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4-H Day Camp Dates for 2022



Save the dates for the 2022 4-H day camps at the Dakota County Fairgrounds in Farmington! Campers will learn about the world of butterflies, caterpillars, bugs, and bees

(NO LIVE BEES). This entomology-inspired camp will feature live animals, games, activities, and crafts. All participants receive a camp t-shirt if registered by camp deadline. Campers must have completed Kindergarten to attend. University of Minnesota staff and trained counselors will ensure your camper has a blast! Camp is open to youth in grades

K-5, so invite your non-4-H friends to join you for a day of fun! Camp will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$35/camper.

Camp for grades K-3: Wednesday, June 29
Camp for grades 4-5: Wednesday, July 13
Note: Current health and safety protocol issued from the University of Minnesota, in regards to Covid, will be followed at the time

of camp. Staff strive to hold as many activities outdoors as is possible, weather permitting.

Dennison Lions Club Announce Annual Scholarships

The Dennison Lions Club will once again award several scholarships to area graduating students from Randolph, Northfield, Kenyon and Cannon Falls area.

Students should get in touch with their High School office for application information. Once applications are received, they will be reviewed by the scholarship committee(s) and announced in early May.

Announcements

• **Lunch Bunch** is a group of RHS Alumni that meets at 11 a.m. the third Monday of the month for lunch at Little Oscar's. Our next meeting will be April 18th. All alumni and friends are invited to join us.

Do you have an announcement?

Email:

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Randolph Students Commit to Playing College Baseball



photo courtesy of Randolph School

Congratulations to the following four seniors that committed to the following colleges. All four will be playing baseball at their respective schools. Andrew Jenkins, Augsburg; Nathan Weckop, UW Stout; Jacob Weckop, Gustavus; Will Baldus, Southwest State

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Time to Go

By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

We've been going through the book of Romans and as we reached chapter 10 we discovered that Moses said that to be made right with God required obedience to the law. Paul wrote that the gospel is close to us- in fact it is as close as believing in our heart and saying yes to faith in Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in Romans 10:9, "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Pretty straight forward stuff. Everyone who calls- that includes- everyone! No one is left out- Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus is inviting all people to be saved. This is more than a mumbled confession of faith- this is the time to take a stand: Jesus, I believe. We are to be bold and let the world know. It seems impossible for a Christian to remain in the closet- a Christian must be ready to share their faith from the very beginning- to let the people around them know. For us in North America- there's nothing too scary about sharing our newfound faith and conversion- we're still pretty safe here. Imagine being of a different faith and culture and then discovering the truth of the gospel. Those that do often face

persecution; as a believer they may be kicked out of their home, they may be disowned by their family, and they may even lose their life.

Let's get personal: have you received Christ as your Lord and Savior? Have you let everyone know that you are a believer? This is more than confirmation- this is more than an infant baptism- this is you saying in your heart and mind- I believe in Jesus Christ- He is my God; my Savior and He is my Lord! If you said yes- that's great! Then think about this question for a minute- If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Jesus said that as a believer our lives will reflect our faith! And for those that aren't producing fruit in their lives- He prunes. Pruning isn't a pleasant process- it's cutting off and removing the branches that are only sucking up the nutrients but not producing anything. The people that are only taking and not giving back- When we produce much fruit, we are His true disciples.

Now for Paul's challenge to each of us today- "But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?"

This is a call to all believers. We are able to do greater things than Jesus, because we have His Spirit living inside of us. He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and fill us with the power to be the leaders- the disciples that He has called us to be! We are called to go and tell them. Paul said, how can they call on Jesus to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? How can they hear if no one has told them? Questions we need to answer today just as Paul asked them in the 1st century.

Did you know that there are 7.7 billion people in the world today? And of those 7.7 billion, 2.2 billion of them are Christians. That's a lot of people and a lot of Christians.

I do hope you also notice that that is about 5.5 billion people that don't know Jesus Christ as their Savior! That's a lot of people that don't know and many haven't heard.

Now you might be thinking that most of those people are in other parts of the world- and you'd be correct in thinking that many are in other parts of the world- but in the United States- the numbers of people that identify as Christians is less than 50%. The fastest growing 'faith' group in our country are the NONES. Nones are people with no religious affiliation at all. Many of them may be spiritual and believe there is a god of some sort out there- but have no personal relationship with the one true God and His Son Jesus Christ. According to an article published by Statista Research Department, Jan 24, 2022, "According to a 2021 survey, 31 percent of Americans never attend church or synagogue, compared to 22 percent of Americans who attend every week. And another 25% say they seldom if ever attend. If I those 2 numbers are added together that tells us that in the US 56% of the American people aren't attending church- and although it is possible to be a Christian without going to church- it is also a good indicator that many of that 56% probably do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. So, let's bring these numbers closer to where we live: in the 55991 & 55956 zip codes there are approximately

3372 people; in the 55991:1464 people & in the 55956:1908 people. Now a lot of these people are already going to church- aren't they? As I shared "According to a 2021 survey, 56% of all Americans never or seldom attend church. Now if we take 56% of the people in these two zip codes we would have 1,888 people that seldom or never go to a place to worship.

There are a lot of people that are still unchurched in our communities. They are our neighbors, our family, and our community. Jesus came for them- and He calls us to go to them. Paul asked, "how will they know if no one tells them?" Who better to reach the 1888 people in our zip codes than you and me? We live and work with them. We see them in Walmart, on the bus, in our schools, on our walks, in the restaurants, everywhere. God is calling us to go.

It is time we obey the call of Christ to go and tell the good news. We can do that by supporting those in ministry, sharing our faith story, inviting our neighbors to church, and living out our faith daily. It is Time- who will you tell this week?



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In Christ, Love Conquers Hate

Scripture Reading — Matthew 5:21-26
"Anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. . . . Anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." — Matthew 5:22

We have a natural tendency to hate or ignore God and our neighbor. We tell ourselves we are good people. But our selfishness and anger lie just below the surface. Anger often erupts in violent, hateful words and actions. If we don't seem angry, it may just mean that our anger has not yet reached its boiling point or had an opportunity to erupt. In fact, we may be seething with inner anger.

Strictly following the command "You shall not murder" is not enough to overcome hatred. We must address the source of that sin. If we keep our anger from boiling over, we do well. But to gain mastery over anger, we need love. And showing love, especially toward people who have hurt us, does not come naturally. In fact, only the supernatural love of Christ can overcome the hatred we may feel for our enemies.

When the Romans and the Jews hatefully killed Jesus Christ, he could have called on God's army of angels to stop and destroy them (see Matthew 26:52-53). But instead he responded in love, asking the Father to forgive them. When Jesus gave himself for us on the cross, he certainly obeyed the law—do not kill. But he did far more: he fulfilled the greatest law of love.

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Rural Veterinarian Who Offered to Give Away His Practice Gets What He Wanted: A Successor

Dr. Robert Bogan didn't want to leave Faribault County, Minnesota without a vet.

Courtesy of KARE 11

BLUE EARTH, Minn. — A rural Minnesota veterinarian who offered to give away his practice – building and all – to help attract his replacement, now has what he wanted: a successor.

“It lifts the weight off your shoulders,” Dr.

Robert Bogan says.

75-year-old Bogan was Faribault County’s only vet. He made the offer after five years of searching for someone to take his place.

A story last summer about Bogan’s offer, featured in a KARE 11 Land of 10,000 Stories segment, was shared more than 8,000 times on Facebook.

“This story spread far and wide and the message got to where it needed to go,” Blue Earth City Administrator Mary Kennedy says.

In the days that followed, 10 young vets and vet students expressed interest. Eight of them made the trip to Blue Earth to meet with Bogan and tour the town. Five of those submitted formal applications.

From the applicants, Bogan selected Dr. Zach Adams, a 2021 graduate of the vet school at Iowa State University.

“It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Adams says. “I came here and realized it was



Dr. Robert Bogan (right) is giving his veterinary clinic to Dr. Zach Adams

Photo credit: Devin Krinke, KARE 11

Rosella Davisson

Rosella Davisson, age 92, longtime Randolph resident, passed away Saturday evening, February 26, 2022, at Evergreen Lodge of the Northfield Retirement Community.



Rosella Esther Lauer Davisson was born April 15, 1929, in Galena Township, Martin County, Minnesota, to Edward and Louise (Schroedel) Lauer. She was baptized June 9, 1929, a Trinity Lutheran Church in Monterey, Minnesota. She attended elementary school in East Chain, Minnesota, and at the age of 12 moved with her family to Randolph, graduating from Randolph High School in 1946. Rosella married Eugene R. Davisson on April 22, 1947, in Randolph. After marriage they made their home in Randolph. Gene passed away October 31, 2009, after 62 years of marriage.

Rosella was a active member of St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, a former member of PTA and an avid gardener. She enjoyed keeping up on the news, reading newspapers cover to cover and watching the news on TV. She loved to travel had a visited 48 of our 50 states, missing just 2 on the east coast.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (Bernard) Perry of Shakopee; her daughter-in-law, Sarah Davisson of Lake St. Croix Beach, MN; five grandchildren, Brett (Angela) Perry, Keith (Sharon) Davisson, Kevin (Tammy) Davisson, Haley Santella and Nicole (Tony) Spaulding; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Alice Endres of Woodbury; nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her son DuWayne, one sister, 4 brothers and her parents.

A gathering to celebrate Rosella’s life will be held at a later date. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery, Randolph.

Memorials are preferred to St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Randolph or Randolph Dollars for Scholars.

Arrangements are with the Benson & Langehough Funeral Home. www.northfieldfuneral.com



Dr. Robert Bogan introduces Dr. Zach Adams to one of the farmers who use his veterinary clinic

Photo credit: Devin Krinke, KARE 11

a good fit.”

Adams was serving his veterinary residency in North Carolina when he saw the story posted on his vet school's Facebook page.

“I was just sitting in my apartment scrolling through Facebook,” Adams says. “I was like, that sounds like something I could do.”

Adams grew up on a hobby farm near Preston, Iowa, a town of about 900 people.

He says Blue Earth felt right.

“It’s very similar to where I grew up, so it

feels kind of like home.”

The opportunity checked another box.

“I’m a die-hard Vikings fan and I’ve always wanted to live in Minnesota so that kind of helped push the way too,” Adams says.

Adams says he’d hoped at some point to own his own mixed animal veterinary practice, but didn’t think the opportunity would come this soon.

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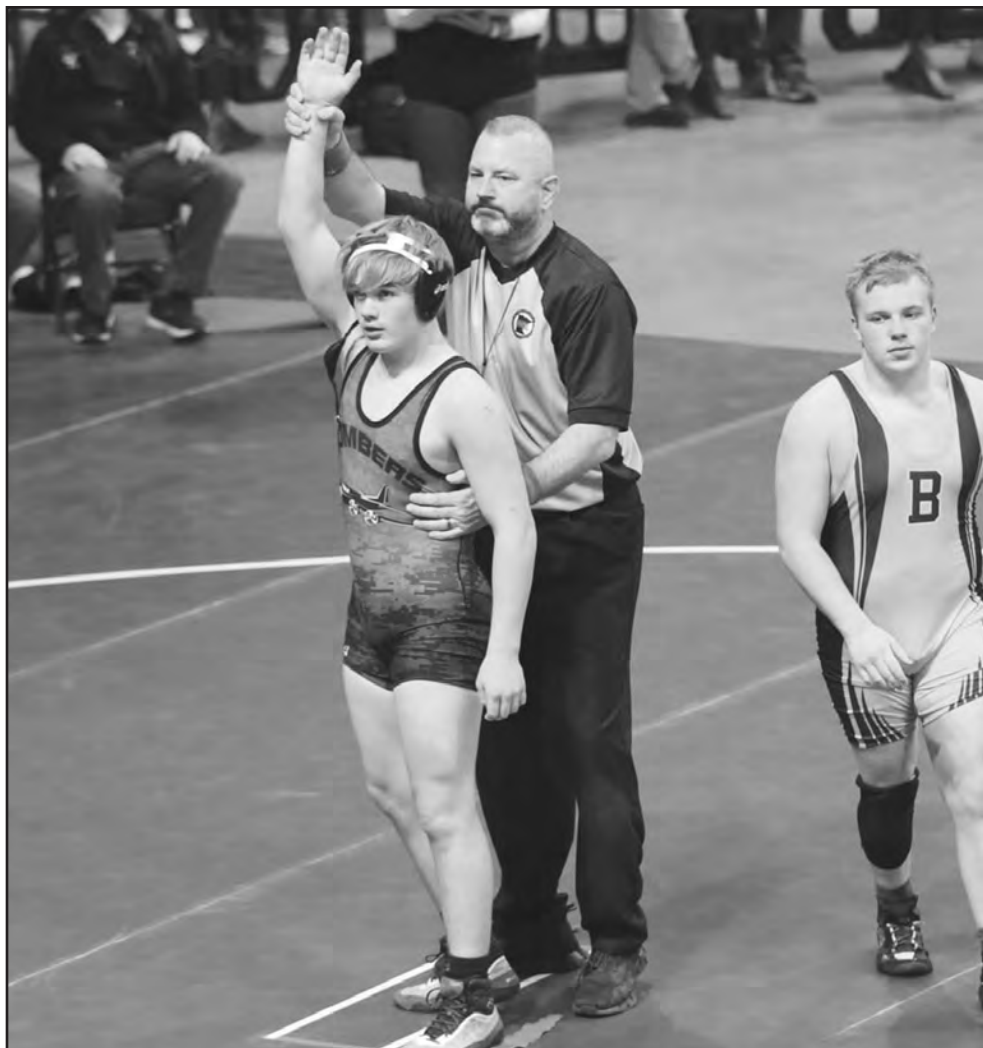
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Tristan Zingler Places 5th at the MSHSL 1AA Individual Wrestling Sections



Congratulations to Randolph 8th grader, Tristan Zingler for placing 5th at 182# in the MSHSL 1AA Individual Wrestling Sections on Saturday February 26, 2022. Zingler went 3-2 for the tournament, going against all seniors in his weight class.

2022 Summer Weight Training

Summer weight room information

Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday (June 6 - August 12)

The weight room will be closed July 4 - 8 to observe MSHSL blackout rules.

Times:

6:30 - 8:00 am (students going into grades 7 - 12, and graduated athletes)

8:15 - 9:45 am (students going into grades 7 - 12, and graduated athletes)

10:00 - 10:45 am (students going into 6th grade)

Who:

All students entering grades 6 - 12 (2022 - 2023 school year)

What:

Dynamic Warm-Up: 5 minutes

Speed/Agility/Plyometric Training: 25 minutes

Strength Training: 50 minutes

Flexibility/Stretching: 10 minutes

Cost: None

Again this summer we will be offering three sessions per morning. The first two sessions (6:30 - 8:00 am and 8:15 - 9:45 am) will be available for students going into grades 7 - 12 (including graduated athletes). Athletes may choose the session that works best for their schedule. The 10:00 - 10:45 am session is designed specifically for students going into 6th grade. This allows us to have a more individualized training session with students with less weight room experience. Whether your child is in 6th grade or 12th grade, we will design a program to fit their current ability level. The weight room will be supervised by Mike Schmidt, Braxton Lindow, and Ashleigh Lindow.

** Please email Mr. Schmidt (schmidt@district195.org) to be added to the strength email group. **

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Rural Veterinarian Who Offered to Give Away His Practice Gets What He Wanted: A Successor

Dr. Robert Bogan didn't want to leave Faribault County, Minnesota without a vet.

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Adams started working alongside Bogan in January with an ownership transition planned over the next year or so.

"I think he's going to fit in very well in Blue Earth," Bill Rosenau, a Faribault County farmer and banker said.

A shortage of rural vets has plagued, small, rural communities across the country.

As a member of the county economic development authority, Rosenau was among those working to recruit a new vet to Blue Earth.

Like many Faribault County farmers, he'd feared Bogan eventually retiring without a replacement.

"To get somebody to come out and do on-site work would have been almost impossible because they would have been over an hour away," Rosenau says.

Since moving to Blue Earth, Adams has felt the love, including a welcome from a pizza delivery person his first week in town.

"I think most people know what house he bought, are excited to see him, are excited to meet him," Kennedy says.

Bogan's offer to give away his practice included his clinic building in Blue Earth, the furnishings and equipment, his pickup truck and even Annie, the office cat – who is written into the agreement Adams signed.

"I had a lawyer take a look at my contract," Adams says with a laugh. "He called me and was like, 'You know you're getting a cat with this, right?'"

Leyton Becker, a second-year vet student who interned with Bogan last summer and was featured in the KARE 11 story, had initially expressed interest in taking over the practice, but decided it was too early in his schooling to commit.

The University of Minnesota vet student says he met Adams during his visit to Blue Earth and holds open the possibility of joining him later in the practice.

"He's a great guy and I could totally see myself working with him," Becker said.



Dr. Robert Bogan (front) and Dr. Zach Adams make on-farm visit

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March Winners

Caramel Bars Submitted by Deb Gnotke

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup softened butter

Mix these 6 ingredients and reserve one cup for topping. Pat the rest in greased 9x13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes.

Mix one (12 oz) jar caramel topping with 4 Tablespoons flour and pour over the crust.

Sprinkle one cup of mini chocolate chips on caramel and crumble the reserved 1 cup on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Don't over bake, they set up after coming out of oven.

Impossible Pie Submitted by Linda Gobin

- 4 eggs
- 1/2 stick margarine
- 1 Cup sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 tsp vanilla

Place all ingredients in the blender at one time, blend until mixed thoroughly, pour into 10-inch pie pan bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. When pie is done crust is on bottom, custard in middle and coconut is on top. So delicious!

Slow Cooker Chicken Tortilla Soup Submitted by Andrea Dawson

- 1 Cup Pace Picante Sauce
- 2 cans (10 1/2 ounces each) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 2 Cups frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 1/3 Cup water
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 4 corn tortillas (6") cut into strips
- 1 Cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/3 Cup chopped cilantro

Stir the picante sauce, soup, chicken, corn, beans, water and cumin in a 4 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 4-5 hours or until the chicken is cooked through. Stir the tortillas, cheese and cilantro into the cooker. Cover and cook for 15 minutes. Serve with additional cheese and avocado if desired.

Coffee Ice Cream Punch Submitted by Judy Dyck

- 1 c. sugar
- 1 c. water
- 1 T. instant coffee
- 1/2 t. vanilla

Boil water, add sugar, coffee, and vanilla. Cool. Pour into 2 1/2 gal. container.

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City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting February 9, 2022

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appलगren. Roll Call Present were Mayor Robert Appलगren, Council Members Sarah Podritz, Jacob Friedrich and Todd Carlock, Treasurer Sandy Nicolai and Clerk Mary Haro.

Public Comments None.

Minutes

A motion to approve the January 12, 2022 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 that the CD's are no longer on hold as the water tower loan has been paid. We took in approximately \$7,500 this month from water bills. There was a question of why

the general fund balance was so much lower from January to February. Sandy will look into this and get back to us. The water meter payment is being sent out and are being ordered. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Podritz, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Approval to Pay Bills

There is an addition of the payment of salt to Dakota County that was not included in our payment list and the payment to Ehler's. Motion to approve the payment of bills including the payment to Dakota County for the salt and to Ehlers, was made by Friedrich, and seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0. Old Business Building Permit for Stephanie and Jacob Groenke Mark has all of the documents.

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There was a question regarding the setbacks. Our newest ordinance does indicate a setback of 5 feet so they are good there. They are planning to add a covered porch in the back. The garage is 1500 sq. ft. and the covered porch will be 2 1002\310120543.v1 300 sq. ft. It was noted to them that the covered porch can never be enclosed. They are all good with Dakota County regarding setbacks on their septic. Motion by Friedrich to approve the building permit for the Groenke's to build a garage, noting that the covered porch must not be enclosed, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion pass 4:0, Council member Podritz abstained from the vote.

New Business: Tyler Kirstner

Tyler Kirstner introduced himself as he is running for U.S. Congress in the 2nd District. He is a Republican that has served 9 years in active duty in the Marine Corps.

Dakota County Deputies

Two Dakota County deputies stopped in to see if there was anything to discuss. They had mentioned that catalytic converters were still being stolen and if your cars are parked outside you should lock them as there has been calls on people going through cars. They did mention that if you see something that is not right give them a call and they can check it out. There was a discussion regarding the boat on Dickman. Clerk Haro noted that she asked for an update from Sergeant Samuelson and has not heard anything yet.

Fire Department

Chief Firemen Kevin Whitson came before the council to ask for an increase from \$2,000 to \$2,250 per year of service for the Fireman's Retirement Fund to be effective this year. Motion by Friedrich to raise the Fireman's Relief Association Retirement Fund from \$2,000 to \$2,250 per year of service, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0. Kevin also indicated that the deferred interest rate will stay at 1.25%. Motion by Appelgren, seconded by Friedrich that the deferred interest rate will stay at 1.25%. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Mike Slavik, Dakota County Commissioner

Mike noted that the county board approved an additional \$375,000 for septic or sewer replacement to low income households. With the \$25,000 already approved the total amount available would be \$400,000 for this program. Amounts of \$5,000 to \$20,000 would be approved as a cost to connect to city sewer if they have income requirements that qualify for the assistance. The amount of \$10,000 would be a grant that does not have to be paid back and the remaining could be put on their property taxes spread out 3 1002\310120543.v1 over several years. The County handles the work for this program. This money must be spent by 2024 which could fall within our sewer project when the time comes. He also noted that AARP money can be entirely listed as lost revenue for small cities and townships. He noted that Dakota County is putting \$17,000,000 toward the hydroelectrical plant at Lake Byllesby. This will prevent them from taking out a loan to repay the amount. He indicated that Dakota County is taking their time to spend to money so that they do it right. He also noted that road construction will be happening in Dakota County on County Road 88 and 96 He did note that the Spring Township Meeting is scheduled for March 19th in Empire Township and we are all invited to attend. The meeting starts at 8:30 and concludes around 11:30. We discussed the boat on Dickman Avenue that is parked and he indicated that they are looking into it and seeing what can be done.

Bolton & Menk Sewer Update

Matt Blazer of Bolton & Menk discussed holding an open house in late March or early April to update citizens on the project. They will discuss it with the school district to hold it there and they will take care of everything. They will send out a letter like they did for the questionnaire to the citizens to notify them of the meeting. They want to conduct the meeting to get the public's input on the project. He noted that they talked to the property owners regarding the spraying and has a meeting schedule in the new couple of weeks to discuss further. The spraying part needs to be finalized before moving on to the ponds portion of the project. They will not be disclosing the names of the property owners because of confidentiality at this time.

Mark Ceminsky - Historical Society Building

Mark mentioned that he had to renew Stop Savers permit as it expired so there will be a renewal fee. He also discussed a building on Dickman Avenue. He indicated that they did some work with no permit so he put a stop work order on the building and they have not contacted him. He indicated they would need a permit to do the floor, the doors, and windows. They have to get him plans and have the property available for inspection. If not, the city will have to send a letter to them from the city's attorney. Mark indicated that if they contact him he will let Clerk Haro know so we will not have to send a letter to them. They have to submit a permit and they will be penalized for not obtaining a permit before the work was done. He was also checking on some buildings that were falling apart and appear to be vacant. The mobile home appears that something fell on it. It appears to be abandoned and it 4 1002\310120543.v1 becomes a safety issue for the city. The mayor indicated he was told it would be gone by June but he didn't indicate what year. He indicated that buildings that seem to be an safety issue should be removed or destroyed because they could collapse. We need to send a letter to these residents and ask that they appear at the council meeting or to let us know what their plans are for the building, if they will remove the building, repair it or what their contentions are or we could condemn the building. We will send a letter indicating that they have become safety issues.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Haro, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0. Respectfully submitted, Mary Haro

Hampton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2022

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 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 Chris Meyer, Treasurer; and Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk.

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

Disclosure of Interest – None. Approval of January 11, 2022 Special and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes – Motion by Russell seconded by Luhring to approve the January 11, 2022 regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

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

Public Comment – None.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications: 2021 Treasurer Year-End Financial Summary – Chris Meyer

Chris Meyer, City Treasurer, reviewed the 2021 Year-End Financial Summary. Meyer stated that this is a required annual financial report that lists month-end balances for the year of the City's bank accounts.

2021 City of Hampton Financial Statements – Chris Meyer – Meyer stated that the 2021 City of Hampton Financial Statements must be prepared within 45 days after the close of the fiscal year. They also must be available for public review and provided to Council members within the 45 days, per State Auditor requirements. Meyer mentioned that he will present the 2021 Year-End Financial Statements at the March Council meeting.

Summary Letter Concerning Legal Representation for 2022 Prosecution Matters –

Dougherty Molenda, Solfest, Hills & Bauer – Mayor Knetter stated this is in regard to the law firm that will be handling the City's criminal cases. He expressed concern about meeting the Agreement term mentioned in item #1 of the letter regarding bills being paid within 20 days of the statement, being bills are paid only once per month. He asked the Clerk to follow up with the firm about that.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk reported that he had a meeting with MnDOT the previous week to discuss the Hwy 52 construction project and provide them with utility information for the frontage road that they were missing. Additionally, he and Cory Bienfang met with representatives from MnDOT that same day to discuss improvements to the ballfield drainage. What is proposed is to angle the culvert outlet to the southwest and install rip rap at the outlet. The rip rap will be installed in the ditch as far as the end of the ballfield fence to improve water flow and control erosion. Fisher also informed Council that MnDOT representatives met with Hampton Township to discuss the possibility of the City annexing the portion of the frontage road property up to Northfield Boulevard. He was told by MnDOT that Hampton Township was open to the possibility. This would facilitate a proposed turnback of the frontage road from MnDOT to the City. MnDOT will work on the details for a turnback agreement and will present final information to the City when that process is complete.

Water / Sewer Report –

Mayor Knetter stated that there is nothing to report and that things are going fine.

Park Report – Councilor Russell reported that the hockey rink is getting a lot of use. He suggested replacing the basketball hoops. He stated that a city resident is clearing the rink gratis and feels that the City should provide him with some sort of compensation. Discussion by Councilors to formalize an agreement with the individual and have them submit a bill.

Street Report – Luhring stated that there is nothing to report. Discussion among Councilors about the number of vehicles that remain parked on the street in violation of City Ordinance.

Ordinances and Resolutions – None.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

Mayor Knetter acknowledged a Dakota County deputy in attendance and asked if she would like to address Council. She introduced herself as Nicole Young. She stated that vehicle thefts in Dakota County are on the rise. There have been some noise complaints, but deputies have been able to keep them under control. Mayor Knetter thanked Officer Young for her report. Knetter made a brief mention to Councilors that he is aware of an individual that is interested in purchasing the municipal lot, and that more information would be forthcoming on this issue.

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 7:20 pm. Respectfully submitted, Judy O'Brien

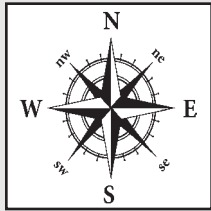


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*Changes in Latitudes,
Changes in Attitudes*
**Ambulance
Alarm Clock**



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.

We live five miles out of town on a road that leads to Holiday Shores and Loon Bay. These lake communities were built on Lake Barkley and consist of many very fancy water front properties. They were built over forty years ago by folks who were loving the lake life. Now they are barely clinging to life. It seems about every morning we get a wake-up call in the form of a wailing siren. Somebody wakes up down the road and de-

cides to call for assistance. The dogs hear it first and begin to howl. Then we can hear it in the distance and soon the blue and red lights go flashing by. It may be the EMT in the rescue truck, a Stewart County deputy in a brown SUV or the big, boxy white ambulance.

Down here we joke that the ambulance chasers are not attorneys, but real estate agents looking for a house that will be going on the market shortly. Quite frequently we go out for breakfast at the local diner, just up the road, and usually hear what all the commotion was about that day. Between the waitress and the old farmers at the café, we get the whole story, quite a bit of history and a great commentary of amusing anecdotes.

The other day we heard on the radio what one of the calls was about. It was for an eighty-plus year-old lady who decided to run into town the first thing in the morning. Instead of backing up though, she charged ahead in her Caddy like a battering ram and drove right through the front of the house cruising through the living room, right past the kitchen and came to a stop on the back deck. The medics determined she was alright and the sheriff reported that she mistook the gas pedal for the brake pedal. No news on if she will be driving into town anytime soon though.

**A Minnesotan:
Goats**



By RosaLin Alcoser

My older sister believes that everyone has had at least one great goat story in their lives.

For her and I it was the time one of the neighbors down the road received a goat for Father's Day. The goat got out and ended up on our front porch then proceeded to bleat if my sister did not sit outside with it. Our dog went ballistic and had to be kept inside all day until our parents figured out whose goat it was.

While they did that we proceeded to name that goat Kiddie; Kiddie was later renamed by his owners. We only had Kiddie for an afternoon but he was a good goat. About a year or so later our family bought him and he was delicious when we had him for dinner.

One of my friend's goat story is from when he and his sister kept goats as a 4-H project back in grade school. Once when their aunt was staying over to watch them for a few days she pulled her car up to their car port in the late evening and heard a sound coming from inside.

Apparently the sound sounded like there was someone inside of the car port pretending to be a goat. Naturally since there was a suspected person pretending to be a goat hiding in the car port she called the deputy to come check it out. It turned out to be one of the 4-H goats bleating like a person pretending to be a bleating goat.

For one of my sister's friends their goat story happened after she told her friends about her belief in everyone having at least one great goat story. This friend was from a big city and had never seen a goat in person. So everyone in their group decided that they needed to take him to see a goat.

So his one great goat story is about the time he was taken to a petting zoo and forced to pet a goat.

Everyone has at least one great story about an encounter with a goat. Whether it is having one show up at your door, keeping goats that pretend to be people pretending to be goats or being forced to pet one by your friends. And if you do not have one great story about an encounter with a goat then clearly you have not spent enough time around goats.

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 6. Graveside sound
 7. Gone by
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 9. Uses a Singer
 10. Underwater hermit
 11. Ethereal
 12. Gridiron official, for short
 15. Apollo Creed's son
 20. City in northern England
 22. Old towel, e.g.
 24. Rollerskater's protector (2 words)
 25. *Disney's 1942 orphan
 26. Abstractionism using optical illusion
 27. Kind of salami
 29. Crafts' companion
 31. Network of nerves
 32. Treasure collection
 33. Dreamer?
 34. *Popular music style
 36. Ship canvas
 38. *1939-1945
 42. Parallel grooves
 45. Acid turns it red
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