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## **Announcements**

- At-Home COVID-19 Tests: Through the state, Randolph Public School was given some at-home COVID-19 tests kits. If you are interested in an at home testing kit, please contact Jill Schultz at schultzj@district195.org and she will arrange for a test to be picked up or sent home with your child while supplies last.
- 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. All alumni and friends are invited to join us.

Do you have an announcement?

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# Randolph Dig Pink is #1

Ms. Esser and the Randolph Volleyball program would like to thank Randolph and the surrounding communities for last fall's annual Dig Pink event. The girls, again, placed #1 in the entire country in most money raised during a Dig Pink event over nearly every other high school and college in America. Last fall's event raised \$35,000 for the Side-Out Foundation which fund's research, performs clinical trials, and provides advocacy for breast cancer.

Since 2010 Randolph's Dig Pink volleyball program has raised over \$187,000 for the Side-Out Foundation and has been the top earner 4 times. In addition to the volleyball team, the senior class joins the fun and each year to raise money as a Community Spotlight and have also raised over \$25,000 for community members.

Join us next fall for Dig Pink 2022 on October 11th when the Randolph Rockets take on the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Bulldors!



Dig Pink® 2021 Raises More Than \$1.1 Million to Support Metastatic Breast Cancer Research

Dig Pink 2021 proved yet again the impact that the volleyball community can have when it unites behind a common cause. Nearly 600

teams hosted Dig Pink events raising more than \$1.1 million in support of Side-Out Foundation's metastatic breast cancer research, while bringing together community and sportsmanship. To showcase the foundation's top fundraising schools, Side-Out has partnered once again with Sports Imports to announce the top-five fundraising schools as the 2021 Sports Imports Winners.

"Seeing teams back on the courts, raising money and bringing together the community, that's what Dig Pink® is all about. The Dig Pink fundraising led by these outstanding student athletes makes a personal and direct difference to those living with metastatic breast cancer giving them customized treatment options and more tomorrows."

Rick Dunetz, Side-Out Foundation Founder and Executive Director (continued on page 4)

## Win a Weekend Getaway!



Although the Spring weather hasn't been too spring like, The Messenger is Gearing up for some Summer

Fun!
Along with our partners, we are excited to be giving away prizes to you, our loyal read-

the ers and supporters. There is no purchase necther essary, and you must be 18 or older to win.

Simply send an entry e-mail to messengerdrawing@gmail.com with your name, address and contact phone number to sign up. (WE WILL NOT SHARE YOUR INFORMATION WITH ANYONE!)

You will be entered into our Summer Fun Giveaway. The Grand Prize is a Two -Night Stay and Grand Casino Mille Lacs and and a

Family 4 pack of tickets to Iconic Fest July 8 & 9 . If you are a fan of 90's Country, you will enjoy Iconic Fest. This years line up includes Black Hawk, Doug Stone, Phil Vassar and More. Located between Garrison and Brainerd, this annual event is a great way to get away and enjoy live music outdoors. Check out their website at iconicfest.com

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Religion

## The Main Thing: John 3:1-21

For those of you that are boy or girl scoutsor have done any type of survival trainingyou know what can happen if you have a magnifying glass, some tinder (newspaper, or other dry paper or wood material), some dry sticks or twigs and a sunny day. The magnifying glass increases the power of the sunlight- it focuses it on the tinder and brings enough heat that will stir up some sparks and bring a flame. It's all about the intensity of the light's focus. As believers, we are called to have that same kind of focus- that same intentionality to keep the main thing the main

John chapter 3 is probably the most famous chapter in the Bible- one verse in particular, John 3:16. We see it in end zones during football games, or in the stands at baseball games- even at golf events. John 3:16 remains the most well-know verse of the Bible throughout the world! It is the core of the Christian faith. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God loved this world- His creation, His people that He created, so much that He had a plan to redeem them from the beginning. The sin debt had to be paid, there is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood- Hebrews 9:22 says, "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.'

Adam sinned and because we are all human, like Adam, we are all born with that same in-



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herited sin nature. Christ came as a life-giving spirit from God- he was the second man. He paid the price for all of Adam's descendants to be redeemed- to be transformed. Sin brings death. The law brought death. But God had a plan- He had the remedy- He gives victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ! There is no other name under heaven that we can be saved. Acts 4:12.

God so loved the world that HE gave His one and only Son. His Son Jesus Christ. God the Father, God the Son... Jesus came from heaven. Jesus was with God in the beginning and reigns eternally with Him even now. Jesus lived with us on earth for about 33 years- he lived as the Son of Man and the Son of God. Jesus agreed with His Father to be the propitiation- to take our place-for our sins. He took care of all the past sin from Adam until himself and all the future sin from his death to the end of time. He was the perfect lamb of God given for you and me and everyone always. His redemption is inclusive; it is available to all who choose to believe and receive it. God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, the whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life!" Jesus died to give us new life! Life free from the power of sin and death. Life filled with hope and purpose. Life eternal with Him, and Life abundant even now.

When we believe in Him- we receive His Spirit and we born again! We are new creatures- we have a new heart, a new outlook on life, a transformation. We only have to take Jesus at His word and live it out! That's the promise- that's the core of the gospel. This is why this is the most know, most read, most memorized Bible verse of all time- if you know nothing else- this is enough. God gave His Son for YOU and ME. He isn't willing that any would miss out. He loves those that He has created- and since he has created all people- He loves them ALL! And Jesus died for ALL- not just for the righteous, not only for the rich and famous, but for every single person that has ever

lived or will live! That's why this verse is the MAIN THING we need to know and to share. Without this truth- nothing else will last. We must keep Jesus at the center of our lives- of all we do as people, of all we are as a church. It is so easy to get 'busy' doing good things and forget the main thing. Steve Covey says in his classic work, First Things First, "Keep the main thing the main thing." This is a key habit of highly effective people. This is critical for believers and churches.

In every other religion humanity is attempting to reach god in whatever form that god may take. In all of the religions I looked at there was only one where God actually cared! There was only one where God became Man and gave His life to become reconciled with us. And that is Christianity! There is no other religion here on earth where God actively pursues people so that they can have eternal life. There is no other religion on earth where God literally demonstrates His passion for the people He created. There is no other religion here on earth where we can be assured of eternal life while we are still alive here on earth!

There is no other God that invites us into a

personal relationship, who forgives us, who enables us to find salvation, who enables us to live holy lives because He actually lives within us, who gives us spiritual gifts and who gives us the ability to accomplish any task He asks us to do.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. That whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." Keep the main thing the main thing: like our magnifying glass- lets have that same intensity to preach the gospel, to tell the gospel to others, to live out the gospel in our lives! We are called to harness all our energies and efforts into one unified focus so that more and more people can know Jesus. John Wesley said, "Catch yourself on fire for God and people will come from miles just to watch you burn."

We need to burn again with the same passion that ignited men and women like John, Paul, Peter, Mary, Priscilla, Martin Luther, Martin Luther King Jr, John Wesley, Harriet Tubman, Billy Graham and many others. Following Jesus is not going to be easy- in fact Jesus promised that it wouldn't be easy, but he did tell us it would be worth it! I'm counting on it. Won't you join me?



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— I Corinthians 15:42

A curious by-product of all the precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic was that colds and flu didn't spread as much as in earlier years. With more people staying home, those common diseases couldn't spread so widely. Even so, many, many people got sick with COVID-19, and many of us know someone who died from it. Ultimately the final answer to our physical struggles—such as pain, sickness, brokenness, death, body-image issues, and more—will be realized in the resurrection. Our present bodies are perishable, imperfect, weak, and limited—but because of Jesus, all who believe in him will one day be raised to a new capacity as imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual.

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In the book of Revelation we read that when Jesus comes again, there will be no more death or mourning or pain or tears, and the tree of life will grow by the river of the water of life (Revelation 21-22).

Amazing!

Amazing!

All of these things will be good for us, and we will enjoy life to the full—but really the main point in all this is to give greater glory to God. The resurrection of Jesus, which brings the promise of our own resurrection, shows us what God is doing to make all things new again so that all things, our bodies included, can more wonderfully declare the glory of God!

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**Obituaries** 

## James Stanley "Jim" Fleming

James Stanley "Jim" Fleming was born on



October 23, 1936, in Randolph and died on Thursday morning, May 12, 2022, at the age of 85 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Helen (Robinson) Fleming; wife, Eileen; son, Daniel; brothers, John and Jay; and sis-

ters, Janice and baby Jane.

He is survived by a special loving friend, Sharon Wood; sons, Harlan "Buzz" (Carol), Jim (Renee), Steve (Anna), Brad (Julie), Brian (Stacy), and Bill; 19 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; siblings, Jerry, Joe (Sue), and Joanne (Gerald) Goodrich; many nieces and nephews, including special nephew, Al Swee and special niece, Kim (Fleming) Gross.

A special thank you to Brian and Stacy for taking Dad to their home, and for their love and care. Our family very much appreciates

A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, May 21 from 3:00-7:00 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to donor's favorite charity.

Interment took place at Lakeside Cemetery, Randolph.

Goodhue Community Center

## **John Raymond Johnston**

John Raymond Johnston, age 72 of Denni-



son, after a battle with cancer, passed away at his home Monday morning, May 16, 2022, surrounded by his family.

John was born on December 30, 1949 in Northfield, the son of Ralph L. Sr. and Jeanette (Dun-

can) Johnston. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1967.

After high school, John worked at Northrup King in Stanton, and in later years at Midwest Importers in Cannon Falls and Malt-O-Meal in Northfield where he retired from. Throughout, John was a farmer, raised on the home farm, and continued to work the same soil as his parents. He especially loved the spring of the year, turning the dirt, and planting. A quiet man, he loved the company of good neighbors and friends. He enjoyed the tradition of his family gathering at the farm on Sunday afternoons. John was an avid reader and enjoyed his cats.

He is survived by his siblings, Ralph Jr. (Mary) of Moorcroft, WY, Betty Lee of Randolph, Marjorie Berendt of Cannon Falls, and David (Margaret) of Dennison; brother-inlaw, Calvin Thielbar of Northfield; uncle, J. Roger Anderson of Thousand Oaks, CA and aunt, Myong Su Johnston of Minnetonka; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Janet Thielbar; and brothers-in-law, Bob Lee and John Berendt.

A Celebration of Life Gathering was held on Sunday, May 22 from 2-5 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, Cannon Falls.

Memorials are preferred to Randolph Baptist Church and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

#### **David Lionel Langsdorf**

David Lionel Langsdorf, age 82 of Kenyon



and formerly a longtime resident of Cannon Falls, died on Friday morning, May 13, 2022.

Dave was born on February 13, 1940, in Red Wing, the son of Leonard and Virginia (Veith) Langsdorf. He attended school in

Red Wing until his family moved to Cannon Falls. He graduated in 1958 from Cannon Falls High School.

Dave married ElsieAnn Krier on September 30, 1960, at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls, where he continued to be very active. He sang in the choir, served on church council, attended Saturday men's bible study, and went on mission trips. Dave was a dairy farmer and owned and operated the Longvilla Farm. He was active in the National Farmers Union. In 1985, he received the Conservationist of the Year Award. He also served on the Belle Creek Watershed Board.

Dave was active in the Cannon Falls Lions

Club and received Lion of the Year and the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. He is always the one who is quick to help anyone!

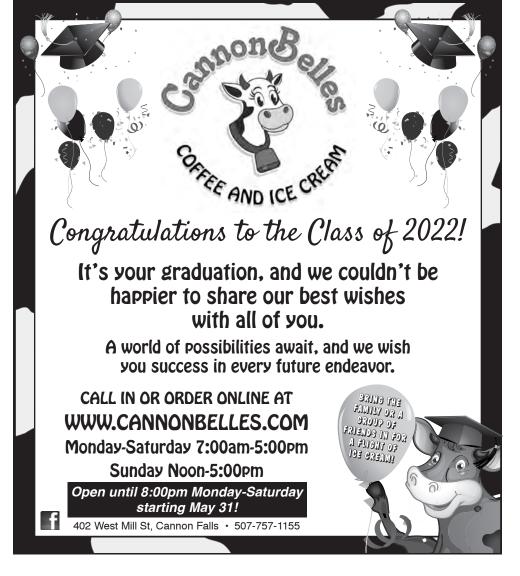
Dave had a quick wit, could tell Sven and Ole jokes 'til the cows came home, and could do a Donald Duck voice to cheer you up. He was a storyteller and loved to share stories with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was a talented poet and could sing and play guitar. He collected Minneapolis Moline tractors and faithfully participated in the annual Randolph tractor parade. He enjoyed driving school bus in Randolph and often drove for other school events and sports. Dave and Elsie spent the last 13 years as snowbirds in Arizona.

Above all, family was everything to him. He will be forever missed by his wife of 60 years, ElsieAnn; daughters, Connie (Mark) Miller of Kenyon and Wendy (Kevin) McGuire of Red Wing; 6 grandchildren, Blake Miller of Kenyon, Becca Augustin (Dave Engberg) of Red Wing, Bailey (Jeff) Ament of Kenyon, Curt (Erin) Augustin of Red Wing, Kailen McGuire of Troy, IL and Mitchel (Kiley) McGuire of Ventura, IA; 8 great grandchildren, Chloe, Dawson, Leah, Sage, Rudy, Maxx, Hank and Elaine; and sister, Diane (Chuck) Grabow of Red Wing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill; and parents-in-law, Murlene and Harry Krier; and sister-in-law, Debra Jean Krier.

A brief memorial service was held on Monday, May 16 at 3pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, Cannon Falls. This service was livestreamed. A visitation followed from 4-7pm.





# Randolph Dig Pink is #1

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Sports Imports Winners

Since 2013, Side-Out and Sports Imports have worked together to award the top fundraising schools with specialized Sports Imports/Dig Pink equipment including safety pads and Dig Pink net tapes. This year the top team will receive a special logoed ball cart and the next top four fundraising teams will receive the logoed net tape, courtesy of Sports Imports:

Randolph High School (Randolph, MN) West Springfield High School (Springfield, VA)

St. Andrew's Episcopal School (Austin, TX) Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart (Miami, FL)

Massapequa High School (Massapequa, NY)

Congratulations to these five programs as Sports Imports Winners and thank you to every team that supported The Side-Out Foundation in 2021! It's not too early to get started for Dig Pink 2022; teams can register early to get ahead with planning for this season.

To learn more about Side-Out and its mission, visit side-out.org/about. If you are in need of a new net system for your volleyball program, visit sportsimports.com!

**About Sports Imports** 

Sports Imports, Columbus, Ohio, is the industry leader in the design, engineering and manufacturing of indoor and beach volleyball equipment in the Americas. The net system trusted by the National Collegiate Athletic As-

sociation, American Volleyball Coaches Association, USA Volleyball, National Federation of State High Schools Association and the choice of over 90 percent of Division I college programs, Sports Imports is owned by the same family who launched the company over 40 years ago with its famous red poles. As volleyball equipment experts, Sports Imports sets the industry standard for innovation, quality, durability and performance. The company was the first to introduce an in-ground net system without dangerous guy wires that is safe, strong, and easy to set up; its 19-pound SI-1 all-carbon volleyball pole is the best-selling pole on the market today. Sports Imports is the only supplier ever elected to the AVCA Hall of Fame. In addition, it is the exclusive partner of Senoh in the Americas.

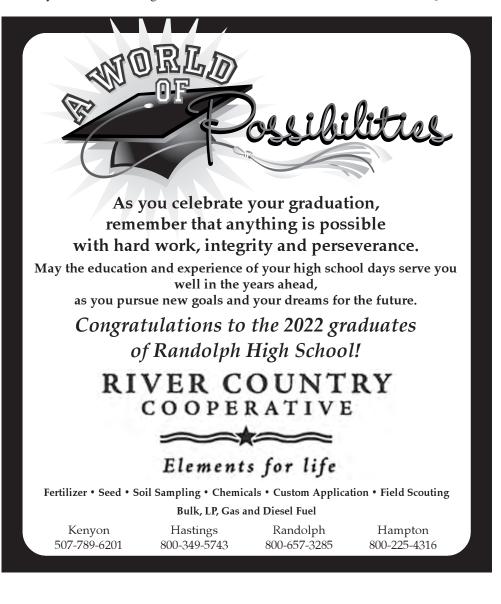
About The Side-Out Foundation

The Side-Out Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2004 to make a significant and identifiable impact on the lives of metastatic breast cancer patients and their families. The organization takes an innovative approach to provide solutions for those specifically with metastatic breast cancer with the goal of becoming a source of hope for all those living with breast cancer in search of answers and treatment options.

The foundation's precision medicine research matches patients with treatments and uses the outcome data produced from this to draw conclusions, challenge the foundations of cancer care, and change the trajectory of the disease. The organization's educational and community-driven programs Dig Pink® and Ambassador Program are built on creating advocacy for the metastatic breast cancer community, engaging a new generation, and funding Side-Out's revolutionary research. For more details, visit side-out.org









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## **Win a Weekend Getaway!**

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We will also have Tickets to Volksfest in Goodhue. This years musical guests include Hairball and John Michael Montgomery. Goodhue is located just 20 minutes east of Dennison. A short drive for some great weekend entertainment June 10 & 11. We will also draw weekly for dining certificates to the

areas best restaurants. Winners will be notified by e mail, so make sure you enter today!

The Only way to enter is send an e mail to messengerdrawing@gmail.com.

Prize Drawings Begin June 1st! There is no purchase necessary and this promotion is void where prohibited.

## Randolph Clay Target Spring League Scores

Week 1 Competition Scores 04/20/2022

**Top Overall**: Peyton Emerson 44/50; Derek Foss 44/50; Derek Niebur 44/50 **Top Girls**: Faith Koktavy 38/50; Jocelyn Zingler 37/50

Week 2 Competition Score 04/27/2022

**Top Overall**: Cory Timm 47/50; Jon Simon 45/50; Derek Foss 44/50 **Top Girls**: Katelyn Hare 40/50; Jocelyn Zingler 37/50

#### **Week 3 Competition**

Top Shooters Overall: Nathan Weckop 46/50; Peyton Emerson 45/50; Derek Foss 44/50; Cory Timm 44/50; Zimmer Breckan 44/50

Top 3 Girl Shooters: Kilyn Fredrickson 33/50; Ava Bilderback 29/50; Helena Wiik 25/50

## **Week 4 Competition**

Top Shooters Overall: Cory Timm 46/50; Derek Foss 43/50; Jon Simon 40/50; Dalton Wittenberg 40/50; Jon Roehl 40/50

Top 3 Girls: Ava Bilderback 36/50; Katelyn Hare 35/50; Jojo Zingler 30/50

Week 5 Competition: Final week of Competition

**Top Shooters Overall**: Derek Foss 48/50; Cory Timm 48/50; Milar Krech 46/50; Vance Heidenreich 45/50; Breckan Zimmer 45/50

Top 3 Girls: Ava Bilderback 39/50; Kilyn Fredrickson 39/50; Jocelyn Zingler 39/50

## **Clay Nielsen and Lindsay Sundby Commit** to Wartburg and Gustavus



Congratulations to Clay Nielsen and Lindsay Sundby for their commitments to Wartburg (Men's Basketball) and Gustavus (Women's Swimming and Diving) this morning! They join fellow seniors Drew Jenkins, Will Baldus, Nathan Weckop, and Jacob Weckop who all pledged their baseball commitments at a ceremony earlier this spring.

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to an exciting new chapter.

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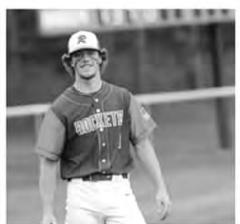
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# Congratulations to Macy Green and All Area Graduates!

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## RANDOLPH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022



Ava Adelmann



William Baldus



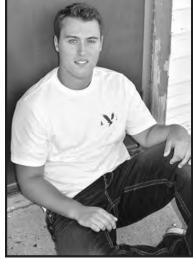
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Lydia Coonrod



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Tatum Emmick



Karinna Ergeson



Samantha Errington



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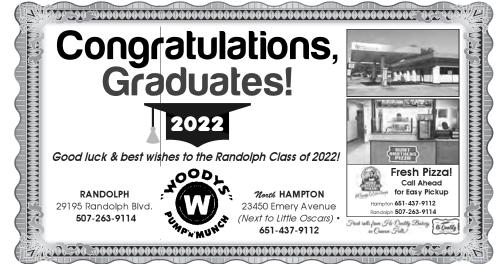


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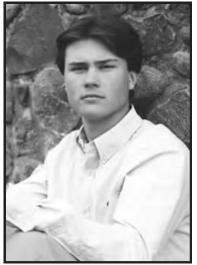




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Andrew Jenkins



Luke Johnson



Caden Kranz



Mason Lorenzen



Olivia McCabe



Alex Niebur



Derek Niebur



Clay Nielsen



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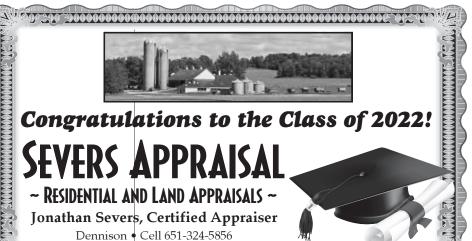
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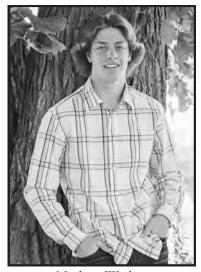
Lindsey VanDeSteeg







Jacob Weckop



Nathan Weckop



Hannah Werner



Randolph Class of 2022

Saturday, June 4, 2022 7:00p.m.

Class Motto: "Chase your dreams, but always know the road that'll lead you home again." Tim McGraw

Class Flower: White Rose

Class Colors: Silver/White

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Stole: Orange

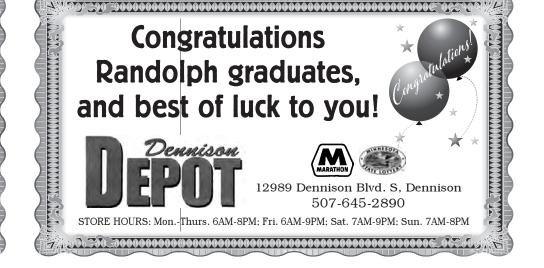


Helena Wiik



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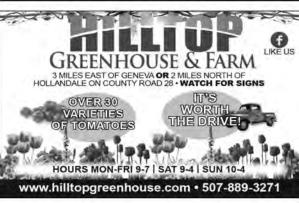


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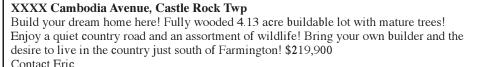


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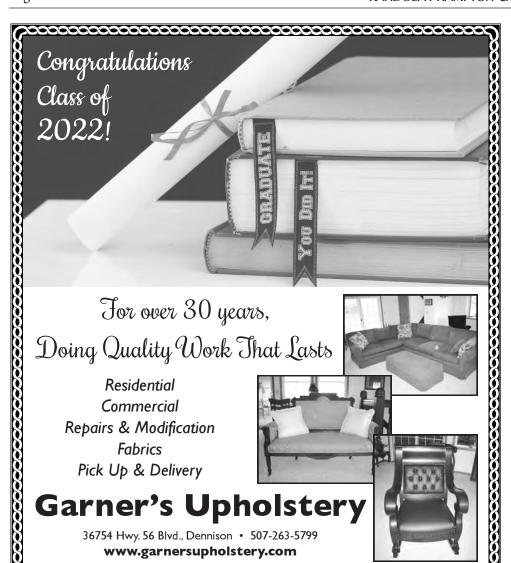


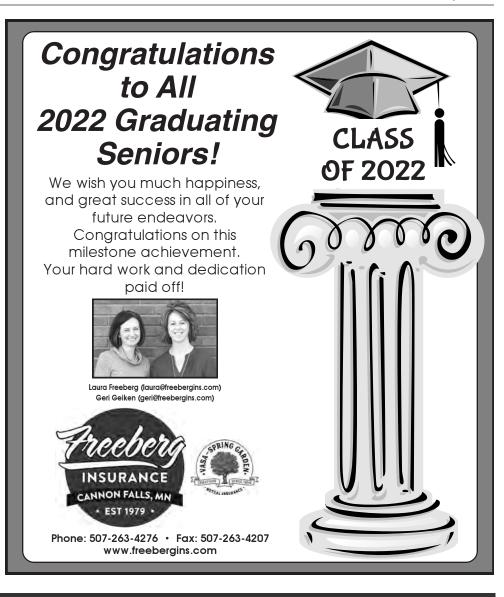
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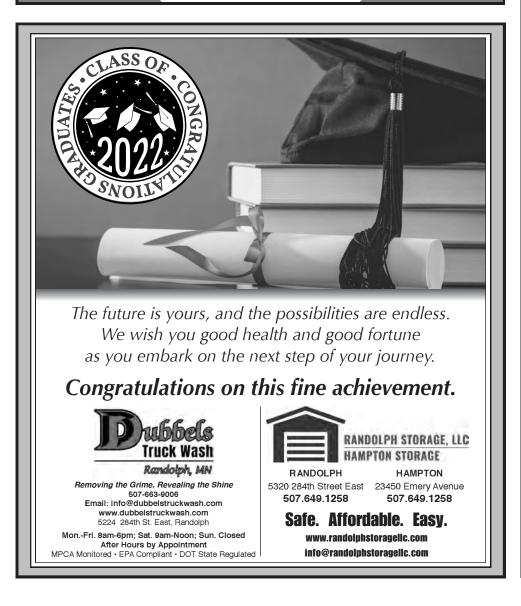
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If you are someone who already has a connection to SMIF, I encourage you to attend as well. You may have something to share with others that could ignite a spark for a community project. You may even learn something new about SMIF, or forge new relationships that could help you in your own endeavors.

Make sure to register for the Sprout event of your choice by June 1 by visiting smi-foundation.org/sprout. We look forward to seeing old friends and developing new relationships this June.

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#### City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting April 13, 2022

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appelgren.

#### Roll Call

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

#### **Public Comments**

It was asked about putting the speed bumps back in the area of Davisson, 290th and Dawson as people are driving too fast and not even stopping at the stop signs and there are more children in the area that walk to and from school. It was asked that the deputies patrol the area to watch for this. Appelgren will talk to the Otte's regarding putting in the speed bumps.

#### Minutes

A motion to approve the March 9, 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**

We took in \$2700 from water bills. She will be mailing them out by the end of the month. The new rates will go into effect with this billing cycle. She will put a note on the water bill explaining that the rates were increased.

It was asked about the RVS Software invoice and Sandy will call them to inquire about it.

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

## **Approval to Pay Bills**

Sandy discussed that there have been several benchmarks that were not paid to the Randolph Trailblazers. There is one from 2018, two from 2020 and two from 2021. There are also two current ones for 2022. These payments are paid to the Randolph Trailblazers once the money comes in from the MN DNR; however these payments are received electronically and it is not clear that the money is from the DNR when paid to our account. Also the 2020 payments were not received until sometime in 2021 due to COVID. Sandy checked and we received all of the monies due to them so she cut the checks to reimburse the Randolph Trailblazers for all of these benchmarks. The DNR is working on trying to change it so it is clear what the payment are for when it comes from

Also we had a discussion regarding ordering signs for "Firemen Only Parking" for the city lot as there have times when it is full and we don't need the firemen looking for parking when there is an emergency call. Nate from R Bar indicated he will pay for the signs so we should forward him a copy of the invoice when we receive it.

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

### Old Business Building Permit for Keith Sande

Mark was waiting to hear from us if he should issue the permit with a penalty. It was noted that Benny did not issue a permit and

he also posted a stop work order for the project. and we did indicate that yes he should be penalized. Mark indicated that the permit is \$1747.38 which includes the penalty. The penalty is split between Mark and the City. The city did authorize that a penalty, which is 100% of the cost of the permit should be included with the permit fee.

We have had to penalize others who have not gotten a permit, so we need to be consistent and will issue him the penalty. Mark will have to do an inspection and he will work with him on that and things he finds that need correction or proof of the work.

## New Business Dakota County Deputy

Officer Andrew Leko indicated that he will ask that Davisson and Dawson streets be patrolled.

There was a discussion regarding mail theft and he indicated that we should call when it happens because there are a few key players involved. The problem is that we don't always know at the time that it happens but we should be on the lookout and call in anything suspicious. One person indicated that they were told by the post office that the individuals who are stealing the mail are following the mail vehicles. He will put a notice for officers to be aware of this.

It was mentioned to him that at the end of Dixie Avenue that there is someone dumping garbage – there use to be dumpster there but it is no longer there.

Mowing Contract

Ace Mowing presented a proposal for a one-year contract for the same fees as last year.

Motion to accept the proposal from Ace Mowing for 2022 made by Appelgren, seconded by Haro. Voting in favor is Appelgren, Podritz, Friedrich and Haro, Opposed Carlock, motion passed 4:1.

## Randolph Trailblazer

Bob Romanoski asked if the City would again sponsor the Randolph Trailblazers for the 22-23 season. Motion by Appelgren to sponsor the Randolph Trailblazers by Resolution No. 22-01 for the 2022-2023 season, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

## Otte Development - Annexation

It was asked what needs to be done to annex property and the steps the need to be taken.

Blake Otte could not make it but since Korine was here we asked her to explain the process. First they need to submit a petition to the city. The city has to hold a public hearing and give at least 30 days' notice to the township and all the adjacent landowners. We hold a public hearing and it gets adopted by ordinance if the council agrees and submits it to the administrative law judges and there is a 90 day window to file objections. An Administrative law judge then would approve it assuming there is no objection.

We are just discussing what he needs to do. Korine will send us a form for them to use. The petitioners will have to cover the cost of the fees involved for the public hearing.

## R Bar Special Event on June 25th

Nate Icaza came before the council to request that he would like to hold a bike show that would benefit Nates Community Garage a non-profit that supports vets and law income individuals on June 25th at the R Bar. Because of the size he would asked that the road in front of R Bar between Distad Path

and Divers Path be closed from 1 pm to 5 pm so they have ample room for the bikes and parking. He will have to hire two off duty officers. It was noted that he should provide notice to the Castle Rock Quarry so they are aware of the road closure. Friedrich made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-03 for the road closure on June 25th form 1 pm to 5 pm seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

#### **Polling Place Designation**

Clerk Haro noted that we need to pass a new resolution due to the redistricting of polling places for the 2022 elections.

Clerk Haro made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-02 designating the Randolph City Hall as the polling place for 2022, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

#### **Bolton & Menk Sewer Update**

Matt Blazer of Bolton & Menk discussed the open house on march 30th and 31st. It was a great turn out. The video that was tapped from the meeting was uploaded to the website along with the boards that were there and a summary of the questions asked. There were several individuals from Dakota County there, 1 from Water Resource group, a regarding the grants available for low income individuals and 2 from the Transporta-Department answering questions regarding the Highway 88 project. The next step will be the feasibility report to be presented at the next meeting. Matt plans to have it us a week in advance so we have time to review it.

A few questions that were asked was "Will there be a connection fee" – which there will not be for the existing households in the city

but new homes will most likely have a fee. It was noted to homeowners that they are responsible for hooking up to the sewer lines from their residence and it was asked "What is the cost of hooking up" and that would be up to a contractor for the price.

Matt indicated the next open house will be closer to the start of construction.

Korine noted that negotiations are still being discussed regarding the land. When there is a decision to be made by the counsel they will come back and discuss it with it as either a closed or open meeting but at this time there is no resolution.

It was asked if we are any closer to determining what kind of water lines are underground. Matt was discussing this with locators but it is not an easy solution. We decided that we will have Otte Excavating dig two holes in different areas so we can have an answer for this question.

#### Miscellaneous

It was noted that there are some potholes that need to be filled. Jake will get some bids to get them filled.

Clerk Haro noted that we will have to get a new email address as Northfield Wifi will no longer be offering this through their site. It is not feasible for them to offer them. She will look into different options but needs to get it done by June 13th. She will check on getting a .gov email account.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Appelgren, seconded by Podritz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0. Respectfully submitted,

Mary Haro



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#### **Hampton City Council Meeting** April 12, 2022

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members David Luhring, Anthony Verch and Nick Russell. Also present was Chris Meyer, Treasurer and Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk; Kathy Youngquist with Cassia; and Dale Hallcock and Keith Sande with the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department.

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

**Disclosure of Interest** – Mayor Knetter stated that a member of the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department will be attending the meeting and asked to be put on the agenda. Knetter said that, as a member of the fire department himself, he will not be voting on any actions that Council may make in regard to this agenda item.

Approval of the March 8, 2022 Regular **Scheduled Meeting Minutes and March 30, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Verch seconded by Luhring to approve the March 8, 2022 regular scheduled meeting and March 30, 2022 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion

**Approval of Disbursements** – Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the April disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Public Comment** – None.

## Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

Ottomatic Lawn Care Surcharges -Mayor Knetter stated that he had spoken with Roger Otto, of Ottomatic Lawn Care regarding a fuel surcharge due to rising fuel prices and a fertilizer surcharge, also for significant price increases since the mowing and weed control service contracts were bid. When Knetter discussed the fuel surcharge with Otto, Otto told him that Ottomatic uses 16 gallons of fuel per mowing. Knetter said that, in researching fuel surcharges, what he has found is surcharges are based upon mileage, not fuel consumption per project. So, he believes further research needs to be done and brought back to the May meeting. Discussion. Councilor Verch agrees that more information is needed. He feels that the

City has an open, honest and fair relationship with Ottomatic, and that a fuel surcharge is warranted. Knetter also mentioned the fertilizer surcharge, and that fertilizer prices have pretty much doubled, but that more research is needed and should be brought back to the May meeting. Councilor Luhring stated that Ottomatic should come to the May meeting and make a proposal regarding the fuel and fertilizer surcharges. Council agrees that any applicable surcharges will be back-dated to the beginning of the season.

Randolph/Hampton Fire Department pension contribution - Keith Sande was in attendance as the representative of the Fire Department Relief Association. He informed Councilors that, at their business meeting last month, there was discussion about raising the pension contribution per year of service from \$2,000 to \$2,250. Consensus among Councilors that the increase is warranted. Motion was made by Verch seconded by Luhring to increasing the pension contribution from \$2,000 to \$2,250 per year of service. All voted in favor, with Mayor Knetter abstaining from voting. None opposed. Motion passed 3:0.

Business communication equipment located on the City's water tower - Mayor Knetter informed Councilors that the Northfield WiFi equipment is off the water tower. There are two parties who have expressed interest in having their equipment placed on the City's water tower and he would like to get Council's opinion about that. Discussion ensued regarding the timing of allowing this when the City is actively pursuing replacing the tower, and the City's ability to get a contract ready in time for this to benefit either party. Also, Knetter mentioned maintenance needs of the existing tower, including handrail issues, the need for cleaning, and the short timeframe until the tower comes down. Councilor Verch stated that he feels it would be in the best interest of the City to wait until the resolution of the current water tower issues before considering having any new equipment placed on the tower.

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

Engineer Report - Brad Fisher with Bolton & Menk began by stating that MnDOT reached out last week about the City's current Master Partnership Contract, which will expire on June 30th of this year. MnDOT would like to renew the contract for that the contract provides the framework by which services can be exchanged between the City and MnDOT and each party then can bill the other for providing those services. Fisher stated that this is just an FYI for Council at this time and asked Councilors to review the proposed contract over the next month and contact him with any questions they may have. He will ask that a resolution to adopt the renewed contract be included on the agenda for May's City Council meeting.

The second item on Fisher's monthly staff report is the Water Street Lift Station Backup Generator Project. He explained that the City has received funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and that it is the City's intention to use those funds to purchase a new backup generator. The generator will be for the Water Street lift station, and this will be a project similar to the one that Bolton & Menk completed for the City on the Main Street lift station. Bolton and Menk will use the same subconsultant (Design Tree) to assist with the electrical engineering required for the project. Fisher continued by explaining that the existing lift station is located between two residences. His proposal for the location of the generator is to place it at the southeast corner of Water Street and Sun Valley Lane, in the City's right-of-way. A topography survey will be done to make sure the generator is not susceptible to flooding. Councilors asked Fisher if he had any corner because of the possibility of vehicles going off the road and hitting the generator. Fisher stated that they certainly could put up a green chain link fence, or some other decorative barrier, such as bushes or trees, to protect the generator. Because of Council concerns, Fisher said he would explore other possibilities for the location of the generator. Additionally, Fisher mentioned that the new large as the one at the Main Street lift station. Also, the plan is to have the generator fueled by natural gas, rather than propane.

Water / Sewer Report – Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, stated that congratulations are in order for Josh Dixon, as he passed his wastewater certification examina-

For his sewer report, Reinardy mentioned that a discharge is scheduled to be done on May 1st. In June he plans to have someone from the Minnesota Rural Water Association come and measure the primary sewer pond. He is hopeful that the City can then go to a maintenance mode of treating the sewer ponds, versus the sludge reduction treatment that is currently being done.

Reinardy reported that there were two water main breaks in the last month. The first was on Northfield Boulevard, and the second was in the parking lot of the 7-unit apartment building at 23300 Main Street. Reinardy said his question is, who is responsible for payment of the repair? He believes the responsibility lies with the owner of the property because of the location of the curb stop. The City is responsible for repairs up to the curb stop valve and the property owner is responsible beyond that.

Park Report - Councilor Russell reported that he is still working on a grant for trash re-

the period 2023 to 2027. Fisher explained ceptacles for the City. Also, he will be purchasing new basketball hoops. Reinardy mentioned that the family of Tony Nicolai will be donating a tree to the City in memory of Nicolai. He said he is aware that replacing some trees is a project that is still in the works, and he will work with who is in charge of that to determine where the donated tree will be placed.

> Street Report - Councilor Luhring mentioned that Hampton Avenue needs repairs. He has been checking other streets as well to determine maintenance needs.

#### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

\_(04) Calling for a Resolution 2022public hearing on approving the issuance of senior housing and healthcare revenue bonds to finance a project by the Rosemount, LLC and Praha Village, LLC and authorizing the publication of a notice of the hearing (The Rosemount and Praha Village Project). Kathy Youngquist of Cassia was present at the meeting. Mayor Knetter asked her if she had anything she wanted to present. Youngquist said she was there to answer any questions Councilors may have. Knetter asked if anyone had any questions about the project or the resolution. There were no questions, so Knetter asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve Resolution 2022-04, calling for a public hearing on approving the issuance of senior housing and healthcare revenue bonds to finance a project by the Rosemount, LLC and Praha Village, LLC and authorizing the publication of a noconcerns about locating the generator on a tice of the hearing. All voted in favor. None opposed.

Motion passed 4:0.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business:** 

Conduit Issuer for the Rosemount and **Praha Village Project** – Approval of item covered under Ordinances and Resolutions.

Professional Engineering Services for the Water Street Lift Station Backup Generabackup generator would not need to be as tor - Bolton and Menk - This was reported on and discussed under the Reports of Officers. Boards, and Committees in the Engineer's Report. Brad Fisher of Bolton and Menk asked that Council make a motion to approve the contract for Bolton and Menk's professional engineering services for the Water Street Lift Station Backup Generator project. Motion by Russell seconded by Verch to approve having Bolton and Menk provide professional engineering services for the Water Street Lift Station Backup Generator Project. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0

Mayor Knetter acknowledged a Dakota County deputy in attendance and asked if she had anything to report. She introduced herself as Nicole Young. She said law enforcement issues in the Hampton area have calmed down recently in regard to noise and automobile issues. She asked if Councilors had any questions for her. There were no questions from Councilors, but they thanked her for her

Adjournment – Motion by Verch seconded by Luhring to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm. Respectfully submitted,

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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

# Carp on the Bridge



By Terry Campbell

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

This column was written by my wife Ashley because she has crazy adventures in Tennessee as well.

I am about 1/4 mile away from the bridge, going about 80mph. It's dark. I have the music at full blast. The windows are open. My hair is a halo of competency flying around me. I am illuminated by the lights from the dash. Hard pounding rock thumps out the car as I speed down the road through the Bayou. Cannot wait to get home and take a shower after a day of dirty yardwork at the cabin. I see some type of reflective fabric on the bridge. Uh oh. Police? No. Not Police. Oh, Good. 'Cuz we're doin' 80. Yeah, I know. This is a 50 zone. I know. I am so tired and dehydrated and strung out from the

recent days I think I may be hallucinating. I'm definitely talking to myself. I blink and shake my head. Nope. Still reflective and moving around. A mylar balloon caught in the road? Closing fast, whatever it is. Still doing 80. Oh, right. Bridge has only one lane. I remember. Right-o. Adjust to 50. Music is still driving at a mad pace. I switch on high beams. A single high wattage bulb responds right back at me. Oh #@\$% it IS cops. No. Not cops, woulda already been lit up. Ok, no idea. Slow to 50. Low beams. The light goes away.

I turn the music down. I see a dog in the road. OK, I see now. That's no problem. Someone let their dog out for a potty break on a lonely stretch of road and the dog won't get back in the car. All good. Crazy dogs. Aren't they something? But the dog is running from one spot to another on the bridge. Barking. At the reflective fabric. I bet the owner is irritated. I laugh. Dumb dog.

He's a purebred bloodhound. All floppy ears, droopy eyes and long goofy legs. He is havin' a good ol' time. I watch him, still trying to determine what he's doing. I imagine his name is Beau. ROLF ROFL ROLF he howls at the fabric. I have slowed down to a crawl to allow the owners to catch their dog. But no one is trying to catch him. Then I realize the fabric on the road is actually my headlights reflecting off about 8 or 10 big fish. Ten 15 pound live fish are in the middle of this bridge, flopping around and this dog is going crazy. Complete stop. Eyes straight ahead.

FWAPP! The sound startles me. It's another fish. It's fallen from above the windshield of my vehicle onto the bridge. For all

intents and purposes it is raining fish on this bridge. Beau or Rufus or whatever his name is howls mournfully and bows down playfully at the new arrival. I'm right there with ya, Beau. I feel like howling a bit, too, Buddy. The light comes back. It points at me and wiggles a little. I cannot see what is behind the light. I follow the light and I can see two young boys standing on the sidewalk of the bridge. Leaning over. Oh dear. Something is wrong. They motion me forward. A little impatiently. Considering everything. I inch up to the entry to the bridge.

"You good?" I ask in my best Southern drawl. You good? applies to everything from greeting people at Sunday school thru car troubles and apparently a fish storm.

"Yep." They eye my license plate skeptically. Out of the corner of my eye, I detect movement. I turn my head slightly to the left, still keeping Rufus and his finned friends in sight, a nod to the rearview mirror, because, let's face it, I am still in Tennessee. A bright white T-shirt straightens up from leaning over the bridge. He's maybe 13. In his left hand he has a compound crossbow. A weapon. Capable of travelling 100 yards at 430 feet per second. He is holding a weapon, just as sure as I am sitting there. That is a full-on weapon. He is not yet old enough to shave. He looks unconcerned. In his right hand he is holding a spear. On the end of the spear is a 20 pound piece of reflective muscle. The reflective muscle gives

a half-hearted twitch in response.

"You can go ahead," says Opie. He waves the dog out of the way. The dog pants happily and sits obediently. "Oh. OK. Thanks. I didn't want to run over your fish" There's a sentence I have never said before. "Naw, it don't matter." He waves me through. I proceed cautiously across the bridge, at first swerving to avoid the fish. When there are too many, I drive over a couple. It makes a noise. It sounds about how you would expect it to sound.

I look in the rearview mirror. The newly caught reflective muscle flies through the air and lands with a thunk near Rufus who howls gleefully but does not run out onto the road until permitted. I drive home the rest of the way with the music off. I keep to the speed limit.

The following day I see our neighbor "Bobby!!! Bobby!! You would not believe what happened!!" I'm breathless, because I ran to catch up to him. He looks at me knowingly. He knows I cuss and have a hot temper and he knows the climate down South. He waits. I tell him about the dog and the fish and the music and the lights and the crossbow and the reflective fabric and everything. He does not miss a step. His gait does not alter one inch. He tosses a reply over his shoulder without breaking stride, "Nah, they supposed to throw em' in the bushes, they not supposed to leave them on the bridge."

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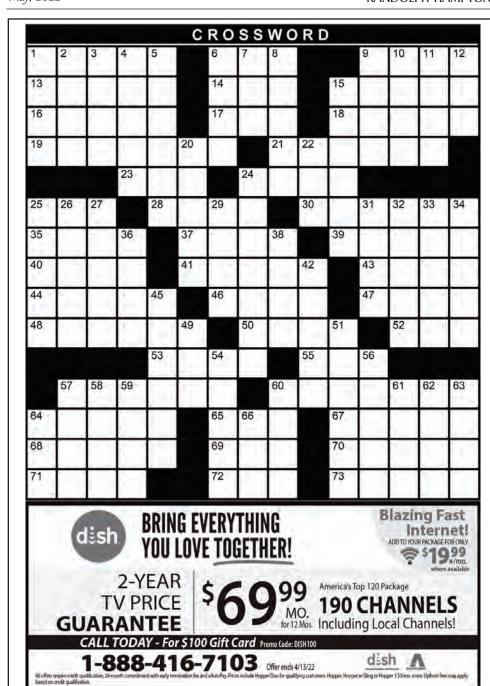
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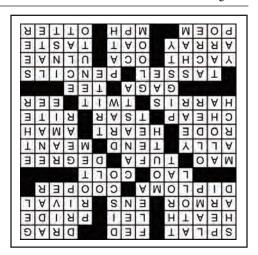
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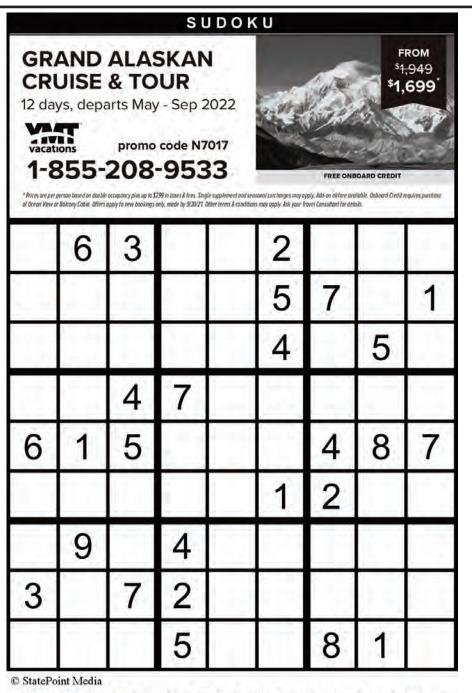
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