion dollar surplus, it seems as though the state could do a little evaluation and analysis of their own! We will just have to focus on controlling the things we can control and doing our best to provide a great educational experience for our students with the

resources we have.

Besides looking at the number of students in our district, I also look at the number of students that are open enrolling into our district as well as the number of students that are opting to enroll in another district. I was very pleased to see the trend upward in students that are enrolling into our district and the trend downward of students that are open enrolled out of our district. I believe that is a good indicator that people realize the great things that are happening in our district. The positive feedback I hear from parents regarding the number of concurrent offerings we provide is just one example of that positive feedback.

Another positive trend in our district has been the ability to continue offering smaller class sizes in our elementary. I believe this philosophy is paying dividends as I have seen the improvements that are happening in our elementary. I am pleased with the overall growth that we are seeing with our students. We continue to see promising trends with our test scores when you look at the growth of students. Being able to offer smaller class

sizes ensures that we are meeting the needs of ALL of our students.

We are constantly assessing and adjusting the resources we need to maximize the use of the tax dollars we have. I appreciate the hard work that people do to fund our educational system and programs and never take that for granted. By continuing to look at data, it helps to make sound decisions for our district that will help keep our district in great shape for the future.

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

**#WeAreTriton**

# 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year

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He juggles several hats, and he does it well, showing leadership to both students and fellow teachers in the building.

In addition to being Triton Teacher of the Year, Patrick will become a candidate for Minnesota Teacher of the Year. The Minnesota Teacher of the Year program has recognized excellence in teaching in Minnesota for 59 years. The program selects one teacher to represent the state's thousands of excellent educators.

*Congratulations Patrick Floryance and thank you for serving the Triton Community.*

## Thank you!



Triton would like to thank McNeilus Steel/McNeilus Steel Charitable Giving Fund for their generous donation to the winter wear program and Cobra Kindness fund for lunch accounts.

The middle school was fortunate to receive donations of boots/hats/coats from the Gosse family, and the Knights of Columbus donated coats to all the schools.

### Principal's Corner



Kevin Krenz



Luke Lutterman



Shane Van Beek

Triton Public Schools is committed to providing the best learning experiences possible for all students. We are continuing to explore and look for ways to refine our practices to match our Profile of a Graduate and our School District Mission and Vision. When reviewing our Mission and Vision you will notice that our most prominent core value is based on a positive learning environment that makes sure everyone is welcomed and has a sense of belonging. We want our individual and collective behaviors to match this belief. Therefore, we have made a consistent effort to prioritize Restorative Practices within our Behavior Management System.

Behavior management is and will continue to be a very important piece of teaching and learning. Although overall we feel the students and staff continue to do a great job, breakdowns will happen, and students will make mistakes. Every student has a right to learn, and academic, social, and emotional growth is a responsibility that we take very seriously. We are trying to move past the approach of thinking a simple consequence to a very complex negative behavior will lead to growth and improvement. We want to make sure that learning is the priority and that is emphasized through all areas of our school district. The key is that learning takes place through challenges and breakdowns in behavior. We want students to develop the skills and mindset to do what is right because that is what is best for them, and the collective group as opposed to complying to avoid a negative consequence or receiving a reward.

We do not want anyone to take restorative practices out of context. Traditional school consequences such as detentions, in school suspension, and out of school suspension are all still a very prominent part of our school behavior management approach. What we are trying to do is offer learning experiences through discipline and making sure students leave the discipline process better in hopes that the negative behaviors do not continue. This work is based on moving past simple compliance to engagement. Engagement requires compliance as a baseline expectation and adds personal commitment to the established learning norms and relationship expectations. Our overall goal is to continue to improve the conditions for learning for all students by making sure accountability is defined by understanding the effects of negative actions and having an opportunity to repair the harm. In summary, we want to make sure all are accountable for respecting one another and the learning environment. When mistakes are made, we will move past the traditional consequence approach and make sure students learn and can repair the damage created.

The visual offers a little more information on the differences between a more traditional behavior management approach Vs. restorative-based practices.

We thank you for taking a minute to read through this information and for your continued support and engagement.

Kevin Krenz  
Luke Lutterman  
Shane Van Beek

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## TRITON CLASS OF 2023



### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Tanner Green is a senior at Triton High School. His parents are Mike and Laurine Green and he has one brother, Logan. Tanner is involved in Football and Track & Field. He enjoys hanging out with friends and family. His favorite movie is Cars. After graduation he plans to pursue an electrical apprenticeship.



### TANNER GREEN

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### TRADITIONAL VS. RESTORATIVE BASED MANAGEMENT

#### Traditional Approach

- School rules are violated
- Justice focused on establishing guilt
- Accountability is defined as punishment.
- Justice is directed at the offender
- Rules and intent outweigh outcome
- No opportunity for offender to express remorse or make amends

#### Restorative Approach

- People + relationships are violated
- Justice identifies needs + obligations
- Accountability is defined as understanding the effects of the offense and repairing harm
- The offender, victim, and school all have direct roles in the justice process.
- Offenders are held responsible for their behavior, repairing any harm they've caused and working toward a positive outcome.
- Opportunities are offered for offenders to express remorse or make amends.

# Triple A and ExCEL Award Winners



ExCEL award winners Dani Hallaway and Logan Tuft



Triple A award winners MacKenzie Geers and Jude Gosse

## Triton Football Banquet

The 2022 Cobra Football team celebrated the season with a banquet in November. This fall the Cobras were led by a strong senior class that were great examples of what a student-athlete should be and provided the framework for our underclassmen to emulate in the future. Highlights from the season included come from behind victories over La Crescent and St. Charles. As well as defeating Lewiston-Altura on homecoming a game where the offensive line paved the way for Owen Garness to have 254 yards rushing, which is the 2nd most in Triton High School history. The Cobras ended the regular season in impressive fashion by upsetting the Eagles of Dover-Eyota 14-7. This helped the Cobras obtain the #3 seed in the playoffs and a home playoff game. Unfortunately for the Cobras they would lose that playoff game to St. Charles 19-14. Overall, it was a season with many positives and laid the groundwork for the Cobras to build on in the coming years.



Team Award Winners include: (L to R) Pierce Petersohn (Scout Team Player of the Year), Owen Garness (Most Valuable Player), Carson Koenig (Defensive Player of the Year), Isaac Gonzalez (Offensive Player of the Year), Boe Munnikhuysen (Offensive Player of the Year), Jayce Leonardo (Most Improved), Austan Adreon (Scout Team Player of the Year)



All District Winners include: (L to R) Owen Garness (All District), Liam Schlichting (All District – Honorable Mention), Carson Koenig (All District), Francis Price (All District – Honorable Mention), Jayce Leonardo (All District – Honorable Mention), Isaac Madison (All District – Honorable Mention), Boe Munnikhuysen (All District), Matt Roussopoulos (All District), Isaac Gonzalez (All District)

Dodge Center, MN - Two distinguished awards have been developed by the MSHSL in order to recognize students who participate in extracurricular activities, as well as serve their community. Through the ExCEL Award and the Triple 'A' award the MSHSL recognizes students across the state who put in extra time and effort to develop their skills and abilities.

The ExCEL Award recognizes students who show excellences in their community, their education, and their leadership skills.

Dani Hallaway and Logan Tuft have been nominated by Triton High School for the MSHSL ExCEL award for this school year. Dani Hallaway is a member of the volleyball team, and also manages the girls basketball team. Dani is an avid member of the Triton High School Band, as she is a member of the pep band, jazz band, and the marching band. Additionally, Dani is a member of the student council, AFS, BPA, Link Crew, Leadership Council, and the Prom Committee.

Logan Tuft is the second nominee for the ExCEL award. Logan is involved in many activities at Triton High School, including the

Fall Play, and Honor Band, in which he received a Superior rating. Logan also is a member of the Student Council, Minnesota Honor Society, Link Crew, BPA, SADD, and the Prom Committee.

The MSHSL Triple 'A' Award recognizes students who are seniors in high school, and demonstrate excellence in academics, the arts, and athletics. Triton High School has nominated MacKenzie Geers and Jude Gosse for the award this school year.

Jude Gosse is a three sport athlete, participating in football, basketball, and golf while also participating in a leading role in the school musical. Jude has been recognized by the Gopher Conference Honor Band, and has also received a Superior rating for his efforts in choir.

MacKenzie Geers participates in Volleyball, Dance, as well as Track and Field. MacKenzie is a conference champion in the 400m dash. Additionally, MacKenzie is part of the Gopher Conference Honor Band, and has received Superior Ratings in the Solo and Ensemble Contest each year she has competed.

## Triton MHS Induction



L to R: Row 1, Jozey Boe, Poe Broskoff, Casper Connor, Ameryn Dostal, Nancy Fernandez, Tyler Gnagey, Danielle Hallaway, Elizabeth Hukee

L to R: Row 2, Lauryn Nauman, Mallory Olson, Max Olson, Litany Peterson, Katherine Ross, Logan Tuft, Jessica Willette.

Congratulations to the following students on being inducted into the Triton chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society. These students have demonstrated the four qualities that serve as standards for the Society: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Please congratulate these students on a tremendous accomplishment.

# Triton Honors Profile of a Graduate Award Winners!














Congratulations to the latest Profile of a Graduate Award Winners! These students continue to be leaders and role models. They have excelled in the profile area of Critical Thinking.

The Triton Profile of a Graduate is our locally developed approach to what it means to be a graduate of Triton High School. We have incorporated many principles and competencies designed to help all students develop the skills necessary for success in college, in a career, and most importantly in life.

The Profile of a Graduate is designed around a community-engaged process to create a beacon for future educational strategic planning. It presents a clear visualization of priority goals for teaching and learning that can be easily communicated to students, parents, and staff to align collective efforts. Our Profile articulates the Triton community's aspirations for all students and will serve as a North Star for future system transformation.

## TRITON PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

### DEMONSTRATING EXCELLENCE IN CRITICAL THINKING

						
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## Counselor/Social Worker Corner

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**DEPENDABILITY** / **DEPENDIBILIDAD**

Several years ago, Triton Public Schools and our community members established qualities that we would like every Triton student to embody in their everyday lives, ones that would continue well past graduation. Named the Triton Profile of a Graduate or the Cobra Compass, it is made up of eight traits of: 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 how each of these traits relates to mental health and social emotional learning. Each month students are learning about a specific trait and to implement it into their everyday life.

December's Profile of a Graduate is dependability. Dependability has the very simple meaning of being trustworthy and reliable. As parents, we try to instill in our children the importance of being a dependable person, someone who others can trust and be reliant on. We all know what that means but do we ever pause to think about what that looks like. We have all heard the saying about integrity and doing the right thing even when no one is looking, but what about showing that we are dependable? Ways to show that we are dependable include being on time, following through with commitments, being accountable and being consistent.

After the Profile of a Graduate lesson this month, we are hopeful that students will learn that dependability is a lifelong trait that will impact everything in their lives and hopefully they will understand the impact that being dependable has not only on their lives but on those around them.

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

## ESL Students Write About Day of the Dead Traditions



Students in the ESL Department wrote stories about Day of the Dead traditions as well as traditions for remembering the dead in countries around the world. Day of the Dead or Dia de los Muertos is celebrated by many Latin Americans on Nov. 2 each year.



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**Tech Academy On-Line Courses**  
**Grades 4-8**

Hack into the code of classic games! Students will learn Java coding skills while modifying games. Coding beginners and more experienced students will love this class. This fun class is our staff and student's favorite coding class. We will be editing text files. No experience is necessary, but familiarity with common tasks using a computer operating system (text-editing and understanding directory structures) and good keyboarding skills is required.

Additional Technical Requirements:

1. PC needed, will not work on Chromebook, tablets, or phones
2. BlueJay—free download, Java development Environment, will provide download instructions before class

**Cost: \$53**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**9AM-Noon**

An email will be sent a few days prior to class with links and information to participate

**Game Coding: Mario Kart**  
**Grades 3-7**

In this class, we introduce student's programming concept using Scratch. Scratch is a drag-and-drop creative coding platform developed by MIT. Students will be instructed to make a Mario Kart-style game. Then pick custom characters and a track to customize their games. Basic computer skills are needed (basic keyboarding and using a mouse).



Additional Technical Requirements:

- PC needed, will not work on Chromebook, tablets, or phones

**Cost: \$29**  
**Thursday, March 16**  
**6-7:30PM**

An email will be sent a few days prior to class with links and information to participate

**Canvas Art Painting with Sunshine and Roses!**

Join Sunshine and Roses Traveling Art Studio to paint and create your own beautiful masterpiece! These courses are so much fun--and no experience is needed! Step-by-step instructions will be given by our teaching artist. All supplies including an 11x14 canvas are provided to participants. Moms, dads, grandmas, and grandpas want to join in the fun? Adults are invited to register as well for an amazing bonding experience with their student! Please come dressed in clothes that can get paint on. This course is taught by the staff of Sunshine and Roses Canvas Traveling Art Studio.

**Shimmery Snowmen.....**  
**Grade K-5**

Join Sunshine and Roses traveling art studio by painting a Shimmery snowman scene. You can dress up the scene with a Valentine's theme or put your own spin on things. Yes! Everyone can do this...even if they cannot draw a stick figure or do not have any Art experience. Everyone's painting will look different and that is what makes these classes so fun!

**Cost: \$26**  
**February 3**  
**3:10-4:10PM**  
**TES Art Room**



**Going on a Bear Hunt.....**  
**Grades K-5**

We will be creating your own cuddly bear. Personalize him however you'd like! . Yes! Everyone can do this...even if they cannot draw a stick figure or do not have any Art experience. Everyone's painting will look different and that is what makes these classes so fun!

**Cost: \$26**  
**February 3**  
**4:15-5:15PM**  
**TES Art Room**



Register for both classes for a camp special price of \$45 or take one class a la carte for \$26.

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**HOP into Spring**  
**Grade K-5**

Join Sunshine and Roses traveling art studio by painting a springtime bunny... Hop to it and create your own masterpiece! Yes! Everyone can do this...even if they cannot draw a stick figure or do not have any Art experience. Everyone's painting will look different and that is what makes these classes so fun!

**Cost: \$26**  
**April 5**  
**3:10-4:10PM**  
**TES Art Room**



**Cutie Cupcakes**  
**Grades K-5**

Cupcakes are the cutest treat, and you'll have a great time designing your own. Let your creativity takeover and paint your very own sweet piece of art! Everyone can do this...even if they cannot draw a stick figure or do not have any Art experience. Everyone's painting will look different and that is what makes these classes so fun!

**Cost: \$26**  
**April 5**  
**4:15-5:15PM**  
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# TRITON COMMUNITY ED YOUTH ENRICHMENT

## 507-418-7550

### CRAZY COMMERCIALS

Andy Velishek, Child's Play Theatre

**Ages 8+**

Students will create their own 2-3 minute "informercial" about a product or service they are selling while developing acting and creative thinking skills. Students may need to provide or create some props needed for their commercial. All commercials will be edited and shared to families for students to download and share with others.

**Cost: \$36**

**March 6, 7, 8, 9**

**3-5 PM each day**

**TES Media Center**



### Biddy Basketball 2023

**Ages 4- Grade 2**

Biddy Basketball is a program designed to introduce young children to the game of basketball. The emphasis of the program is to teach children basic skills, teamwork and fun. Triton student athletes will coach all teams!

**Cost: \$24 (includes a t-shirt)**

**Dates:**

**Saturdays:**

**February 4, 11, 18, and 25**



**Grades 1-2**

9:00-9:50am Boys East Gym Girls West Gym

**Age 4-Kind.**

10:00-10:50am Boys East Gym Girls West Gym

All families should enter through the ACTIVITIES Entrance, located on the North side of the school.

**Registration Deadline for T-Shirt:**

**January 10- no guarantee of shirt after this date!**

\*\*\*Please include t-shirt size on the registration form

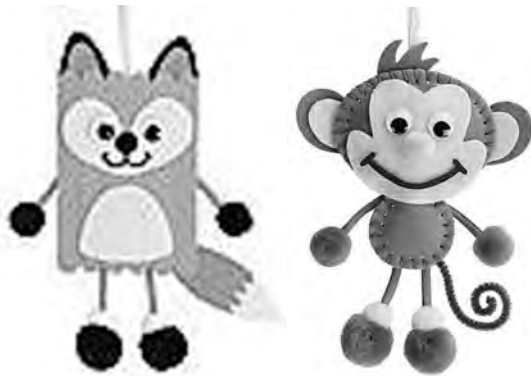
### Amazing Animal Activity Kits

**Grades K-5**

This take-home kit contains 2 Creativity Street brand animal inspired craft projects plus other activities and goodies. Projects will include felt hand sewing, foam crafts and pom-poms and paper. See examples on page. Some activities will be designed for the child to do own 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.

**Cost: \$14/kit**

**Kit orders deadline is January 9, Kits will be distributed the week of January 16**



### Triton Community Ed & Prairie Fire Theatre Presents.....

**Everyone Ages 7 and up!**

One of our most popular programs of the year.....Triton Community Ed has been providing Prairie Fire Theatre Productions for Triton's youth for 20 years! It's a wonderful experience for children, as they grow in confidence and work with their peers to put together a fantastic show. Prairie Fire Theatre provides two professional actors who work with the children to bring out their talents and strengths. Up to 70 children

(and adults if applicable) are needed to play the roles of JACK, HIS FELLOW VILLAGERS, THE CARNIVAL PERFORMERS, THE PEOPLE OF ORCHESTRANIA, THE INHABITANTS OF FEATHERVILLE, AND THE TROLLS.

Two professional actor/directors from the staff of Prairie Fire

Children's Theatre will direct the production and play the roles of THE STORYTELLER and THE GIANT.

**Cost \$40 per child**

**Week of February 6-11, 2023**

**AUDITIONS:** Monday, February 6 at 3:15. Meet in the Main Cafeteria, we will go to the Performing Arts Center together. Auditions will take a full 2 hours on Monday from 3:15-5:15PM. The directors will hand out a practice schedule for the rest of the week according to the part each child is given. There will be a 2 hour rehearsal held after auditions that will require only a portion of the cast. Please check in with your child at 5:15 to find out whether or not he/she must stay after auditions. A sack lunch is not necessary this day except for a small snack before auditions.

**Practices:**

Tuesday, February 7: 3:15-7:30 PM (group rehearsal times will vary this day, please refer to the schedule brought home after auditions).

Wednesday, February 8: 3:15-7:30 PM

Thursday, February 9: 3:15- 7:30 PM

Friday, February 10: Dress Rehearsal after school, followed by the evening performance, see schedule below.

Please pack a snack or meal for your child each day as we will make time for supper breaks. If you choose to drop a meal off during rehearsal time, please label the container with you child's name and leave it on the round white table located in the Elementary Entrance. Do not disturb rehearsal with flagging down your child to give them their meals.

Always drop off/pick up your child at the Main Elementary Entrance located on the East side of the school.

**Performances:**

Friday, February 10 at 7PM and Saturday, February 11 at 2PM: both shows are in the THS Performing Arts Center

Cost for admission to each show is \$5/adult and \$2/child.



### Advisory Council

Meetings are open to the public. If you are interested, please join us. We are always looking for community input and participation.

Paul Blaisdell

Lisa Chicos

Diana Eipers

Rebecca Knutson

Dale Rood

Jill Roussopoulos

Tom Lilledahl

Jim Jensen

### The Community Education Advisory

Council meets 3-4 times a year. If you are interested in joining this group, please call Kristy Faber at 418-7550. It is our desire to have all aspects of the community represented on this council.

Do you have a special interest, skill or talent you would like to share with others? Community Education welcomes ideas and suggestions for course offerings.

The Community Education brochure is published for persons wishing to participate in Community Education activities. Responses and comments are welcome.

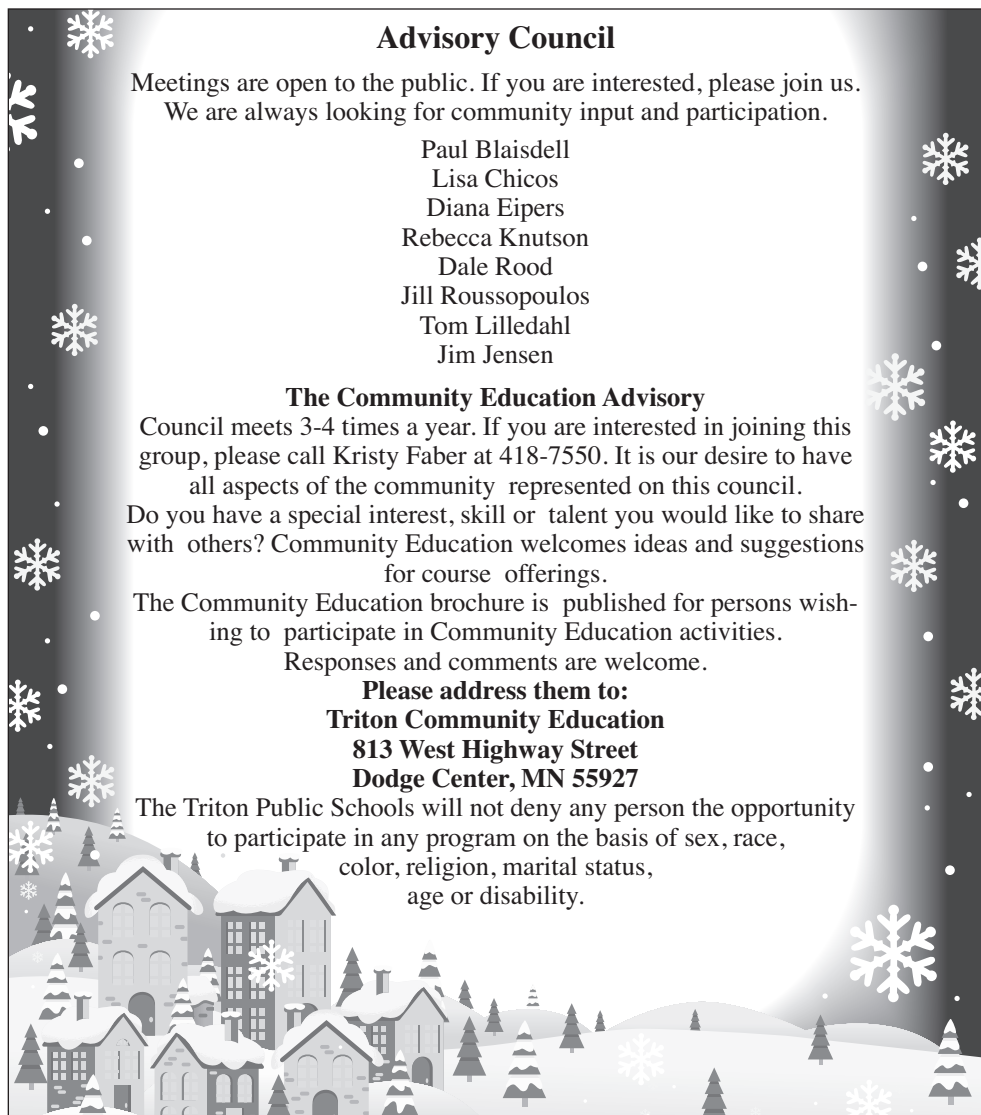
**Please address them to:**

**Triton Community Education**

**813 West Highway Street**

**Dodge Center, MN 55927**

The Triton Public Schools will not deny any person the opportunity to participate in any program on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, marital status, age or disability.



# TRITON COMMUNITY ED ADULT ENRICHMENT 507-418-7550

## Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sidekick Theatre at the MN Masonic Heritage Museum  
Leader: Kristy Faber, Triton Community Ed

Take a trip back to 1973 with the Irish Catholic O'Shea family in the uproarious INCIDENT AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP. This boisterous and moving and memorable new play introduces us to young Linda, as she recalls a week she'll never forget. When Linda's mother instructs her to tell her sister about the birds and the bees, things quickly snowball into a potential crisis after the conversation is overheard by the parish priest. Secrets are unintentionally revealed, and a quick-witted group of women realize what really matters as they work to protect their family reputation and each other. This wild and tender comedy explores the foolishness of first love, and ultimately the power of family.

Lunch will be served at the theatre, in the MN Masonic Heritage Theatre dining room.

Menu: Creamy Chicken Breast, served with Roasted Red Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Dessert, Coffee, Hot Tea, Water.

You must register for this trip through Triton Community Ed. Call 507-418-7550 for assistance.

**April 26, 2023**

**Cost: \$82, includes coach bus ride, lunch including gratuity and ticket to the show.**



<u>Bus</u>	<u>Departs</u>	<u>Approx Returns</u>
Byron Middle School Lot (West side)	8:45 AM	6PM
Kasson KMTelecom Football Field Lot	9AM	5:45PM
Dodge Center Triton Activities Entrance	9:15AM	5:30PM

## Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People

Craig Coffman, Cords Are Key Instructor

In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. Learn to play piano the way professionals do-using chords. Since this class is being held on-line with ZOOM you will be able to sit at your piano or keyboard at home and take this course with no pressure at all. And since this course includes an online book and online follow up video lessons, you will be able to continue your practice and study on your own. An optional periodic on-line question and answer session is also included. A recording of the class is included as well. The course is partly lecture/demonstration and partly hands on instruction.



Topics include:

- How chords work in a song
- How to get more out of sheet music by reading less of it
- How to form the three main types of chords
- How to handle different keys and time signatures
- How to avoid "counting"
- How to simplify over 12,000 complex chords

**Cost: \$59**

**March 27**

**6:30-9:30PM**

Via Zoom, you will be sent a link prior to class

## Adult ESL Class

This class provides help for non-English and limited English-speaking adults who want to learn English as their second language. Classes are free. Classes run in 12 class sections, but students are welcome at any time.

**\*\*NO COST\*\***

Please call 418-7550 for more information.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 6-8 PM

Instructors: Mayra Monarrez & Diana Eipers



## Triton Adult GED Class

□Instructor: Traci Gray

Exciting opportunities to get your GED!

Triton Community Ed now offers classroom Adult GED instruction combined with distance learning sessions!

Call Triton Community Ed at 507-418-7550 so Traci can help you get started. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday nights.

**\*\*NO COST\*\***

Call the Triton Community Ed Office at 418-7550 to get started!!!

## Safe Driving Class

Jim Jensen

In the Safe Driving Class, you will learn driving strategies that can keep you safer on the road. You will learn updates to traffic laws, how to reduce distractions to driving and how to navigate different intersections. Driver's aged 55 years old and older who successfully complete the Safe Driver Class will qualify for reductions in their automobile insurance premiums. Please remember to bring your driver's license with you to class. It's important to pre-register so that Jim can assure accommodations for all.



**8-Hour Initial Course (for those that have never taken these classes)**

**March 11**

**Cost: \$20**

8-4 PM at Byron High School, in the Multipurpose Room.

Park by the flag poles and enter through the high school's main entrance

Call Byron Community Ed at 507-775-2336

Or on-line at:

[https://byron.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/getclass/category\\_id/47/program\\_id/7](https://byron.cr3.schooltoday.com/public/getclass/category_id/47/program_id/7)

**4-Hour Refresher Course (for those that have taken the 8-Hour before)**

Call Triton Community Ed at 507-418-7550 to register for these options

**Cost: \$20, checks should be made to Jim Jensen**

**February 9, at 5-9PM in the THS Media Center**

**Or May 25, at 5-9 PM in the THS Media Center**

## The Prom

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

Leader: Kristy Faber, Triton Community Ed

Four fabulous fading Broadway stars are in desperate need of a new stage. When they hear that trouble is brewing around a small-town Indiana prom- and the press is involved- they know that it's time to put a spotlight on the issue.... and themselves. The town's parents want to keep the dance on the straight and narrow, but when Emma just wants to bring her girlfriend to the prom, the entire town has a date with destiny. Now, Broadway's brassiest are coming to join the fight and they are ready to kick-ball-change the world! We will eat lunch at the theatre, you will order off their menu. You must sign up for this trip through Triton Community Ed, call us at 507-418-7550.



**March 15, 2023**

**Cost: \$98, includes coach bus ride, ticket to the show and lunch including gratuity.**

<u>Bus</u>	<u>Leaves</u>	<u>Approx. Returns</u>
Byron Middle School Lot (West Side of Lot)	8:15AM	6PM

Kasson KMTelecom Football Field Lot	8:30AM	5:45PM
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Triton Activities Entrance	8:45AM	5:30PM
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# TRITON COMMUNITY ED NEWS

## 507-418-7550

### Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People

Craig Coffman, Chords Are Key Instructor

Have you ever wanted to learn the guitar but simply find it difficult to find the time?

In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Since this class is being held online with ZOOM, you will



be able to sit at home with your guitar and take this class without any pressure at all. And since the class includes an online book and online follow-up video lessons, you will be able to continue your practice and study on your own. An optional periodic online question and answer session is also included. A recording of the class is included as well. Class limited to 15 students. For ages 13+.

Topics include:

- How chords work in a song
- How to form the three main types of chords
- How to tune your guitar
- Basic strumming patterns
- How to buy a good guitar (things to avoid)
- How to play along with simple tunes

Cost: \$59

**March 28**

**6:30-9:30PM**

Via Zoom, you will be sent a link prior to class

### Triton Community Ed Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Here's How to Register...

Complete the registration form on the following pages and mail or drop off with payment to:

#### Mailing Address

**Triton Community Ed  
813 West Highway Street  
Dodge Center, MN 55927**

#### On-Line Registration and Credit Card Payment:

Go to [www.triton.k12.mn.us](http://www.triton.k12.mn.us), and click on the Community Ed Class Registration/Calendars under the Quick Links Section.

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 is not complete without insurance information

Call 507-418-7550 with questions-Thank you!

### NEW! Dance Classes with Victor...

Instructor Victor Albrecht

Join Victor and pick up a new and fun-filled skill! Victor has been teaching dance for Community Ed Programs for many years and is excited to meet our Triton Community. These classes can be for couples, singles or kids aged middle school and above (if accompanied by an adult). Couples will dance together each class; Singles will switch partners every 2 dances. Please wear comfortable clothes, and shoes/western boots—no sandals. Bring water. Each class is 1-hour long.

#### Session 1:

Saturday, January 21st in the Triton Main Cafeteria, enter through the Main Elementary Doors #5 on East Side

- 1.Line Dancing-10AM
- 2.Ballroom Dancing– Beginners 11 AM
- 3.Country 2 step Dancing— Beginners 12PM

Classes ala cart \$13 each

Sign up for all 3 for \$35 each date

#### Session 2:

Saturday, February 11th in the Triton Main Cafeteria, enter through the Main Elementary Doors #5 on East Side

- 1.Line Dancing — Intermediate (those have some familiarity with line dancing) 10AM
- 2.Country 2 Step Dancing— 11AM
- 3.Singles Lessons— Variety of dances 12PM

Classes ala cart \$13 each

Sign up for all 3 for \$35 each date

#### Session 3:

Saturday, March 4 in the Triton Main Cafeteria, enter through the Main Elementary Doors #5 on East Side

- 1.Line Dancing— Beginners through Advanced— 10AM
- 2.Ballroom Dancing Level 2 (those that have familiarity with Ballroom dancing or took the Beginners class on January 21 — 11AM
- 3.Ballroom Wedding Dance Lessons– 12PM

Classes ala cart \$13 each

Sign up for all 3 for \$35 each date

Adult Offerings	Cost	Name
<b>Dancing Lessons Session One:</b>		
Line Dancing	\$13	
Ballroom Dancing	\$13	
Country 2-step	\$13	
All 3 classes	\$35	
<b>Dancing Lessons Session Two:</b>		
Line Dancing	\$13	
Country 2-step	\$13	
Singles Lessons	\$13	
All 3 classes	\$35	
<b>Dancing Lessons Session Three:</b>		
Line Dancing	\$13	
Ballroom Dancing Level 2	\$13	
Ballroom Wedding Dances	\$13	
All 3 classes	\$35	
Instant Guitar for Busy People	\$59	
Instant Piano for Busy People	\$59	
The Prom at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre	\$98	
Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$82	
<b>Youth Offerings</b>		
Amazing Animal Activity Kits	\$14	
Crazy Commercials	\$36	
Prairie Fire Theatre: Jack and the Beanstalk	\$40	
<b>Sunshine &amp; Roses Canvas Painting:</b>		
Shimmery Snowman	\$26	
Going on a Bear Hunt	\$26	
Both classes as a camp	\$45	
Hop Into Spring	\$26	
Cutie Cupcakes	\$26	
Both classes as a camp	\$45	
Hacking Java Games	\$53	
Game Coding Mario Kart	\$29	
Biddy Basketball	\$24	

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**December 18, 2022**  
Bidding Begins: .. Dec. 10, 2022  
Starts Closing: ..... Dec. 18, 2022  
Kenyon, MN  
ONLINE ONLY COMPLETE ESTATE DISPERSAL OF GENERAL CONTRACTOR FOR FINK ESTATE  
EZ-Haul 16' Enclosed Contractors Cargo Trailer, 2021 20' Hatbed Trailer, Scaffolding, Planks, Air Compressors, Cordless Tools, Power Tools, Hand Tools, Nailers, Hardware, Snowmobile, Sporting Goods

**December 18, 2022**  
Bidding Begins: .. Dec. 10, 2022  
Starts Closing: ..... Dec. 18, 2022  
Kenyon, MN  
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**Mike 507-461-4474**  
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## CITY OF CLAREMONT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Alec Vaughn, and Holly Vaughn.

Mayor Dahl opened the Public Hearing for the street assessments. The street improvements are finished, and the total cost of the project was \$262,146. Residents Klemmensen, Ward, Vaughn, and Selthun suggested that the communication of the project could have been better. Hearing no other comments, Mayor Dahl closed the Public Hearing. Motion by McGovern to approve Resolution No. 22-28: Resolution Adopting Assessments, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ellis to adjourn the Special Assessment Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m., second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Claremont, Minnesota was called to order at 7:29 p.m.

### AGENDA

An applicant to the fire department and first responders was added to the agenda under Public Health. Motion by McGovern to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC INPUT

None

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of: Minutes of the October 4, 2022, City Council Meeting and Resolution No. 22-27: Resolution Establishing Polling Place. Motion by Ellis to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Since City Hall is now closed on Fridays, the Employment Policy needed updating. Columbus Day was added as a holiday and the Friday after Thanksgiving was removed. For city staff who have a 4-day work week, if a holiday falls on a Friday or weekend, either the Thursday before or the Monday after can be taken for the holiday. Also, a paragraph for military leave was added to follow the guidelines from the League of MN Cities and state law. Motion by McGovern to approve the revisions to the Employment Policy, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Motion by Klejeski to approve the financial reports, second by Ellis. Motion carried un-

animously.

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

### PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Administrator Brown drafted Standard Operating Procedures for the Fire Department, which the Fire Chief and Interim Administrator Brimeyer have reviewed. Brimeyer would like to review a few more items in it and present to the council at the December meeting.

Matthew Pike applied to be on the Fire Department and the First Responders. Motion by Ellis to approve Matthew Pike to the Fire Department and First Responders, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

### EDA

Claremont Service Center applied for a façade improvement program in the amount of \$2500 for new cement in their parking lot. Motion by Ellis to approve the façade improvement application, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Harris, CEDA Specialist, just received notice of a \$6000 grant for soccer nets at Henning Park. He also submitted a memo of the items he has been working on.

Motion by McGovern to approve the 2023 CEDA Contract for Professional Services in the annual amount of \$6748 for 8 hours per month, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

### MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Nothing at this time.

### PARKS COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

### PEOPLESERVICE

Their reports were in the packet.

There is a pump at the pumphouse that is not running right. Repairs for the pump were almost as much as a new pump. It takes 4 weeks to get it and it is \$13,000. Motion by Klejeski to approve the new pump purchase, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a fire at the wastewater plant that burned the effluent sampler. A new Optima sampler is \$9225 and if the refrigerator part breaks it can be repaired. A new Isco sampler is \$9269 and if the refrigerator part breaks the whole unit would have to be re-

placed. Motion by Mayor Dahl to approve the purchase of the Optima sampler, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

### CITY ENGINEER

Only one bid was received for the Sewer Outfall Project. It was from Minger Construction for \$217,700, which was above the engineer's estimate. City Engineer Olinger has discussed the bid with Minger in detail, compared it with other similar projects, and reviewed the overall market trend. The result is that the bid is representative of the market price and he does not believe rebidding will result in lower pricing. Motion by Ellis to approve Resolution No. 22-29: Resolution Awarding Bid for WWTP Outfall Sewer Improvements, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Maintenance Director Brian Styndl, Administrator Brimeyer, and the excavator that built the Julia Street retention pond visited the site. It was determined that nothing further should be done at this time. The issue could be revisited after the ground freezes and some dredging of the pond could prove to be beneficial. Additional evaluation will take place in the spring.

Gravel has been put down around the walking path and it is very deep in some areas. It will be graded out better and spread further down the path (to CR 3) before more gravel is brought in.

### CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Rahrck has contacted the surveyor for survey of the property south of the Fire Hall and he said he has handed it off to another surveyor, but Rahrck hasn't heard back yet.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Bryon Wolf with the Claremont Insurance Agency went over the city insurance policy renewal. The cost for the insurance renewal this year is \$29,118. The city usually receives a dividend back from the company. Currently, there is a \$500 deductible. The council would like to check out the rates for a \$1000 deductible and the next highest deductible amount. Last week they did an appraisal on the properties. The work comp renewal was \$11,139. Motion by Ellis to accept the insurance renewal proposal, second by McGovern. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Dahl to not waive the tort liability, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

County Engineer Guy Kohlnhofer explained the plans to do street improvements on County Road 3 from old Highway 14 which is now CSAH 34 to County Road 30. It will be 12' lanes with 4' paved shoulders, 2' gravel shoulders and improved railroad crossings with cross bars and lights instead of stop signs. It is scheduled for 2024 but depending on funding it could occur in 2023. Prior to this project, 630th Street between CR 1 and CR 3 will have asphalt put down and traffic will be rerouted down that road. Being that part of CR 3 is in city limits, the county needed a resolution of the city approving the project. Motion by McGovern to approve Resolution for Project No. 020-602-015 for CR 3 improvements, second by Ellis. Motion carried unanimously.

Chamber President Dean Schuette received a comment about getting another lighted community sign. So he was checking with the council on whether there was a lot of interest for one. At this time it was unsure where an ideal location would be and unsure if it is worth the money for the usage it gets. If they get more interest from people wanting it, they will revisit it again.

There were 165 voters at the November 8 election. The council as the Canvassing Board stated Tasha Dahl was re-elected as Mayor for 2023 and Hunter McGovern re-elected as council member and Krystal Sultze receiving the most write-ins for council will be appointed as a council member also. Motion by Ellis to approve Resolution No. 22-30: A Resolution Certifying Results of the November 8, 2022 Election, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Ellis to approve the Abstract of Votes Cast, second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Brimeyer reviewed the 2023 budget with the council, investments, and cash flow. The proposed 2023 levy was approved at 10%. The council will discuss the budget and levy at a workshop on Wednesday, November 30th starting at 5:00 p.m.

Administrator Brimeyer plans on being in City Hall on Tuesdays with city staff zoom meetings on Thursdays.

Motion by McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m., second by Klejeski. Motion carried unanimously.

### ATTEST:

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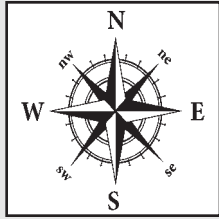
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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes **Steve Keel, the mystery**



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 met Steve Keel when I was looking for an electrician to wire the meter box and the main service panel in my new house. I had been building the house for two years using a portable generator to run the power tools. But as the time approached to connect to the grid, I needed an electrician to do the required install. I asked at the local Hardware store and the owner Andy gave me Steve's number. Steve was a quiet and very likable guy and we became friends quickly.

As I was running behind schedule for my completion date, I ended up hiring Steve to help finish the interior wiring. I set boxes, pulled wire and located where all the switches, outlets, ceiling boxes and appliance hook-ups went. I had designed the house from the ground up and the blueprint was mostly in my head. We would work all morning and then drive up to Esha's Country Restaurant for lunch. It was enjoyable to discuss many topics as we worked together. We wrapped up the project by the end of July and

I headed back to Minnesota while Steve had a caribou hunt in Alaska planned for August.

Steve and his hunting partner flew in to Fairbanks, Alaska on August 20th and then drove five hundred miles north to Deadhorse where they planned to hunt. On August 27th, Steve left the campsite to retrieve some supplies where they stored the caribou meat. It was less than a mile hike, although the rough terrain took about an hour to cover the distance. He never returned, and a missing persons report was made. The two hunters had been in daily contact with their wives with a special satellite phone since there is no cell phone signal in the Alaskan wilderness. Steve was a lifelong outdoorsman with survival skills military experience and had no medical conditions that were known.

Steve's two adult sons, immediately flew up to the area to search for their father but with no luck. Four friends from Tennessee also formed a rescue team and flew up to Alaska to help look. They had military special forces and search and rescue experience, but after two weeks not a sign had been found. The family had requested that North Slope Search and Rescue unit deploy their RECCO device which is placed in a helicopter and can ping off a cell phone even if its battery is dead. Air support for two additional groups was requested because the terrain of the arctic steppe is a spongy one to four foot thick mat on top of the permafrost. Still not a sign of Steve anywhere was found.

During the short summer the Arctic tundra slopes are lush with vegetation supporting some of the largest herds of wild animals in the world. The caribou migrate there to bear their calves. Migratory fowl travel from Florida and Mexico for the summer as well. Wolves, polar bear and grizzly bear also hunt the land. But winter sets in by November and high winds with six or more feet of snow and temperatures down to 70 degrees below zero will be the norm until the end of March.

## A Minnesotan: Christmas



By RosaLin Alcoser

Not all but many holidays over the course of my childhood are marked with some kind of minor disaster. Like the Thanksgiving table fire, or the Christmas Eve were my sister and I accidentally did a 360 on the highway in between the fifth and sixth Christmas Eve service of the night. No one ever gets hurt in these minor disasters but they make the holiday memorable and make for a good story. One that came to me this year was the Christmas that the dishwasher shorted out. It was the Christmas of 2004, I was eight-years-old that year. Honestly, I cannot for the life of me remember what I got for Christmas that year. What I can remember is the events of the day. It was a typical Christmas of my childhood. We got up had breakfast and did stockings before Dad went off to work to do Christmas day services at the Medical Center in Rochester. The family would be coming over that evening for dinner and

presents; in the meantime, we watched Christmas movies and worked on Christmas dinner.

I think it was a pretty normal Christmas that year... or at least it was until the dishwasher shorted out before dinner causing it to fill up with water. It was all going to be OK though because Grandpa, who had been a Navy Electrician, was going to fix it. All he needed to do was cut off the power to the dishwasher and take care of the problem.

Now the breaker box was in the garage, and I do not remember exactly how but the wrong breaker got turned off. So instead of turning off the power to the dishwasher the power to the oven got turned off instead. Which not only left Grandpa working on a live dishwasher, where thankfully nothing happened but stopped the oven.

The oven where the Christmas ham, that my mother had rubbed down with brown sugar and poured Coca-Cola over, had been baking. The oven that no one noticed was off until after the dishwasher had been taken care of.

I was eight that year so I don't rightly remember if we even ended up eating the ham that day once the power mixup was noticed. But I will never forget the Christmas dishwasher disaster of 2004.



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- ACROSS**
1. Result of too much pressure
  6. Stir-fry pan
  9. Steps to the river, in India
  13. Hindu sage
  14. Attorneys' org.
  15. \*Christmas cookies emanation
  16. The Brady Bunch, e.g.
  17. Mourner's wish
  18. Mature, as in fruit
  19. \*Santa's entryway
  21. \*Holiday plum treat
  23. Foot the bill
  24. Hot alcoholic beverage
  25. Not transgender
  28. \*Frosty's corn cob
  30. Attract
  35. Bad luck prediction
  37. Indian cuisine staple
  39. The whole amount
  40. "Keep this information" button
  41. \*Coveted letter on a dreidel
  43. Dry as dust
  44. Opposite of digest
  46. Inconclusive
  47. Dirty air
  48. Diplomat
  50. Tallest volcano in Europe
  52. Like a fox
  53. Lion output
  55. Beholder's organ
  57. \*Breaking holiday news
  61. \*Not coal on Christmas
  65. Courtroom excuse
  66. Golf coach at a country club
  68. Very, in music
  69. Make a logical connection (2 words)
  70. Promissory letters
  71. Pine or long
  72. Chows down
  73. Hundredweight, acr.
  74. Ooze out
- DOWN**
1. Nile denizen, for short
  2. \*Like Duke brothers in "Trading Places"
  3. \*New Year's Eve option: \_\_\_\_ Spumante
  4. Title-holder
  5. Take for ransom
  6. On one's guard
  7. \_\_\_\_-Wan of "Star Wars"
  8. K, in Greek
  9. \*Rose Bowl field, e.g.
  10. Kachina doll maker
  11. Answer from the flock
  12. Drink for John Glenn
  15. Fervent
  20. Giving the once-over
  22. \*"Mele Kalikimaka" strings
  24. More sordid
  25. Trig function
  26. Insect in adult stage
  27. \*Number of candles in Kwanzaa's kinara
  29. Sacrifice for gain
  31. Eighty-six
  32. List components
  33. \*Holiday song offering
  34. Lament for the dead
  36. Scotland's famous loch
  38. Eagle's aerie
  42. Lid or lip embellishment
  45. Go to bed (2 words)
  49. \*Yule tradition
  51. Pirate's "Yes!"
  54. Savory jelly dish
  56. English county
  57. London art museum
  58. Hipbones
  59. \*It's sometimes ignored in face of holiday treats
  60. Wading bird
  61. Displeasure display
  62. Biblical birthright seller
  63. Backgammon predecessor
  64. Prong of a fork
  67. Column's partner

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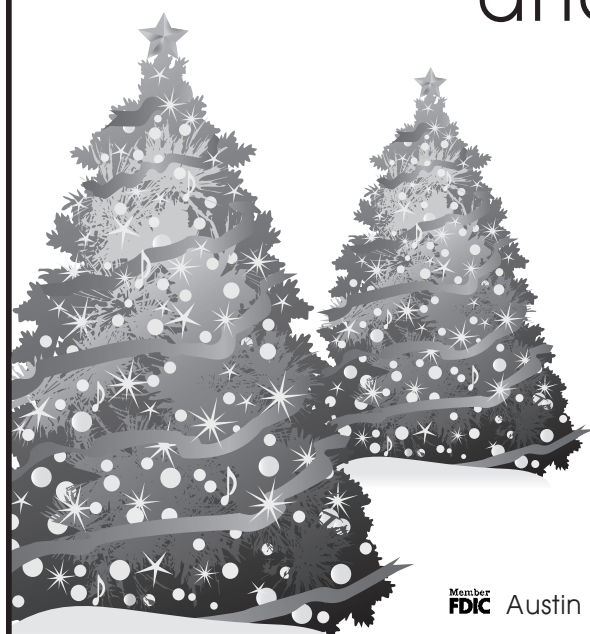
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