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## Announcements

### • Mark Your Calendar:

September 1, 2021 - Rockets Blast Off Day

September 7, 2021 - Opening Day for the 2021/2022 School Year

September 10, 2021 - True Blue Celebration

October 7, 2021 - Dig Pink

October 8, 2021 - Homecoming

• **Lunch Bunch** is a group of RHS Alumni that meets at 11 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch at Little Oscar's. All alumni and friends are invited to join us.

• **Hegre's Annual Fall Swedish Meatball Supper:** Wednesday September 22, 2021. Serving from 4-7 pm. Take-out or curbside pick-up orders only. Please place orders before Friday, September 17th to guarantee meals. Drive-up orders the day of supper until food is gone. Please call or text orders to Beth @ 507-330-4996, include number of meals, time, dessert choice. Meal cost \$15.00 (adult size serving only). Swedish meatballs, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, dinner roll, apple or pumpkin dessert. Picnic tables are available at the church.

Hegre Lutheran Church  
51939 Hwy. 56 Blvd, Kenyon

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## THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

After a year of cancelled events, the popular Labor Day Weekend show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Friday, September 3rd, 2021.

For fans young and old, if you have ever

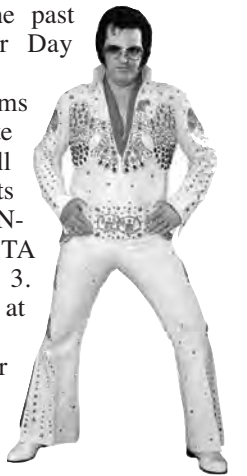
been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show (www.espking.com) with Chris Olson.

You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have

been to Dennison the past few years on Labor Day Weekend,

Chris Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Friday, September 3. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside. Doug Allen Nash will again join the show this year with his tribute to Neil Diamond and also his "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon".



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## 53rd Annual Chicken Barbeque & Street Dance

Great crew, 5200 lbs of corn picked and shucked. Thanks to everyone for your support of the Randolph-Hampton Fire Department!

(additional pictures on page 5)  
photos courtesy of Randolph-Hampton Fire Dept.



## Mayo Clinic Responds to Increased COVID-19 Activity in SE MN

RED WING, Minn. — In response to the recent significant increase of COVID-19 cases in Minnesota, Mayo Clinic Health System is implementing new visitor restrictions and enhancing the availability of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

"We're testing hundreds of people each day for COVID-19. In southeast Minnesota counties outside of Rochester, 15 to 20 percent of tests are coming back positive," says Robert Albright, Jr. D.O., regional vice president, Southeast Minnesota Region, Mayo Clinic Health System. "Nearly all patients hospitalized due to COVID-19 are unvaccinated people. For our part, Mayo will continue to

vaccinate as many people as possible, give antibody infusions to prevent hospitalizations, encourage masking and educate our communities on the threat of another surge. Our communities can, in turn, help us keep medical professionals available for non-COVID-19 care by getting vaccinated and wearing masks to reduce the spread of the virus."

**Mayo Clinic Health System restricts visitors due to surge in COVID-19 cases**

Mayo Clinic Health System's Southeast Minnesota Region will reduce the number of visitors allowed in its hospitals and clinics to one designated visitor per patient, beginning Wednesday, Aug. 25. This

change affects hospitals in Albert Lea, Austin, Cannon Falls, Lake City and Red Wing, Minnesota, as well as all Mayo Clinic Health System clinics in the region.

Mayo Clinic Health System is making this change in response to increasing cases of COVID-19 in the communities it serves, largely due to the delta variant. All visitors must comply with masking and safety requirements. Visitor restrictions are subject to change, depending on the presence of COVID-19 in each community.

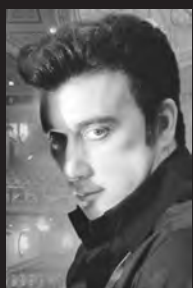
Mayo Clinic Health System will provide the latest guidelines on the Mayo Clinic Health System website.



Chris Olson is ELVIS  
www.espking.com

## THE KING with CASH & DIAMOND

(See ad on page 8)



Doug Allen Nash is JOHNNY CASH & NEIL DIAMOND  
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## Who Am I?

Have you ever said "I believe \_\_\_\_\_" but your actions didn't follow up? Every single one of us has. It's too common, it's sadly kind of expected. "Yeah, Pastor, nobody is perfect...we all do that...it's no big deal." This excuse to behavior doesn't work well anywhere else in my life. 'Hey, son, I know I missed your graduation, but nobody is perfect.' 'Hey, Gary, I know I forgot our anniversary, but nobody is perfect.'

What is it with excuses? Florence Nightingale was asked about what helped her stay the course - what helped her live out what she believed. she said, "I attribute my success to this: I never gave or took an excuse."

What if we decided to be as committed as that - to have no excuses, to really spend time on our faith commitment; to be in a close relationship with God. But- life happens—stuff just gets piled up and in the way. We get confused about life. We struggle with temptation. We have good intentions, and we struggle with the follow through- it's easy to make excuses for why our relationship with God isn't growing. Part of our problem is that we don't know who we are- we have a difficult time recognizing and accepting who God says we are, we have a mistaken identity. This is not a new problem- Jesus introduced him-

self to a woman that had a mistaken identity. You can read about her in John chapter 4.

Jesus and his disciples had been walking all morning. Jesus is tired and thirsty, and He stops at Jacob's Well. The disciples go into the town to get some food for lunch.

"Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because His disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

Right away she is using identity words: You're a Jew. I'm a Samaritan.

John 4:10, "Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." Jesus essentially says, "Oh, you think life is all about being a Jew or a Samaritan? There's a bigger picture.

When the woman addresses Jesus, she leads with titles and identities established on earth - man-made titles. Jesus changes the subject and essentially says... Our identity is connected to eternity. In other words, our identity isn't defined by our bad

experiences. Our identity shouldn't be crafted from cravings or desires, or by what we own or our family origins.

Jesus came to give us a new identity, the best identity! When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we become a part of His family. We are new creations, pure and holy, through His blood shed for us. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:16-18, "So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him." Paul says that once we are Jesus followers, we stop looking at people through our human point of view- instead we look at them through Jesus eyes. We are a new person- our old life is gone- dead and buried- not to be resurrected!!! God gives us a new life- we are a new person in Jesus Christ. Our true identity doesn't really emerge until we believe in Jesus and accept Him. When we're struggling with who we are- we need to look to our Creator, He has the best answer for who we are. Life will

hand us struggles and hard times: someone dumps you or you get fired, your mistreated or overlooked. No matter the struggle or the awfulness of a situation remember: You are still His. When the good times come, you are still His, when life is full and amazing or you're at the top of the mountain, You are His during the good times too! Don't forget whose you are:

When you feel defeated: Remember who you are!

When you feel overwhelmed: Remember who you are!

When you feel ashamed- you've taken a wrong turn: Remember who you are!

When you get up tomorrow: Remember who you are!

When you look in the mirror: Remember who you are: You are a son, you are a daughter of the King of Kings, you are a child of God!!! He is with you and will guide you and shape you to become all that He has created you for!!!

Surrender yourself to Jesus Christ. He will make you new- He will give you your true identity. You are more than your circumstances- you are a son of God; you are a daughter of God! Now live like it! No excuses... Remember who and whose you are!!!



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"Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9  
It's natural to have some fear or apprehension at the beginning of a new task. We may ask ourselves questions like "What if I don't know what to do?" or "What if I'm not good enough?" Every time I stand up in front of a group of people to present something—whether it's a sermon, a lecture, or a presentation of some kind—those questions run through my head and are accompanied by fear and doubt.  
In our passage today Joshua had just been told that Moses, the leader of God's people, was dead. And now God told Joshua that he would be the one to lead the people. What a huge task! We couldn't blame Joshua for at least having a little fear. But God tells him to be strong and courageous and not to be afraid or discouraged. And this encouragement is more than a pep talk. This is God's promise to Joshua that wherever he goes in the new land that God would bring them into—and however hard the task before him would be—God would always be right there with him.  
We face difficulties all the time—at work and school, and with our families and friends. We have many opportunities to be discouraged and afraid. But God's promise to us is the same as it was to Joshua: God will be with us wherever we go. And if God is with us, what do we have to fear?

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Due to COVID-19 check your church website or Facebook page for updates.



## Becky Anne (Schafer) Trinka

Becky Anne (Schafer) Trinka was born to Rupert and Lucille (Carlson) Schafer on October 10, 1957. She and her 5 siblings grew up in a close-knit community of neighbors on the shores of Lake Byllesby, where their childhood buddies became life-long friends. She attended Randolph High School and later received cosmetology and business licenses. She owned and managed two hair salons for many years. After a brief retirement, she began working at Marshall Line Bus Company. She made many good friends in both of these careers and enjoyed the people in each workplace.

Becky had three daughters: Lisa Freier, Mandy (Joe) Aldrich, and Jamie (Jon) Selin and she married Robert Trinka in 1984. She had 8 grandchildren whom she adored. Andrew and Benjamin Freier; Liam, Honey, and Nora Aldrich; William, Callie, and Kajsa Selin. Becky went to great lengths to create fun memories with her grandchildren.

Everywhere she went, Becky brought her energetic and welcoming spirit. She could brighten any room and was always ready to have fun! It has been said of her, "When Becky arrived, the party started!" She was encouraging and supportive of the people around her and she was an incredible friend. Even in the most recent years of enduring debilitating medical challenges, she showed her indomitable spirit by maintaining a positive attitude and continuing to build fun into relationships with her caregivers. She will be greatly missed by many.

A visitation was on Thursday, Aug. 5 from 4-7:00 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon falls, MN 55009. There was a short service at 7:00 pm.



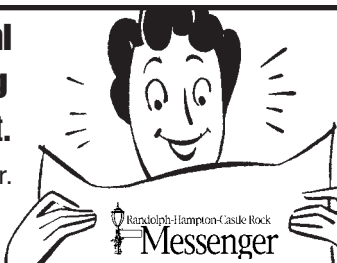
# Castle Rock Bank Open House



Castle Rock Bank held their open house last month. Pictured above are Danny Nicolai, Mary Nicolai, Melissa Neperud, Heather Siebenaler, LaVonne Nicolai, Becky Blonigen, Michelle Nicolai, Dave Nicolai

Branch Manager Melissa Neperude stated business has been good, with more local area residents doing business at the bank. The bank also has the community room available in the lower level for group and club meetings. The space is available at no charge. Contact the bank for further information.

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## 9.25.2021

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## DAY

Proceeds go to; the Randolph-Hampton Fire Dept. & First Responders, Hampton City Parks, Community Events & Programs.

Join us Saturday for;

8 am Cook's Meeting

2-5 pm Kids Activities, Dakota Co. Sheriff's Dept.

& Fire Dept. Demos, Adult Activities & Contests

2-7 pm Food Vendors, Bags Tournament

& Kids Games

2:30-4 pm BBQ Tasting and Voting.

Winner announced around 5 pm.

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## RANDOLPH SCHOOL UPDATES

### Fall Sports Information:

Randolph High School is excited to host four home football games and seven home volleyball games this fall. Randolph will be returning to the Gopher Conference in volleyball and will be competing in the Mid SE Blue District in football. You can find complete game schedules at <https://gopherconference.org/public/genie/7/school/7497/>.

#### Home Games:

##### Football:

September 10th vs. Wabasha-Kellogg (True Blue Community Night)  
September 23rd (Thursday) vs. Winona Cotter (Randolph Post Prom Tailgate Party in the school commons)  
October 8th vs. Rushford-Peterson  
(Homecoming and Senior High Play Taco Fiesta)  
October 20th vs. Hayfield

##### Volleyball:

September 9th vs. Maple River  
September 21st vs. Triton  
September 30th vs. Faribault BA  
October 7th vs. Hayfield (Dig Pink and Homecoming)  
October 11th vs. Southland  
October 14th vs. Kenyon-Wanamingo  
October 19th vs. Alden-Conger

### Booster Club:

The Randolph Rocket Booster Club is always looking for volunteers and members to help run concession stands at our varsity events. The only fundraising that the Booster Club does during the school year are our concession stands. Some of the notable contributions made by the booster club over the past few years include:

Built a new concession stand for basketball and volleyball in the commons and for football at Klahr Field.

Bought 1,000 point plaques to recognize basketball players.

Donated towards the new softball scoreboard.

Bought letter patches for boys basketball, baseball, and softball for conference, section, and state championships.

New headsets for the football coaching staff.

Donates money to all sports/activities end of the year banquets.

Donated money towards the trophy display in the commons.

Please reach out to Kelly Lockhart ([jkmllockhart@gmail.com](mailto:jkmllockhart@gmail.com)) if you are interested in assisting the Booster Club during a home event this fall.

### Season Passes:

Season passes are available by reaching out to Mr. Soule, Activities Director. Please reference the Quick Hits from Thursday, August 19th for more information.

### Free Meals for Enrolled Preschool - Grade 12 Students

Free Breakfast and/or Lunch will be available for all enrolled Preschool - Grade 12 Randolph students for the school year 2021/2022.

We recommend that families who would apply/qualify for Free and Reduced meals should still apply. This may qualify your child for additional benefits.

Things parents need to know:

We will no longer be doing pick up or delivered meals.

Students still have to sign up and pay for snack and milk cart.

If your child brings a cold lunch and gets a milk, they will be charged for the milk. Please have money in their account.

Grades 7-12 students still need to have money in their account to buy a 2nd entrée, ala carte, and extra milk.

Please direct all questions to Lori Underdahl at [underdahl@district195.org](mailto:underdahl@district195.org).

### Season Passes are back!

Family Pass: \$175 (Parents and Kids in K-12)

Adult Pass: \$100 • Student Pass: \$60 • Senior Pass: \$60

New to this year is a "Football Season Ticket Pass." The main gate will be split into two lines: a cash line and a season pass line (season passes and football season tickets). This should speed up the process to get into the game. We will only be doing this for football this season. We are only doing this for football because it is our only sport we take admission for that doesn't have a JV game preceding it and fans naturally arrive at the same time. If you bought a season pass you will not need to purchase a season ticket pass.

The football season passes are sold for \$24 and must be brought to every game. The passes will be punched at the ticket gate. The passes can be given to another person in the event that the original pass holder cannot attend the game. If the pass is not physically brought to the game the individual has to pay for their ticket.

If interested in Rocket Football Season Tickets or a Season Pass please contact Aaron Soule ([soulea@district195.org](mailto:soulea@district195.org)). Cash or check is accepted - checks should be made payable to Randolph Public Schools.



Randolph FFA float at the Dennison Days parade



# Chicken BBQ



*Thanks to all the volunteers  
that helped make the  
Annual Chicken BBQ  
a success!*





## Avoid Pruning Trees in Drought



Teri Knight

*gardenbite*

Minnesota is in tough shape. Only far southeastern Minnesota is okay. Most of the rest of the state is in severe to extreme drought.

You've likely seen your stress on your trees and shrubs. My hydrangeas are unhappy, leaves have started to drop on trees too early. Other signs include leaf curling, wilting and discoloration. Some will produce extra seeds.

The University of Minnesota Extension has put out a warning to homeowners not to prune any trees until the drought is over. That means we currently need 5 to 8 inches of rain in 4 weeks to end it. That looks unlikely.

A rule of thumb is to water them slowly and deeply about 10 gallons of water for each inch of the "established" tree's diameter about every 7 days. Likely that hasn't been happening. I know I haven't.

I HAVE watered my trees and shrubs planted less than 3 years ago.

When trees are stressed during a drought, they are more susceptible to disease and insects. Pruning can increase that risk further. You can prune out dead branches but that's it. Trees can sometimes lose all their leaves to drought and recover; sometimes not.

If a tree is severely stressed and drops all of its leaves, it may be unable to produce enough photosynthates to properly harden off and survive the upcoming winter. Leaf drop is how the tree is trying to help itself, they're shedding the part that needs water.

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, [www.gardenbite.com](http://www.gardenbite.com), that supplements her daily radio program which has aired Monday thru Friday on radio stations throughout Minnesota since 2007. In 2017, several stations in Wisconsin began airing her show. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations! Teri's Garden Bite Radio Program can be heard weekday mornings on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM, KYMN Radio from Northfield, MN.



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Dear Savvy Senior,

**Over the past few years my 57-year-old husband's snoring has gotten much worse. It's to the point that I have to either wear earplugs or move to a different room. Any suggestions?**

— Sleep Deprived Susan

Dear Susan,

Snoring is a very common problem that often gets worse with age. Around 37 million Americans snore on a regular basis according to the National Sleep Center.

Snoring occurs when the airway narrows or is partly blocked during sleep usually due to nasal congestion, floppy tissue, alcohol, or enlarged tonsils. But you and your husband also need to know that snoring can be much more than just an annoyance. It can also be a red flag for obstructive sleep apnea, a serious condition in which the snorer stops and starts breathing during sleep, increasing the risks of cardiovascular disease, stroke, cardiac arrhythmia and hypertension. According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, 34 percent of men and 19 percent of women who snore routinely have sleep apnea or are at risk for it.

### Self-Help Remedies

Even if you are unsure whether your husband has a primary snoring problem or sleep apnea, sleep experts suggest you start with these steps.

**Open a stuffy nose:** If nasal congestion is causing your husband to snore, over-the-counter nasal strips such as Breathe Right may help. Or, if allergies are the cause, try saline nasal sprays.

**Elevate his head:** Buying a foam wedge to elevate his head a few inches can help reduce snoring, or buy him a contoured pillow to lift his chin and keep the tongue from blocking the back of his throat as he sleeps. Also check out Smart Nora, a wireless snoring device that slides under the pillow and gently moves the head to a different position when snoring is detected. This, they say, stimulates the relaxed throat muscles and opens the airway.  
**Sleep on side:** To prevent back sleeping, which triggers snoring, place a pillow against your husband's back to keep him from rolling over or sew a tennis ball in the back of his pajama shirt. Or check out the Night Shift Sleep Positioner, a device that's worn around the neck that vibrates when you roll on your back.

**Avoid alcohol before bed:** Alcoholic beverages can relax the muscles in the throat, and constrict airflow. He should not consume alcohol three to four hours before bedtime.

**Lose excess weight:** Fat around the neck can compress the upper airway and impede airflow and is often associated with sleep apnea.

**Quit smoking:** Smoking causes inflammation in the upper airways that can make snoring worse.

### Need More Help

If these lifestyle strategies don't make a big difference, your husband should see his doctor, a sleep specialist, or an otolaryngologist who may recommend an overnight study to test him for apnea.

For primary snoring or mild to moderate sleep apnea, an oral appliance that fits into the mouth like a retainer may be prescribed. This shifts the lower jaw and tongue forward, keeping the airway open.

Some other options are Theravent snore therapy and Provent sleep apnea therapy, which are small nasal devices that attach over the nostrils to improve airflow.

But the gold standard for moderate to severe sleep apnea is a continuous positive airway pressure, or CPAP, device. This involves sleeping with a mask and is hooked up to a machine that gently blows air up your nose to keep the passages open.

If these don't work or are intolerable, surgery is an option too. There are procedures available today that remove excess tissue in the nose, mouth, or throat. And a newer procedure called hypoglossal nerve stimulation that uses a small device implanted in the chest to help control the movement of the tongue when it blocks the airway.

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## Livestock Processing Grant Available

*New Grant Aims to Boost Sale of Minnesota-raised Livestock Products*

Minnesota meat, egg, poultry, and milk processors seeking to start up, modernize, or expand their businesses are encouraged to apply for a new grant program aimed at assisting them.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$750,000 through its Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant program, using a competitive review process. The maximum equipment award is \$150,000, and the minimum award is \$1,000.

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

"We've seen how much meat processing demand and capacity can change in a short time," Minnesota Agriculture

Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "This new grant can help processors become more agile and resistant to disruptions in the processing supply chains."

Applicants must:

Be engaged with livestock slaughter or processing, including meat, poultry, egg, and milk.

Be an individual (including farmers), business, agricultural cooperative, or a local unit of government (including Tribal governments).

Currently reside in Minnesota or be authorized to conduct business in Minnesota.

Grantees are responsible for at least 50% of the total cost for the first \$25,000 and 75% of the total cost for every dollar after as a cash match. Funding for the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant will be awarded in one round.

Grant applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021.

If a grant application is not selected for an AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant, it will be considered for the AGRI Value-Added Grant that is expected to open in January 2022.

Proposals must be submitted through our online application system.

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

## Beginning Farmers Tax Break Still Available

*Tax Credit Available for Land, Equipment Expenses to Start Farming*

A tax credit for the sale or lease of land, equipment, machinery, and livestock in Minnesota by beginning farmers is still available through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority.

To qualify, the applicant must be a Minnesota resident with the desire to start farming or who began farming in Minnesota within the past ten years, provide positive projected earnings statements, have a net worth less than \$862,000, and enroll in, or have completed an approved financial management program.

The farmer cannot be related by blood or

marriage (e.g., a parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling) to the person from whom he or she is buying or renting assets. The farmer must provide most of the labor and management of the farm.

The tax credit for the sale or lease of assets can then be applied to the Minnesota income taxes of the owner of the agricultural land or other assets.

Three levels of credits are available:

5% of the lesser of the sale price or fair market value of the agricultural asset up to a maximum of \$32,000

10% of the gross rental income of each of the first, second and third years of a rental agreement, up to a maximum of \$7,000 per year

15% of the cash equivalent of the gross rental income in each of the first, second or third year of a share rent agreement, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received by October 1, 2021.

Interested farmers should note that they can also apply for a separate tax credit to offset the cost of a financial management program up to a maximum of \$1,500 per year – for up to three years.

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# THE DEFEAT OF JESSE JAMES DAYS EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 8-12, 2021

### SEPTEMBER 1-SEPTEMBER 6

#### HOISENHOF HUNT

Remember to register your button before the hunt. (Please read the rules and instructions before hunting or downloading the hunt.)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

Willing's Country Club  
2-person best shot. The Times 9am-2:00pm

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

#### JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD

GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE  
MICH: Northfield Cemetery, South Division nears from High School

#### JOSEPH LEE HEYWOOD

DISHING DISHED SERVICE AWARD BANQUET  
6:30pm Tickets open 5pm Northfield Ballroom, Highway 3 South  
Deposit Reservations: **BUTTON EVENT**  
\$1500 in Dining, Auction of Defeat of Jesse James Days Collector Buttons Numbers 1 through 5

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

#### ENTERTAINMENT CENTER "The Original DJJD Tunes Night" **BUTTON EVENT**

5pm-12pm 5th & Water Street (valid ID req'd)  
5pm-8pm see: dancing, socializing - Pat: MICH General Managers, Pat: B, D, A Ambassadors  
8pm-12am @Max Jive!

#### GIDDY UP HORSE RACES

Registration 5pm Location: TRD **BUTTON EVENT**  
\*Button required for all participants\*

CLASSIC CAR CRUISE 5pm line up. Location: TED @ 5pm cruise begins for a 1-hour cruise. Cars will depart welcome. Route can be found at www.djld.org

#### CARNIVAL 5pm Highway 3 & 5th Street

6-10pm "West Side Night" See www.djld.org for ticket sale locations

#### PEDAL TRACTOR PULL 5:40pm between 4th & 5th Streets on Division

#### BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE 6pm-Midnight

THURSDAY NIGHT THUNDER Devotion between 5th & 6th Streets  
6-8pm Meet local movers with a cup for me family fun with autographs and games.

#### A HISTORY OF THE ARCHER HOUSE

6:20pm Northfield Library, Dorcas Room, 110 Washington St.  
Local author and historian/burial-standards will present a history of the Archer House.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

#### AMBASSADOR JAMES GANG SCHOOL VISITS 9am-4pm

#### ENTERTAINMENT CENTER 4pm-1am **BUTTON EVENT**

5th & Water Street (valid ID req'd)

8:40pm-11:50am at car show

#### CARNIVAL 5pm Highway 3 & 5th Street

#### BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE 6pm-MIDNIGHT

P.R.C.A. PROFESSIONAL RODEO 8pm Jesse James Arena, Hwy 3 South  
"SOLVE CANCER THE RODEO" NIGHT. A fund-raiser for Northfield Hospice & Home Care and Education Centers. Donate and show your support. General admission: presale tickets: adults \$20, child \$10 (ages 3-10); under 2 free, available at Northfield Antiques, Family Tax Supermarket, and Ziggy's. Some-day tickets available at radio grounds 2 hours prior to performance.

#### ROBERT BRIDGEMANSBERG GAR OPEN open before and after race (valid ID req'd)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### RAIDER DERBY Registration 7:00am, Race begins 9am

5-6pm car racing, 5th & Division St., Tanglefoot School **BUTTON EVENT**

\*Button required for all participants\*

#### DEFEAT OF JESSE JAMES DAYS CAR SHOW

5-6pm at Car Club 5am-3pm Riverside Deck

#### Admission: \$2 **BUTTON EVENT**

11am-12pm under the old park roof

#### 37TH ANNUAL ARTS, CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW

9am-3pm Central Park, 4th & Winona Streets

#### KIDDIE PARADE 9:30am 5th & Division Streets

#### VINTAGE BASEBALL (1970 Rules) Spring Creek Deck

11am Northfield Silver Stars vs St. Croix Base Ball Club

#### NORTHFIELD ARTS GUILD RIVERFRONT FINE ARTS FESTIVAL 10am-5pm

Central River Walkway. More info at: www.djld.org

#### CARNIVAL 11am Highway 3 South Street

#### BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE NOON-MIDNIGHT

#### CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT NOON Entertainment Center

Must pre-register through djld.org. Registration opens August 1st

(Teams limited.) **BUTTON EVENT**

#### ENTERTAINMENT CENTER NOON-1am **BUTTON EVENT**

5th & Water Street (valid ID req'd)

7-9pm Rowing

9pm-1am Great Johnson & the Minnesota Transplants

#### P.R.C.A. PROFESSIONAL RODEO 8pm Jesse James Arena, Highway 3 South

Free cowboy hat to first 100 paid kids admissions from Brian Realy. General admission

presale tickets: adults \$20, child \$10 (ages 3-10); under 2 free, available at Northfield

Antiques, Family Tax Supermarket and Ziggy's. Some-day tickets available at radio

grounds 2 hours prior to performance.

#### DJJD BEARD CONTEST Division Street

8pm (following food bank) kids: no more than \$25 entry, free, includes official hat and shirt.

Details at djld.org

#### P.R.C.A. PROFESSIONAL RODEO 8pm Jesse James Arena, Hwy 3 South

"TRIBUTE TO THE RESPONDERS" NIGHT (20th Anniversary of 9/11)

General admission presale tickets: adults \$20, child \$10 (ages 3-10); under 2 free, available at

Northfield Antiques, Family Tax Supermarket and Ziggy's. Some-day tickets available at

Radio grounds 2 hours prior to performance.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

#### OUTLAW RUN SKI/SKIDOWN-WALK

Benson & Longbeurg, Forest Home, 201 E. 4th St.

Registration 6:30-7:00am. Run/Walk begins at 8:00am

More info at: www.djld.org

#### ANTIQUE TRACTOR & TRUCK PULL Registration 8am, Pull 9am

Jesse James Arena, Hwy 3 South **BUTTON EVENT**

#### VFW BREAKFAST 9:30-11am Adults \$8, Children \$7.50, Under 5 free

#### AMBASSADOR VIP RECEPTION 9am Location: TRD

#### NORTHFIELD ARTS GUILD RIVERFRONT FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

10am-5pm Central River Walkway. More info at: www.djld.org

#### 37TH ANNUAL ARTS, CRAFTS & GIFT SHOW

10am-4pm Central Park, 4th & Winona Streets

#### CARNIVAL NOON-6pm Highway 3 & 5th Street

#### BINGO ON BRIDGE SQUARE NOON-6pm

#### ENTERTAINMENT CENTER NOON-6pm 5th & Water Street

special parade floats after the City of Parade by the Atlantic Ave. @ 5th Street

(valid ID req'd)

#### GRAND PARADE 2pm Division Street

#### RESCUE SQUAD TRACK RACE 15 minutes after parade 4th Street Bridge

35 tickets available at Bingo Round. 1st place prize \$1000, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$150.

#### AMBASSADOR CORONATION 5pm Location: TRD

Admission \$5, Children under 5 free **BUTTON EVENT**

## Bank Raid Re-Enactments

**BUTTON EVENT** = Buttons required for bleacher seating

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## Continuing Education Close to Home



**Tim Penny**  
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Continuing education in a business or profession is critical for future growth, but trainings can be difficult to participate in when events are held far away or are too costly. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we take pride in hosting a variety of high quality, low-cost training opportunities close to home for entrepreneurs and early childhood professionals here in our 20-county region. At SMIF, we are currently gearing up for fall training events which will be beneficial to many in our region.

For the seventh year in a row SMIF is looking forward to hosting the Entrepreneurial Bridge event, a celebration of entrepreneurial innovation in the region. This year's three keynote speakers are experienced business leaders who will be sharing inspirational stories and practical advice for businesses. Victor Hwang, CEO and founder of Right to Start, will discuss how to create prosperity in our communities by dismantling barriers for everyday Americans. Beth Fynbo, president and founder of Oronoco-based Busy Baby, will be sharing how she turned an idea into a seven-figure business, making it all the way to Shark Tank. Todd Churchill, CFO of BizOpps and CliftonLarsonAllen, is a fierce advocate for rural entrepreneurialism and will be sharing finance and marketing tips that led him to create one of America's first grass-fed beef brands among other ventures.

Carrying the theme of "Voices of Innovation" throughout the event, we will also have a chance to hear from a diverse group of unique southern Minnesota entrepreneurs, who we are calling "Firestarters." One of these Firestarters is Craig Kaisec, whose Faribault-based hot sauce company, Cry Baby Craig's, was recently featured on CNN Business. Another Firestarter, Mariah Lynne, is the president and CEO of Good Steward Consulting based in Albert Lea, which assists renewable energy development companies with their public outreach vision, goals and implementation. Equal parts training, networking and inspiration, we look forward to hosting the Entrepreneurial Bridge event in Albert Lea on September 28. Registration details and agenda can be found at [smifoundation.org/bridge](http://smifoundation.org/bridge).

SMIF's fall events will continue with an early childhood training series in October and November. Stacy Boysen will share



techniques that can help caregivers avoid challenging situations with children. Theresa Peplinski will be discussing how to engage children in a variety of sensory experiences, which are activities that help children learn and develop a greater understanding of the world by using their five senses. We are looking forward to working with Stacy and Theresa, in addition to other dynamic speakers, for this exciting fall series.

We know that in order to deliver quality trainings to early childhood professionals, it is critical to accommodate their schedules. Therefore, in addition to holding these sessions in the evenings, half of these will be in person (in Owatonna, Byron, Faribault and Chatfield) and the other half will be virtual sessions. Individuals can choose to opt in to as many sessions that they are interested in. One major benefit is that all of these trainings are "Develop-approved", so folks will receive credit for participating, further aiding them in reaching their professional goals. Keep an eye on our website at [smifoundation.org/ectrainings](http://smifoundation.org/ectrainings) for registration details later this summer.

In the 35 years that SMIF has been serving southern Minnesota, our continuing education opportunities have trained thousands of people in the region. In the past year alone, more than 1,300 entrepreneurs and more than 600 early childhood professionals were trained through SMIF's programming. We know that these trainings have contributed to our region's growth.

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

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## Make Customer Service An Everyday Occurrence



By Harvey Mackay

Comedy writer Bob Orben had an interesting take on customer service: "You go to a coin-operated store and wash and dry your clothes. Then you go to a filling station where you pump your own gas. And on to a fast-food restaurant where you carry your own tray. And what is it being called? A service economy!"

The irony has not escaped customers, who will be the final arbiter of the current options.

Electronic self-service may be the wave of the future for many organizations, but lots of consumers are bucking the trend. The CRM Buyer website reports that researchers surveyed more than 24,000

consumers in 12 countries about customer interactions, and here's what they found:

Eighty percent prefer customer service from a human being instead of an automated system.

Eighty-three percent say that interacting with a customer service rep is important on the phone or in a store.

Sixty-eight percent believe they're more likely to get a better deal when negotiating in person instead of online.

Eighteen percent said they would renew products or services because of good personal customer service, even if they were more expensive.

Good, personalized customer service is that important.

Companies are facing new and serious issues meeting the expectations of customers in the current climate. Hiring difficulties, pandemic restrictions, merchandise shortages and financial challenges have made many organizations rethink their practices. And stressed employees need support more than ever as they handle extra work and procedures.

In addition, customers who got accustomed to online shopping and home delivery have meant many businesses have had to make adjustments to the services they offer.

Those challenges aren't disappearing soon.

And an unhappy customer who receives poor service can make or break a business. Bad online reviews can cripple an otherwise thriving business.

So the one constant that must not suffer in the midst of all these obstacles is good cus-

tomers service. There are some fundamentals to keep in mind to achieve that goal.

**Hire the right people.** The rule is you either hire smart or manage tough. Hiring smart is better, but it requires you to know what you're looking for and to recognize the skills and attitude you want. Look at experience and listen to your gut.

**Keep score.** If you don't measure performance, your team will be in perpetual warm-up mode. Let employees know what they're being measured on and how it is relevant to them, their customers, and the organization's bottom line.

**Reward.** Make sure you reward the desired outcome. For instance, if you want your salespeople to create relationships and long-term accounts, reward them with back-end commissions, bonuses or some form of appreciation.

**Practice what you preach.** If you want a motivated customer service rep, you need to be motivated yourself first. Are you genuinely excited about the work your group produces? You need to love your customers, because if you're not sincerely motivated yourself, you'll never motivate other people to provide excellent service.

Being put on hold on the phone is a pet peeve for most of us. Although you may have to put a client or customer on hold, offer them the courtesy of waiting or getting a call-back.

Give employees the power to actually serve the customer's needs.

Steve Hardison, who went on to become a successful executive coach, began his career in sales at Xerox. Product returns were against company policy at the time,



but according to a story in the Chicago Tribune, one day Hardison decided to let one of his customers return a copier regardless of the rule. When his boss demanded an explanation, Hardison said, "If I lose a job because I took care of a customer, then I never had a job."

The next day his boss's boss called him into his office. Hardison fully expected to get fired. Instead, the executive said, "I wish I had more people like you." His reputation for honesty and integrity was made.

Referring to a column on customer service a few years back, one of my loyal readers sent me an email about the power of personal touch. He and his wife serve on the welcoming committee at their church. Before each service, they try to greet as many people as they can with "happiness and appreciation," visitors or members alike.

He mentioned an occasion on vacation when attending another church, only one person spoke to them. As they left, the pastor greeted them, and that made all the difference in the world.

**Mackay's Moral:** Make "at your service" your motto.

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## City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting July 14, 2021

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appelgren.

### Roll Call

Present were Mayor Robert Appelgren, Council Members Jacob Friedrich and Todd D. Carlock, Treasurer Sandy Nicolai and Clerk Mary Haro. Council member Sarah Podritz was absent.

### Public Comments

Harlan indicated he will take care of the clock since the clock is no longer there.

### Minutes

A motion to approve the June 9, 2021 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Approval of Treasurer Report

It was noted that the General Iron invoice was for the swing repair and that should come out of the park fund.

Sandy is currently working on the water bills and will be mailed out soon.

Mayor Appelgren will check on how much money we will get back to return the incorrect commercial water meters before we move forward with ordering the new water meters for the commercial properties.

Sandy noted that she will pay the council for the special meeting that we attended on June 23 with our next month's wages in August.

Sandy indicated the CD's on hold for the water tower loan mature next year in March, July and November. Merchants will give us notice of the before they mature and then we can renew them or move them to a different account but they will still have a hold on them.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written was made by Friedrich, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Approval to Pay Bills

Clerk Haro will get the money transferred from the bond account for the Bolton & Menk invoices to our general account.

Motion to approve the payment of bills as written was made by Haro, and seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Old Business

#### Holding Pond Update

Matt discussed the holding pond in Hereford Hills. When the pond was first done in the 2nd Addition, that original model for the pond was undersized. One of the homes on the pond that backs up to it was built as a walk out basement which means your low floor is 4 feet lower than what it is supposed to be and that is the reason why they didn't want to raise or lower the flood elevation because they didn't want to make a difficult situation even worse.

Bolton & Menk discussed the model with Wenstrom's engineer, and decided the pond was to currently stay as is but any further development it would need to be reviewed as there are some things that can be done if developed. The model they provided is sufficient for Hereford Hills 3rd Addition however, it is not a great situation because of the walkout home as the evaluation is too high for this home. This is why we started doing grading reviews on lots.

We should discuss the liability for this home with Korine. Since Matt has already discussed some of these issues with Korine he will follow up with her regarding the liability for the City.

### New Business

#### Dakota County Deputy

Deputy Zach was present and indicated they are still seeing a lot of catalytic converter thefts in the area. Nothing else to report at this time.

## Tom Brawley

There are currently 4 buildings in place in the development that are owned by individuals or companies. He is interested in purchasing the property. The plat shows 4 more buildings can be built on the property. He is proposing to build 5 buildings together instead of the 4 buildings that it is plated for. He wanted to discuss this before he purchases the property. They will be storage units sold to individuals. Same materials as before. These buildings cannot be used for living quarters. They will be used for storage only – no living quarters and no retail. He will get us a copy of the bylaws for this development.

It was asked about the water billing and it was indicated that if a second meter would be installed he would be responsible for both bills. It was asked if there are restrooms in the buildings and he indicated there is a restroom in each building.

Before we move forward he was asked that he discuss this with our building inspector and the building inspector will discuss the analysis with Clerk Haro before the August meeting. We will put this on the agenda for next month's meeting.

### Bids for Pump House

Mayor Appelgren discussed the situation with a company and they are proposing a dehumidification unit but we are waiting on a price. We will add this to the special meeting agenda to discuss.

### JPA with Dakota County re Street Naming

Dakota County asked if we want their help with street naming. The JPA expired 12/31/20 so we would need to renew it if we want to continue with their assistance. Yes we should renew it.

Friedrich made a motion to renew the JPA with Dakota County for street naming, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Dan Wenstrom – Hereford Hill 3

Dan inquired if everything was done with Hereford Hills 3rd Addition. Matt will look at the punch list and send Dan a letter with what is left or if it is completed. Mayor wants to discuss the drainage ditch that kids are using it as a jump – can we change it so it flat or put in a culvert so it is not a danger. Dan indicated that a house will be built there but it is the school's property up to the fence. He recommended extending the fence out to include all of the cities property. It was recommended that No Trespassing signs should be placed on the property. Mayor will discuss this with Matt and our legal counsel.

Dan indicated that he has completed his work and asked with Matt (Bolton & Menk's) approval that the city accept the streets, water lines and improvements as finished. It was noted that the city has to be okay with the developers work and Dan is still a developer and that the city still is not okay with the safety hazard that he wants to see rectified. Is that on the developer or do we have to accept it. Matt recommended talking about this issue with our legal counsel regarding the developers agreement. Carlock indicated that the swail was part of the plat so it was noted to the city but it was noted that the swail is deeper than originally planned and because there is no rock or anything else to stop it from going deeper. The Mayor will talk to our attorney. Matt will look at the punch list and send Dan a letter with a copy to the city by next month's meeting.

### Sanitary Sewer Update

Matt from Bolton & Menk discussed that they sent an offer to the Coop and they came back with a price that was much higher than what was presented. This property was the only voluntary piece of property that they were working with. They are evaluating where to go from here and what other options

are available and if it makes sense to pursue the offer or look at different avenues. They have had a discussion with our attorney regarding other options. We have until December 31, 2024 to have the project bid.

The property owners for the land for the spraying are still interested. We should get the pond land first and go from there.

It was asked "If you have an existing tanks and you hook up to the sewer system what happens to the existing tank – do you fill it with sand or crush it?" Dakota County would have to answer that question.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Appelgren, seconded by Haro, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

The meeting was reopened to discuss a special meeting to be held on July 28, 2021.

Our legal counsel has requested a special / closed meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(b). After discussion we decided that a special /closed meeting will be held on July 28, 2021 at 7 pm.

### Miscellaneous

Trash Service - It was noted that Waste Management has not been picking up the trash service so it was recommended to go with Highland Sanitation. Clerk Haro will contact them to discuss prices with them. Motion by Friedrich to approve to move the trash service to Highland Sanitation, seconded by Haro. Voting in favor – Friedrich, Appelgren and Haro, voting against Carlock. Motion passed 3:1.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Appelgren, seconded by Haro, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Haro

## City of Randolph Special Council Meeting July 28, 2021

The special Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appelgren.

### Roll Call

Present were Mayor Robert Appelgren, Council Members Sarah Podritz, Jacob Friedrich and Todd D. Carlock, and Clerk Mary Haro. Absent was Treasurer Sandy Nicolai.

Motion to move to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(b) was made by Podritz, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, motion passed 5:0.

Motion to reopen the meeting made by Friedrich, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, motion passed 5:0.

### Training

We discussed that since we have several new council members that have not gone through training that we will do a training session with our legal counsel, Korine like we did back in 2017. We have set a date of September 22, 2021 at 6 pm to do training for all council members interested.

### Pumphouse Bids

We are still waiting on an amount for the dehumidification for the pumphouse. Will discuss next month.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Carlock, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Haro

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## Hampton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2021

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members David Luhning and Anthony Verch. Also present was Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent; and Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk.

**Regular Meeting called to Order** - Mayor Knetter called the Regular Scheduled Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Disclosure of Interest** - None.

**Approval of June 8, 2021 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes** - Motion by Verch seconded by Luhning to approve the June 8, 2021 regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 3:0.

**Approval of Disbursements** - Motion by Luhning seconded by Verch to approve the July disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 3:0.

**Public Comment** - None.

### Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

Schedule August meeting time to review budget - Knetter noted that the August City Council meeting is scheduled for August 17th and recommended that the budget be reviewed at 6:30, prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

**2019 Internal Audit - Anthony Verch** - Knetter asked Verch if he had anything to report. Verch responded that everything was correct and true and that it went very well.

**2020 Internal Audit - David Luhning** - Luhning stated that he had a similar report,

that a complete audit was done and there were no deficiencies. Knetter thanked both Verch and Luhning for their participation in the Internal Audits.

**Ordinances and Resolutions - Resolution 2021-06 - Accept Work of Muska Electric on Main Street Lift Station Generator Project** - Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk mentioned that he reported last month that the work on the generator project was essentially complete, but that there were a few miscellaneous items that needed to be completed before the final paperwork and invoice submission from the contractor could be done. All paperwork has been completed, a certificate of final acceptance was issued to the contractor, and an invoice was submitted for payment in this month's disbursements. Fisher asked that the resolution to accept the work done by Muska Electric on the project be approved. Knetter reported that he was present for the training and testing of the generator, that it works fine, and that he is satisfied with it. Motion by Luhning seconded by Verch to approve Resolution 2021-06. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 3:0.

Marlin Reinardy, Water and Sewer Superintendent, suggested that the City should have a maintenance contract on the generator. Knetter stated that that was discussed on site during the training and testing, and he agrees that it is a good idea to contract with those who are experts on the maintenance of the generator. It was suggested that the company that supplied the generator, Interstate PowerSystems, Inc., be considered as a potential provider of the maintenance service contract. Discussion. Motion by Verch seconded by Knetter to pursue an annual

maintenance contract for the generator. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 3:0.

### Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

**Engineer Report** - Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk stated that the resolution to accept the work on the generator project was all he had, and asked Councilors if they had any general engineering questions. Knetter thanked Fisher for his work on the generator project.

**Water / Sewer Report** - Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, began by stating that he contacted Peine Plumbing about the solenoid valve. Due to the fact that the valve is soldered in, the replacement will be difficult, but doable. Cost will be a little higher than anticipated. Reinardy also had asked Peine about inspecting the backflow preventers annually. A company needs to be certified in order to do the work, so Reinardy will need to find a company that is able to perform the inspections, as Peine is not.

For sewer-related items, Reinardy referred to documents that he prepared that were included in Councilor packets regarding the sludge reduction in pond #1. He feels that, because of the successful sludge reduction that was indicated by recent testing and because of recent discussions with Steve at State Industrial Supply, that the City can reduce the quantity of chemicals used for this process by 2/3 as now the chemicals will be needed for maintenance of the ponds rather than sludge reduction. Discussion ensued about the importance of keeping up with the preventative maintenance of the ponds.

Knetter acknowledged that a Dakota County Deputy had come in to the meeting during

Reinardy's report and asked if he had anything to report. He said he wanted to stop by to provide reminders regarding the importance of locking up vehicles to prevent theft. There had been a recent increase in vehicle break-in reports to law enforcement. Knetter informed the Deputy that the City had recently installed some No Parking signs near the ball park.

**Park Report** - Verch reported that he is still waiting for quotes for the tree removal by the ball field. Otherwise, not much to report, mainly due to weather conditions. Discussion ensued about options for tree replacements.

**Street Report** - Luhning stated that there is nothing to report.

**Old Business** - None.

**New Business** -

**City Councilor appointment** - Knetter stated that he hasn't spoken to Nick Russell recently, but when he had spoken to him within the last month, Russell said he was still interested in being on the City Council. Knetter asked Councilors their opinion about offering Russell the open Council seat, mentioning also that Russell was the next highest vote getter in the last election. Council opinion is to make the offer to Russell and, if he declines, make an offer to Jerry Huddleston. Motion by Luhning seconded by Verch to offer the Council seat to Russell, and if he declines, ask the next highest vote getter from the last election. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 3:0.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Verch seconded by Luhning to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 3:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy O'Brien

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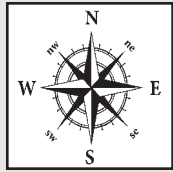
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# Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Run Aground



By Terry Campbell

*This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.*

The American Cruise Line has big boat that comes past Dover frequently. It is on the Music City Cruise route. The 8-day trip starts at Memphis and heads up the Mississippi to Paducah where it stops for the first night. There the ship passes through the lock into the Cumberland River. It comes down Lake Barkley and stops for a day at Dover to tour the historical Civil War battlefields. From there it is on to Clarkesville and finally to Nashville.

The cruise ship has six decks and 99 cabins, accommodating 190 guests. There are two lounges, a dining room, a café, a library, yoga/fitness room, laundry and four observation/sundecks.

We see many barges coming up and down river on a daily basis and have a couple times passed the cruise ship while piloting our 17' runabout on the river. Our little bowrider has a draft of a couple feet and

one makes sure to stay between the marker buoys on the river because even a small runabout can touch bottom in some places. Lake Barkley was formed about seventy years ago when the hydro-electric dam was built on the Cumberland River. Flooding a river will give you a lot wider waterway, but the shoreline can be misleadingly shallow if you are not careful.

So back to the mechanics of boating where the weight of your craft determines the draft, or depth of your hull below the waterline. One assumes if you were piloting a mega-million dollar cruise ship, the captain would be well schooled in avoiding river bottoms. Really no excuse for a mistake with modern depth finders and navigational tools.

But imagine our amusement in June when the American Jazz Cruise Ship ran aground

just outside Dover. Seems the captain steered the ship on the wrong side of the channel buoy and got stuck in the mud. Took a couple Coast Guard tug boats to pull the ship free. And plenty of amusement to the local folk. Moral of the story seems to be if you see a tree growing in the lake, you might be in pretty shallow water.



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## A Minnesotan: Rain Above the Trees



By RosaLin Alcoser

Watching the rain come down during a thunderstorm from the 11th floor of a high rise apartment building is one of the most anti-climatic experiences of my life. As it would turn out living so high up might give you a nice view of the city but takes away the wonders of watching it rain.

Growing up in rural Minnesota one of my favorite things to do was always sit on the porch or by the window and watch it rain. Getting to watch the droplets of water roll down the glass of the window is the only thing that you can really do from this high up.

There was what should have been a good thunderstorm up in the Twin Cities one morning in late July. So I took my morning coffee and settled by the window to watch it rain. I did this only to find out that the sound of the rain hitting the road while the wind pushes through the leaves creating a damp spray through the air are all lost once you get above tree level.

Now don't get me wrong, living above tree level has its moments; like when balloons get loose from a graduation party and drift past the window as they make a break for freedom. But that comforting feeling of being out on the porch with a steaming cup of coffee watching the rain hit the pathment in the driveway while the trees sway in the wind is completely lost when you live so high up you can watch stray balloons drift in the wind.

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