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2022 Dennison Flake Out Festival Planned for Feb. 19



Flake Out Parade in Dennison file photo

Mark Your Calendar, The Dennison Lions Club is planning the 2022 Flake Out Festival & Winter Parade for Saturday, February 19th.

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New life for Old Schoolhouse?

A recent on-line post by owners of the former Stanton School House gives someone the opportunity to repurpose the historic Stanton building. The building will need to be moved. Here is the post as it appeared on-line:

The original one room school house that served this town of Stanton, and was built in approximately 1890 needs its next home and next chapter in life. Because this was moved from its original location, it is not eligible for listing on the national register of historic places. But, don't let this dissuade you from noticing the exceptional beauty and uniqueness of this building. We have spent over 20 years thinking about what to do with this beautiful building. It needs someone to appreciate its architecture and give it a modern renovation. The bones are good. This is old



Old School

photos courtesy of Jim Pelkey

Announcements

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• **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.

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150 Years of U.S. Military History on Display in Cannon Falls Machine Shed Turned Museum

Courtesy of WCCO

There's a place in Goodhue County where you can find military history dating back a century and a half.

In this week's Finding Minnesota, John Lauritsen shows us how a Vietnam veteran built the Cannon Falls Military History Museum all by himself.

"My cousin Tom was a Marine. My cousin Dan was a Marine. My cousin Billy was in the Air Force," said Vince Cockriel.

For Vince, military service runs in the family. It began with his grandfather, who lied about his age so he could fight in the Spanish-American War. That same grandfather kept everything from his 30 years in the Army.

"It was a treasure trove to go into his barn," said Vince. "The door would open of our station wagon, we all would pile out and the first thing I would do is go in there. I'd find something cool and go 'Grandpa, do you mind if I have this?' And 'Yeah, go ahead,' he'd say."

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School now

world lumber that forms the structure.

We have kept a roof on it, in fact we had the roof replaced after a hail storm just last summer. The stamped tinning that lines the walls and ceilings is interesting and beautiful. You would need to move this building to your lot. Serious inquiries only. This would be a cash only sale. \$10,000 as is.

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The Faithfulness of God

“Back in the eighteenth century, a young boy was born into a Christian home. For the first six years of his life, he heard the truths of the gospel, and he was loved. Sadly, though, his parents died. The orphaned boy went to live with his relatives. There he was mistreated and abused and ridiculed for his faith in Christ.

The boy couldn't tolerate that situation, and he fled and joined the Royal Navy. In the navy, the boy's life went downhill. He became known as a brawler, was whipped many times, and participated in some of his comrades' being keel-hauled. Finally, while he was still young, he deserted the Royal Navy and fled to Africa, where he attached himself to a Portuguese slave trader. The young man's pattern of life had become so depraved, he couldn't stay out of trouble. As the story goes, he stole the ship's whiskey and got so drunk that he fell overboard. He was close to drowning when one of his shipmates harpooned him and brought him back on board. As a result, the young man had a huge scar in his side for the rest of his life. After that escapade, he couldn't get much lower. Eventually the young man began to reflect on the Scripture verses he had heard as a child and he was marvelously converted. The new life he found is reflected in his own heartfelt

words, familiar to millions now: “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.” John Newton's experience put into words: the ultimate point of Romans 3, “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

The law cannot save us, but God revealed a righteousness that will save us, apart from the law. This is the heart of God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. We now have a salvation that is offered apart from the law. We can't earn it and we don't deserve it. It is totally separate from our own doing. Now- instead of a lamb, we bring only ourselves and we will receive forgiveness of our sins. The price of the sacrificial lamb has been paid- once and for all!

Christ died to set us free from the penalty of sins under the first covenant (the law) and to make a way for us to be made right with God. When we have faith in Jesus, we are made right with God. And it's not just true for the people of Israel- the Jewish people but for EVERYONE who believes. Everyone- there is no favoritism. Paul continually reminds the Jewish believers that salvation is not only for them, because Jesus came for all humankind! Every person past, present and future can be made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

As believers, when God looks at us, we are now holy- we are now filled with Christ and free of our sin! God declares that we are righteous. It is all about God's grace- undeserved kindness from a holy, just and loving God.

God is holy and pure. This is the starting point for understanding God and his relationship with people and the world. If we don't feel a sense of awe and fear and admiration for the infinite holiness of God which

hates evil and all that it does; we will lose sight of who God is and what He has done for us. Paul says our acquittal isn't based on following the law- if it were we would be condemned. Our acquittal is based on our faith. We are made right with God through faith! Ephesians 2:8 puts it this way, “God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”

We are saved through faith. This is the truth that rocked Martin Luther's life. Martin Luther came to believe that the Bible is the central source of religious authority, and that salvation is reached through faith and not deeds; which shaped the core of Protestantism. John Newton came to a belief in Jesus Christ through faith- he knew he would never be accepted through his life- he was a notorious slave trader- had lived a terrible life- and yet, he experienced the amazing grace that he received through faith. That he could be forgiven, and he could be righteous in the eyes of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus paid it all.

So one might think that since Jesus paid it all- we can live anyway we want and it doesn't matter- Paul answers that with a resounding; NO! “Of course not! It is only by faith that we can truly obey the law.” Romans 3:30. Seems to be a contradiction- but it isn't. When we have faith in Jesus Christ- our heart is right with Him- the Holy Spirit

comes to live within us and to give us His power to live a holy life. God calls us to live like Jesus- who never sinned. On this side of heaven, we won't do it perfectly- but we can live by faith- out of our love for God and our love for people and our obedience to the law will be satisfied. When Jesus was asked about the most important commandments he responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40

It is by faith we are saved! It is by faith in Jesus Christ that we are made righteous. When we are filled with Jesus- His blood purifies our lives and we are made right with God.

Begin 2022 right by getting right with God today. Believe on the name of Jesus Christ and You will be saved. Be filled with Jesus. Happy New Year!



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‘Hours and Days and Years and Ages’

As we enter the new year, we often reflect on the past year. One thing I experience with the passing of each year is that I often look back and wonder, “Where did the time go?”

As we reflect on the past year and the fleeting passage of time, we are reminded that no matter how fast time seems to go by, God is still faithful. As Psalm 103 says, “From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.” As quickly as the time comes and goes, there is one thing that never changes: the Lord's great love for us.

In the hymn “Hours and Days and Years and Ages” we sing about time passing away swiftly. Yet God is still our God, and he is ever faithful. No matter what we have faced in the past year—and no matter what we will face in the year ahead—God remains and will be our faithful, loving God.

What a comforting thought: God's love remains with us from “everlasting to everlasting.” That is a really long time, for eternity!

God's love for us in Jesus Christ never changes. As stanza 3 of the hymn says, “When life's dangers overwhelm us, you will ever be our stay; through your Son you are our Father, always changeless, come what may.”

Thank you, Lord!

Prayer: Dear God, as we come to the end of another year, we thank you for showing us your love “from everlasting to everlasting.” Amen.

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Marie Margaret Norstad

Marie Margaret Norstad passed away on December 24, 2021, at the age of 96 years at Cannon Rivers Senior Living, Cannon Falls.



Marie was born on December 20, 1925, in St. Paul, MN, to Herbert and Emma (Kasper) Pirrung. She married Victor Norstad on February

26, 1949, at Newport Lutheran Church. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Randolph, Mn.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Victor (1987); son, Duane (2014) and infant son, Paul; sister, Fay Chester; brother, Frank Pirrung; and brothers-in-law, Ray Chester and Bill Bailey. She is survived by her children, Donald (Candie), Betty Teske (Ed) and Dennis; 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; sisters, Eunice Bailey, Shirley Gergen (Paul), and Rosemary Pirrung; brothers, Bob Pirrung (Florence) and Billy Pirrung (Dorothy); and nieces and nephews.

Marie's favorite place was home. She loved listening to country music, gardening and canning. African Violets were her favorite flower to grow, and her favorite color was blue. Marie enjoyed sewing, embroidery and many plastic canvas projects.

Arrangements are pending.

Nicholas M. Stein

Nicholas M. Stein, age 64, of Randolph, died on Tuesday evening, January 11, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic Health System, Cannon Falls.



Nicholas Mathias Stein was born on October 6, 1957, in Red Wing, the son of Nicholas and Annette (Langenfeld) Stein. He grew up

on the family farm in Randolph and graduated from Randolph High School in 1976. On Nov. 8, 1991, Nick was united in marriage to Lori Keller at St. Mathias Catholic Church in Hampton.

Nick was a truck driver for Polka Dot Dairy for several years, eventually driving on his own, hauling livestock and grain. He worked the family farm with his dad. Eventually, he and Lori purchased the farm, They, as a family, also purchased and rented additional property to expand their operation, due to their love of farming.

Nick enjoyed working on the farm, ice fishing, and collected Case IH tractors and memorabilia. He especially loved getting together with family and friends for meals and visiting.

Survivors include his wife Lori, children Jessi (Dan) Swentik, Nicholas Stein, Katie (Jordan) Schuerman, and Melissa Stein; grandchildren Tucker, Chase, Hudson, Charlee, and Mikki; his parents Nicholas and Annette Stein, siblings Linda (Dave) Wein-

handl, Dale (Arlene) Stein, and Sharon (Leroy) Bauer; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorials are preferred to the Hillcrest Cemetery or the Randolph FFA.

Visitation was on Sunday, Jan 16, from 3 - 6:00 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Highway 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN 55009. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 am Monday, January 17 at the Church of St. Mathias, 23315 Northfield Blvd, Hampton, MN 55031. There was a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday. Interment was in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Hampton Township.

Rita Mae Regenscheid

Rita Mae Regenscheid, age 86 of Randolph, died at her home on Tuesday morning, January 18, 2022.



Rita was born at home in Vermillion, MN, the daughter of Gregory and Clara (Siebenaler) Mamer. She attended Catholic school in Hastings through the 8th grade. She married Jerome "Jerry" Regenscheid, raised their children, and worked with her husband on

their dairy farm in the Randolph area. She also worked at Treasure Island as a bingo floor clerk for 18 years.

Rita was a social butterfly and enjoyed going out dancing and having fun! Although a little stubborn, she was open to most plans made with family and friends. After retiring, she loved to play Bingo and travel.

She will be greatly missed by her family... her children, Peggy (Jerry) Nicolai of Hampton, Jim (Sheila) of Cannon Falls, Gary (Cheryl) of Ellsworth, WI, Danny (Tracy) of Lake City, and Mark (Laurie) of Randolph; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; brother, Raymond Rother of Hastings; and many other extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 40 years, Jerry on May 5, 1994; infant son, Gregory; sisters, Jeanette Carl and Linda Cleary; and brother, Gene Mamer.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, January 22 at 11:00am, with visitation from 9:00am - 11:00am, at St. Pius V Catholic Church, 410 W. Colvill St., Cannon Falls. Interment followed at the church cemetery. The mass was live-streamed.

Active pallbearers were Tyler and Jerome Regenscheid, Daniel Joseph "DJ" Berg, Racquel Smith, Mark and Collin Regenscheid, Bryce Otte, and Nicholas Regenscheid. Honorary pallbearers were the remaining grandchildren.

Castle Rock, Dakota County

It's ANYONE'S GUESS how many formations named Castle Rock dot the American landscape, but a cursory search reveals that the name is attached to outcroppings from New York to Wisconsin to California. Most of them don't really resemble castles, but geographic nomenclature does not always inspire feats of the imagination. Castle Rock is also the name given by Steven King to a fictional town in Maine where bad things happen with stunning regularity.

Naturally, Minnesota has a Castle Rock of its own. Actually, there are at least two, including one relatively obscure formation in Winona County. Minnesota's best known Castle Rock, however, is located in Dakota County, not far from the small community of the same name. The rock—an irregular mass of St. Peter sandstone that managed to survive the pulverizing effect of glaciation—is now hidden away in woods on private property, and it's a well-worn nub of its former self.

Before erosion, human mutilation, and a windstorm in 1920 took their toll, the rock was an impressive piece of natural sculpture, rising more than 45 feet above the surrounding prairie, with a picturesque pinnacle balanced precariously atop its broad base. It was well known to the Dakota people of the region, who named it *Inyan bosndata* ("standing rock"). Explorer Joseph Nicollet visited the rock in the 1830s and incorporated it into his famous 1843 *Map of the Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi*. Later, Newton H.



Winchell and Warren Upham offered a detailed description of the rock, one of several formations of its kind in Dakota County, in their final report on *The Geology of Minnesota*, published in 1888.

Once said to have been visible from 20 miles away, the rock was already a much-visited landmark by 1870, when this photograph was taken. The two men poised on the rock are unidentified, but it's a good

bet they carved their names or initials into the soft white sandstone before moving on, as did many hundreds of others. With so many tourists scrambling about the fragile rock over the years, it's little wonder that the pinnacle eventually collapsed. It's not clear exactly when Castle Rock lost its most spectacular feature, but photographs show that the pinnacle was gone by the 1920s.

—Larry Millett

LARRY MILLETT is a St. Paul historian and mystery novelist. Among his recent books are *Heart of St. Paul: A History of the Pioneer and Endicott Buildings* (Minnesota Museum of American Art, 2016) and *Minnesota's Own: Preserving Our Grand Homes* (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2014).

By Larry Millett

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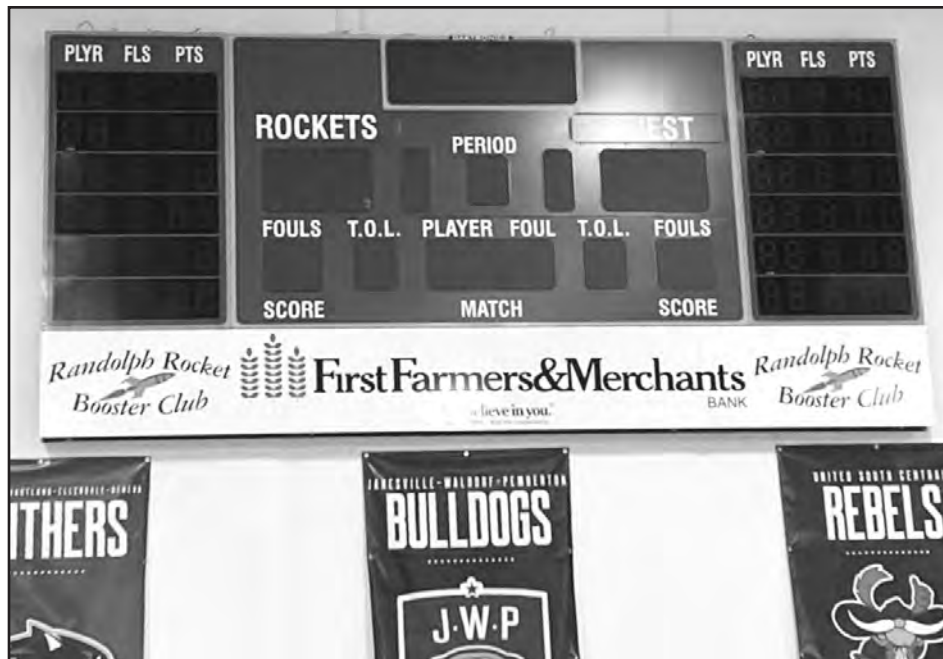
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New Scoreboard Panels Installed in the North Gym



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Congratulations to Our AAA Winners



Courtesy of Randolph School

Congratulations to our AAA (Athletics, Arts, and Academics) award winners: Clay Nielsen and Lindsay Sundby. Both are great kids and represent their school and teams with class!

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Zingler Places First at Cannon Falls Varsity Invitational Wrestling Tournament



Courtesy of Randolph School

Congratulations to Randolph 8th Grader, Tristan Zingler for placing first Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Cannon Falls Varsity Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Congratulations Randolph Wrestlers for Placing at Stewartville Invitational



Congratulations to Randolph wrestlers for placing at Stewartville Invitational on Saturday January 15, 2022.

Jonathon Opelt, 9th grade earned 1st Place for 120# Junior Varsity and Tristan Zingler, 8th grade earned 2nd Place for 170# Varsity.

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End of a four-year road to transition farmland now in sight for Singing Hills Dairy

Courtesy of AgWeek

NERSTRAND, Minn.— There are only two goats left at Singing Hills Dairy, and they are nervous.

The two goats once were part of a herd consisting of 26 milking Saanen and Nubian, and they are the only animals left of Lynne Reeck's operation.

Singing Hills Dairy is a small goat cheese dairy farm owned and operated by Reeck, who produced fresh chevre, feta, curds and yogurt in the certified cheese plant on the farm. The farm also raised whey-fed pork in season.

That's all in past tense because after nearly 25 years, Reeck is ready to move on from the farm and business, which is too much for her to handle on her own. She sold the rest of the goat herd for meat in the process of packing up her operation to prepare for a transition in the near future, if all goes as planned.

"They're not sure what to do with themselves," said Reeck on a frigid Jan. 7, as the two goats scampered to the corner when they saw a person other than Reeck enter the barn. "They're nervous, but they're warm in here."

As a wave of farmers like Reeck look to retire and transition their land, Minnesota's statewide programs such as Farm Link fall short in getting transitions done in a timely manner. Filling in the gaps in Reeck's case is a partnership between Minnesota-based Renewing the Countryside and the national organization American Farmland Trust, built to help lower the price of the farm for the incoming farmer.

Reeck's cheesemaking skills were honed in the building a few steps away from the barn she visited the goats on Jan. 7. In the small cheese plant she used milk from her goats to make chèvres and fetas — once in high demand for aficionados near the Twin Cities, along with traditional cheese and yogurt.

All the necessary instruments were still inside Reeck's small cheesemaking plant on Jan. 7. Empty coolers and buckets lined the lower shelves, a scale and open recipe book was on the tabletop, and a digital chart recorder hung plugged-in on the wall. Reeck worked six days a week in the space to produce around 150 pounds of cheese and yogurt a week, which she'd sell pretty much all of that same week.

She prepared extra cheese for the Dec. 18 Mill City Farmers Market in Minneapolis, because it was her final sale. She sold out of everything within an hour.

In a separate room of the cheesemaking plant, there is a milking parlor which Reeck milked goats in twice daily, as they fed on organic grain. The stand is surrounded by remnants of encouragement even though the parlor won't be used again by her. A boombox with a box of CD albums next to it was still playing, and a KEEP CALM AND LOVE

CHEESE sign hung on the wall.

Land ideal for farming

Reeck purchased the 25-acre plot that borders the Nerstrand-Big Woods State Park in 1996, from a family who she said were the biggest landowners in Rice County at the time. The land was rented for decades before she bought it, and Reeck said several updates were needed to make it suitable for a successful operation.

In 2009, Reeck transitioned from growing vegetables on the land to raising goats for a micro-dairy. The shaded pasture turned out to be the perfect setting to raise a goat herd, which grazed on the farm's grasses and foliage from the many trees. In the winter, the goats fed on alfalfa hay.

In the first few years after switching from vegetables, Reeck also raised pigs and around 20 goats for meat, which she'd sell to restaurants in the Twin Cities. To meet demand and maintain supply in recent years, Reeck bought milk from her neighbors, Morgan and Keith Allen of Hay Creek Farm, who milk 30 goats.

A workload too heavy

Although the farm was considered a micro-dairy, the daily workload required to maintain Singing Hills Dairy was big. For several years, Reeck handled all of the farm work on her own. The help she got from family was with packaging and selling.

It was 2018 when Reeck said she decided the work that went into the operation was too much for her to sustain.

"The process of transferring the farm has been for me, a many, many years-long process," said Reeck. "There's been various steps along the way that I've taken to try to make it possible for me to do the work of transferring, since I'm here alone."

Realizing the work required more than one person, Reeck took steps such as cutting the herd down and getting help from her neighbors, but the daily milking and weekly cheesemaking was still too much.

"The business itself was too much work, and then taking care of the farm properly, and keeping things up, really, is probably a three person job," she said. "And I thought the farm was going to sell in 2019, but it didn't, and here we still are."

Renewing the Countryside

Since 2018, Reeck has been working with Renewing the Countryside to find a way to successfully transition the land to new farmers.

"As with many farmers, (Reeck) farms by herself, and there comes a time when you realize that you just can't do it all," said Jan Joannides, executive director and co-founder of Renewing the Countryside. "But she really wanted the farm to be transitioned to a new farm family, and a farm family that would have the same conservation values that she did to protect the land, and that's how we got started working with Lynne."

At first, Renewing the Countryside helped to get the word out that the land was for sale. The efforts attracted offers, but Reeck said they were far less than she needed to feel financially stable transitioning off the land. She said after several offers to purchase the land fell through, it was clear that another approach was required.

"I was getting fairly desperate in terms of finding a solution because of just the precar-



Lynne Reeck, owner and operator of Singing Hills Dairy, points to the pasture which she raised a small goat herd on since 2009.

photo courtesy of AgWeek

ious position I was in financially," said Reeck. "And (Renewing the Countryside) really stepped in and used the resources they had to help make contacts and connections."

The biggest connection made was with American Farmland Trust. AFT is a national agricultural organization that works with on-the-ground projects like Renewing the Countryside's with Reeck's farm. According to its website, AFT has prevented millions of acres of farmland from being converted into residential or commercial land.

The model

To make the land which Singing Hills Dairy exists on today more affordable to emerging farmers, and to protect it from development, Renewing the Countryside and AFT have partnered to raise the funds needed to place an agricultural conservation easement on the land. Placing an agricultural conservation easement on the land will cover the difference between the farm's current purchase price and the price of the farm after it's protected by the easement, therefore allowing the farm to be sold at a reduced price to an incoming farmer.

The transition model (nicknamed Buy, Protect, Sell) may be new for Minnesota, but it's been used "quite a bit" on the East Coast, said Joannides. She said in other areas of the country, there are state funds that can be used to cover an agricultural conservation easement, which can then be matched by federal funds.

"In the case that we're working on here in Minnesota, Renewing the Countryside and American Farmland Trust are working together to raise those funds to be able to cover the cost of that easement," said Joannides.

The cost of the easement is \$150,000. As of Jan. 7, Joannides said that around \$110,000 had been raised through the partnership between Renewing the Countryside and AFT. She said the hope is to have the funds raised and the farm closed on by American Farmland Trust by the end of February.

Land of their own

From there, the goal of Renewing the Countryside is to facilitate the transition of Singing Hills Farm to another farm. The new operation to take over the land will be the Lor fam-

ily, who Joannides said have been farming for over 20 years on rented land.

"The Lor family is a multi-generational family of farmers, started by the parents who now have children who are young adults, who've farmed with them," she said.

The Lor family has succeeded at growing and selling their produce in the Twin Cities area, but the uncertain future that comes with farming on rented land has held them back. The problem when leasing land, said Joannides, is that farmers never truly know how long a lease will last.

"(The Lor family) has been in a couple situations where the landowner decided to sell the land, and so they no longer had access to it, and had to move their operation somewhere else," she said. "It's just a challenge to figure out how to do everything again, in a new space."

Reeck hoped originally that the entire business of Singing Hills Dairy could be sold, because she said the cheese business is a "niche that nobody else is filling" in the area. But once she met the Lor family, she knew they were the right ones to take over the land.

"They're great people, and I think they're very excited to be here," said Reeck of the Lor family. "And I think that for them, this place is going to be a blessing."

2022 Dennison Flake Out Festival Planned for Feb. 19

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The club is holding a raffle in conjunction with the days events to raise funds to support Lions Clubs activities and help support other area non-profit entities and those in need that the club donates to and supports throughout the year. A \$500 1st Prize, plus other cash and gift certificates will be given away.

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150 Years of U.S. Military History on Display in Cannon Falls Machine Shed Turned Museum

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So began a life-long passion for collecting. A Marine and Vietnam veteran himself, word got out that Vince was into military memorabilia, also known as “militaria.” It wasn’t long before his basement was chock full of it — and that’s when he got an idea.

“I said ‘I really should get this stuff out for people to see,’” said Vince.

His machine shed then became his museum — a free museum, to be exact. The sign on top of a 1946 car outside of Cannon Falls points you in the right direction. Once inside, you’ll find relics that date back to the Civil War.

“I started out, the first two years were strictly

World War II. Those guys were dying at about a thousand a day,” said Vince. “The guys with their canes or whatever would walk along and go, ‘Oh yeah, I spent 30 days in Bastogne in a tent just like that.’ And the kids would walk up to me after and say ‘He’s never talked about that before.’”

It inspired him to look for more.

“Estate sales, garage sales, flea markets, other collectors that knew that I look for this stuff,” he said.

For Vince, it’s not about glorifying war. It’s about educating. Some of his favorite exhibits are those that include the lesser-known parts of history.

“As far as the women themselves, they were under-represented for years,” said Vince.

There’s a tribute to the American Women’s Cavalry Corps, and to the history of Black soldiers, who weren’t always given the credit they deserved.

When you have something like this, the stories come to you, as museum volunteer John Opheim will attest.

“We had a guy ... he was 93 years old, World War II paratrooper who came in and sat down and we spoke for about 45 minutes to an hour, sharing his stories,” said John.



photo courtesy of WCCO

It’s funny just how much you can learn inside a machine shed. For Vince, they are lessons he hopes people never get tired of hearing.

“I hope they get to see it, touch it, smell it, become familiar with it, because it just isn’t

taught in schools anymore. Not in this manner,” said Vince.

Vince’s museum is located about 2.5 miles southwest of Cannon Falls. He’s open on many holiday weekends.



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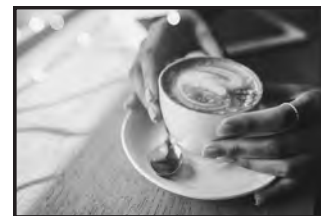
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Hampton City Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2021

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Hampton City Hall for a public hearing and 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; Chris Meyer, Treasurer; Judy O'Brien, City Clerk; Cory Bienfang with Bolton and Menk; and Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner.

Public Hearing Called to Order – The purpose of the public hearing was to review and certify the 2022 budget and adopt the final levy. Mayor Knetter opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Knetter stated that, regarding the budget process, in the future he would like the August City Council meeting to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month rather than the 2nd. O'Brien stated that there was only one change made to the budget since the September meeting. Council had approved the Main Street generator service contract at the November City Council meeting. The annual fee for the service contract with Interstate Power Systems is \$1,145.00, so \$1,200.00 was added to the Sewer Fund Contracted Services Expense. The increased expense was offset by a decrease of \$1,200.00 in the Purchase of Investments, which is the account charged for investments in infrastructure. Discussion by Council regarding their satisfaction with the City's ability to keep levy increases to a minimum.

Adjournment – Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to close the public hearing. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The public hearing closed at 6:37 p.m.

Regular Meeting called to Order - Mayor Knetter called the Regular Scheduled Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhring, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell.

Disclosure of Interest – None

Approval of November 9, 2021 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes – Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the November 9, 2021 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Disbursements – Motion by Luhring seconded by Russell to approve the December disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Public Comment – Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner was in attendance. Mayor Knetter asked if he would like to speak at this time. Slavik stated that he was there to provide an overview of Dakota County updates. He mentioned that Dakota County approved its budget today, with a zero percent levy increase. He said, however, that assessed values of real property continue to rise, so that will be reflected in residents' tax bills. The 2022 budget includes the addition of one sheriff deputy position. The County intends to add one deputy position per year for the next 3 to 5 years. Additionally, the 2022 budget includes 12 new positions for a mental health crisis unit. ARPA funding is being used to help fund those positions. The County

also used ARPA funding to pay off the Lake Byllesby Dam project. Another priority for the County is broadband access.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

Set Time for Special Meeting in January to Discuss Resolution 2022-01 Setting Salaries/Fees – Mayor Knetter asked Council how much time they would like for the discussion. Consensus was half an hour.

Notice of Withdrawal from providing criminal prosecution legal services from Korine Land of Levander, Gillen & Miller – Mayor Knetter referred to correspondence included in Council packets. Land listed three firms as recommended replacements to handle criminal prosecution legal services for the City. Knetter stated that he would also like to consider the other firms that were on the City's list of recommended firms from 2019. Additionally, he feels that it would be in the best interest of the City to have one firm handle all legal services for the City. He suggested to Council that he would like to vet two of the firms recommended by Land and one of the firms that the City was interested in in 2019. Discussion about the late notice by Land. Russell commented that other towns and cities are going through the same thing. Knetter asked Councilors if they would be agreeable to having him research law firms, to which they responded yes.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2021-11 Adopting the Final 2021 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2022.

Knetter asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11. Motion was made by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve Resolution 2021-11 and to approve moving future August City Council meetings to the third Tuesday of the month. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Resolution 2021-12 Designating the Official Polling Place for 2022 Elections in the City of Hampton.

Motion was made by Verch seconded by Flodeen to approve Resolution 2021-12 designating Hampton City Hall as the official polling place for 2022 elections in the City of Hampton. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Cory Bienfang with Bolton and Menk distributed maps to Councilors and stated that Brad Fisher had filled him in on last month's discussion of the Dakota County Fleet Maintenance Facility property and private property just to the north of that property specific to the Rayspark plat, along with Outlot A. Bienfang stated that he had done quite a bit of research on the subject and wanted to provide a formal response to concerns raised at last month's meeting, and provide clarity and education to Councilors on this issue. Bienfang mentioned that, during his research, he came across a Staff Report from June of 2019, the emphasis of which was Water Lane and drainage off of the street, along with conveyance of drainage through private property with a culvert. He stated that this was not an ideal situation and likely wouldn't advocate for the same practice today. However, at the time there was an understanding by property owners that they had purchased property that

had these drainage conditions and there was acknowledgment and acceptance of that. Bienfang continued that, as part of the Rayspark plat, and the establishment of the last line of homes on the south end, there was the designation of an outlot, which is referred to as Outlot A. Bienfang referred to the first graphic, which shows wetland locations. He stated that the National Wetland Map indicates that this wetland area goes beyond Outlot A, may potentially go into the Dakota County property, and is on the WLT site. Additionally, if you look at the original Rayspark plan, there was some wetland delineation into the backyards of some homes. He felt that it is important to note that the outlot was delineated entirely as a drainage easement at the time of the Rayspark platting. Furthermore, the easement allows for public use that includes conveyance of water, ponding of water, and other drainage issues that apply in the legal sense of a drainage easement. Bienfang stated that there was also discussion at last month's meeting regarding a ditch system or drainage system. That ditch system is off of the outlot. The ditch system is on other private property, and located in a wetland. There is a process to maintain ditch systems, whether natural or man-made, through a wetland. There is a program set up for that which is far less intensive than what would be seen in a wetland mitigation or wetland replacement plan. Bienfang mentioned

that it would require a permit that would be issued by Dakota County that gives permission to have the work done in a wetland. He brought this up because, if there is any public benefit to analyze the drainage system more globally, there is a path available for that. Additionally, there is a Wetland Protection Act, which is a federal law that applies regardless of whether the owner is a municipality or private property owner. Luhring asked is there would be any public benefit for an analysis of the drainage system. Bienfang responded by saying that a better way to put it is that there are no adverse impacts that are happening because of the status of the drainage system. Homes are not being flooded and structures are not being damaged. Furthermore, Bienfang feels this area is functioning as it was intended to. Mayor Knetter thanked Bienfang for his efforts in researching this topic, and mentioned that the graphics that he provided document that the system is operating as it was intended.

Water / Sewer Report – Marlin Reinardy reported that, for the water system, he has been in contact with Automatic Systems, which is the company that the City is purchasing the new panel from for the well house. The panel is in place and ready to be installed.

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He told them that he would like to schedule the installation when he returns to Minnesota in December because he feels that it is important for him to be here when it is done, as he knows how to troubleshoot the system if there are problems with the installation of the new panel. He hasn't heard back from the company and said that, if they are unable to schedule the installation in December, that he feels it should be postponed until he returns in April. Reinardy also mentioned that the Minnesota Department of Health is going to produce a publication of lead service lines (LSL) and, within 3 years of publication, cities are going to have to determine the number of lead service lines that are still in place. He believes that the City does not have any lead service lines. The type of material used for all service lines must be identified. If a city is unable to identify the type, then it is considered to be leadbased. Reinardy reported that sewer operations are running as normal. Reinardy announced that he plans to retire in 2022 after the fall discharge. He wants his retirement to be effective when he leaves for Arizona in November. He will back up current operators if needed, but does not want to be involved in the day-to-day operations. He will also continue maintaining the ball park, tennis court, and softball field.

Park Report – Verch reported that he had spoken with Russell about the skating rink and the plan is to have ice by Christmas,

weather permitting. Two new hockey goals were purchased, which will require some assembly.

Street Report – Luhning reported that the timing of the spring sweeping was perfect and, although the first snowfall of the season was significant, a great job was done with the plowing as well. Old Business – None New Business: Approve Final 2022 Budget - Motion was made by Russell second by Verch to approve the final 2022 budget. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. CD

Purchase Update – Chris Meyer – Meyer provided an annual update on City investments. The City does not currently have any investments in CD's in its portfolio. Rather, excess funds are invested in a Diamond Money Market account, which is an insured cash sweep account. At the end of every day funds are swept from checking into the insured cash sweep account. That account is currently earning interest at a rate of 0.40%. To earn that rate of interest on CD investments, money would have to be invested for a period of at least 3 years, so Meyer's recommendation is to continue investing funds into the Diamond Money Market ICS account.

Debt Service Transfers – Chris Meyer – Meyer reported that this is another annual update, done in December. Each year the Debt Service Fund needs to receive transfers from the Water Fund, Sewer Fund, and General Fund in order to make the bond payments

that are due on February 1st and August 1st. Meyer stated that he didn't think it was necessary to go through the numbers with Council, as they have them in their packets. He asked for a motion to approve the transfers as indicated in his December 9th memo to Council. Motion was made by Verch seconded by Luhning to approve transfers to the Debt Service Fund as indicated in the December 9th memo. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Capital Fund Transfer to Debt Service Fund – Chris Meyer – Meyer stated that the Capital Project Fund was set up to account for bond proceeds and project costs related to the 2019 Belmont/Park/Main Street project. The last contractor payment for this project was made in July 2020. There were some miscellaneous legal and engineering fees paid in the fall of that year related to special assessments and negotiations on the project. Because there hasn't been an expenditure paid from that fund since January 2021, Meyer is recommending that the Capital Project Fund be closed. The balance remaining in the fund is \$69,595.85 from the bond proceeds. Meyer has been in contact with Shannon from David Drown Associates regarding options of what to do with the remaining funds. The City has two options. The first is to use the funds for a purpose that is similar to the project for which the bond was issued. The other option is to transfer the funds to the Debt Service Fund for the pur-

pose of prepaying the bonds. Meyer's recommendation is to transfer the funds to the Debt Service Fund to make the bond prepayments. He reported that that the prepayments will reduce the City's interest costs, and new payment schedules will be prepared that will show the cost savings for making the prepayments. Motion was made by Verch seconded by Luhning to approve transferring the balance in the Capital Project Fund to the Debt Service Fund for the purpose of making prepayments on the City's debt. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Mayor Knetter addressed a member of law enforcement in attendance. – Mayor Knetter asked if the Dakota County deputy wished to speak. The deputy introduced herself as Nicole Young. She reported that there had been a number of automobile crashes because of the recent snowstorm. Deputies have been busy with speed violation enforcement. Officer Young reported that there have been a number of thefts outside of this area and reminded everyone to lock their vehicles and out buildings. Knetter thanked Officer Young for her report and for her service.

Adjournment - Motion by Verch seconded by Flodeen to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Judy O'Brien

City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting December 8, 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

Alec Hamilton with the Beacon introduced himself.

Minutes

A motion to approve the November 10, 2021 was made by Friedrich, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Approval of Treasurer Report

Sandy noted that we took in approximately \$8,000 from water bills. Bryce submitted his payroll for the entire year. It was noted that he will submit his hours monthly next year. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Friedrich, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Approval to Pay Bills

Sandy noted that she did not include on the bill payment statement, the payment of \$90.00 to Mary Haro for cleaning the hall. The checks for the fire department are in and out payments and one is for the state aid that we received. A motion to approve the payment of bills as written including the \$90.00 check to Mary Haro, was made by Appelgren, and seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

Dakota County Deputy

Deputy Langard stopped in and asked us if we had anything to discuss. He was asked if he knew anything about the boat on Dickman Avenue. He will inquire about this. He noted that the Sheriff's Department does not accept gift cards as there are scams out there telling people to buy them for payment. It was noted that a vehicle took out a wire on a telephone pole on Dixie Avenue and should be looked at. He will look into this. It was asked about the school incident and what can they share with us. There was a threat made and they are taking it seriously. Investigation is still happening. It was asked if citizens should be worried and he did not think they need to be. He noted that we could call the Sheriff's office and ask them about it and they could possibly share more information with us. They are putting extra patrols in the area.

Lot Split for Podritz/Duscher

Sarah Podritz indicated that she needs a resolution for the purchase of land they are buying from Doug Duscher. Motion by Friedrich to approve Resolution no. 21-16 approving the property splits between Duscher and Podritz, Parcel ID 32-00700-20-022, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Refinancing of Bond

Todd Hagen from Ehler's discussed the refinancing of the bond. He handed out the Sale Day Report and a summary of the bond issue. There is also a resolution that needs to be passed to award the sale to Castle Rock Bank. We are refinancing the Merchant Bank loan. The cost of the bond issue came down \$5,000 so it is now at \$273,000. Castle Rock Bank gave us an interest rate of 2.85%. We will have payments of \$20,000 and the first

interest payment will be August 1, 2022. Then the payments will be principal and interest every six months. Also the bond can be paid early without any penalty. Sandy asked about coupons for making the payments and was told she talk to Castle Rock Bank. Todd indicated that they will send a closing memo once it is closed and the closing is set for December 28th. He indicated that the Merchants Bank loan will be paid on December 29th. Once the Merchants Bank loan is paid out CD's will be released as collateral for that loan. Haro made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-15 Authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$273,000 Taxable General Obligation Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds, seconded Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Final Budget – Tax Levy

In a discussion regarding the budget we decided not to make any changes to the budget. A motion was made by Appelgren, to approve the final budget and Resolution No. 20-13 setting the levy in the amount of \$154,109 and the debt levy at \$4,279, seconded by Friedrich. Voting in favor is Appelgren, Friedrich and Haro, opposed by Carlock, motion passed 3:1.

Polling Place Designation

Clerk Haro noted that we need to pass a resolution yearly designating the polling place for elections. Council member Friedrich made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-14 designating the Randolph City Hall as the polling place for 2022, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Prosecution Firm for City of Randolph

It was noted that the law firm of Levander, Gillen & Miller will no longer be doing

prosecution work after December 17th. We need to look for another firm to assist the city. Levander's fees were at \$120 for attorneys and \$90 for legal assistants. We received three proposals from Kelly and Lemmons of St. Paul came in as the same rates as Levander - \$120/\$90. Doherty, Molenda, Solfest, Hines and Bauer in Apple Valley came in with their rates at \$152.34 for attorneys and \$93.50 for legal assistants. Campbell Knutson in Eagan came in at \$125 for attorneys and \$93.00 for legal assistants. They work with several other cities in Dakota County and they are situated in Dakota County. After discussion a motion was made by Friedrich to approve Campbell Knutson to represent the City of Randolph in prosecution matters, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. Clerk Haro will notify Campbell Knutson that we approved them for.

Sewer Update

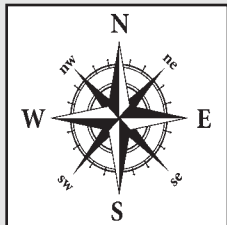
They are continuing on the preliminary design. They had several trucks in the area taking pictures and collecting some information. They were asked if they have updated the website at all and asked that they do so. Matt noted they are still moving forward with getting land for the holding ponds. They are working on an agreement and will bring it to us which could be a few months.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Appelgren, seconded by Friedrich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Haro

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Farmer Seed Corn Dealers



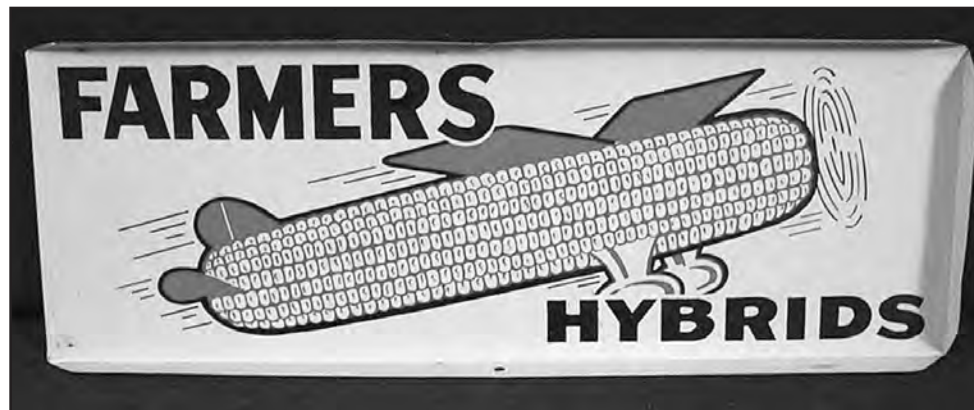
By Terry Campbell

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.

Cleaning out some buildings on the farm this fall I came across some metal seed corn company signs. Does anyone else remember when many farmers were also seed corn dealers? It was a common thing in the 1960's. All throughout the country along side the mail box was a tin sign with the seed corn company and often the farmers name below. Dekalb, Pioneer, Blaney, Funks, Mallard, Lowe, Trojan, Crows, Renk, Supercrost, Northrup King and Farmers Hybrid are a few that come to my mind. I can still remember the farmer's names as well who sold each brand.

Each farmer would grow his crops and try to sell his neighbor on the variety that produced the highest corn yield on his farm. Small pocket notebooks were handed out with a few pages of advertising of the companies seed varieties and plenty of ruled pages for record keeping of planting dates, fertilizer rates and anything pertinent that occurred during the summer.

My dad planted a seed plot every year. In the spring, Wally Thompson, the field rep for



Farmers Hybrid would come out and they would measure, mark, plant and record dozens of varieties of seed corn. Four rows of each. Plant to the end of the field and then dump the seed back in the bag and put a different variety in the seed hopper and head back across the field. Neighbor farmers would drop off a partial bag of seed of their brand to be planted as well.

The fun part was in the fall. When harvesting time came and the field day arrived. Wally would show back up with the weigh wagon and the combining commenced. Farmers showed up to watch the results and the yields tallied on a big tagboard chart. Everyone was excited to see how the corn yields were competing. And there was pop, coffee and doughnuts for all as the results unfolded. The farmer seed corn dealer whose variety did the best would be getting orders for that seed variety for the coming year from all his neighbors. Everyone hedged their bets by ordering a few bags each of the top five or more performers. I was a little kid but this seemed as fun as a

day at the fair to me. A couple hours in the middle of a cornfield listening to my neighbor farmers talk farming beats almost anything else hands down. It was a noble profession and I was in the presence of the experts as they passed around their wisdom.

After the harvest was over and the field work done, I could look forward to the seed company meetings in the winter. My dad took me with him and I reveled in the event. It was usually held at a fancy restaurant in the evening and started out with a great meal. Not like the local café or my mom's supper. This was a steak and baked potato, and a couple things I didn't recognize but always delicious. Then came the sales pitch for next year's new varieties and expectations and awards for farmer dealers who sold the most bags of seed corn that year. They passed out pencils, pens, notebooks, stickers and those tin signs that we put out by the mailbox to tell all our neighbors what company my father represented. It made me feel pretty important as a young kid to know my dad was a farmer dealer.

A Minnesotan: Snow Fall



By RosaLin Alcoser

Being high up though makes the snow fall better in a different way from the ground; don't get me wrong I love to watch the snow fall from home on the ground level. But when you're high up, you don't have any chance of having to go out in the snow for the rest of the day, and looking out over the snowfall the world looks like a snow globe.

During that first really big snow of the season when I looked out my window it reminded me of looking into my mother's snow globe that she would put out at Christmas.

That first snow also reminded me that when you watch a snow plow from high up that all the plows- big and small- look a lot like the robots from Wall-E. Which is tons of fun to watch because not only can you watch the plows go while pretending that they're little animated worker robots, but you can also give them names. I for one like to call the one that does the loop for my building 3X7-J; because why not.

At the end of any day when we don't have to go away, watching the snowfall can be pretty and sometimes fun. It can be even more fun when you get to watch it from a different perspective... and when you're not the one who has to move it after.

It is already a known fact to me that watching it rain from the 11th floor of a high rise apartment can be anti-climatic. However, what I have learned in the last few weeks is that watching it snow from the same height can be extremely pretty.

A couple of weeks ago we got the first really big snow of the year here in the Twin Cities on a Friday afternoon, prompting me to work from home for most of the day. Because just because I can drive through snow and my Subaru can make it through loose sand doesn't mean that I want to do that.

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 56. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)
 57. *Cabbage amount
 59. Alexandre Dumas' "The Black ____"
 60. What seekers do
 61. Consequently
 62. Everything
 63. Temporary craze
 64. Swedish shag rugs

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1. Physique, informally
 2. Pelvic bones
 3. Spill the beans
 4. Certain fir
 5. *Fusilli or ziti
 6. Same as #39 Across, pl.
 7. Supreme pontiff
 8. Puff
 9. Field worker
 10. Be off base
 12. Capital of Philippines
 13. Be at the helm
 14. *Ballerina-inspired dessert
 19. All worked up
 22. *Granola serving
 23. TĒa Leoni's "____ Secretary"
 24. Old World lizard
 25. Unicellular organism
 26. Stroke on a green
 27. Lithograph, for short
 28. Japan to U.S. in WWII
 29. *Stuffed grapevine leaf
 32. *Flageolet or azuki
 33. *Popular breakfast cereal
 36. *Type of #34 Across
 38. Lion sounds
 40. One little piggy?
 41. Easily available (2 words)
 44. One clean one?
 46. *Betty Crocker fruit snack
 48. Waterwheel
 49. Serengeti grazer
 50. Unplayable baseball
 51. It will, contraction
 52. Irk
 53. Like a ghost
 54. Long novel
 55. School support org.
 58. Opposite of don'ts

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