



Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School third-graders gather for a photo. The students, members of Jody Vossen's class, prepared for Thanksgiving by indicating what they're thankful for. They include: front, Delia Alberts. Back, from left, Grace Roethler, Beau Orser, Giovanni Carney, Josselyn Burkhart, Floyd Ranvek and Dylan Meyer.

Saying Thanks

Students grateful for many things – especially family

BY RICHARD JOHNSON
DCI MANAGING EDITOR

Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School fourth-graders participated this month in a pre-Thanksgiving “Grateful Challenge.”

A paper chain link indicated what they're grateful for as the big day rolls around.

Mom. My Daddy. Hugs. Books. “I’m thankful for my friends, because they’re supportive and really nice,” Ava Richardson said. “For my teacher and my family, and mostly everything I have,” Ella Thronson said.

“I’m thankful for my grandparents,” Kcin Siegel said, “because they took me in when I was about six months, because my parents were fighting over me.”

Flor Rodriguez supported Kcin as he teared up.

“They’re probably nice and kind,” she said. “That’s why you have grandparents.”

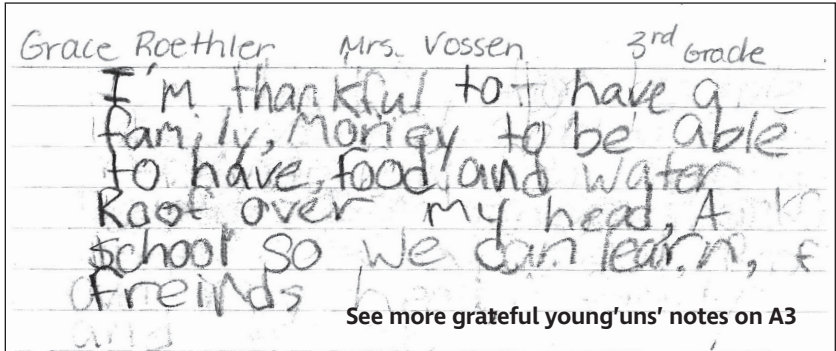
Kcin said his grandpa, Chris Siegel, wears glasses and a goatee.

Grandma, Jodette Siegel, is shorter, and also wears glasses. “I love them so much,” he said. “If it weren’t for them, I’d probably be sleeping on a mattress on the floor somewhere. I just can’t live without them. They’re always there for me.”

It’s all about a “gratitude

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K-M Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Tracy Schmidt is pictured with, front row, Flor Rodriguez and Kcin Siegel. Back, Ava Richardson, Schmidt, and Ella Thronson.



See more grateful young'uns' notes on A3

'It's a good feeling'

Care & Share Auction raises big bucks for those in need

BY RICHARD JOHNSON
DCI MANAGING EDITOR

It's a rare auction in which a batch of cookies sells for \$325, and a goodie-filled “Grumpy Old Men” gift basket goes for \$200.

That's normal for the K-M Care & Share Auction.

A big crowd joined in the 35th-annual event, held Nov. 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson, to help out those in need by raising money through silent and live auctions and a pulled pork sandwich dinner catered by Daniel's Restaurant.

They bid high for a huge assortment of items, which also included doughnuts, art work, quilts, jumper cables, home-made fudge, honey, truffles, a bird-feeder, Norwegian krumkake, gift baskets – even ear corn for critters.

“I think it's a fun thing, and a really good event for the community,” said Kay Hodge of Kasson. “I think it's neat to see all the different people who are here to support the community.”

“It's just a very nice thing to donate money to. It's a good feeling,” said Tammy Kruger of Byron, watching the action with her granddaughter Callie Kruger, 1.

The Krugers watched auctioneer Kevin Maring, of Kenyon, who got help from Dave Thompson of Lansing, the 2017 Minnesota State Auctioneers Association Champion.

Santa Claus made a surprise visit and also helped auction off items.



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Santa Claus helps auction off jewelry during the annual K-M Care and Share Auction, Nov. 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson. Proceeds from a dinner and silent and live auctions will benefit those in need, and help support community programs.

Area residents and businesses donate products, services, merchandise, gift certificates and such to be sold.

Proceeds from dessert samples will benefit the K-M Care & Share Charity Fund, which helps people in need purchase food and clothes and pay fuel and electric bills, and supports community programs.

It usually adds up to about \$25,000, said event chair Lisa Peterson, who figured at least 200 people attended the event in its first year at St. John's.

“Everybody remembered to show up, so we are thankful,” she said. “I just can't thank the community enough. I am overwhelmed every year by the outpouring of people who want to help. They want to bid, they want to donate, offer their time and their money. I'm just forever thankful that they keep coming, year after year after year.”

DONATION INFO

Donations to K-M Care & Share can be mailed to K-M Care & Share Auction, c/o Lisa Peterson, Auction Chair, 903 6th St. NW, Kasson, MN 55944.

Make checks payable to K-M Care & Share.

Contributions may be tax-deductible.

Anyone can apply for assistance from K-M Care & Share. Applicants are screened based on their needs and available funds.



Kay Hodge, Kasson, checks out some of the many silent auction items at St. John's.

Kasson 'muni' bucks state trend

City liquor store tops \$86,000 in profits

BY RICHARD JOHNSON
DCI MANAGING EDITOR

Minnesota's municipal liquor stores had a combined net profit loss of more than 8 percent from 2015 to 2016, according to a report by the state auditor's office.

Besides liquor operations which posted a decline in net profits between 2015 and 2016, 45 Minnesota cities reported net losses for 2016 - 11 more than in 2015.

Kasson's liquor store is heading the other direction.

The off-sale store had sales of \$1,457,993 and a net profit/loss of \$86,861. It ranks second in a comparison of city liquor stores in the Southeast Minnesota economic development region (see chart).

That success has greatly benefited Kasson. The liquor store provided \$70,000 from its budget to help with furnishings for the new public library in 2016, and a transfer from the store's fund this year helped cover the cost of hiring

Buxton Customer Analytics, a retail recruiting and business retention firm based in Fort Worth, Texas.

“What can we say? We have a great community, and we're really fortunate to have a great manager, and to be able to have those benefits to the entire community,” Kasson City Administrator Theresa Coleman said. “We make money every year.”

The auditor's report said municipal

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Sunset over Kasson



STAFF PHOTO: NICHELLE FRANZEN

The sky is ablaze at sunset in this photo taken Nov. 16 in downtown Kasson. The Thanksgiving Day forecast calls for a partly cloudy sky, with a high temperature of 39 and a low of 30. Skies in the coming days will be partly cloudy – except for a mostly sunny day on Sunday, Nov. 26, according to weather.com.

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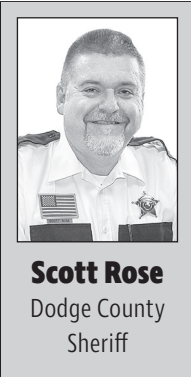
AREA DEATHS

David Lee Ohm, 67
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SUBSCRIBERS OF THE WEEK

Recognizing
Luverne Salley of Mantorville
William Reding of Mantorville
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Say a prayer for those struggling



Following the Mayflower’s arrival at Plymouth Rock on Dec. 11, 1620, the Pilgrims suffered the loss of nearly half of their original 102 colonists. With the help of local Indians, the remaining pilgrims were able to survive a cold and bitter winter – and produced a very bountiful harvest that next summer. They held a traditional three day English harvest festival, in which both the colonists and natives united in thanks. Most scholars believe this is how our Thanksgiving Holiday started.

For many of us, the Thanksgiving celebration includes huge feasts, long

weekends, parades, football, and family gatherings.

Unfortunately, for many other families, this time of year is not as festive. While we enjoy a pretty strong economy in this area, especially under the bubble of the Mayo Clinic, there are many families still struggling to make ends meet. Struggles that often include financial challenges that sometimes make it hard to put a meal on the table or clothing on their kids, some dealing with major health battles, some further burdened by chemical dependency challenges - both drugs and alcohol.

This year, as you give thanks for the blessings you and your family enjoy, please consider doing your part to help others this next year. Consider volunteering with an area service group or charitable organization here in Dodge County. We have several organizations

dedicated to help families like these who are struggling.

You can either volunteer and/or donate to great local organizations like the Masonic Lodge, Legion Auxiliary, SE MN Red Cross, and Salvation Army to name a few. Mission 22 is another great organization that works with veteran and public safety suicide prevention. Shop with a Cop in Kasson.

There are other great community service organizations like the Lions who volunteer tons of hours throughout the year to community projects. Also groups like the Shriner’s who work to raise money each year for the Children’s Hospital, or the KM Care and Share Auction held annually in Kasson each year that helps raise money to assist people with food, clothing, utilities, and others in times of need. The Dodge County Food Shelf is another organization that needs your

support. Our schools also have many organizations you can become a part of to help better our community. There are so many great local organizations here in Dodge County that could use your help and support to help those in need!

Here at the Sheriff’s Office, we are heavily involved in the Toys for Tots program this time of year. Toys for Tots is a program that was founded in 1947 by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. Last year we sorted over 20,000 toys and delivered them throughout SE MN.

Our first goal at the Sheriff’s Office is to make sure no child in Dodge County goes without a few nice gifts under the tree this Christmas. We then help neighboring communities fill their orders including delivering a bunch of toys to Santa Anonymous and to the Children’s Floor at St.

Mary’s Hospital in Rochester. We will start collecting new unwrapped toys this week at the Sheriff’s Office in Mantorville.

This week when you sit down and celebrate Thanksgiving with your family and friends, and you give thanks for all the blessings you’ve enjoyed throughout the year – please say a prayer for those struggling this holiday season and consider donating and/or volunteering a little bit of your time to one of the many great charitable organizations in our area. Together we can help continue to make Dodge County a great place to live and raise our families.

Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Your Sheriff,
Scott

Scott Rose has been the sheriff of Dodge County since 2015. His column appears in this newspaper monthly

Area deer may have chronic wasting disease

Preliminary tests show that seven deer harvested in southeastern Minnesota’s disease management zone during the first firearms deer seasons may be infected with chronic wasting disease.

Hunters harvested three of the seven suspect deer near Preston, in an area where 11 other deer tested positive during the 2016 CWD surveillance efforts, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Three others were harvested in Forestville-Mystery Cave State Park, which is within that same area but west of the core disease area.

The remaining deer was harvested east of Wykoff and north of the state park.

Test results from deer permit areas surrounding the area aren’t yet available and must be analyzed to assess the full extent of the disease and whether it has spread outside the disease management zone.

Once all sampling is completed and test results are received, the DNR will follow its CWD response plan and determine next steps, which may include boundary

changes to the area and additional deer-hunting opportunities for the public or landowners.

DNR wildlife research manager Lou Cornicelli said it’s not clear whether the additional positives indicate a westward expansion of the disease or individual deer movements, since all the presumptive deer were adult males.

CWD testing is a two-step process. The initial sample is analyzed to determine if the animal is presumptive positive. A final test is completed on all presumptive positive samples to confirm if the animal is infected with the disease.

The DNR said it expects final test results and disease confirmations soon for all seven deer. Results and any future positives will be posted at mndnr.gov/cwdcheck.

A total of 700 samples have been collected in the Forestville area since the archery season began in mid-September. Hunters brought in 499 of the samples during the first firearms deer season, which began Nov. 4 and concluded Nov. 12.

Results are pending on 40 of those deer.

Hunters are reminded that mandatory testing of all adult deer harvested in that area continues throughout the 3B season, which runs through Sunday, Nov. 26, as well as during the remaining archery, muzzleloader and late seasons. Check stations are located in Preston and Chatfield.

The DNR encourages hunters who harvest deer around the disease management zone, in deer permit areas 343, 345, 346, 347, 348 and 349 to participate in voluntary sampling at these locations, in order to collect as many samples as possible.

See mndnr.gov/cwd for specific information on check station locations, additional CWD information, and DNR efforts to keep Minnesota deer healthy.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that, to date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in people. But it advises people not to eat meat from animals known to have CWD.

See www.cdc.gov for more information.

Approved helmets for ATVs

Question: Can my child use a bicycle helmet when he is a passenger in my side by side or ATV?



Ask A Trooper
Sgt. Christianson
Minn. State Patrol

Answer: In Minnesota, any class 1 or 2 ATV operator or passengers under the age of 18 must wear an approved helmet when riding on public lands or waters, or a public road right-of-way. You are required to wear a seat belt if provided by the manufacturer.

An approved helmet worn by an operator or passenger must meet federal law, which requires the helmet to display the symbol DOT. DOT is the manufacturer’s certification that the helmet conforms to the applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. Standard bicycle helmets and hockey helmets are not legal helmets.

By paying attention, driving the speed limit, wearing your seat belt and never driving impaired, you can reduce your chances of being involved in a potentially life changing crash.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send your questions to Sgt. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. (Or email Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us)

COURT NEWS

The following cases were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Nov. 6 with Judge Jodi L. Williamson presiding:

John G. Baker Jr., 36, Dodge Center, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to \$205 and 18 months in St. Cloud State Prison.

Thomas L. Jeter, 58, Rochester, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. The defendant was sentenced to \$130, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, chemical assessment, no possession of firearms, mental health evaluation and 5 years of supervised probation.

Corey L. Mees, 31, St. Cloud, previously appeared and was convicted of felony possession of marijuana. Mees was sentenced to \$1,155, 61 days in county jail, cognitive skill training, do not enter liquor establishments, mental health evaluation, no possession of firearms, no alcohol or controlled substance use, 100 hours of community service and 5 years of supervised probation.

The following misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors were heard in Dodge County District Court the week of Nov. 6 – 13:

DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jacob E. Ewing, 24, Kasson, speeding, \$120; David J. Henderson, 58, Kasson, controlled substance crime, stay of adjudication, \$975, no alcohol or controlled substance use, do not enter liquor establishments, 90 hours

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Jared J. Cutting, 28, Byron, speeding, \$140; Billy W. Loveday, 44, Mantorville, speeding, \$120; Khadar O. Mohamud, 19, Owatonna, speeding, \$380; Tanner S. Peterson, 26, Rochester, suspended license, \$280; Eric D. Purvis, 23, Kasson, speeding, \$130.

WEST CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Leland J. Corey, 59, West Concord, DWI, \$505, alcohol assessment and 1 year of supervised probation.

STEELE BLOTTER

NOV. 9
Arrest: Deputy arrested a motorist during a traffic stop in Interstate 35 northbound in Somerset Township at 1:03 a.m.

NOV. 10
Theft: Deputy took a theft report in the 4600 block of County Road 45 N. in Clinton Falls Township at 2:15 p.m.
Child Protection: Deputies received a child protection report from the 700 block of 5th St. S. in Ellendale at 4:02 p.m.

NOV. 11
Hit and Run: Deputies assisted the State Patrol with a hit and run accident with injuries at Highway 14 E. and 54th Ave. SE in Havana Township at 5:05 a.m.
Crash: Deputies responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage at Interstate 35 southbound and 26th St. NW in Owatonna at 5:24 a.m. They issued a citation to one of the drivers.
Accident: A motor vehicle accident resulting in property damage occurred in the 4500 block of Dane Road in Havana

Township at 5:39 p.m.

NOV. 12
DWI: Deputy arrested a motorist for driving while intoxicated at Interstate 35 southbound and Bridge St. W. in Owatonna at 1:42 a.m.

NOV. 13
Theft: Deputy took a theft report in the 100 block of Riverview Court in Medford at 4:19 a.m.

NOV. 14
Medical: At 2:02 p.m., a medical emergency occurred in the 700 block of 2nd Ave. NE in Medford.
Vandalism: Property damage was reported in the 300 block of School St. in Ellendale at 4:20 p.m.

NOV. 16
Burglary: Deputies responded to a burglary in the 53000 block of 48th St. SW in Meriden Township at 11:54 a.m.

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DODGE COUNTY ACTIVE WARRANTS

Jon Dorien Brown – FTA-review hearing
Luis Alberto Cantu – criminal sexual conduct
Ismael Olivares Carbajal – probation violation
Amanda Jo Casey – FTA-sentencing
Alberto Cazares – terroristic threats
Leonel Cazares – violation of conditions of

release
Irving Chavez – violation of conditions of release
James Joseph Chesney – probation violation
Paul Joseph Clement – violation of conditions of release
Brandon Sean Cole – FTA-review hearing

Ernest Rubin Collins – probation violation
Jessie David Cordero – contempt of court
Jeremy Daniel Dahlen – FTA-review hearing
Katherine Ann Deblieck – FTA-review hearing
Robert David Dokken – FTA-pre-trial
John Dos – probation violation

Gary Allan English – probation violation
Matthew John Enright – probation violation
Julio Marcos Rayon Espinosa – probation violation
Hector Joaquin Felix-Perez – probation violation

LIQUOR: *Kasson store tops \$86,000 in profits*



Kasson's municipal liquor store showed a profit from 2015 to 2016, while many Minnesota stores did not.

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liquor store profits have fallen by more than 16 percent over the past five years, despite more than 20 years of increasing sales. At least 10 cities have seen shrinking profits from 2015 to 2016.

But the Kasson store is thriving despite increasing competition from larger liquor outlets, such as Target.

It ranked 67th of 195 stores in a comparison of city liquor store operations, in regard to gross sales.

The leading store is in Lakeville, pop. 60,965. Kasson has a population of about 6,298.

It's all about community, liquor store manager Cathy Pletta said.

Her store also has helped other city departments, and she is active in and around Kasson, working with the Chamber of Commerce,

hosting wine-tastings, maintaining planters on Main Street, and assisting with the annual Care and Share auction and Christmas in Kasson.

"We're a growing community," said Pletta, the liquor store's manager since 2004. "I work with a great group of people. The people in our community are supportive, the people I work with are good at what they do. We're fortunate to be part of a strong, vibrant area."

Library director Art Tiff said the liquor store's assistance was "definitely a nice help."

"It's very valuable for this community," he said. "It goes back to her putting money back into the community, where it needs to be, rather than sending it off to wherever. Let's keep it here."

'MUNIS' BY THE NUMBERS

The state auditor's office said Minnesota's **228 municipal liquor stores**, representing **195 cities**, had more than **\$344 million** in sales in 2016, an increase of more than **2 percent** from 2015.

But the combined net profit totaled **\$22.8 million** - a decrease of **\$2.1 million**, or **8.4 percent**, from the amount generated in 2015.

Total net profits for off-sale operations (which includes Kasson) totaled **\$19.9 million** in 2016, a decrease of **\$1.4 million**, or **6.6 percent**, from 2015.

Net profits have decreased **16.4 percent** over the past five years.

There was a **15.4 percent** decrease in net profits among off-sale stores, while on-sale stores showed a decrease of **22.3 percent**.

Among on-sale operations, net profits totaled **\$2.9 million** in 2016, a decrease of **\$674,813**, or **18.8 percent**, from 2015.

Overall, of municipal liquor operations that reported in both 2015 and 2016, **74 cities** showed year-to-year increases in their net profits, while **117** showed decreases.

And of the **117 cities** with declines in net profits between 2015 and 2016, **107** were in Greater Minnesota, and **10** were in the Twin Cities metro area.

See www.auditor.state.mn.us for more information.

- Richard Johnson

AREA MUNI FIGURES

The state auditor's office compared 2016 municipal liquor store operations by economic development region and city. Here's a look at the Southeast Minnesota economic region leaders, by total sales:

1. Northfield \$3,142,917
2. **Kasson \$1,457,993**
3. Lonsdale \$1,385,288
4. **Kenyon \$742,287**
5. Plainview \$681,208
6. Caledonia \$652,068
7. Mazeppa \$495,755
8. Spring Grove \$452,651
9. Medford \$368,577
10. Ellendale \$345,968
11. Conger \$232,940

STAFF PHOTO: RICHARD JOHNSON

"For the library, it benefited more than just the folks who are here in town," Coleman said. "It really made it possible to take the crown jewel and put it over the top."

Pletta said Sunday liquor store sales have been steady. In July, the state ended its prohibition on Sunday sales, which began in 1858, allowing liquor sales from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"It'll take a full year to get a good analysis on Sunday sales," she said. "Things change. You have to adapt and go with what's happening currently."

West Concord's on-and-off-sale store had sales of \$324,821 and a gross profit of \$141,038, but a net profit-loss of \$777.

Minnesota law requires cities to hold a public hearing on the future of their liquor stores if the liquor operation shows a net loss in at least two of the past three years.

West Concord held a public hearing in 2016, and another was scheduled for Dec. 21, 2017, during the City Council meeting.

City Administrator Theresa Booms, who oversees the on-and-off-sale liquor store, was unavailable for comment.

THANKS: *Grateful students*

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attitude," said the kids' teacher, Tracy Schmidt.

"I love to see what they're thankful for," she said. "To see this every day, it helps me realize the blessings in my life."

The youngsters provided many more reasons to be thankful.

Third-grader Dylan Meyer appreciates his dogs, Riley and Whittaker, and his guinea pigs, Ollie and Oscar.

"I get to see my family every day," Delia Alberts said. "But my sister Ava, she can be a little bossy sometimes."

Jossalyn Burkhart likes all her friends. And her two cats, two dogs, and two crayfish.

She looks forward to eating stuffing on Thanksgiving.

Ava Richardson said her little brother Charlie, 9, is rather annoying.

Still: "I'm thankful for all my siblings, and my parents - especially Mom," she said. "I'm thankful for food and water and shelter. And Ella."

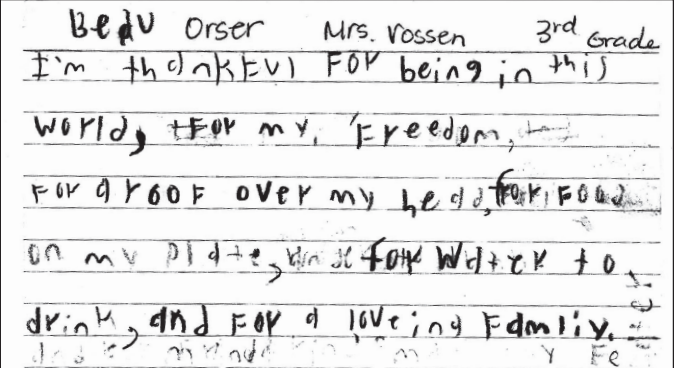
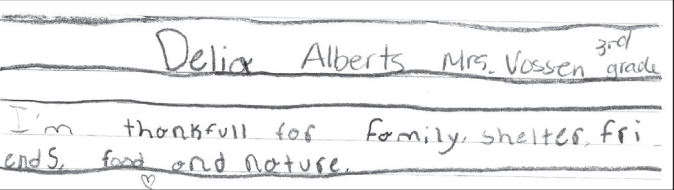
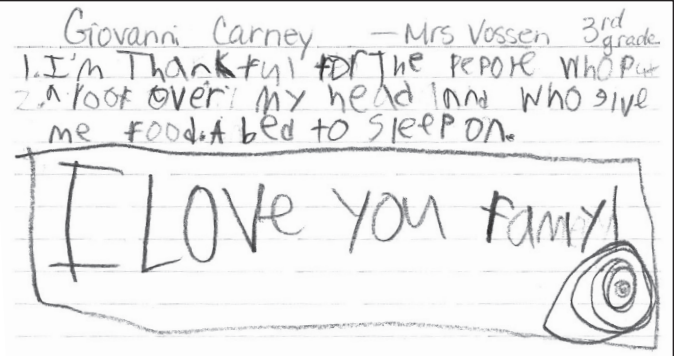
Kcin Siegel is excited about the whole deal.

"I'm gonna have a great Turkey Day," he said.

Grateful young 'uns

Several Kasson-Mantorville Elementary School students put down on paper what they're grateful for at Thanksgiving time, and passed the information along to the DCI. It's good stuff. Enjoy!

- Richard Johnson



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OUR VIEW

Happy Thanksgiving – and be careful out there!

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. We hope you stay safe on this and every holiday. In regard to autumn travel, the Minnesota Department of Transportation urges motorists and pedestrians to watch out for each other as the days get shorter and nights get longer. This, the agency says, is the deadliest time for pedestrians. MnDOT said 26 pedestrians have been killed in Minnesota as of early October. Preliminary figures for 2016 show 60 pedestrians were killed and 1,204 were injured, compared to 41 deaths and 904 injuries in 2015. “Pedestrians are more difficult to see when the sun rises later and sets earlier, increasing the risk of crashes,” MnDOT state traffic engineer Jay Hietpas said. “Motorists and pedestrians are equally at fault when we look at the crash data. That means that both groups need to know and obey the laws.”

Some crosswalk law highlights:

- Motorists should stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersections without crosswalks or stop lights.
- Pedestrians should obey traffic signs and signals at all intersections that have them.
- Vehicles stopped for pedestrians can proceed once the pedestrian has completely crossed the lane in front of the stopped vehicle.
- Pedestrians should not enter a crosswalk if a vehicle is approaching and it is impossible for the driver to stop. There is no defined distance that a pedestrian should abide by before entering the crosswalk; common sense should be used.
- When a vehicle is stopped at an intersection to allow pedestrians to cross, drivers of other vehicles approaching from the rear should not pass the stopped vehicle (see the full crosswalk law at www.mndot.gov/sharetheroad/ped/crosswalklaw.html).

Here are more safety tips from MnDOT, to help get you there and back safely:

- ’Tis the season for ‘iffy’ weather. Conditions can change quickly, as we know. So dial 511 (you can use the free 511 app on smart phones and other mobile devices) or visit 511mn.org for road conditions before heading out.
- The 511 traveler information system provides road and winter driving conditions for all of Minnesota, and links to National Weather Service information.
- MnDOT asks motorists to take responsibility to:
- Avoid distractions; stay off cell phones and mobile devices.
- Obey the law by turning on headlights and wearing seat belts.
- Turn off cruise control.
- Make sure vehicles are in good operating condition for winter driving.

Allow extra travel time and always be prepared when traveling during winter weather events. Hope you have a great Thanksgiving. Thanks, dear reader!

Thanksgiving Memories

It was long ago, but not all that far away. Our folks took us kids to Grandpa’s farm near Medford most every Thanksgiving, Back in the Day. We drove from Rochester, up Highway 14 West, through Dodge Center, to Claremont, and headed northwest into deepest, darkest Havana Township, past the mysterious city of Havana, unincorporated, and on into exotic Clinton Falls Township. Finally we turned up the driveway of Grandpa’s 1870 farmhouse. And had to wait in the car while Grandpa settled down Timber, his enthusiastic German Shepherd partner. A host of cousins usually joined us. The uncles would gather in the living room with Grandpa, discussing the state of the Minnesota Vikings and the best routes to get from place to place in The Cities, while Grandpa smoked his cigar and nodded his approval. “*The Heck!*” he’d exclaim upon hearing a bit of outlandish news. Meanwhile, the aunts gathered in the kitchen and talked aunty stuff, while most of the kid cousins rampaged around outside. Finally, we would eat, always a fantastic feast, topped by amazing desserts. Dad let me drive us to the farm for Thanksgiving when I was learning to drive. Dessert one of those years included Grasshopper Pie, which includes a liqueur,

Crème de Menthe. I enjoyed three or four pieces of that amazing stuff. And Dad, figuring I was drunk, refused to let me drive home. You can’t be too safe. Little by little the aunts and uncles and cousins departed. Us Johnsons were usually the last to go, waving goodbye and hollering “*Thanks for everything!*” as we piled into the ol’ Ford Ranch Wagon. It was dark, and cold until Dad got the heater going. He tapped his toe on the floor to give us bright headlights. Mom would switch on the radio and swing through the channels ‘til she found “CBS Radio Mystery Theatre,” hosted spookily by E.G. Marshall, who was born in nearby Owatonna. The national broadcast was always fascinating to a kid sitting in the back seat of a car heading into the pitch black of a chilly late autumn evening in southeastern Minnesota. I can still picture my mom and dad up there, chatting occasionally as they led us home. Us kids snuggled together in the back, listening to the radio drama unfold. Ol’ E.G. always signed off in scary fashion: “*Until next time, pleasant ... dreams?*” All too soon we rolled up our gravel driveway, and Dad, as always, waited ‘til the last second to expertly apply the brakes. We stormed back, a big, noisy crew, into our good old house, which always seemed glad to have us back. If only I could do it all over again. Great memories, though. How lucky can one guy get?



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Twins return back to radio home

One of my cherished memories of growing up was listening to Minnesota Twins baseball games on the radio. No matter where I was whether it was in the house, in the yard or tooling down the road in the car, our radio was always tuned to WCCO Radio so I could take in the Twins games.

I often utilized a little transistor radio that brought in crackly sounds from the airwaves to hear at least parts of the Twins games.

I still get a little ribbing now and then about how I used to mimic the likes of Halsey Hall and Herb Carneal, two of the best loved play-by-play announcers in the history of baseball. They have been inducted into the Minnesota Broadcast Hall of Fame. I’d grab the seat belt buckle and use it as a microphone to provide my own commentary of the Twins games. Who will ever forget how Halsey’s home run calls of “Holy cow” would electrify the radio broadcasts. He was the first broadcaster to use that expression on a baseball broadcast. Or how about Herb’s trademark greeting, “Hi everybody” being reminiscent of his folksy down-home style. It seemed like something was lost in 2006 when Herb signed off the air for the last time before retiring. His retirement also marked the last time the Twins games were on WCCO. For the past 11 seasons, it has been a nightmare trying to find the Twins on the radio dial as they have jumped

around to various stations. And once you found them there certainly was no guarantee that you’d be able to tune it in for an extended period of time. Depending on the time of the day, it was anybody’s guess whether you would be able to listen to the game or not. More often than not, listeners in the outstate areas were out of luck. As I go on in life, I often find that what goes around comes around. Such is the case with the Twins. In a stunning announcement, the Twins will be returning to WCCO, the 50,000-watt station that blankets Minnesota and other portions of the Midwest beginning next season. The station’s clear-channel status helped build the team’s fan base across the Upper Midwest. As the announcement came last week, Twins president Dave St. Peter says the team is “beyond pleased” to return to its radio home for more than four decades. St. Peter said it’s a multiyear agreement that he expects will be long-term. Thank goodness. Finally the Twins organization has come to its senses and will be offering something that should have never been taken away. While it may not be Halsey or Herb in the broadcast booth like those earlier years, the current team of Cory Provus and Dan Gladden will continue to call the games for the Twins following the switch. This is pretty special to have the Twins coming back home to WCCO. With promising things happening on the field this past season and hopefully next, it will be even greater to have the Twins where they belong on WCCO Radio. Let’s play ball and go in hot pursuit of enjoying the Twins once again on the radio home that helped build their destiny in Minnesota.



Hot Pursuit
Rick Bussler

Hold on, Christmas ...

I’m unsurprised people have begun to listen to Christmas music, but I think we should at least acknowledge that Thanksgiving is still a thing. Although I know people will most likely just remember the football game that’s bound to be playing. Or the Black Friday shopping people will be doing. I’m at least glad that the holiday season is finally almost here, but I’m not really enjoying the cold winds that blast me everyday I decide to even exit my house. There’s something about Christmas that my family and I always kind of miss out on every year. No, I’m not talking about long church ceremonies. I’m talking about just about everything else. Most communities have events, plays, parties, and lights. But my family has never bothered with such celebrations. Which I’m rather happy about, actually. All of my friends used to be in the novelty play that their church would always put on. And it always sounded so *stressful*. I thought the time of giving was supposed to be relaxing. Now that I’ve come of age, though, I know that’s not really the case for anyone. I’ve also started to notice that people have certain rituals when it comes to the holiday season. *Church, family dinner, presents, dessert, nap time.*

Some people are lucky enough to have more than two Christmases. I don’t think I could eat that many family dinners, though. My family has its own traditions. Every Christmas Eve we would visit my grandma and grandpa’s for a family dinner and presents, but on the way home we would always make a stop. I don’t remember whose house we would stop at, but it would always be strung in lights. My dad would always pay and leave money in the mailbox, and we would drive through the elaborate strung lights. They would always have something new among their Christmas lights, and my siblings and I would look for them every year. It wasn’t just lights that they would set up; novelty sets and Santas also would be among the bunch. Unfortunately, the people who own the house and the lights are now too old to set up the lights, so we always miss out on them every year now. I savor the lights I see around town now. Luckily my family inherited all of our Christmas decorations from my great aunt, and she loved Christmas. We have novelty sets, and indoor and outdoor lights. We have twice the amount of tree decorations now, and I have my own Christmas lights strung along my bed now, too. I won’t admit that I turn them on from time to time, though. Not until Thanksgiving is over.

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Crews work earlier this fall on building a large berm on Dwane Hull's property in Austin Township near the Cedar River State Water Trail, just north of the Mower County Road 4 bridge. The berm was built by the Cedar River Watershed District, along with two others on adjacent land owned by Jeffrey Pederson.

CRWD finishes water-quality projects

Crews complete 3 berms along Cedar River as part of 25-project initiative

Rain falling on more than 500 acres of mostly cropland south of Austin will be slowed down and treated by three earthen berms before reaching the nearby Cedar River State Water Trail.

Crews on last week planted grass seed and made other final touches to the berms, constructed this fall in Austin Township as part of the Cedar River Watershed District's five-year, \$8.4 million Capital Improvement Project to build 25 structures on farm land to improve water quality and reduce flooding.

CRWD worked with landowners Dwane Hull and Jeffrey Pederson to bring the nearly \$200,000 ravine-stabilization project to reality and, in doing so, address erosion issues related to stormwater drainage on nearly one square mile of land.

"We've had outstanding landowners to work with on these projects," said Cody Fox, CRWD's project manager overseeing the CIP initiative that now has four completed projects. "These berms were a high priority because they offered opportunities to catch a large amount of sediment just before reaching the river."

Berms with the Hull-Pederson projects are expected to protect the Cedar River from receiving about 78 tons per year of sediment and 156 pounds of phosphorus, which, if in the river, could create nearly 40 tons of algae.

Fitzgerald Excavating of Goodhue, constructed all three berms.

CRWD's CIP initiative includes the district's top 25 prioritized projects that range in size, complexity and location. They generally relate to detaining stormwater in storage structures built in upland or headwater farmland areas but also include ravine stabilization and flood-risk reduction.

Most of the 25 CIP projects are planned for upstream of Austin, with a majority

currently targeted in the Dobbins Creek subwatershed, which is highly prone to flash flooding. Dobbins' two branches meet at Austin's Jay C. Hormel Nature Center, before it becomes East Side Lake due to a dam and flows into the Cedar River at Austin's Driesner Park.

Strategic construction of upland storage structures helps CRWD slow water flows while keeping more soil and nutrients from entering local waterways. This also reduces flood damage to buildings, infrastructure and farm fields.

CIP projects aim to achieve 40 to 70 percent flow reductions on most individual sites as well as an 8 percent overall reduction at the confluence of Dobbins Creek and the Cedar River in southeast Austin.

CRWD's long-term plan calls for a 20 percent reduction in flood flows.

CRWD plans to start construction next spring on its largest CIP project – known as Dobbins 1 – in the headwaters of Dobbins Creek's north branch in Red Rock and Dexter townships. When completed, the nearly \$1.5 million project will consist of two water-retention structures or earthen dams that, during large rain events, temporarily will hold stormwater covering more than 50 acres, which is larger than the 40-acre East Side Lake.

Once completed, Dobbins 1 is expected to reduce stormwater flows in its localized area by 80 percent, keeping about 134 tons of sediment and 218 pounds of phosphorus per year out of Dobbins, Fox said.

This spring, CRWD completed its first CIP project – about \$60,000 – along Dobbins Creek's north branch at the Anderson-Oelkers site in Red Rock Township, southeast of Brownsdale. That site is downstream from the Dobbins 1 project location.

Earlier this year, state Sen. Dan Sparks

and Rep. Jeanne Poppe, both of Austin, helped secure \$1.7 million in state funding from a bonding bill to help CRWD match a \$3.2 million grant awarded in 2015 by The Hormel Foundation for CIP projects through a request by the local Vision 2020 Waterways Committee.

The Hormel Foundation awarded CRWD the grant to use as leverage in obtaining other funding sources for CIP projects.

CRWD now has access to matching funds of up to \$3.8 million from state grants and a local project levy. CRWD will keep pursuing funding for the overall initiative and work to avoid needing to use all of the CIP's levy potential.

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The Cedar River Watershed District formed in 2007 to address concerns with area flooding and water quality.

Its boundaries cover about 435 square miles, including portions of Dodge, Steele, Mower and Freeborn counties.

State and local officials formed the Cedar River Watershed District in response to the Watershed's worst-known floods, which occurred in 2000 and 2004.

Its priorities are aimed at reducing flooding and improving water quality within the Watershed.

Call the CRWD at 507-434-2603 or see www.cedarriverwd.org for more information.

'Olde Fashioned Christmas' coming to Mantorville

The Mantorville Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Olde Fashioned Christmas celebration on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Events will feature strolling carolers, horse-drawn wagons rides, a visit by Santa Claus, and a Christmas show at the Mantorville Opera House, among many others.

The schedule:

8 a.m. to noon – Candlelight Breakfast, with live music, County Seat Coffee House.

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Mantorville Volunteer Fire Department Toys for Tots drive, Casey's General Store.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Holiday Crafts, Gifts & More, at "The Bridge" (VFW building on Main Street).

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Holiday specials: gift ideas, samples and refreshments, Creative Change Hair Studio.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Holiday Open House, Mantorville Square Antiques & Gifts.

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Holiday discounts, Finds on 5th.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Horse-drawn wagon rides, Mantorville Opera House.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Visit and photos with Santa Claus, Opera House.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Children's crafts, Mantorville Art Guild, Main Street (\$1 per child).

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – First Congregational Church Open House, 515 Walnut St. With model railroad display and refreshments.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Ornament Hunt.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Restoration House tours, 540 N. Main St.

1 p.m. – Christmas Luncheon, with live music, Old School Café. Reservations required; call 507-635-3663.

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Miss Teen Dodge County registration underway

Applications are being accepted for the title of 2018 Miss Teen Dodge County.

The program is for single, never-married females ages 13 to 18.

Miss Teen Dodge County will represent her county at the Miss Teen Minnesota pageant, scheduled for April 28, 2018 at the Wellstone Center in St. Paul.

The young lady chosen will become an ambassador for the Dodge County area and will receive an official title and sash.

Miss Teen Minnesota will receive a prize package and college scholarship totaling \$30,000, and the chance to represent Minnesota at the 2018 Miss Teen International pageant next July in Charleston, West Virginia.

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Teens will compete in Personal Interview, Fitness Wear, Fun Fashion Wear and Evening Gown. There is no talent or swimsuit competition.

Interested teen women living in Dodge County should request a biographical form bio-form by writing to: Miss Teen Minnesota International Pageant, P. O. Box 240537, Apple Valley, MN, 55124-0537

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The application deadline is Dec. 31.

The reigning 2017 Miss Teen Minnesota is Devika Narayan of Plymouth. As Miss Teen Minnesota, she speaks out on Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Kids helping kids



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Triton FFA members Grace Weber, left, and Breanna Klejeski are pictured with their community service project – making tie blankets for the Ronald McDonald House.

The students planned to send the blankets to hurricane victims in Florida and Texas.

The Ronald McDonald House provides living quarters and support for children who need medical care.

FFAers compete in 'Ag Challenge'



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Triton Middle School FFA members participated in early November in an 'Ag Challenge' competition at Plainview/Elgin-Millville Junior High School, in Elgin.

Triton's Hunter Gnagey and Jenna Kenworthy placed among the top 20 of 142 students involved.

Triton students pictured include, front row, from left, Elyssa Robinson, Jenna Kenworthy, Cale Gielser and Carter Strieff. Back row, Caden Bergman, Andrew Edge, Dasmine Marquardt, Emma Klejeski, Josiah Robinson, Hunter Gnagey, and Corbin Giesler.



STAFF PHOTO: CHRIS SCHAD

Dodge County goaltender Annabel Smith picked up her first career varsity win as the Wildcats defeated Simley 4-2.

Third period rally leads Wildcats to first win

BY CHRIS SCHAD
DCI SPORTS EDITOR

The opening game of most seasons can be one that is waiting to reach its climax. With the anticipation for the opener building since the team started practice, everyone awaits for that one moment where everything feels like it did when they played their last game months ago.

The season opener for the Dodge County girls hockey team was no different this year as a couple periods showed some opening night jitters. However, the Wildcats caught their balance in the third period, scoring four goals to secure a 4-2 victory at Simley on November 14.

“We were good on the power play throughout the night and both goals that we gave up were kind of ugly goals,”

Dodge County head coach Jeremy Gunderson observed. “I think that was just some opening night jitters and we were able to play better in the third period and win the game.”

Things got off to a rocky start for the Wildcats when they were called for a too many men on the ice penalty at 5:21. Avery Schwark would make Dodge County pay with a power play goal to give the Spartans an early 1-0 advantage. They would add to that lead after Olivia Smallbrock was called for a checking penalty and opened the door for a Megan O'Connor power play goal to make it 2-0 late in the second period.

From there, the Wildcats went to work when Kayla Schubert would score the first goal of the season for Dodge County on the ensuing

power play to cut the lead in half going into the second intermission. When the Wildcats emerged, Schubert would score again on the power play to tie the game before Anna Braun scored her first varsity goal of her career to give Dodge County the lead.

Kennedy Kraus would add a power play marker of her own from Olivia Smallbrock and Katrina Thoe to add an insurance goal and the Wildcats would head home with their first win of the year.

“We played our four lines and we kind of stuck to our plan,” Gunderson said of the third period. “They played three the entire night and then went down to two in the third [period], so we kind of wore them down as the night went along.”

Also adding to the game was the play of Annabel

Smith, who picked up her first varsity win of her career by stopping eight out of 10 shots faced on the evening.

“There’s a lot going on for a goalie at the varsity level,” Gunderson said. “She let in a couple at the beginning of the game, but she wound up finishing strong. It’s huge to get that first win.”

The Wildcats had their home opener with Cloquet-Ekslo-Carlton that was scheduled for last Friday night postponed to January 16 as C-E-C rescheduled with their team making it to the state football semifinals. The Wildcats next game will take place on November 25 when they travel to St. Francis/North Branch at 3 p.m.

Dodge County will now hold its home opener on November 28 when they host Red Wing.

Gunderson reflects on program's growth after 200th career win

BY CHRIS SCHAD
DCI SPORTS EDITOR

Dodge County head coach Jeremy Gunderson isn’t too big on individual awards. As the head coach of the Wildcats’ for the past 11 seasons, Gunderson has received plenty of plaques and accolades throughout the years. However, you won’t find them hanging on the wall or shining with a giant light above them at his house. Instead, they sit in a box out of sight and out of mind.

“It sounds bad, but I hate individual awards,” Gunderson admitted. “It means more to the program for things like that than it does by myself. I tell the kids all the time that I don’t skate and I don’t score. They’re the ones that play the games.”

With that kind of perspective, it’s not surprising that Gunderson wasn’t aware of his 200th victory when the Wildcats defeated Simley on November 14, but it doesn’t mean that he doesn’t appreciate the path to get there.

“We’ve had a lot of growth as a program during that time,” Gunderson said. “When I started coaching, we maybe had 28 kids at all levels in our program. Now we have a full youth program with 38 high school girls. We’ve won big games, developed some college players and we’ve just seen a lot of growth.”

That development is a nod to the type of culture that

Gunderson has established within his players. With several collegiate players such as K-M graduates Dana Rasmussen (St. Cloud State) and Katie Robinson (Minnesota) who are playing Division I hockey, Gunderson realizes that a lot of players have not only helped his win total, but also built the type of program that exists today.

“They do all the work,” Gunderson said. “I mean, look at me. I’m round. They’re in the weight room getting in shape, eating right and working hard. We’ve had some great girls on and off the ice and winning the academic award as much as we have too shows the kind of culture we have here.”

While Gunderson acknowledged it was good to get the win against Simley, he wishes that the 200th victory would have come a little sooner. Of course, that would have meant toppling Lakeville South in a four-overtime classic last February to advance to the section championship.

“Not to take anything away from Simley, but that would have been a heck of a game to get it,” Gunderson said. “The girls asked me how I felt when we won and I told them I felt like Dan Marino. He was a heck of a quarterback, but he never won the big game. When you get over the hump, things like this matter much more. Hopefully, we can win that big game someday.”



STAFF PHOTO: CHRIS SCHAD

Dodge County head coach Jeremy Gunderson captured his 200th career victory against Simley on Nov. 14.

Look for our winter sports preview in the Dec. 7 issue of the DCI!

K-M Athletes of the Week

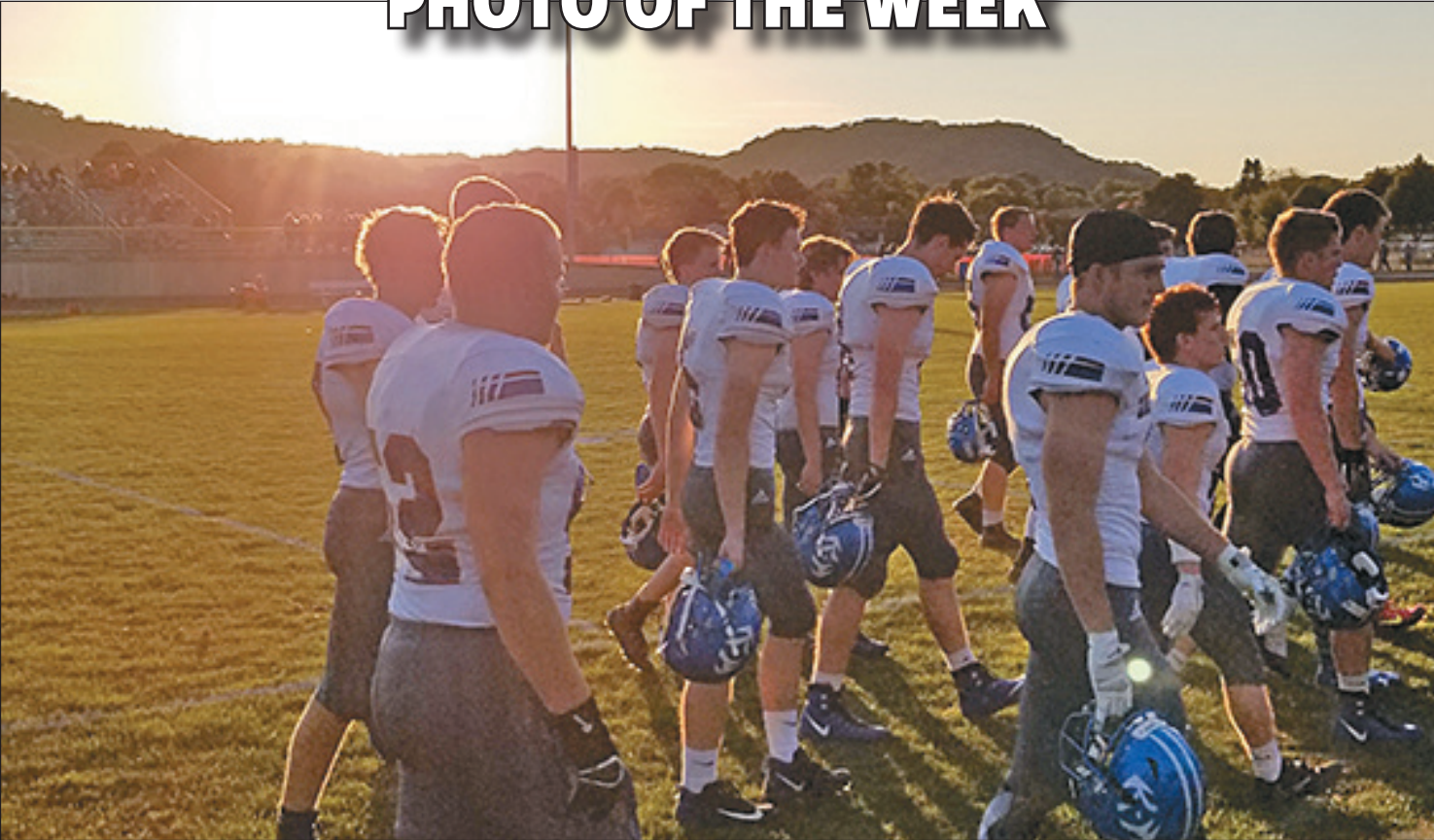


Anna Braun, a freshman for the Dodge County girls hockey team, scored her first career goal in the Wildcats’ 4-2 victory over Simley on November 14.



Conner McKern, a senior on the Kasson-Mantorville football team, was selected to the South roster for the Minnesota Football Showcase to be played Dec. 9 at USBank Stadium in Minneapolis.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



STAFF PHOTO: CHRIS SCHAD

The Kasson-Mantorville football team headed to the sideline before kickoff at La Crescent on September 11.

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OBITUARIES

Muriel West, 81



Muriel A. West, 81, of Rochester, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017 at St. Mary’s Hospital. Muriel was born March 13, 1936 in Lanesboro, to Alvilde and Selmer Jacobson. Muriel graduated from Lanesboro High School in 1954. On July 12, 1958, she married Kenwood West at Union Prairie Church in Lanesboro.

They started their life together in Rochester, eventually moving to Kasson in 1965. They relocated to Florida in 1983 for Ken’s job, eventually moving back home to Rochester in 1994. Ken passed away in 1999.

They were able to travel many miles around the country pulling their camper after Ken retired.

Muriel served as secretary at Claremont Insurance for many years, as well as waitressing for the Hubble House, and was an active volunteer at Mayo for several years. Muriel loved spending time at her camper in Lanesboro, fishing, garage sales and auctions, but most of all loved spending time with her family. Her witty attitude and multitude of stories will be missed by many.

Muriel is survived by her daughter, Marsha West of Kasson; two sons, Brian West of Kasson and Kyle West of Rochester; three grandchildren, Amanda West, Caryn West and Brianna Trejo (Juan Trejo); and two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Donna Gullickson of Lanesboro, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, great-granddaughter; sister, Elaine Kraling; and brother, Orel Jacobson.

A funeral service was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 20 in the River Park Chapel at Macken Funeral Home. Burial will be in Union Prairie Cemetery in Lanesboro.

Online condolences are welcome at www.mackenfuneralhome.com.

David Lee Ohm, 67

David Lee Ohm, 67, passed away Nov. 11, 2017, at his home in Texas.

David was born on Feb. 14, 1950, the son of Francis and Harry in New Hampton, Iowa.

David was united in marriage to Doris in 1970.

David worked as a farm laborer. He enjoyed camping and being with family.

David is survived by his wife, Doris, and four sons, Todd and Diana of Rochester; Tony and (Barb) Ohm of Dodge Center; Tim Ohm of Rochester; and Terry and Jennifer Ohm of Stewartville. He has 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Butch, Donny, Bill and Jim; sisters Linda and Patricia; and one granddaughter, Felicia.

Blessed be his memory.

SEMCAC MENU

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Nov. 23 - Nov. 31

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Monday: Tater tot hotdish, tossed salad, pickle spear, batter bun, pineapple/pear/peach cup.

Tuesday: Onion smothered beef steak, alt: liver & onions, baked potato, caul/broc blend, orange wedges, banana cake.

Wednesday: Sea shore tuna casserole, marinated green bean salad, tomato wedge/roll, coconut crumb delight.

Thursday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, parslied carrots, coleslaw, mixed fruit cup.

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A Day for Feasting and Being Thankful

I sat down to write my column for the fourth week of November, in the early morning of 9 a.m.

The sun that didn’t show at rising time has been defeated by a dreary sky, but it must be given credit for trying at one time, for a few minutes.

This being Nov. 15 means the month is already half over, which seems impossible. But calendars don’t lie, as we all know.

In eight more days as I write, we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving, a tradition that was started by the early colonists who had settled in Plymouth less than a year before.

The first winter was a harsh one for them, and by spring many graves needed to be dug, as a large percentage had

not survived. Those who did were no doubt feeling sad, but they were here and there could not be a return to the land they sailed from.

Hope and happiness returned as they worked, and at the end of the season things were so much better they decided on giving thanks by feasting with their new friends, the Indians, who had done much to help them.

As Thanksgiving comes close, we hear and read much on the upcoming event, which, to myself, has become too much for business.

Not only are there ads for food to buy for the big day, but for most anything anyone might want to purchase, with little being said about giving thanks for what we have.

Where once again there will be feasting with family and friends on tables overloaded with food, each year we give thanks for what’s on the table. Some will be happy and thankful for a small chicken, and others not even that. And there may be no traditional foods on this day.

Where sometimes it may be hard for some to be thankful on this day, no matter how bad things may seem, there is always something to be thankful for.

Where on that first Thanksgiving we look back on so many years ago, all the food had been raised, gathered wild, or bagged with a one-shot muzzle gun, since there were no stores to shop at.

Where there weren’t stores on those early Thanksgivings, that has changed. There are stores in which to shop on the day meant for feasting and giving thanks, and for big buying sales, with many of the shoppers seeking what they’re in need of. Many shoppers have much but want more, not being thankful for what they have.

Thanksgiving has changed much as we look back to the first one, when the true reason to feast was being thankful.

On this day soon to be here, look about and see what you have to be thankful for.

There are many things money can’t buy, like good health, family, friends, sunshine, rain, and more.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.



This & That
Mary Ann Henry

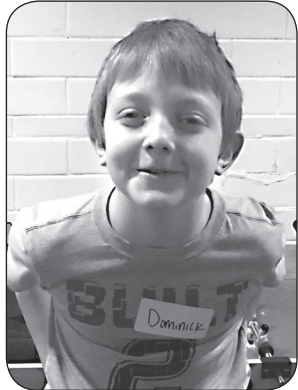
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Kids of Christmas Campaign through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota.



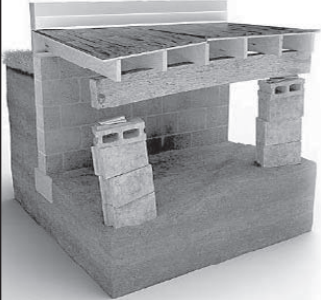
Mikell is a kind 9-year-old boy. When he grows up, he wants to either be a singer like Arianna Grande or a police officer. He loves art the most at school. With his Big, he’d like to make crafts, go fishing, play games, and explore outside. He wants his future Big to know that he plays Monster High a lot. “It’s an easy game”, he says, “so no worries”. The best Big for him would be someone he can talk to about life.

For additional information on how to be a mentor to one of these kids or any others, contact Megan Horton at 507-451-5922. More info can also be found at www.bbbssofsouthernmn.org.



Dominick is an active 11-year-old who likes being outside, playing sports, and fighting imaginary zombies with his brother. If he had three wishes, he’d wish for a million trophies, 8 million dollars, and a tackle box to give to his brother. Dominick would love a Big who can be a positive role model in his life.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE DODGE COUNTY INDEPENDENT

10 Years Ago
November 21, 2007
Randy Carlsen, Publisher

Justice is the first canine police dog the city of Kasson has had. Now he will be the first police dog to be retired. Justice will be nine when he retires and his replacement will be three-month-old pup Liberty. Officer Jesse Reding was the handler for Justice and he will be responsible for training Liberty. Trained police canines can be purchased for \$6,000-\$10,000 depending on breed, training and market. Liberty comes from a proven bloodline and will be trained by officer Reding. This is expected to save the city several thousand dollars from having him trained by a professional outside of the department. The only expense Jesse has asked for reimbursement is for his expenses after certification as long as he can keep the dog as his own. Jess said Justice is still a very effective police canine, however he is starting to get arthritis and is showing signs of tiring. These dogs are typically worked very hard and to get 6-7 years out of them is what can be expected.

At the Minnesota State Volleyball Tournament banquet K-M volleyball coach Larry Hegerle was inducted into the Minnesota Volleyball Coaches' Association Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize players, coaches, officials and contributors for their accomplishments and efforts developing the sport of volleyball. Larry was the lone inductee this year. Larry Hegerle said he was "humbled" by the selection because of the fact there were so many great people who have done so much for volleyball in the Hall of Fame. The presenter was Jeff Groves, Section 3AAA representative/director MSHSL and works and coaches at Apple Valley High School. Apple Valley has one of the premier volleyball programs in the state and country. He was also the M.C. at the banquet.

25 Years Ago
November 25, 1992
Folmer Carlsen, Publisher

Imagine one of your very worst nightmares and then multiply that by 10-fold. That was the way one member of the Kasson United Methodist Church led relief team described the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Andrew two months ago. The news media attention has since subsided, leaving some to believe that the area is back to normal, but there is no normalcy in the Dade County area of south Florida. The problems of homelessness, no electricity, little food and running water and only glimmering sins of

reorganization exists. The most optimistic estimates are the area could be back to "normal" in two years. Member of the local relief team, who actually worked in the area nine days, could not prepare their imaginations for what they were to see. "Imagine every home in Minneapolis and St. Paul with the roof blown off and everything on the inside sucked out and blown around. That's what Dad County was like. You could drive for an hour and still be in the hard hit areas," said Rev. John Morris if the Kasson United Methodist Church who led the team down.

Fifth year K-M girls basketball coach Phil Johnson will try to make up for the lack of team size with end-to-end pressure on the opponents for the 1992-93 season. Expect the full court pressure to begin with the opening tip when the KoMets travel to Kenyon-Wanamingo Friday night. K-M is coming off of a 14-10 season with five experienced seniors returning. They include a group of girls who have played more basketball together than any other group. They were the first group of kids to start a traveling team here, said Johnson.

50 Years Ago
November 23, 1967
Folmer Carlsen, Publisher

Again, as in the past, solicitors for private trade schools are working in our area. The schools which they represent are many and varied, and the type of training offered may frequently be in such areas as data processing, electronics, accounting, airlines, mechanics, secretarial, etc. This training may be by correspondence, in residence, or a combination of both. This past week a goodly numbers of students, solicitors have contacted both in and out of school, from Kasson-Mantorville and the Rochester area, and several have signed contracts with them. There is no doubt that augmenting of one's education through residence or correspondence courses is a worthwhile endeavor.

Members of the Kasson Village Council were told of plans for the extension of the four lane highway from Byron to Kasson at a meeting held Tuesday evening at the Municipal Building. A member of the Minnesota Highway Department told the council that it would be a minimum of four years before the four-lane extension project of Highway 14 would get under way. According to the plans presented to the council, the four-lane highway would run from ¼ to ½ mile south of the present 2-lane highway and Highway 57 would be extended to meet the new four-lane highway.



Looking Back through the Dodge County Independent archives. Does this look familiar to anyone? Please contact the DCI office if you have any information regarding this photo. Emails may be sent to dcikmtel.com or phone 634-7503.

A bit of Kasson history

The historical picture you show in your Nov. 16 edition on page D3 is an early location of the Dodge County Republican printing office (predecessor of the Dodge County Independent).

The date of the picture has to be after 1895, because that is when the water tower in the background was built. It has to be before 1917 because the previous school located where the present "old" Kasson Elementary School is sitting burned in 1917.

Pictures of that previous school show the tower tank had been replaced with the steel tank we now

see on the tower today. The original tank shown in your picture is the original wooden tank.

According to the 1965 Kasson Centennial book, the address of the Printing Office was 305 West Main Street. That would put it on the eastern portion of the Kasson Dental Clinic property. The Centennial book states that the business located at 305 was: "Dodge County Republican newspaper plant, U. B. Shaver, founder; B. A. Shaver, successor; Ida Fuller worked there."

- Jerry Berg, Kasson

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE NEWS ENTERPRISE

10 Years Ago
Nov.14, 2007
Terry Campbell, Publisher

The Dodge County Lions Peace Poster contest judging was held November 5, 2007. Adam Anderson, an eighth grade student at Triton Public Middle School has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning the local competition.

25 Years Ago
Nov. 11, 1992
Virginia M. Sendle, Editor and Publisher

The Triton Cobras football team ended its football season Tuesday, October 27 when they were defeated by Jordan, 38-7. The Cobras were 6-3 in the Wasioja Conference.

40 Years Ago
Nov. 10, 1977
Robert D. Noah, Publisher

The West Concord High School Senior Class will

present its fall production, "Arsenic and Old Lace." The play, under the direction of Mr. John Schreiber, should be a treat and a pleasant evening for all audience members. It will be presented on both Friday and Saturday evenings, November 11th and 12th at 8:00 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium.

80 Years Ago
Nov. 18, 1937
L.W. Smith, Publisher

Two people were killed in an auto wreck near Kasson Monday. Leo Brown, 31 years old, and Harold Gangowski, 18, both residents near Mantorville, were killed instantly about 1:30 o'clock Monday morning when struck by a car driven by Richard White, also of Mantorville, on Highway 57 between Kasson and Mantorville. They with Jay Strain, who resides north of Mantorville, were walking on the left side of the highway toward Mantorville after being in Kasson.

"What Tessie Brought Home" is the title of the next offering by the popular Aulger Brothers Stock Company in West Concord on next Monday night. The play, as the title suggests, is a rollicking comedy.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A.A. Meeting every week at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hayfield, Monday, 7 p.m.

A Helping Hand to stretch the food and clothing budget. The Rochester Outreach Center's Fish and Loaves ministry at the Kasson Church of Christ (ROCK) with help from Kasson's Swinging Seniors has a weekly food distribution. The food includes end of sale items of meat, cheese, bread, vegetables, and fruit. Where: Kasson Church of Christ, 901 8th Avenue, NW; **When: Every** Tuesday, 1:30 - 2 p.m.. Free clothing to those in need twice monthly: Where: Kasson Church of Christ, 901 8th Avenue, NW; **When:** First and Third Thursdays, 1 - 3 p.m.. Food and clothing FREE.

Battered Women Support Group, Kasson, Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30. For information call 634-6070 or 1-800-438-6439.

Blue star mothers of a.m.erica, chapter 10, second Tuesday of the month, except July- 6 p.m., Rochester Eagle's Club. For information visit www.bluestar-momsmn.com/index.html.

Byron A.A. and Al-Anon Fridays, 8 p.m., Christ Lutheran Church, Byron.

Celebrate Recovery, every Monday, 5:30 p.m., Community Celebration Church, 27401 Cty Rd 34, Kasson, MN.

Center Clinic offers confidential low cost services to teens, women and their partners, 104 1st. Street NW, Dodge Center, MN (Old Elementary Building). Walk-In Hours: Mon., Wed. and Thurs. 10:30-4:30 p.m.. Please give us a call with your questions 633-9200. The Center Clinic Ofrece: Servicios confidenciales y de bajo costo para adolescentes, mujeres y sus parejas. Visitenos en el edificio Midtown Center o llamenos al 507-633-9200. Interprete Disponible!

Dodge Center Public Library Dodge Center Public Library hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10am-5pm; Thursdays 10am-8pm; Saturdays 9am-Noon. Address: 13 1st Ave. NW, phone number: 374-2275.

Dodge County AG and mechanical society-(Dodge County Fair Board), fourth Monday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Dodge County Commissioners, Government Services Building 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m. fourth Tues-

day of the month.

Dodge County Faith in Action is a network of volunteers and congregations available to provide support, assistance and education so that people with unmet needs can remain independent or regain independence. Services include helping with chores, housekeeping, errands, shopping, friendly visits, reassurance or reminder calls, handy person, yard work, respite care, and transportation. If you would like to volunteer, know of someone in need or have a need call 634-3654 and leave a message. PO Box 246 Kasson, MN 55944.

Dodge County Historical Society Board meetings, 7 p.m., third Thursday of each month at the Senior Citizen Center in Mantorville. 635-5508.

DODGE COUNTY REPUBLICANS, 7 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Daniels Restaurant in Kasson. Any questions, contact Chuck Bradford at 635-5551.

DODGE COUNTY soil & water Conservation District (SWCD) Meets every third Thursday at 7:15 p.m. at the USDA/SWCD office in Dodge Center. www.dodgeswcd.org

Dodge County Youth Hockey Assoc., second Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m., Kasson a.m.ericen Legion.

Fairview Auxiliary, first Monday of each month, 2 p.m., at the care center.

Girl Scout office for Area 5 Call 800-845-0787 or www.girlscoutsvr.org for information on girl scouts.

Home School Support Group Meetings The Dodge County Home School Association (DCHSA) would like to welcome everyone to join their monthly support group meetings. DCHSA is a group of Christian families who work cooperatively to arrange activities for children of all ages and provide information to new home schoolers. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, September through May, at the home of Dave and Nancy Verburg of Mantorville. Call Nancy at 635-5703 for more details.

"Hometown Singers" Community Choir will meet weekly for 12 weeks at 7 p.m. starting Thursday, Feb 26th at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Kasson. For more information, call director Tom Deziel at 635-3771.

Immunization Clinic Dodge

County Public Health, 42 E. Main St., Dodge Center, 635-6150. Immunization clinics are targeted to Dodge County residents, children, and individuals who lack financial resources to pay for these vaccines. No person receiving an immunization in public clinics will be denied the vaccine due to inability to pay the fee. Call for appointment. Just For Today in Al-Anon, Thursdays 8 p.m., United Methodist Church, 503 1 st Avenue NW, Byron, use main entrance.

K-M AFS Club, second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in homes. Contact David Ziegler for meeting place, 635-5415.

K-M Lions Club, fourth Monday of each month at 6:30.

Kasson A.A., Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. & Sat., 8:30 a.m., St John's Lutheran Church, 301 8th Ave. NW, Kasson, Classroom #8 & 9. Big book meeting.

Kasson city council meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., Kasson City Hall, 401 5th St. SE, Kasson.

Kasson Cub Scouts Pack 231 welcomes new scouts to join anytime. Leader meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the a.m.erican Legion. For information on scouting

call Eric at 251-8630.

Kasson-Mantorville Masonic Lodge #11, second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Mantorville Masonic Lodge.

Kasson-Mantorville Legion Auxiliary, second Tuesday evening, 7 p.m., Legion Clubroom.

Kasson mantorville exchange club First and third Thursdays of the month, 7 a.m., fireside room Daniel's Restaurant. Please call Dan at 634-7887 for information.

Kasson Senior citizens, fourth Tuesday of each month, Sun-wood Manor, 12:30 p.m.

KASSON Library Board meetings second Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m., Kasson Public Library. Hours: Mon. 10-7, Tue 10-6, Wed. 10-7, Thur. 10-6, Fri. 10-5, Sat. 10-1, Sun. Closed. **Mantorville city** council, 6:30 p.m. second & fourth Monday of the month, City Hall.

Mantorville EDA, first Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Mantorville Park Board, last Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., City Hall. Mantorville regional welcome center committee, first Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Mantorville Regional Welcome Center.

Mantorville Restoration Association, second Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m., Mantorville Opera House, members and interested public invited.

Mantorville Senior Citizens, Mon. at noon, Mantorville Sr. Citizens Center for dinner & recreation at a reasonable charge. Area seniors are invited to come.

Mantorville Township Meeting Place Mantorville Township Hall, 60126 240th Ave., Mantorville, first Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m..

Mantorville VFW #4555 Post and Auxiliary, second Wednesday of the month , 7 p.m..

MOMS OFF METH SUPPORT GROUP, Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:30pm at Midtown Center, Dodge Center, 104 1st street NW, Nehemiah Room. For more information, please contact: Wendy Nash, 507-374-2179.

Parents AL-Anon Group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 559 20th Street SW, Rochester. Please use back door entrance. 7-8 Meeting and 8-8:30 open discussion time for parents.

Recovery, Inc. Facilitated, Self-Help Groups since 1937 offering a proven method to combat depression, anger, fear, anxiety, etc. Free weekly meetings, 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Resurrection Catholic Church, 1600 11th Ave. SE, Rochester. Information: 507-843-4064 or www.recovery-inc.org.

Rescued Animal Coalition (RAC) of Southeastern Minnesota is a collaboration of rescue groups, shelters and animal care specialists from southeastern Minnesota. The RAC created and manages the Southeast Minnesota Lost and Found Pet Page as part of this effort. This page is a place where individuals with lost and found animals can share information and work together to reunite pets and owners. Report lost & found animals at www.facebook.com/SEMNLostFound.

Rochester Area Epilepsy Support Group, second Tuesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Rochester Methodist Hospital. For more information call Outreach office, 281-5225. A UNITED WAY AGENCY.

Safe Haven Pet Rescue Are you looking for a new feline or canine friend? Or, would you like to help animal rescue efforts? If so, then visit For more infor-

mation you can call 292-9122.

SE MN senior federation, the third Wednesday of alternating months at 1:30 p.m.

SE MN warmline A non-crisis mental health line for people who need to talk to someone who understands. Hours: Thursday-Saturday 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Rochester: 507-287.7161 Toll Free: 1-888-334-7754

Minnesota Warmlines have proven to be very successful, providing support and offering a connection to hundreds of consumers who receive mental health services around the state. Southeastern Minnesota Warmline's mission is to provide consumer to consumer connections giving people a safe place to call and chat with someone who cares. You can count on us to listen and understand. Southeastern Minnesota Warmline is there for you.

Serenity Group AA, Thursdays, 8 p.m., United Methodist Church, 503 1st Avenue NW, Byron, use north entrance.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH A Place At The Table community meal, Wednesday, 5:30, no charge, first come/first serve.

Tops Club, Monday mornings, 8 a.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, Kasson. Anyone interested in joining a supportive group for healthy eating and losing weight, may call TOPS toll-free number at 1-800-932-8677 or check out the website at www.tops.org

Purple Heart Chapter 7451, Rochester, 7 p.m. Third Thursday of the month, Rochester a.m.erican Legion (Combat Wounded Veterans from Rochester, Austin & Albert Lea).

Veterans who need help with medical or compensation issues can contact Todd Nelson with Veterans Service at Dodge County Courthouse, 635-6140.

Victim Services 24 hour crisis line for sexual assault victims. Call 289-0636, toll fee 1-888-289-0636.

WIC is a health and nutrition program for pregnant and post-partum women and infants through 5 years of age. To see if you are eligible and to make an appointment call Dodge County Public Health 1-507-635-6150 Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. WIC is located at 42 E. Main, Dodge Center, MN.

PASTOR'S CORNER



Carry Jesus in your heart

PASTOR ELDEN SIMONSON
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Thanksgiving this year has a deep and bittersweet reality within my heart.

The world stands at the brink of violent outbursts, which jeopardize world peace. I pray fervently for world peace - peace in Korea, peace in the entire world.

I pray for protection for our country. I pray for the sanctification of these United States of America. May we work to establish the kingdom of Heaven here on earth. I do mean it when I pray, "Your Kingdom come! Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven!"

Many families, too, are struggling today. Materialism, divorce, and many distractions threaten to destroy the family, wreaking havoc in the lives of the children. These children are so often the innocent victims in a 'grown up' world with 'grown up' problems. I pray for all families, may they be blessed and strengthened in the Lord.

We in America are mostly positive in our thinking. We always thank God. We thank God for the good and we thank God for our temptations and struggles.

One of my favorite sayings which I repeat often (with a smile) and which is well known to many of you is: "Very

good! Thank God!" Why is this so? Because we are so aware that Jesus Christ is our hope. (1 Timothy 1:1) In His Spirit we are renewed. Together we witness His love.

The key is to focus on God and not on our struggles or temptations. "When we pray," someone once asked, "do we focus on the mountain that must be moved or the God Who can move it?"

Jesus is truly our hope and He has won the victory for us. We must claim that victory and live in His light through prayer and virtue.

"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe." (1 Timothy 4:10)

It is in this spirit that Saint Paul advises us as he guided the Christian Community at Rome, "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12) I link this text with his words in First Thessalonians 5:16-18 where he encourages the Christians not only to rejoice, but also to give thanks and to pray always. "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

If we carry Jesus in our heart, and

if we reflect that presence of the Lord on our faces, we will shine our Lord Jesus Christ to all whom we meet. We will develop in our lives an 'attitude of gratitude.' We can do this in little ways. We can smile, offer a kind word, be patient and loving to someone. There are countless ways that we can show love and kindness to others. And it can all be done in that 'attitude of gratitude' that we want to become an essential part of who we are.

We have so much to be grateful for. We live in the richest country in the world. We have so much. We have much more than we could ever need. What we will eat on Thanksgiving Day could feed a family for a month in a poor country.

Let us see Jesus in each other, and especially in those who are in need. Let us love one another as we would love the Lord Jesus Himself. Let us serve one another as we would serve the Lord Jesus Himself.

"The One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness" in time and eternity. (2 Corinthians 9:10)

Thank you, dear people of Dodge County, Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Community Christmas set for Dec. 2 in West Concord

West Concord will host its 11th-annual Community Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 2.

It will feature open houses, kids' activities, a visit by Santa Claus, a silent auction and more.

"It's just fun to stand back and watch some of these things take place," City Council member Karen Peterson said. "It gets pretty hectic at times, but it's fun. The community has been great."

The schedule:
7 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Breakfast specials at Wescon Lanes.

7 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Candy sale and fresh, homemade doughnuts at United Methodist Church.

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Fire Department "Toys for Tots" collection, Centennial Park.

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Free coffee, and registration for door prizes at Casey's General Store.

9 a.m. to noon – Coffee and cookies by the City Council at 207 W. Main St.

9 a.m. to noon – Santa Claus, coloring contest and sharing tree, Farmers State Bank.

9 a.m. to noon – Craft activities for children and registration for door prizes, West Concord Public Library.

9 a.m. to noon – "Cookies with the Cops" at West Concord Police Department, City Hall.

9 a.m. to noon – Boe Auto Center open house, with coffee and cookies.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Open

House, Colleen's Salon & Main Street Gift Shop.

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – West Concord Historical Society craft fair and bake sale.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Silent auction, 207 W. Main St. Final bids due by 3 p.m.

10 a.m. to noon – Horse-drawn wagon rides (weather permitting) by Giesler Percherons.

10 a.m. to noon – "Find Frosty" on Main Street.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Bloody Mary Bar, West Concord Liquor Store.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Lunch specials and free bowling, Wescon Lanes.

2 p.m. – Caroling concert at Faith Community Church, with coffee and refreshments.

2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. – "Christmas Movies with the Cops" at City Hall. Movies begin at 2:15 p.m.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Wine tasting, West Concord Liquor Store.

5 p.m. – Program in Centennial Park (Main Street and Highway 56). Tree-lighting and Christmas drawings (must be present to win).

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Spaghetti supper by West Concord businesses, at American Legion Langemo Post 295 (bring a can of food for the Dodge County Food Shelf).

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Bus tours of city lights. Meet at American Legion.

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Liquor Store special promotions, drink specials, and Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest (judging at 9:30 p.m.).

CHURCH SCHEDULE

BAPTIST

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

203 E. Main St., Dodge Center
SATURDAY
9:30 Contemporary Praise and Worship
10:00 Worship Service
11:30 Sabbath School
dodgecentersdb.org • 374-6755
Pastor William Shobe

FIRST BAPTIST

304 4th St. NW, Kasson
THURSDAY
No Praise & Prayer
SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 8 p.m. ARK Children's Ministry (Age 4-Gr.6)
6:30 - 8 p.m. Youth Group (Gr.7-12)
kassonbaptist.org • 634-7888
Pastor John Todor

FAITH COMMUNITY

305 State St. N. West Concord
SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY
6:45-8 p.m. AWANA
fccwestconcord.org • 527-2245
Pastor David Breederland

CATHOLIC

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

202 4th St. N.W., Byron
TUESDAY
9 a.m. Mass
THURSDAY
9 a.m. Mass
SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. Mass
christthekingcatholicchurch.org
775-6455
Father John Lasuba

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

1904 Mantorville Ave., Kasson
WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. Mass
FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. Mass
SATURDAY
5 p.m. Mass
SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. Mass
hofamilykasson.org • 634-7520
Father John Lasuba

ST. JOHN BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE

20 2nd St NE, Dodge Center
SATURDAY
5 p.m Mass
dodgecatholic.org • 527-2384
Father Tom Niehaus

EPISCOPAL

ST. PETERS EPISCOPAL

1st Ave. at 1st St. N.E., Kasson
SUNDAY
10 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY
5:30 p.m. A Place at the Table Community Meal.
No charge, first come, first serve.
stpetersKasson.org • 634-6081
Father James C. Zotalis
1-507-412-1689

CONGREGATIONAL

CONGREGATIONAL, CCCC

515 Walnut St., Mantorville
SUNDAY
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
mantorvillechurch.org • 635-3011
Pastor Brian Egelston

CONGREGATIONAL, UCC

12 2nd St. N.W., Dodge Center
SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. Worship
firstcon@kmtel.com • 923-8828
Pastor Charles Schaal

LUTHERAN

BIBLE LUTHERAN

203 E. Main St., Dodge Center
THURSDAY Nov. 23
Office Closed
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Sunday School
952-445-8474
Pastor Norman C. Hoffeld,
Meet at the Seventh Day Baptist Church
East St. Olaf Lutheran, ELCA
6200 Co. Rd. 3 S.W., Byron

EAST & WEST ST. OLAF LUTHERAN, ELCA

6200 County Rd 3 SW, Byron
70640 260th Ave. Hayfield
SUNDAY
9 a.m. East Worship & Communion
10 a.m. West JAM & East Sunday School
11 a.m. West Worship
laf.org • 365-8222 • 507-273-8504
Pastor Paul Thompson
pthomp821@gmail.com

FAITH LUTHERAN, ELCA

308 2nd Street N.W, Dodge Center
SUNDAY
8 & 10 a.m. Worship
faithdc.org • 374-2174
Pastor Barb Streed

GRACE LUTHERAN & SCHOOL, LCMS

404 Central Ave. N., Dodge Center
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10:05 a.m. Sunday School
gracedc.wix.com/gracedc • 633-2253
Pastor Timothy Chase

HEGRE LUTHERAN, ELCA

51939 Highway 56 Blvd, Kenyon
SUNDAY
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 p.m. Worship
527-2353

MT. MORIAH LUTHERAN, LCMS

923 2nd Ave. N.W., Byron
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
www.mtmoriahluth.org • 507-775-2460
Pastor P.J. Stohlmann
pastorpj@mtmoriahluth.org

MT. SION LUTHERAN, A.F.L.C.

502 1st Ave. S.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
mountsion.org
Church: 634-7446 • H: 1-612-240-8735
Pastor Brad Novacek

TRINITY LUTHERAN, ELCA

301 Highland St, West Concord
9 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School
trinitychurchwc.net • 527-2778
Pastor James Rushton

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN, WELS

600 8th Ave. N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Worship
MONDAY
7 p.m. Worship
oursaviorkasson.com
Church: 634-3183 • H: 634-4692
Pastor Dean A. Gunn

SOUTH ZUMBRO LUTHERAN, LCMC

4830 120th Ave S.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
Interim Pastor Elden Simonson

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN, ELCA

301 8th Ave. N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
Traditional Worship 8:00 a.m.
Blended Worship 10:15 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Oasis Meal 5:15 p.m.
Worship 6:30 p.m.
stjohnskasson.org • 634-7110
Interim Pastor John Allen
Interim Pastor Nirmala Reinschmidt

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, LCMS

4532 SE 84th Ave., Claremont
SUNDAY
10:30 a.m. Worship,
WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. Worship
Holy Communion offered 2nd & 4th
Sunday of each month.
528-2404 Rev. Alan Broadwell

METHODIST

PLEASANT CORNERS UNITED METHODIST

21927 650th St., Kasson
SUNDAY
11 a.m. Worship
kassonumc.org • 634-4409
Rev. Joel Xavier

UNITED METHODIST

801 5th Ave N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Fellowship
www.kassonumc.org • 634-7823
Rev. Joel Xavier

UNITED METHODIST

20 1st St N.E., Dodge Center
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Worship
10 a.m. Fellowship
dodgecenterumc.org • 374-688
Pastors Loren Olson & Joyce Parker

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

101 6th Ave N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Sunday School & Communicants Class
10 a.m. Worship
11 a.m. Fellowship
presbykasson.org • 634-7481
Interim Pastor Dan Yeazel

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

PO Box 66, Claremont • 528-2320
SUNDAY
9 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH OF CHRIST

901 8th Ave. N.W., Kasson
SUNDAY
10 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY
7:30 - 8:30p.m. Prayer Service
DAILY
7-8 a.m. Prayer Service
254-7258
Pastor Dale DePeel

CHURCH OF CHRIST

55087 200th Ave., West Concord
SUNDAY
9:00 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
concordchurchmn.com • 527-2723
Pastor Peter Moen

ZWINGLI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

23148 Co Hwy 24, West Concord
SUNDAY
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
zwingli.org • 356-4340
Rev. Karen Larson

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION CHURCH

27337 Co. Hwy 34, Kasson
SUNDAY
9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
ccc.kasson.org
634-IGOD (634-1463)
Pastors Steve Larson, Pastor Amy Anderson & Pastor Cameron Baker

LIVING WATER ASSEMBLY

104 1st St NW • Dodge Center
SUNDAY
10 a.m. Worship & Children Ministry
www.livingwaterassemblychurch.com
374-6561
Pastor Roy Andrews

PRaise FELLOWSHIP

602 Central Ave. South
Dodge Center
SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY
7 p.m. Youth, Club IOU
Pastor Roger Langworthy

CHURCH! OF THE NAZARENE

205 Mantorville Ave. S. Kasson
6 p.m. Worship
www.cotnik.com • 721-2500
Pastor Johannes Marsland



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FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 21, 2011
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$99,360.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Melanie A. Weiss and Michael J. Weiss, wife and husband
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 25, 2011 as Document Number A190449; as modified of record by document recorded on August 31, 2016 as Document No. A217627 in the Office of the County Recorder of Dodge County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Five (5), Block One (1), Johncott's First Subdivision, in the City of Dodge Center, Dodge County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 103 5TH ST SW, DODGE CENTER, MN 55927-9229

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$95,582.14

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22.351.0050
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 9, 2018 at 11:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Dodge County Sheriff's Office, 22 East Sixth Street, Department 201, Mantorville, Minnesota.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 9, 2018.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
Dated: November 1, 2017
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee
THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.
By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
N. Kibongni Fondungallah,

Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Corbin C. Smith, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
The Academy Professional Building
25 Dale Street North
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(17-1049-FC01)
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
G:47-52c

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: March 12, 2010

MORTGAGOR: Mickaela H Halvorson, a single person.

MORTGAGEE: Homeservices Lending, LLC Series A dba Edina Realty Mortgage.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded March 15, 2010 Dodge County Recorder, Document No. A186181.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Dated March 12, 2010 Recorded April 15, 2010, as Document No. A186584. And thereafter assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated March 12, 2010 Recorded April 15, 2010, as Document No. A186585. And thereafter assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank N.A.. Dated July 28, 2010 Recorded August 13, 2010, as Document No. A188190. And thereafter assigned to: US Bank National Association. Dated July 30, 2010 Recorded August 13, 2010, as Document No. A188189 and re-recorded on September 13, 2010 as document no. A188591.

TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Homeservices Lending, LLC Series A dba Edina Realty Mortgage
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1110 N Mantorville Ave, Kasson, MN 55944
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: R 24.505.0210
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Block 3, Patterson's Addition, City of Kasson, Dodge County, Minnesota
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$109,971.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$98,734.26

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: December 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East 6th Street, Mantorville, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the

mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on June 14, 2018 unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None

“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”

Dated: October 11, 2017
U.S. Bank National Association Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888
19 - 17-006265 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
W:44-49c

FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 22, 2009

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$100,152.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Jennifer M. Wurst, a single woman

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Home Town Federal Credit Union, its successors and/or assigns

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded: September 25, 2009 Dodge County Recorder

Document Number: A184098
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

And assigned to: CU Members Mortgage, a division of Colonial Savings, F.A.
Dated: October 05, 2017
Recorded: October 18, 2017
Dodge County Recorder

Document Number: A222701
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100029008693601781
Lender or Broker: Home Town Federal Credit Union
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Colonial Savings
Mortgage Originator: Not Applicable

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Dodge
Property Address: 405 2nd St W, Claremont, MN 55924-4570
Tax Parcel ID Number: 21.100.0750

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Eleven (11) in Block Four (4), Village of Claremont, Dodge County, Minnesota

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$92,157.73

THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above-described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 09, 2018 at 11:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, Dodge County Courthouse, 22 East 6th Street, Dept. 201, Mantorville, MN 55955

to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorney fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

If the Mortgage is not reinstated under Minn. Stat. §580.30 or the property is not redeemed under Minn. Stat. §580.23, the Mortgagor must vacate the property on or before 11:59 p.m. on July 09, 2018, or the next business day if July 09, 2018 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Mortgagor(s) released from financial obligation: NONE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

DATED: November 23, 2017
ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE: CU Members Mortgage, a division of Colonial Savings, F.A. Wilford, Geske & Cook P.A.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
7616 Currell Blvd Ste 200 Woodbury, MN 55125-2296 (651) 209-3300
File Number: 037598F02

ZUMBRO EDUCATION DISTRICT MINUTES

**ZUMBRO EDUCATION DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2017
ZUMBRO EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICE
6:00 PM**

The Governing Board of the Zumbro Education District No. 61-6012 met in regular session on October 12, 2017 at the Zumbro Education District Office. The Chair, Michelle Vigeland, called the meeting to order. At the roll call the following members were present: Faith Hollasch, Rob Mathias, Kent Harfmann, and Patrick Gordon, Executive Director. Hayden, Henslin, and Mindrup were absent. Heidi Kass recorded the minutes.

Kay Frick, ZED Carl Perkins Grant Facilitator, was also in attendance.

Motion by Harfmann, seconded by Hollasch to approve the agenda. Voting for: Hollasch, Harfmann, Mathias, and Vigeland. Voting against: none.

Motion by Mathias, seconded by Hollasch to approve the consent agenda. Voting for: Hollasch, Harfmann, Mathias, and Vigeland. Voting against: none.

Consent agenda items as follows:

2.1 Approval of the September 2017 regular meeting minutes

2.2 Approval of the September 2017 Electronic Fund Transfers of \$710,000.

2.3 Approval of the October 2017 Claims and Bills: Checks numbered 51336-51347 and 51355-51435 for a total of \$264,613.78; wire payments of taxes on September 30, 2017 and October 15, 2017 of \$86,273.02.

2.4 Accept donation of \$100 from First Security Bank in Byron

Kay Frick presented to the Board. The Carl Perkins consortium includes Rochester Public Schools, RCTC, and ZED working together to provide career pathways for students that may or may not include post-secondary education. Currently the Carl Perkins grant is supplying subscriptions to the MN Career Information System (MCIS) for all member districts and also providing some funding for career and technical education classes. Kay also works with the schools to access CTE levy funding for CTE certified staff which can provide 35% of salaries and supplies for those teachers.

In addition, Kay and Scott Trygeseth, the ALC Principal, worked with the staff at Byron High School to create an industrial education class this semester for ALC students that includes electrical, welding, small engine, and construction training. Ten students are enrolled with very positive results. Additional classes are being developed.

Lloyd Henslin arrived during Kay Frick's presentation.

Patrick Gordon presented the Director's Report. A complete report is on file at the ZED office. The results of the Stakeholder's Survey that was conducted earlier this fall will be shared with the Board in November, but one area that stood out was an interest in English Language (EL) Services. ZED was approved by MDE via a grant, to be a fiscal host for an EL consortium this year. The grant allows ZED to pay for supplemental EL

activities and supplies, including professional development for the member district. To that end, there is a training for EL teachers scheduled for November 30th at ZED and EL teachers will also be able to participate in the Southern MN EL Network in Owatonna.

The construction projects at the ZED ALC and the South Campus are very close to completion with just a few details left to be finished. The tuckpointing approved by the Board in September has been finished.

Patrick updated the Board on the numbers of students from each member district in ZED programs at this time. He also talked about the emphasis on increasing ZED's social media presence on Twitter and Facebook. Upcoming events include the Choral Festival on October 31st at 7 p.m. in Stewartville and the ZED Fall Festival for Birth – 3 students and their families on October 26th at ZED South Campus. The ZED Creative Writing contest is also underway. All entries have been received and judging will begin soon.

Motion by Hollasch, seconded by Mathias to approve the hire of Janet Hartman, .25 FTE Region 10 IEIC Coordinator; and Michelle Breitsprecher, .25 FTE Region 10 External Instructional Coach. Voting for: Hollasch, Harfmann, Henslin, Mathias, and Vigeland. Voting against: none.

Motion by Harfmann, seconded by Henslin to approve posting for a .5 FTE Physical Therapist. Voting for: Hollasch, Harfmann, Henslin, Mathias, and Vigeland. Voting against: none.

The Board then discussed the concept of having a Superintendent as a non-voting member of the Governing Board. The benefits would potentially include better communication between the two groups resulting in more efficient action. The Board supported further investigation and discussion on this.

Motion by Mathias, seconded by Hollasch to enter into a partnership with St. Mary's University to host student teachers in special education areas. Voting for: Hollasch, Harfmann, Henslin, Mathias, and Vigeland. Voting against: none.

Motion to adjourn by Hollasch.

Michelle Vigeland adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the ZED Area Learning Center in Byron, MN
Heidi Kass, Recorder
Faith Hollasch, Clerk/Treasurer



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DODGE COUNTY INDEPENDENT

Department of Education Division of School Finance 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113-4266		DISTRICT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BUDGET FOR FY 2017 AND FY 2018					ED-00110-40	
GENERAL INFORMATION: Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.10, requires that every school board shall publish the subject data of this report.								
District Name:		Zumbro Education District				District Number:		6012
FUND	FY 2017 BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	FY 2017 ACTUAL REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2017 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2017 ACTUAL FUND BALANCES	FY 2018 BUDGET REVENUES AND TRANSFERS IN	FY 2018 BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND TRANSFERS OUT	JUNE 30, 2018 PROJECTED FUND BALANCES	
General Fund/Restricted	\$ 6,548	\$ 176,194	\$ 182,542	\$ 200	\$ 179,738	\$ 179,738	\$ 200	
General Fund/Other	\$ 2,115,010	\$ 6,425,236	\$ 6,393,136	\$ 2,147,110	\$ 6,729,014	\$ 7,044,148	\$ 1,831,976	
Food Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Community Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Building Construction Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Internal Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
* OPEB Revocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OPEB Debt Service Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$ 2,121,558	\$ 6,601,430	\$ 6,575,677	\$ 2,147,310	\$ 6,908,752	\$ 7,223,886	\$ 1,832,176	
LONG-TERM DEBT			CURRENT STATUTORY OPERATING DEBT PER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 123B.81					
Outstanding July 1, 2016	\$ 970,000	AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND DEFICIT, IF ANY, IN EXCESS OF 2.5% OF EXPENDITURES 06/30/2017 COST PER STUDENT - AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM) 06/30/2017			\$0			
Plus: New Issues	\$ -							
Less: Redeemed Issues	\$ 110,000							
Outstanding June 30, 2017	\$ 860,000							
SHORT-TERM DEBT			TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			\$ -		
Certificates of Indebtedness	\$ -	FY 2017 TOTAL ADM SERVED + TUITIONED OUT ADM + ADJUSTED EXTENDED ADM FY 2017 OPERATING COST PER ADM			\$ -			
Other Short-Term Indebtedness	\$ -							
The complete budget may be inspected upon request to the superintendent.								
Comments:								
Data is unaudited at the time of publication and is subject to change.								
* Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)								

Red Cross offers time-saving donation options

Many regular blood and platelet donors delay giving due to busy schedules at this time of year, but the need for blood remains.

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- **RapidPass** became available on mobile devices in September, giving donors the ability to complete their RapidPass from a smartphone, tablet or computer.
- **Blood Donor App.** Through the Red Cross Blood Donor App, users can find local blood drives and donation centers,

schedule an appointment, receive appointment reminders and keep track of total blood donations – all from the palm of their hand.

- **Online appointment scheduling.**

Donors can conveniently schedule an appointment and find tips for a successful blood or platelet donation at redcrossblood.org.

“The Red Cross is thankful for the generosity of donors who help keep hospital shelves stocked with lifesaving blood products, but we know that the holiday activities that we cherish most can make it difficult for many regular donors to find a moment to donate this time of year,” said Sue Thesenga, communications manager, North Central Blood Services Region.

“We hope technologies like online

appointment scheduling, the Blood Donor App and RapidPass will make it a little easier for donors to give more life for patients this holiday season,” she said.

Patients don’t get a holiday break from needing lifesaving transfusions, and all blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply is available.

Appointments can be made by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Visit redcrossblood.org/ RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site to learn more about RapidPass.

BLOOD DONATION SITES

Red Cross blood donation opportunities in southeastern Minnesota, through Friday, Dec. 15:

Kenyon	Medford
Monday, Dec. 11 – 1 to 7 p.m. at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 108 Bullis St.	Friday, Nov. 24 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Medford Outlet Center, 6750 W. Frontage Road.
Owatonna Saturday, Dec. 9 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hy-Vee, 1620 S. Cedar.	Monday, Dec. 11 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Medford School, 750 2nd Ave. SE.

A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals age 16 or 17 (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Property tax levy info available

The Minnesota Department of Revenue has released a list of preliminary maximum property tax levies that have been reported by local governments and were passed by local school referenda on Nov. 7.

The preliminary amounts are used by counties to compute parcel-specific property tax estimates for 2018, which are mailed to property owners in November in the form of Truth-in-Taxation notices.

Truth-in-Taxation notices also list Truth-in-Taxation meeting times and locations for residents. These meetings, which take place from November to late December, are an opportunity for Minnesotans to provide input to local leaders on their levies and on how they are proposing to spend tax dollars.

The meetings are required for cities with populations over 500, plus counties, school districts, regional library authorities, and metropolitan taxing districts.

After input from citizens, local governments must set

their final 2018 property tax levies by Dec. 28. The final levies can be set lower, but not higher, than preliminary levies.

The department will release final property tax levy information in February.

For 2018, preliminary property taxes statewide will increase \$492.2 million, a 5.2 percent increase. Last year, preliminary statewide property taxes increases totaled \$344.3 million, a 3.8 percent increase, and last year’s final levy increase was 3.4 percent (\$308.1 million).

The 2018 preliminary property tax levies for cities will total about \$2.399 billion, compared with \$2.247 billion in 2017, a 6.8 percent increase.

The 2018 preliminary property tax levies for counties will total about \$3.160 billion, compared with \$3.019 billion in 2017, a 4.7 percent increase.

The 2018 preliminary property tax levies for townships will total about \$254 million, compared with \$249 million in 2017, a 2.3 percent increase.

The 2018 preliminary

property tax levies for schools will total about \$2.916 billion, compared with \$2.705 billion in 2017, a 7.8 percent increase.

The 2018 preliminary property tax levies for special taxing districts will total about \$381 million, compared with \$363 million in 2017, a 5 percent increase.

Truth-in-Taxation notices do not include the results of levy referenda for operations or capital projects by 72 of Minnesota’s school districts. The results of these referenda are included in the summarized data.

Statewide, 56 of the 72 referenda at least partially passed.

The preliminary property tax levy information for local governments and schools is available on the Department of Revenue Property Tax Reports and Data website.

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Autism awareness event set for Jan. 20

The RT Autism Awareness Foundation will present “Until All The Pieces Fit,” a gala for autism awareness, on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at the Rochester International Event Center.

The event will feature live music, dancing, live and silent auctions, raffle prizes, dinner, and a concert by Martin Zellar and The Hardways.

Emcee Erin O’Brien, of Fox47, will be joined by guests Marcus Sherels, of the Minnesota Vikings, and former KTTC news anchor Robin Wolfram.

Tickets are on sale at <https://one.bidpal.net/rtaaaf/welcom>. See the “Events Page” at www.RTAAAF.org to register and pay in advance.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for VIP guests, and at 6 p.m. for all others.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The RT Autism Awareness Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to helping families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The Foundation, established in 2003, supports the expanding needs of friends and neighbors dealing with autism – the fastest-growing disability, according to the US Centers for Disease Control.

It established a 12-week program, “RTAAAF C.A.R.E.S.” Community Autism Resources Education and Support, in 2015.

RTAAAF CARES helps guide newly-diagnosed parents down the path to success. It is supported by the Mayo Clinic, Olmsted County Social Services and other entities via a grant from the Rochester Area Foundation.

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