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St. Mary's Church Annual Sausage Supper

St. Mary's Church, New Trier Annual Sausage Supper will be held Sunday, November 21 from 12:00-6:00pm. This will be drive thru only. Menu includes: pork sausage, German potato salad, sauerkraut, cold potato salad, glazed carrots, buns and apple pie bars. Meal prices are: children \$5.00; adults 10+ \$15.00; adults 90+ free. Cash or check only. (see ad on page 3)

Dig Pink Raises Over \$35,000 with 2021 Randolph Event



T-shirts from previous years Dig Pink event at Randolph School were on display during the annual event in the school commons highlighting previous years fundraising amounts. The event was not held in 2020 due to covid restrictions.

The Randolph Rocket Community came together once again Thursday, October 7th for the annual Dig Pink Night at the school. At press time, the Randolph School Board

\$35,000.00. This amount surpasses their previous annual record, and is the most in the event history. In addition to money raised for Side-Out, the Senior Class helped raise over \$5,000 for Jen Piehl, the Community Spotlight honoree who was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year and is currently undergoing treatment. Randolph was the top fundraising group nationwide in 2017.

Coach Trom Recognized as the 2020-2021 Minnesota Class A Coach of the Year



HUGE congratulations to Dennis Trom - Coach Trom was recognized as the 2020-2021 Minnesota Class A Coach of the Year!
courtesy of Randolph School

Announcements

- **American Red Cross Blood Drive November 23 from 12:30-6:30p.m.** Hosted by Dennison Vang Lutheran Church at Dennison City Hall, 37622 Goodhue Ave., Dennison.
- **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.

Golden Link

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Castle Rock Bank Elects New President

The Daniel H Nicolai Family, Owners of Castle Rock Bank, are delighted to announce they have elected a new Bank President, Patrick Lenertz. Negotiations had begun with Dan Sr and the family three years ago. President Dan Nicolai Sr, his wife LaVonne and sons Daniel and David all felt strongly that Lenertz is a leader who can help shepherd the family institution into the future, while honoring the banks mission "to operate for the good of the community, first, last and always." The outstanding legacy that Dan Nicolai Sr established, who passed away in June 2020, after over 60 years operating the bank, will be maintained, while the new president, Pat Lenertz will work to build appropriate strategies and prioritize products and services for generations to come. (continued on page 5)



Castle Rock Bank opened their Randolph branch office in 2020

Lutefisk Dinner December 6th

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Reality Check

Do you remember the game Whack-a-Mole? In Whack-a-Mole these moles pop up out of holes and you take this hammer, and you slam it back down. As soon as you slam one down what happens? Another one comes up. It goes on and on and on. The thing about this game - and this is why it's evil - is you can't win it. No matter how many you slam down they keep coming back up. And pretty soon you just give up and you walk away. You can never permanently whack down a mole- they always come up again.

Whack-a-Mole is a metaphor for your life. Just about the time you've got one problem whacked down: another problem pops up. And you whack that one down and two more come up. That is life. This is also true of persistent sins. Not just problems but persistent sins and temptations. God's Word teaches us how to end the game with sin and how to disconnect the power, so those moles don't keep popping back up!

I want to take a little survey here. Time for confession. Have you ever stayed up late when you knew you needed sleep? Have you ever eaten or drunk extra calories that you

knew you shouldn't have? Have you ever made commitments that you couldn't possibly keep? Have you ever felt you ought to exercise but you didn't? Have you ever known that you should be kind and unselfish but instead you were unkind and selfish? Have you ever tried to take control of your life, a circumstance or another person and discovered that you couldn't? Welcome to the human race. Paul - the apostle- wrote about his struggle in Roman's 7:15- 16, " I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good."

Every problem in our lives has the same root. It's playing God. Ezekiel preached to the captives in Babylon, "In the pride of your heart you say, 'I am a god...' But you are just a man and not a god, though you think you are as wise as a god." Ezekiel 28:2 (NIV) We think we know best, and we are going to do it our way! The oldest temptation is the temptation to play God. It goes all the way back to the garden of Eden when Adam was tempted to eat the fruit that God says this is the one choice I'm giving you - don't eat this. Then Satan comes and says, "If you eat this, you'll be a god!" Satan never tempts you to be like himself. He never says if you eat this you'll be like me. He says eat this and you'll be your own god. When I act like I'm God; I'm going to make my own choices instead of doing what God tells me to do, that's when I'm going to have problems in my life. God knows us- he created us, and He has a plan for each of us.

Jesus spoke in his famous 'sermon on the mount,' "You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule." Matthew 5:3. (The Message) When we come to the end of our rope- it's then that we see ourselves as we are. We need a reality check; we need to be poor in spirit: We must admit we need help. We must recognize that we're power-

less to control our tendency to do the wrong thing, and our life is unmanageable. That is what it means to be poor in spirit. God says if you develop that attitude: admitting that I am powerless, that I need help, that I can't control and manage everything in my life, and I need God's help, he says, then you will be blessed. How can we develop the spirit of being poor in spirit? The Bible teaches us three ways.

1. I must humbly admit I need help. I've got to face the truth about me. The problem is it's painful. It feels a whole lot safer to not handle the truth about ourselves because the truth sets me free, but first it makes us miserable when we realize what needs changing in our lives.

2. I need to humbly ask God for help. I admit I need help, then I ask God for it. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead marriage. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead career. If God can raise a dead person, he can raise a dead dream. If God can raise a dead person, he can restore the love and romance in your marriage. God can do miracles. God can bring good out of bad. He specializes in turning crucifixions into resurrections.

3. I must humbly accept help from other people. God wired us in such a way that we don't get well by ourselves. You're only going to be victorious when you're honest with yourself, with God and with others. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 4:9: "Two are better than one, [talking about people] because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up." God created us to be in community. Fifty-eight times in the New Testament it uses the phrase "one another" -- love one another, care for one another, help one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, support one another, counsel one another. We are to help each other out. That's what the church is all about. If you've come to the end of your rope- God is there to help and direct, you to a better life. Are there hurts, habits or hang-ups you want to change? Begin with the first step: Realize you're not God. Admit you're powerless to control your tendency to do the wrong thing and your life is unmanageable. God knows and He loves you, He's there for you and He has a plan for you. Trust Him today.



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Scripture Reading — Luke 23:44-46
Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. — Psalm 73:25

Sometimes there is too much wrong in this world! The economy takes your job. Cancer takes your spouse. The river takes your home. Yet even when so much is wrong, God is enough.

But some people skate through life. They seem to have no troubles at all. Their kids run faster. Their jobs pay better. Their dreams shine brighter. And they act like they deserve it, but they don't. It's just wrong! Yet even when so much is wrong, God is enough.

It helps to remember Jesus: accused by his own people, abandoned by his closest friends, stripped naked and nailed to a cross. It was all so wrong! So wrong that the sun quit shining and Jesus cried out, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:33-34). Yet even then, God was enough.

Psalm 73 is a long prayer about how there is too much wrong in this world. It's a complaint, until the psalmist gains a new perspective. Then the prayer takes a turn: "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you." In other words, even when so much is wrong, God, you are enough.

At the end of his rope, Jesus releases himself to God: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46). Because even when so much is wrong, God is enough.

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The Hampton community would like to thank the Planning Committee led by Chuck Clanton, the sponsors and volunteers of the 2021 Froeliches (Happy) Day held September 25, 2021 for all their work and support. The event had a bean bag tourney, kids games and activities, food stands, and a street dance featuring the band "The Coxmen". Special thanks to Ottomatic Lawn Care and the Merchants Bank for their tent setup and use, along with the Dakota County Park Rangers for the demonstration and everyone that had a helping hand with this event.

We appreciate their extremely helpful participation.

Donations were given by Auto Care Solutions, Bolton & Menk, Butter and Spice Co., Castle Rock Bank, Eilen & Sons Trucking, Equestrian Wellness Chiropractic, Frontier Ag & Turf Cannon Falls, Lawrence Tree & Stump Service, Little Oscar's, Lucky's Round Up Bar, Main Street Salon, Merchants Bank, Meric's Woodfire Oven & Tavern, Nicolai Repair, Ottomatic Lawn Care, SA Woodworking, Wagner Construction, Werner Insurance Agency and Your Cousin's BBQ.

Proceeds were shared with the Hampton/Randolph Fire Department's Breakfast with Santa in December and with City parks for improvements.

Fall Harvest



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Chronic Wasting Disease Testing is Mandatory for Deer Opener in CWD Zones

By Minnesota DNR

Deer hunters are encouraged to visit the DNR website to make a plan for their season

Minnesota deer hunters in several parts of the state must bring their harvested deer to sampling stations to be tested for chronic wasting disease during the opening weekends of firearms seasons.

Mandatory testing applies to opening weekend of the statewide A season (Saturday, Nov. 6 – Sunday, Nov. 7) and opening weekend of the southeast-only B season (Saturday, Nov. 20-Sunday, Nov. 21). It is part of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources approach designed to limit the spread of the disease and keep Minnesota's wild deer healthy.

"Protecting our wild deer is a shared responsibility. Thank you to hunters who help combat CWD by submitting samples," said Barbara Keller, big game program leader.

"These samples provide data that help us better understand the prevalence of the disease in wild deer."

Hunters only need to know the number of the deer permit area (DPA) where they will be hunting to determine if CWD sampling is required. By visiting mndnr.gov/deerhunt (link is external) and locating the grouping containing their DPA, hunters can access comprehensive information and resources for planning a successful deer hunt.

Beyond mandatory testing, hunters also need to consider where and how their harvested deer will be processed and whether a field-dressed animal can be legally transported from the deer permit area where it is harvested.

Testing details

The DNR conducts testing in areas where CWD has been discovered in wild or captive white-tailed deer. Depending on its proximity to known cases of CWD and whether CWD has been found in wild deer, a DPA can be designated a management, control or surveillance zone.

During opening weekends of the A and B deer seasons, any deer 1 year or older that is harvested from a DPA designated as a CWD zone must be submitted for testing. The only exceptions are DPAs 213 and 273, where DNR is in the second year of evaluating a risk-based surveillance strategy and testing is voluntary. In DPAs 213 and 273, the DNR is

collecting samples at self-service stations throughout all deer seasons.

The mandatory sampling requirements mean that after field dressing their deer, hunters in CWD zones need to take them to a sampling station. The DNR will staff sampling stations during mandatory weekends. DNR staff will remove lymph nodes, and the DNR will submit the tissue for laboratory testing. Self-service sampling station options also will be available for hunters who would prefer to drop off their deer heads rather than having staff take the samples at stations. DNR staff will retrieve the heads, remove the lymph nodes and submit the tissue for sampling. Sampling stations are listed on the CWD page (link is external).

There are options for hunters who want to have their deer mounted by a taxidermist to get the deer sampled without ruining the cape of the deer. Hunters should check the CWD page (link is external) for a list of cooperating taxidermists that will sample the deer for the DNR. Hunters can also cape the head themselves prior to bringing it to the sampling location, and a video showing how to cape a deer is on the DNR website (link is external).

Hunters must register their deer within 48 hours of harvest and before the deer is processed— whether by phone, internet or in person. Harvest registration will not be available at CWD sampling stations.

Hunters can check for their CWD test results online at mndnr.gov/cwdcheck (link is

external) by entering their nine-digit MDNR number found on licenses and site tags.

All hunters are invited to a webinar about CWD at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Kelsie LaSharr from the DNR wildlife health program and James Burnham, DNR R3 coordinator, will discuss what hunters need to know about this disease and what the DNR is doing to manage it. Registration and more information are available on the DNR website (link is external).

Voluntary CWD testing

Outside of opening weekends of firearms deer seasons, voluntary submissions for deer harvested in any CWD management or control zone are being accepted at self-service stations through archery deer season, which is open through Dec. 31. Deer harvested in the surveillance zone can be sampled voluntarily by making appointments at area wildlife offices.

Hunters not in a CWD zone can collect their own lymph node sample and submit it for testing to the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (link is external) at the University of Minnesota for a fee. A DNR video showing how to collect a lymph node sample is available on the DNR website (link is external).

Mandatory carcass movement restrictions

Mandatory carcass movement restrictions are in effect for the CWD management and control zones.

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American Red Cross Blood Drive

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Whole carcasses cannot leave these zones until a "not detected" test result is received. Hunters who debone or quarter their deer can

transport their harvest immediately before receiving their test result; the DNR will have dumpsters and quartering stations available in the management and control zones to help with disposal of parts that cannot be transported. No carcass movement restrictions are in place in the CWD surveillance zone, where the disease has not been discovered in wild deer.

More information

The DNR is committed to maintaining a healthy deer herd and is taking three primary management actions to control the disease in areas where CWD was detected in wild deer: reducing deer densities; using feeding and attractant bans to reduce contact between deer;



and restricting carcass movement. Keeping the deer population healthy supports hunting opportunities for current and future deer hunters.

For more information on CWD, the DNR's continued efforts to manage the disease and

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Castle Rock Bank Elects New President

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Lenertz has worn many hats in his banking career, including teller, janitor, IRA specialist, residential and commercial lender, compliance officer and more. Most recently, Pat was the director of risk and compliance for the commercial real estate division at U S Bank. Customers will continue to work with

the staff as they have in the past with no major changes planned in operations at the bank. The Nicolai Family will continue to be the owners and caretakers of Castle Rock Bank, working together with their banks new President, moving the community bank into the future.

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Anhydrous Safety Should be Top Concern This Fall

The MDA offers safety tips for those maintaining equipment and applying and transporting NH3

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

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers and applicators so they can safely apply anhydrous ammonia.

Always wear appropriate goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

Be sure to have a clean, adequate emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons.

Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections as if lines contain anhydrous ammonia.

Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3.

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

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

Safety is also key to those maintaining anhydrous ammonia equipment. Never assume NH3 lines are empty, always wear proper protective equipment, and have access to safety water.

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30

miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SVM) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

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

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

As a reminder, fall application of anhydrous ammonia should happen after average soil

temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler to help prevent nitrogen loss, protects water quality, and ensures more nitrogen will be available for next season's crop.

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

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

MDA Now Accepting Applications for Noxious Weed/Invasive Plant Grants

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant. Counties, municipalities, tribal governments, and weed management entities (including weed management areas) may apply for grants to mitigate noxious weeds around the state. Grants for fiscal year 2022 will be funded up to \$5,000. The awards are intended to support local projects.

Since 2018, the MDA Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant has awarded over \$1 million to fund a variety of activities such as purchasing equipment and supplies, conducting mapping and outreach activities, and hiring private applicators to manage noxious weeds. One hundred nineteen projects were awarded averaging \$9,000.

Review the request for proposals (RFP) and find the application on the MDA website. Applications are due no later than 3 p.m. on December 3, 2021. Questions can be directed to Emilie Justen, MDA Noxious Weed Law Coordinator, at emilie.justen@state.mn.us.

The grant program is funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).



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Oct. 30, 2021.....9:30 AM CDT Kenyon, MN
 LIVE ONSITE AND ONLINE FARM ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE JAMES SHOBERG ESTATE
 John Deere 4040, 4620, 4020 & 3010 Tractors, New Holland L5170 Skid Loader, Attachments, JD 730, 70, G, H, M, AR Tractors, JD 440 Crawler, AC D-14, Tillage and Planting Equipment, Gravity Wagons, JD X744 Garden Tractor, Snowmobiles, ATV, Farm Support Equipment

Nov. 6, 2021.....10:00 AM CST Rochester, MN
 LIVE & ONLINE FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR WAYNE MURRAY
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Nov. 20, 2021.....10:00 AM CST St. Charles, MN
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Faribault, MN
 TIMED ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION FOR THE LUCKOW ESTATE
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November 28
Bidding Begins: .. Nov. 19, 2021
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 TIMED ONLINE ONLY PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION FOR LUCKOW ESTATE
 2014 Toyota Avalon Car, 2005 Toyota Tundra 4 Door, '20 Gravely Zero Turn, Ariens B24 Snowblower, Stihl Power Units, Craftsman Tools Box, Milwaukee, Delta & Craftsman Power Tools, 17 Very Good Firearms, Ammo, Fishing, Hunting, All Items In Like New Condition

Dec. 4, 2021.....10:00 AM CST Elmwood, WI
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AUCTION 37 Acres+/- Steele Co., MN Section 14 of Summit TWP - 25+/- CRP Acres - NE of Ellendale, MN - Bidding ends at 2pm AUCTION 10/22/21 ID #2136	AUCTION 310.76 Acres+/- Freeborn Co., MN Great Crop Soils - Land for Hunting - Lake Shore Land Along Freeborn Lake AUCTION 12/11/21 ID #2142	LISTING 240 Acres+/- Freeborn Co., MN Section 16 of Manchester TWP - 189.74 Cropland Acres - CPI 84.4 - Tillable near Manchester. \$2,000,000 ID #1505
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By Harvey Mackay

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After consulting social statistics, talking to the boys, and compiling much data, the students concluded that 90 percent of the boys would spend some time in jail.

Twenty-five years later another group of graduate students was given the job of testing the prediction. They went back to the same areas. Some of the boys – by then men – were still there, a few had died, some had

moved away, but they got in touch with 180 of the original 200. They found that only four of the group had ever been sent to jail.

Why was it that these men with many disadvantages had such a surprisingly good record? The researchers were continually told: "Well, there was this teacher."

They pressed further and found that in 75 percent of the cases it was the same woman. The researchers went to this teacher, long since retired. How had she exerted this remarkable influence over that group of children? Could she give them any reason why these boys should have remembered her?

"No," she said, "I really couldn't." And then, thinking back over the years, she said amusingly, more to herself than to her questioners, "I loved those boys."

Teachers hold a special place in our lives. As we start another school year, it's a perfect time to salute and applaud the people who helped mold us into who we became.

October 5 was World Teachers' Day, so let's celebrate the important role teachers play in all our lives. I learned many life lessons from my teachers that had a significant bearing on my life.

There is no magic formula for being a success. Sure, natural talent can make a big difference. It takes iron determination and lots of hard, hard work. The harder you work, the luckier you get. Success only comes before work in the dictionary. My mentor Curt Carl-

son, founder of one of the world's largest privately owned companies, used to say, "You work five days a week to keep pace with the competition. You work Saturday to get ahead."

Stay focused. The person who is everywhere is nowhere. If you have the ability to focus fully on the task at hand, and shut out everything else, you can accomplish amazing things.

Respect has to be given to be received. Respect people for what they are and for what they stand for – even if you don't agree. Be respectful or be regretful.

Dream big. I was taught to aim high and to have dreams that inspire me to go beyond my limits. Show me someone who doesn't dream about the future and I'll show you someone who doesn't know where he or she is going. If you can dream it, you can become it.

Never be afraid to make mistakes. You're bound to fail at some things. Learn what you can and move on instead of beating yourself up. Embrace mistakes as opportunities to grow. If you're not making mistakes, you're not taking any risks. And that could mean you're not making progress.

Remain trustworthy. Trust is the most important word in business, as well as life in general. Trust is central to doing business with anyone. Without it, you have another

word that begins with T: Trouble. It takes years to build trust, but only seconds to destroy it.

There are consequences for bad decisions. Bad decisions are quite different from mistakes, as any teacher can tell you. Deciding to take shortcuts instead of doing the job right, making promises you can't keep – there are consequences that are often difficult to overcome which could be avoided by starting off on the right path.

Make the best of your opportunities. Look for occasions to display your talents and see where it leads you. There's an old saying that you make your own opportunities. Don't sell yourself short.

You can make a difference. Sometimes all a person needs to hear is that they matter. Great teachers inspire that confidence, no matter what the grade or age level. They also set wonderful examples of making a difference in their students' lives, like the teacher who showed all those boys that they had tremendous potential for success.

Mackay's Moral: The best teachers share lessons not found in books.

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Hampton City Regular Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2021

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhring, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell. Also present was Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk; and Chris Meyer, City Treasurer.

Regular Meeting called to Order - Mayor Knetter called the Regular Scheduled Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhring, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell.

Disclosure of Interest – None

Approval of August 17, 2021 Special and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes – Motion by Verch seconded by Flodeen to approve the August 17, 2021 Special and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor.

None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Disbursements – Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the September disbursements.

All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

Councilor Luhring asked Mayor Knetter for an update on the Northfield WiFi/Hampton water tower issue.

Knetter responded that the City's attorney in the case, Peter Mikhail, made a motion with the court to clarify that the contract that is the subject of the case is standard contract language and that the City may terminate the contract.

The motion was made in late August, the judge took it under advisement, and the case is set for trial. Luhring thanked Knetter for the update.

Special Meeting for Final Approval of Levy – Knetter indicated that the special meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regular scheduled City Council meeting on December 14th.

Additional Communication from Mayor Knetter – Dakota County contacted the City recently regarding building a vehicle maintenance facility in the City. Knetter stated that there was a meeting with representatives from Dakota County two years ago to begin discussion of the proposed project. Now Dakota County is ready to proceed with the project. Discussion about site location, if the County has other potential sites for the facility, details of facility operations, future truck traffic, and drawbacks/benefits to the City.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2021-09 – Approving the 2021 Tax Levy – Motion by Verch seconded by Luhring to approve

Resolution 2021-09. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk stated that he had no formal update this month, but was at the meeting to answer any questions Councilors may have, or to discuss any engineering related issues that may have come up since the last Council meeting. Councilors had no questions. Mayor Knetter

asked Marlin Reinardy, Water and Sewer Superintendent, if he had any questions. He asked Fisher if he could attend a meeting scheduled with Dakota County representatives for next Tuesday afternoon to discuss the proposed Dakota County vehicle maintenance facility. Fisher said he would be willing to attend, but would need to check his calendar.

Fisher then stated that he did have one update regarding the water tower replacement project. He is waiting for a response from SHPO to requests for additional information, so he wanted to let Councilors know that that is still something that is in progress. Mayor Knetter thanked Fisher for the update.

Water / Sewer Report – Reinardy reported that it has been a busy month with water issues. The problems he is having stem from the well house where a relay went bad in the #2 well. During the process of working on the problem, the assembly was powered down and then powered back up. After that, the PanelView terminal wouldn't come back up, so he contacted the company that originally installed it, who dispatched a technician. The PanelView was originally installed in 1996 and is no longer supported by the company. Reinardy stated that the technician working on the problem is the only one that works for the company that has knowledge about the system.

He said that there is a battery in the system that was replaced in 2014, and now that battery went bad, so the PanelView lost its memory. The technician was able to get things working again, but stated that the PanelView terminal would need to be replaced, as the one the City has is no longer supported by the company. Discussion about options for replacement and if the City will be able to configure the new PanelView as the existing one had been configured.

The replacement solenoid for the #2 well was received and replaced, however the new solenoid did not fix the problem, so Reinardy contacted McCarthy Well, who dispatched a technician, however the technician didn't know what to do to repair the problem. Reinardy continued by explaining how a solenoid valve works. This solenoid valve does not operate as it should because it is a one-way valve that should not allow water to back up, as it is doing now. Reinardy then contacted Peine Plumbing, who ordered new internal parts for the solenoid valve. The plumber believes the problem may be the backflow preventer. Reinardy disagrees. However, he stated that it is important to have the backflow preventers inspected annually, and he was able to find someone to do it. That individual did come for an initial visit to get information about the backflow preventer and will order parts as needed.

Reinardy stated that it is likely that an inspection will determine that some of the backflow preventers will need to be rebuilt. Reinardy again spoke with McCarthy Well, and they are unsure of what is causing the problem, but they believe it must be a failure of the solenoid valve. The person who will be doing the work to replace the internal parts of the solenoid valve wants Reinardy to make sure that the backflow preventer is working properly before he works on the solenoid valve.

Additionally, Reinardy reported that there

was a watermain leak 2 weeks ago near the #3 well at the park. Water was leaking near the fire hydrant. Dug up, but initially couldn't find the leak. Ultimately it was discovered that a flange in the shut-off valve was leaking. The flange was replaced, which fixed the leak. The ground around the area needed repair because of the digging and then back filling around the hydrant. That work was done and grass seed was planted.

In sewer matters, things are going well. He is preparing for the October discharge, which he believes will go well, and is sure that testing will have good results.

Law Enforcement Report – Mayor Knetter acknowledged the presence of two Dakota County Sheriff Deputies and asked if they had anything to report. They mentioned that they have been busy with enforcement around the barricades for the road construction. Also, there are a few new deputies who will be training with veteran officers on patrol. It was noted that there is a suspicious looking man that has been spotted around town, however he is known to be a local resident who is experiencing domestic issues. Mayor Knetter thanked Deputies for their report and their service.

Park Report – Councilor Verch stated that he had nothing to report.

Street Report – Councilor Luhring reported 2 complaints from the same person about Hampton Avenue between Main Street and Doffing. When street repairs are done in the spring, this is one area that will require some work to be done, as the road is buckling and does need repair. The resident is satisfied, knowing that repairs will be done in the spring.

Mayor Knetter noted that he received a complaint about an individual that lives near the post office who is doing repairs to vehicles that are parked on the street. Neighboring businesses are unhappy about the situation and want the individual to stop parking vehicles and working on them on the street. Knetter did stop and talk to the individual and told him that he needs to stop. Knetter stated that if the activity continues, action will need to be taken by the Council because these vehicles can present a safety hazard. Discussion ensued about potential future actions for non-compliance by the individual.

Reinardy updated Councilors on his recent

contact with individuals whose vehicles have been tagged to be towed.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Award Snow Plowing Contract – Knetter noted that just one quote was received for snow plowing, and that was from Ottomatic Lawncare, LLC. He mentioned that it was added to the contract that there be an option to extend the contract beyond the two-year period of the contract, if both parties agree. Motion by Verch seconded by Flodeen to award the snow removal contract to Ottomatic Lawncare, LLC. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed 5:0.

American Rescue Plan Act grant funding – Mayor Knetter mentioned that he had this put on the agenda as a point of discussion, and provided an overview on eligible uses of the grant funding. He asked Councilors for their ideas for funding usage. He stated that his idea is to purchase a back-up generator for the other lift station. There was discussion about using the funds for items related to the water tower replacement project. Knetter doesn't believe that those costs would be an eligible use of the funds. Verch asked if the PanelView terminal that needs to be upgraded would be an eligible expense. Discussion. That is something that will be looked into.

Adjournment - - Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy O'Brien

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City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting September 8, 2021

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appelgren.

Roll Call

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

Public Comments

None made.

Minutes

A motion to approve the August 11, 2021 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Treasurer Report

Sandy indicated we took in approximately \$4,400 from water bills.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as written was made by Friedrich, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Approval to Pay Bills

Motion to approve the payment of bills as written was made by Friedrich, and seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Old Business

Bids for Pump House

We are still waiting on prices so we will table this until next month.

Water Meters

The company indicated they wanted to know how many 2 inch meters we intended to return. We used 2 of them and have 4 to return. Ask what credit they will give us by September 22nd so we can discuss at the special meeting.

New Business Budget for 2022

We tabled this until the special meeting to be held on September 22nd.

Dan Wenstrom – Hereford Hill 3

Dan asked that the City release his letter of credit Dan sent an email to the city indicating that he has a signed purchase agreement for the 4th Addition. He also noted that he understands that he needs to either donate land for a park or make a monetary contribution to the park fund. It was noted that if we release his letter of credit and he does not go forward with the 4th Addition the City has nothing to be able to get the monetary contribution from him.

It was suggested that since he is not able to attend in person that we should see if we can set up a zoom meeting for him to attend next month's meeting.

It was noted that until we have a development agreement we should not release the letter of credit. It would be best to figure out how much he would owe for the park and leave it in an account.

Clerk Haro will contact Korine to see if she can figure out the amount that should be al-

located for the park land and hopefully have the amount by next month's meeting. Also contact Dan to see if he would be available to attend next month's meeting via zoom.

What he needs to provide and we should find out from Korine if a developers agreement or proof of purchase is a guarantee for the city.

Dakota County Deputy

Deputy James O'Meara was present and indicated they are had a report of 10 catalytic converter thefts in Eureka Township. Remember to lock your cars and your home.

We have had several complaints about some residences and asked if there was anything that we could do to stop the flow of traffic in and out of the residences. We need to look at our ordinances to see if there is anything that we can do. Friedrich indicated he will go through our ordinance to see if there is anything that they residences have violated.

Deputy O'Meara indicated he will share this information that we discussed with the other deputies.

Sanitary Sewer Update

Matt from Bolton & Menk discussed that we should hold another special closed meeting to discuss our options. We have scheduled the meeting for September 29th at 7 pm assuming that Korine can also attend.

Miscellaneous

It was asked if we need to get paid for all of these special meetings. Clerk Haro will check with Korine if we are required to take pay for these special meetings.

We discussed an electrical box by the bridge on Dixie Avenue that does not look safe. It was indicated it is a mat box. Podritz will contact Mike Slavik regarding this.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Friedrich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Haro

City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting September 22, 2021

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Acting Mayor Sarah Podritz.

Roll Call

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

Also present was Todd Hagen from Ehlers.

New Business

Preliminary Budget for 2022

Todd Hagen from Ehlers was present to discuss our budget. We discussed the debt levy for this year in the amount of \$3,233 which will be payable in February 2022 will be paid from the general fund. We can include the debt levy that is payable in August of 2022 in the amount of \$4,279 with this budget.

After review, Friedrich made a motion to approve the budget with a preliminary levy at \$154,109 and the debt levy of \$4,279 for 2022, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor (Podritz, Friedrich and Haro), opposed (Carlock), motion passed 3:1.

We also discussed refinancing the bond to include the water tower loan. Todd will discuss the refinancing with Castle Rock Bank to find out the interest rate. We are currently paying 4.75% and we hope to bring it down to around 3.0%. The cost of refinancing will be approximately \$15,000. It would double the length of the debt from 8 years to about 16 years but it will also decrease the debt service from \$38,000 to about \$19,000 a year. We will look into refinancing the bond.

We also discussed the water rates and the need to get that water fund stable. If we refinance the water tower loan we would bring the debt service down by half the amount that it currently is at so the water account would recover faster. Ehlers created a chart that gave us great information but we asked they amend it to bring down the amounts.

He will work on redoing the chart so we can discuss at a future meeting.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Haro

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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes End of an Era



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.

Twenty-one years ago, I began my life in the newspaper business. It was actually quite by accident. I wasn't intending to help out for more than a few months but ended up buying the paper and the rest is history.

One of the first acquaintances I made were the folks who printed the newspaper each week. In those days we would layout the pages by pasting printed copies on a large sheet and then deliver them to the printer. After printing, the bundled papers would be hauled back to the post office and distributed to retail locations.

Leonard, Margaret and Jeff Bauman owned the press, a business called Country Impressions near Waseca, where we printed each week. I would drop the pages off at 8am and return in the afternoon to pick up the newspapers. The smell of printer's ink and the hum of the big machinery rolling newspapers fresh off the press was exciting. Johannes Gutenberg would have been so proud. At one time they printed nearly every small-town newspaper in this area, about twenty-eight by our recollection.

Early on we had a mishap. One week somehow a page was omitted and the press spit out all copies of our West Concord Enterprise with one blank page in the middle. I didn't notice it until I was back at the office with all copies printed and distributed. The next week I pulled out a copy at the printer and paged through it to see if any were missing. I looked up and there was Leonard, Margaret and Jeff looking at me, rather concerned from around the office door. I never found out whose fault

the missing page was.

Being an ambitious young man back then I would spend hours doing sales calls in Owatonna. It was a lucrative market back then and I made lots of ad sales. Actually, too many sales for one certain person. Elsie Slinger was the owner of the Blooming Prairie Times and she took offense at the number of Owatonna businesses I was selling ads to. She called me up and informed me I was to lay off Owatonna sales calls and I should sit in my office like a good sales person and wait for the businesses to call me. I guess that way she could get those sales. Naturally being a farm boy who always took the bull by the horns and made my own way in life, I couldn't believe someone would have the gall to feed me this line of bull. Needless to say, the phone conversation degenerated rapidly and I informed her that we lived in a free country and I could sell to anyone I pleased.

Maybe that would have been the end of the issue, except that when I dropped off the paste up sheets that next Tuesday morning, who should I see but Elsie Slinger, there picking up her Blooming Prairie Times. She was still steaming from our phone call earlier and launched into a tirade at me. This was better, now we had an audience for the fight. It is amazing at how calm and articulate one can be when they are right and the other person is crazy. When Elsie stormed out, I looked up and saw Leonard, Margaret and Jeff looking cautiously at me from around the office door. I am fairly certain they were expecting some kind of bloodshed from this confrontation. From then on Elsie picked up her papers later, I sold ads to every business in Owatonna as well as some in Blooming Prairie and I never crossed paths with her again.

Over the years I became great friends with the Bauman's and enjoyed visiting with them every week. The number of newspapers they were printing dwindled down to ours and a couple others and they ceased printing newspapers and retired at the end of September. I am going to miss those guys. As for Elsie, she wrote a murder mystery book.

A Minnesotan: Bundled Up



By RosaLin Alcoser

October 31st, 1999 was my very first Halloween in Minnesota. I was three years old at the time, and I went trick-or-treating in my snow boots. It was a light dusting of snow. But as a newcomer to Minnesota, who had minimal experience with snow, I remember it as more than a light dusting.

Halloween of 2002 was my first Halloween in Mazeppa. I remember that my sister and I went trick or treating as a pair of Dalmatian puppies. It was a warm Halloween or at least warm for a Minnesotan Halloween. At least I think that I remember it being warm. Honestly, I have no idea

I was six, and the Dalmatian costume was mostly made up of sweats.

There have been relatively warm Halloweens in my childhood as well as years when it snowed. There was one year when it snowed, and I refused to wear my coat up to the houses while out trick or treating. Because if I wore my coat, then my costume couldn't be seen. And really if you can't see the costume then what's the point? The true mark of a good Halloween costume is that it can be worn over a snowsuit if need be.

Which brings me back around to last Halloween; which was really my first truly grown up Halloween meaning that I was the one handing out the candy and not the trick-or-treater or at the high school or college Halloween event meant to keep us contained for the evening.

Last year was 2020 so the trick-or-treaters were really just the kids on our street due to COVID and it was also a cold year. So when the neighbor's child was outside our house for trick-or-treat they were bundled up... and as far as I know to this day that was the costume. The kid was just bundled up; reminding us all that the mark of a truly good Halloween costume in Minnesota is the ones that can go over your snowsuit.

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