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Minnesota Renaissance **Festival Drawing**

Be sure to enter the Messenger drawing for Minnesota Renaissance Festival tickets. You will be able to enter by e-mailing your name and address to hometownmessenger@gmail.com. (continued on page 4)

Announcements

• Annual Lutefisk and Norwegian Meatball Supper at Vang Lutheran Church 2060 County 49 Blvd, Dennison MN 55018.

Wednesday, October 12th 2022 Ticket price - \$20.00

Lutefisk with melted butter, Norwegian Meatballs with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Cole Slaw, Fruit Soup, Cranberry Sauce, Lefse and Norwegian baking's.

Curbside pick-up 11:00-2:00pm and 4:00pm-7:00pm. Pre-orders required with credit card by 10/01/22. For Reservations call 507-789-5186 or email vanglutefisk@gmail.com. Delivery available to home or business.

• 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? Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com



Courtesy of Randolph-Hampton Fire District Thank you to everyone who came out to our 54th annual Chicken BBQ. 2,130 people served with 4,000 lbs of chicken, 4800 lbs of corn, and 700 lbs of beans.

Special thanks to all our retired firefight-

ers/families, current firefighters wives, girlfriends, children, grandchildren, friends, who help throughout the weekend. This event wouldn't be possible without your help!

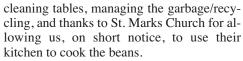
Also, thanks to the Randolph Volleyball team for stepping in and serving the pop,

THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

The popular Vegas Style Tribute Show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Saturday September 24th. Usually the show has been held the Friday of Labor Day weekend, but scheduling conflicts for the artists made a change necessary. Under the big top, rain or shine!

For fans young and old, if you have ever been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show (www.espking.com).with (continued on page 5) Chris Olson.





Next years event is scheduled for August 19th, please mark your calendars.

(additional pictures on page 6)

Randolph Blast Off Day

Randolph Schools is celebrating the 2022-2023 school year with

our annual Blast Off Day. Please see below for details on the August 31, event.

Rocket Blast Off Day Wednesday, August 31, 2022 **Picture Day:** Wednesday, August 31, 2022

North Gym 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm The following list will be available for you on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Elementary Open House-Meet your teachers

Learn your child's bus times Rocket Clothing for sale Tackle Cancer Shirts for sale True Blue T-Shirt Order Forms Athletic Season Passes for sale Put Money in Lunch Accounts High School Schedules and locker assignments available on Infinite Campus only Grades 7-12 Volleyball & Football pictures starting at 1:00 pm.

We encourage families to attend early to avoid waiting in line to get your child's picture taken. (continued on page 5)

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Pit Stop Revelations Revelation 7: 9-10, 13-17

A pitstop is when the racing car comes in to get serviced during a race. They come in for new tires and fuel- and sometimes other mechanical issues too. If something major is required, the race will be over- the average time for a pitstop is from 7-15 seconds. That's fast! They need to be fast because they need to get the car back on the track and back in position to have a chance of winning the race.

Jesus is taking John aside to show him something entirely different from the 6 seals that have been broken in chapter 6. It's as if God is pausing for effect. To what purpose? To bring hope to those who believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we look at the events of the end of times, you and I can become fearful and wonder, 'will anyone be able to survive?' The answer unfolds during our tire change in chapter 7 of Revelations.

As we read chapter 7 in Revelations, we are seeing a great multitude- many, many people, so many we aren't able to have a number for them. There's so many no one can count, and they are from every 'nation, tribe, people and language.' Jesus doesn't divide by any of these- we are all His creation, valuable and chosen to become a member of His family. This multitude represents all that have received Jesus Christ. This multitude is often considered to be those that survived the great tribulation. They remained faithful during the times of persecution and struggle. This also



shows that this refers to Jews and Gentiles because it includes all nations- this is an awe-inspiring sight of people from all times and all places gathered to sing praise to God. John is taking all this in. He's seeing it and probably struggling to understand what it all means. Who are these people and where have they all come from?

This is the church triumphant! They stand before the throne and are wearing white robes. To stand before the throne means they have fellowship with Jesus, that they are in His presence and are ready and willing to serve Him- The Lamb of God, the Redeemer of the sinner. God has saved His people! They are crying out, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Salvation belongs to our God- not to us. We cannot save ourselves- only through the blood of the Lamb. Only because of Jesus great sacrifice can we receive forgiveness and obtain the salvation that belongs to Jesus. We don't, and we can't save ourselves!

In Revelations 7:11-12, The angels are giving praise to God. They are worshiping Him before the throne- they fall prostrate before Him and sing. Only God is worthy and the angels are giving the praise rightfully to the only one that truly deserves it. By writing this, John is making a statement that these attributes only belong to the one and only true supreme being: God.

This is one of the main reasons I personally like Celebrate Recovery's approach to wholeness for anyone struggling with addictions and hurts and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery's 12 steps are basically the same as AA's, but with one major distinction: Celebrate Recovery teaches and proclaims that the supreme being that each of us really need in our lives is Jesus Christ. Without Him, there is little hope of healing and a future free of hurts, hang-ups and habits. When we make Jesus supreme, we can truly find freedom from our hurts, our hang-ups and our habits/addictions. The first 3 of the CR steps are powerful:

1 We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable. Romans 7:18

2 We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. Philippians 2:13

3 We made a decision to turn our lives and our wills over to the care of God. Romans 12:1

Jesus alone is worthy of all our praise and honor. The angels have the right idea, and we are directed to do the same. When we keep Jesus at the center- our life will change! We are excited to be able to offer a Celebrate Recovery beginning this fall on October 2. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, please get the word out. Also, if you would like to know more or get involved, please contact me or check out the Celebrate Recovery Website.

We can have real hope for the future when we truly worship God. We can lay it all down before Him-offering ourselves as living sacrifices.

Chapter 7 ends with a beautiful picture of our Savior as our Shepherd. "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The lamb will be at the center of the throne! He is the one worshiped, He is the one deserving all our praise and He is the one that will lead us and care for us as a shepherd care for His flock. (John 10) Jesus is the good shepherd, He cares for his people- and as we enter the great throne in heaven, he will continue to care for us. He is calling you and I by name. He knows you- He loves you! Jesus sacrifice for you prepares the way for you to be with Him forever! That's the good news from chapter 7. That's the message for us today- Who will be saved? Those that have believed on the name of Jesus Christ. He loves you. He wants you to be with Him forever. He is our only hope to survive in the end. When we put our faith in Him now- we are assured of a place with Him forever! There is power in His blood to wash away every sin!



Obituary

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Rachel Lynn Nesseth

passed away suddenly on Wednesday,

August 10, 2022. Rachel was born April 22, 2004 in uniquely Rachel. Rochester, MN to Barney and Laura (Shelton) Nesseth. She was a recent graduate of Kenyon-Wanamingo High

School and was planning to leave for Concordia College, where she would major in Biochemistry and compete on Concordia's Track and Field team. In school, Rachel was full of energy and was active in band, choir, chamber choir, and theater. She would often play her flute and sing at church, where she was also involved in the Emmanuel Lutheran youth group. Along with her musical talents, Rachel was a Member of the National Honor Society and was a Board Scholar. Rachel also excelled in track as a sprinter and hurdler. She enjoyed being a member of the volleyball team. Her love of dance brought her to Triton where she was captain of the dance team and met friends that quickly became family. Rachel was also an officer for band and choir and was a school board representative for student council. She was the first student from Kenyon-Wanamingo to receive the Region 1A TripleA Award. She was also a 4-H member, a 4-H camp counselor, and earned multi-

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ple trips to state with her horse, Fortune. Rachel Lynn Nesseth, 18, of Zumbrota, Rachel was a radiant light. Her love of Jesus was obvious. She was known for her smile and her genuine heart and was always encouraging to others with her positive spirit. Anyone that knew her knew she was

> Rachel is survived by her parents, Barney and Laura Nesseth of Zumbrota; brother, Alec Nesseth of Zumbrota; paternal grandparents, Darrell and Lovey Nesseth; maternal grandmother, Lenora Shelton; uncles, Leo Nesseth, Micky (Betty) Nesseth, Bruce (Theresa) Shelton; Aunts, Karen (David) VanderKaay, Gianna (Ken) Keating and cousins, Jason Nesseth, Jynnylee Nesseth, Rowdy (Aly) VanderKaay, Jacinda (Brett) Bainum and Shelbi (Nathan) Eggerss. Rachel was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Jimmy Shelton.

> A funeral service was held 11:00 AM Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Holden Lutheran Church, 6949 30th Ave. Blvd, Kenyon, MN 55946. Visitation was held 4:00-8:00 PM Monday, August 15, 2022, at Mahn Family Funeral Home-Larson Chapel, 1475 Jefferson Dr. Zumbrota, MN 55992 and one hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Lyle Aadahl officiated and burial was at Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Aspelund, MN. To share a special memory or condolence, please visitwww.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Minnesota Renaissance **Festival** Drawing

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Winners will be drawn for a 4 pack of tickets on August 26th and you may be one of the lucky ones to enjoy the Renaissance Festival on us.

The Minnesota RenFest is the country's largest Renaissance-themed festival, this rousing event will delightfully engage and entertain you as the festival grounds are transformed into a 16th century village, complete with hundreds of unique characters. You're encouraged to dress the part, too!

The authentic village is filled with costumed characters such as peasants, nobles and royal courtiers. On 16 lively stages you'll find magicians, musicians, comedians, jugglers, mimes and more who entertain the kid in all of us. Plus, cheer on the jousting knights who mount their horses to do battle. And, as mentioned, festival goers are encouraged to the dress the part as well. So plan your costume now.

The festival marketplace features 250 artisans who display and sell their handcrafted treasures. Demonstrations are given daily by masters of historic skills such as armor making, bronze casting, glass blowing and calligraphy. Additionally, visitors have more than 150 food choices including the famous roasted turkey drumstick, scotch eggs, soup in a bread bowl and apple dumplings.

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs its 51st season August 20 through October 2, 2022. The Festival is open weekends plus Labor Day September 5 and Festival Friday, September 30, 2022, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., rain or shine. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Highway 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors for endless shopping, 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king or queen!



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THE KING with Cash & Diamond **Returning to** Dennison

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You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison on Labor Day Weekend, Chris

Olson performs this entertaining tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Saturday, September 24th. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside.

Doug Allen Nash will again join the show this year with is tribute to Neil Diamond and also his "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon".

It is in this production, Nash includes one of his own songs "June" co- written and coproduced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

You can see both of these great artists in Dennison Saturday, September 24th.

Advance Tickets are just \$25.00. \$30.00 Day of Show. Call Fireside at 507-645-9992 during normal business hours, or e-mail them at firesideloungedennison@gmail.com to order tickets. You can also make dinner reservations that

evening ahead of the show. Space is limited, so make your reservations early.

Randolph Blast Off Day

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If you have any questions please contact Mr. Kelley at Randolph Schools ext. 204.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 is picture retakes, make up day, and preschool pictures from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the south gym. Student pictures will be taken in the North Gym. Picture ordering will be done online.

Click here for ordering directions for Junior and Senior High Student portraits.

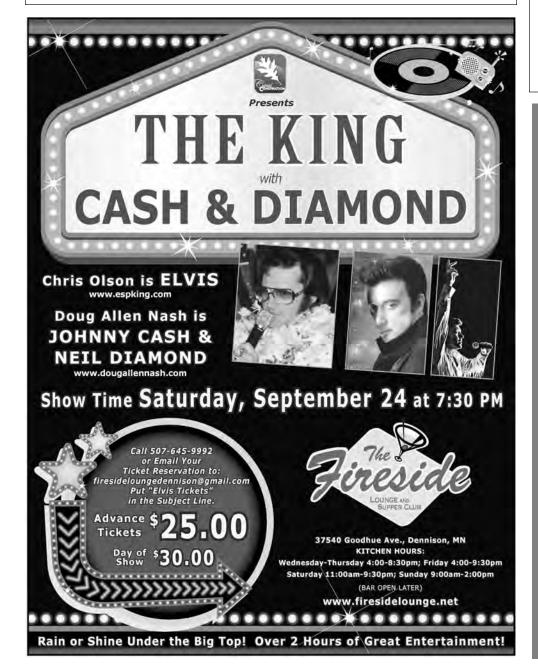
Click here for ordering Elementary Student portraits.

Please note that this day does not include preschool or child care. We will not have our child care or preschool staff available and preschoolers will not get their picture taken.



Randolph High School College Athlete Wall Complete

The Randolph High School College Athlete wall is completed. To be eligible, athletes will need to fulfill their obligation to their school - whether it be play 2 years at a 2 year school or 4 years at a 4 year school. Courtesy of Randolph School



Breakfast - Preschool and Grades 1-12 \$2.00 Kindergarten breakfast is free Lunch - Preschool- Grade 6 \$2.90 Lunch - Grades 7-12 \$3.00 Extra Entrée for grades 7-12 \$1.25

Menu September 6-9, 2022

Breakfast and Lunch Information

2022/2023 Student Meals Will No Longer Be Free

Tuesday, September 6: Breakfast - Cereal breakfast kit, fruit Lunch - chicken gravy over biscuit, peas, apple Wednesday, September 7: Breakfast - Blueberry muffin, fruit, juice Lunch - *Hotdog on a bun, waffle fries, baked beans, applesauce Thursday, September 8: Breakfast - Breakfast cookie, fruit, juice Lunch - *Cheese pizza, lettuce salad, pineapple Friday, September 9: Breakfast - Banana bread, fruit, juice Lunch - Beef nachos, sweet potato fries, tropical fruit

Randolph students will be charged the following prices for their meals

Food Service questions should be directed to Lori Underdahl at underdahll@district195.org.



Chicken BBQ

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As summer days turn into evening, many parents pull out a book or two to read to their kids at bedtime. This is important because studies consistently show that reading at a young age drastically improves a child's educational trajectory. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we know it is important to invest in early literacy efforts as a long-term strategy to support lifelong success.

According to Minnesota Compass, the ability to read by the end of third grade often predicts future academic and life success. Sadly, only forty-eight percent of third graders in Minnesota are proficient in reading, and our 20-county region is just a fraction above the statewide average.

One way SMIF supports these literacy ef-

forts is through our Early Literacy Grant program. We recently distributed more than 21,000 books – English, Spanish and bilingual – to 46 organizations in our region through this grant. These organizations – libraries, schools, public health organizations, reading centers, and more – work with children birth to age eight. The beauty of this program is that these organizations will distribute the books to children who will be able to take them home, hopefully encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

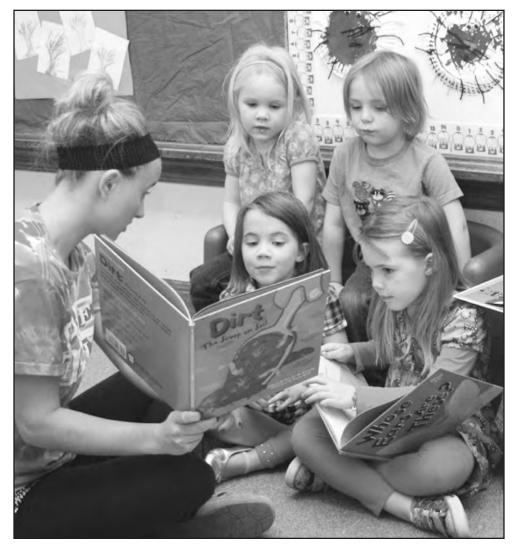
Minnesota-based publishing companies, ABDO and Capstone, generously donate the majority of the books for this program. Over the years of partnering with these companies, we have been able to distribute more than one hundred thousand books throughout the region.

Our AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative program is another way we facilitate early literacy. LEAP stands for Learning Early Achieves Potential, which is the mantra that guides this program. Each year, AmeriCorps members are placed throughout the region at preschools and nonprofit organizations. Our members work on social and emotional development with children who are at risk of falling behind. Reading exercises are a major part of the program.

As we continue to invest in early literacy efforts, we hope to see reading proficiencies rise in our region. Our partner organizations and grant recipients are doing wonderful work ensuring that our future adults will be prepared for success in life. We are proud to be a partner in these efforts.

We are currently seeking AmeriCorps members for our 2022 – 2023 term. Contact Barbara Gunderson at 507-456-0353 or barbarag@smifoundation.org to learn more.

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



Neighbors

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Fun for Families -Flaherty's Northfield Lanes

Courtesy of City of Northfield

Families, friends, and neighbors can find Flaherty's Northfield Lanes driving south on Highway 3 on the west side of the highway. Since last fall, the business has been making some noticeable changes — both on the outside and on the inside.

Owner Adam Flaherty's family has been in the bowling business for five generations. The Flaherty business started in Arden Hills and built a name for themselves, being recognized as one of the best bowling alleys and bars with arcade games in Minnesota by WCCO. When Adam Flaherty heard the bowling alley was for sale in Northfield, he saw the space as an opportunity for expansion.

Flaherty drove down to Northfield to check the space out. The previous owner not only showed Flaherty the bowling alley, but also the community. Looking back now, Flaherty says the tour of Northfield sealed the deal.

"They took the time to point out where the city was growing and highlighted some of the areas," Flaherty said. "After the tour, that is actually what sold it – the tour of the town."

Flaherty bought the business September 1, 2021. Changes soon followed, including bowling alley renovations and arcade game

upgrades. One element that did not change, however, was the staff. While some employees were added, Flaherty promised to keep the original Jesse James Lanes employees. Current manager Adam Tulkki appreciates the consistency and admires the improvements. When asked what his favorite part of his job is, he used one word — everything.

"I love the bowling side. I love the bar side, the game side, doing business with kids, and coaching," Tulkki said. "I love everything about the business."

Flaherty shares Tulkki's love. A father of eight, Flaherty focuses on family fun. Over the past year, he has seen Flaherty's Northfield Lanes benefit local families.

"We've been in the business since 1938, and the sole purpose is family entertainment," Flaherty said. "That's what we're built around."

Flaherty hopes recent improvements enhance families' experiences. One of those improvements is Flaherty's Pub and Grill.

The restaurant will feature a familyfriendly menu, a full bar and an outdoor patio, complete with seating, sand volleyball and turf for bags/cornhole. Like Flaherty, Tulkki hopes the community stops out and enjoys the fun.

"I hope everybody comes out and enjoys the volleyball, and the bags, and the patio and the new menu," Tulkki said.

Flaherty's Pub and Grill opened Friday, August 12.

For more information on Flaherty's, head to their website.



Flaherty's Northfield Lanes' Manager Adam Tulkki and Owner Adam Flaherty says Flaherty's provides family fun for all ages.

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Rural Routes

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At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

Courtesy of AgWeek

OSLO, Minn. — On Aug. 14, 2022, the American Crystal Sugar Company's oldest shareholder celebrated his 105th birthday with over 200 guests.

Earl Mallinger , also the longest resident of Oslo, Minnesota, has been involved in more than 100 harvests during his lifetime. He has farmed with both horses and modern farm equipment, and witnessed firsthand the birth of the American Crystal Sugar Company cooperative. Mallinger's family were among the first sugarbeet farmers in the Red River Valley region. His farming career and the American sugarbeet industry grew and developed together, and Mallinger still actively farms today. He grows sugarbeets, soybeans and wheat on 1,000 acres in the Oslo area.

"I guess what keeps a guy alive at 105 is to

keep busy," he said. Mallinger's father Peter was born in Luxembourg. After working as a butcher in France, he came to America in 1895 at the age of 20. He went to Minnesota because he had a sister living in Barnesville. Shortly after his arrival, he worked at a meat market

in East Grand Forks. "Dad didn't know any English and only spoke German," Mallinger said. "He went to night school to learn English and get an education."

Immigrants started coming to the Oslo area in 1878 because of the fertile soil and abundant timber. They built homes along the river, where steamboats carried cargo and mail from Grand Forks to Oslo. Peter Mallinger arrived in 1905, the year Oslo officially became a town. It is believed that the population at that time was 150, and the population of Oslo today is 347 people.

Peter built a butcher shop called the "Oslo Meat Market." He married a local girl named Hjerda, and the family lived on the top floor of the shop. Earl was born there in 1917. He weighed about 13 pounds at birth and was the fourth of Peter and Hjerda's seven children.

"There were four boys and three girls," he said. "One of my sisters passed away from flu in 1918 and one of my brothers died in the service."

That same year, Peter sold the butcher shop and moved the family to a house he had built



Earl Mallinger sits with his sister, Ina Dahlum at his 105th birthday party. She is 101and lives in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota. *Contributed / Earl Mallinger*

on a farm in rural Oslo.

"Dad took one look at me and said I was going to be a farmer," Mallinger said with a laugh. "I'm glad he did that. I really enjoy farming and I always knew I wanted to be a farmer."

The family's new house had running water and electricity, which was unusual for houses in rural areas at that time, according to Mallinger.

"Dad was very progressive," he said. "He began farming in 1918 on land he cleared from timber and he started out with wheat, alfalfa and cattle."

Mallinger attended school in a one-room

schoolhouse that had 28 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"I walked two miles to and from school each day. As I walked past people's houses, more kids would join me. Quite a group had accumulated by the time we got to school," he said. "I went to school until eighth grade. I did awful good in arithmetic, but history and geography were my favorite subjects. I wasn't good at spelling."

Mallinger began farming with his father after his eighth grade graduation in 1932.

"Dad was a real hard worker and taught me how to work," he said.

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Rural Routes

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At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

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"He was willing to try new things, and he first planted potatoes in 1926. That was also the year the East Grand Forks sugarbeet factory started. Before that factory was started, beets were sent to Chaska, Minnesota."

Mallinger has an incredible memory for dates and events throughout his farming career, and vividly recalls his father's decision to start growing sugarbeets.

"In 1927, field men from the new factory visited all the farmers and talked to them about growing this unique new crop called sugarbeets.

They told us beets would help control weeds like wild oats and pigeon grass," he said. "We had to hire people to hoe the weeds out of the beets. It was \$6 a ton for beets then. They were not a high paying crop, but they would clean up the land and help the rotation."

Peter was excited to try sugarbeets and was one of the first farmers in the area to grow the new crop in 1927.

"We had 30 acres of sugarbeets when we started, and Mexican folks helped us by hoeing the weeds," Mallinger said. "We got the beet seed from the factory, and they got it from Germany. It came from Germany in great big burlap bags."

At that time, the factory had a drill that farmers could borrow for planting sugarbeets.

"It was a four row horse-drawn planter. We had a lifter that loosened the beets and the Mexican workers put them in rows," Mallinger recalled. "Then they topped them with beet knives and shoveled them into a truck."

In their early years of farming sugarbeets, the Mallingers hauled their beets to Oslo.

"We loaded the beets into open railroad cars which took them to Grand Forks. After a while, we had a piling site in Oslo. Then,



Earl Mallinger was born in 1917. He weighed about 13 pounds at birth and was the fourth of Peter and Hjerda Mallinger's seven children.

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sometime in the late 1930s, we hauled them to Grand Forks in a truck," he said. "I didn't really like that because it was a tough job. Harvest depended on the weather, just like it does now. In 1931, we were still hauling beets on Thanksgiving Day. Later on, when we got pilers in Oslo and Alvarado, it made everything so much easier because we had land in both places."

The 1930s were a trying time for the Mallingers and their fellow farm families in the Red River Valley.

"We didn't have much money then. Nobody did and everyone was in the same boat," Mallinger said. "We all played kittenball. It was like softball but with a larger ball, a smaller diamond, and an underhand pitch. Everyone formed teams and played together, and we had a lot of teams. Those are some of my favorite childhood memories."

The family farmed with horses until 1936, when Peter bought a combine.

"I was 19 years old. In Warren, Minnesota, the dealership there would take used horses in trade for tractors and other equipment. We traded horses for a combine," said Mallinger.



Earl Mallinger has experienced the history of sugarbeet farming, from using horsedrawn implements to today's modern methods. *Contributed / Earl Mallinger*

"I ran the combine, but I missed those horses. They were extremely well trained."

A black and white photo of a man in a cowboy hat. The man has his arms crossed. He has a slight small on his face, which has a substantial moustache.

The following year, Peter retired from farming. In 1938, Earl and his brothers began farming together. Mallinger married his wife Julia in 1946, and the couple farmed together for over 30 years.

"She was a schoolteacher in Oslo and that's how I met her," he said. "She helped me on the farm and loved everything about farming. She drove a big tandem truck and hauled sugarbeets to the factory."

In addition to farming together, Earl and Julia were passionate about 4-H. They both served as club leaders, and he coached 4-H potato judging teams for many years. The couple had three daughters who live in North Dakota and Minnesota.

"Their names are Barbara, Sharon and Krista. Krista was born on Columbus Day and that's how she got her name," Mallinger said.

Peter Mallinger, a pioneer of the region's sugarbeet industry, passed away in 1952. He was a great supporter of agriculture and his

community and was a member of the Oslo Volunteer Fire Department.

In 1970, Earl bought out his brother Felix, with whom he had farmed for 32 years.

"American Crystal used to be called the American Beet Sugar Company. It became American Crystal in 1934," Mallinger said. "Felix was part of transforming American Crystal into a grower-owned cooperative in 1973, and there was a lot of excitement among the farmers when that happened. I bought beet stock shares that year for \$107 per share."

In 1978, Julia passed away and Mallinger remarried in 1980.

"Phyllis and I were both widowers and she had three kids. We were kind of like the Brady Bunch. Phyllis passed away in 1992," he said.

In addition to sugarbeets, Mallinger also grew certified seed potatoes for over 50 years.

"I did about 500 acres that I stored in Oslo. I had eight to 10 varieties and sold seed potatoes all over the United States and Canada," he said. "In 1993, I was the Seed Potato Grower of the Year for the North American continent. I received the award in Portland, Oregon, and it really meant a lot to me."

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At 105, American **Crystal's Oldest Shareholder** Has Lived the **History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley**

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Mallinger credits much of his success to the people who worked with him on the farm, and still keeps in touch with the families of migrant employees.

"I had some awfully good people working for me, like the Martinez family. They worked with me for over 20 years," he said. "Eugene Dauksavage started working for me in high school. He worked for me all his life. He could run the whole show if I was gone and probably did it better than me.'

Today Mallinger hires others to do field work for him but owns some of his own equipment and makes all the decisions for his 1.000 acre farm.

"I never quit farming because it is so much fun," he said.

Mallinger is assisted by his friend and neighbor, Debbie Hanson, a semi-retired Lutheran pastor. The two have known each other for over 20 years, and she calls herself his "enabler."

"I drive him around so he can farm and do the things he loves to do. His day starts around 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at Kitty's Café in Oslo and wraps up around 9:30 in the evening," Hanson said. "We've done a lot of off-roading and I've gotten stuck helping him scout fields, but I've learned a lot about farming from Earl."

Hanson is amazed by Mallinger's incredible memory and life experiences.

"You could go to the Sugarbeet Museum in Crookston to learn about the history of sugar-

beets in the Red River Valley or you can talk to Earl," she said. "He has seen the whole industry develop. He remembers it all.'

Like his father, Mallinger is progressive and interested in the latest agricultural technology.

"All of Earl's fields are tiled. He has seen what tiling can do because he has dealt with flooding before," Hanson said. "One year he had a field that was flooded. He took the sump pump from his house and put it on a raft he made. He pumped out all the water on 10 acres and sent it down the river."

In addition to tiling, Mallinger has seen many changes in the sugarbeet industry in his lifetime.

"Some of the biggest advances were going from workers topping sugarbeets with knives to 12-row lifters and new beet drills that could space seed 5 1/2 inches," he said. "And, of course, Roundup Ready sugarbeets. That was an amazing advancement."

The sustainability of sugarbeets has remained the same throughout the years, according to Mallinger.

"Sugarbeets are a special crop. They are good for the land and have been helping the environment since the 1920s," he said. "They keep weeds from going to seed and are a very good rotation.'

Mallinger said he feels blessed to have spent his life farming and with his large extended family that includes 60 grandchildren and great-children. His sister, Ina Dahlum, is 101 and still resides in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota.

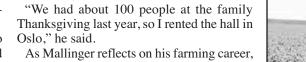
he says his best advice to beginning farmers is to work hard, be frugal and put God first.



The 1930s were a trying time for the Mallingers, as it was for most farm families, but Earl Mallinger recalls fun times as well. This photo of a skating party was taken in 1934. Contributed / Earl Mallinger



Earl Mallinger still farms, though at 105 he hires people to do the fieldwork for him. Contributed / Earl Mallinger



"If you didn't inherit land from your parents, start small. Work hard and don't spend too much money and you'll be successful," he said. "Remember that God is in control. You have got to have Him with you. Also, don't forget to stop and smell the roses. I didn't work much on Sundays and I still made a good living.'

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Randolph City Council July 13, 2022 Regular City Council **Meeting Minutes** Call to order:

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

Roll Call:

Present:

Mayor Robert Appelgren

Council Members Jacob Friedrich, and Todd D Carlock Present. Sarah Podritz Absent.

Treasurer Sandy Nicolai and Clerk Mary Haro

Public Comments:

A person asked what the ordinance was for having chickens in town. He indicated his daughter lives in Randolph and has been having problems with chickens roaming around her deck and making a mess. They do have a pen for them but they let them out of it. It was noted that they have roosters which are not allowed. Clerk Haro will send a letter to them with a copy of our ordinance and the license to complete. We have received several complaints about the chickens.

Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the June 8, 2022 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. **Treasurer's Report**

Sandy indicated she needed to add a few

vendors to the list of claims and they are (1) Cannon Computer for \$85.00; (2) Xcel Energy for \$852.51; and two for the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department which are (3) Workers Compensation insurance for \$4,222.00 and (4) the property casualty coverage for \$2,295.50, for a total of \$7455.01.

She also indicated she has been communicating with Castle Rock Bank and Ehlers regarding the payment due on the bond for the water tower repairs. The payment of \$4,603.46 is due August 1st. She doesn't know who the check gets made payable to. Castle Rock Bank is checking into it and will get back to us. We will include the payment with the bills. Once she is notified who the check is payable to, she will then prepare a check to be signed and sent.

There is a CD in the amount of \$20,628.02 that matures on July 8th. Sandy will check if it automatically rolls over and what the interest rate is.

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

Motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Friedrich, including the payments to (1) Cannon Computer for \$85.00; (2) Xcel Energy for \$852.51; and two for the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department (3) Workers Compensation insurance for \$4,222.00 and (4) the property casualty coverage for \$2,295.50 for a total of \$7455.01 and the payment of \$4,603.46 for the bond payment when she is notified who the check is payable to, and seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Old Business Mowing Contract

We received three bids from individuals for mowing the city properties: (1) Nick Sullivan for \$800/month, (2) Delton Kolb for \$250/week and (3) Tim Popp for \$1250/month. Keith Sande is also interested but he did not submit a bid. Jake asked if he could mow it. He would have to do it at an hourly rate and also we might have to pay PERA for him if it goes over a certain amount. Otte Excavating will mow inside the fence once a month for approximately \$300 a month.

Motion made by Appelgren to approve Nick Sullivan to mow the city properties, except the property inside the fence, for the remainder of this year at \$800 a month, with proof of insurance, and that he trims every other time, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Carlock would like to get something in writing regarding mowing inside the fence.

New Business Dakota County Deputy

Officer Jim O'Meara and a new deputy Ryan who came from Hennepin County came to our meeting. They noted they were in town checking on some properties. They discussed some thefts that have been occurring in Rosemount. They go around and check doors and when they find them unlocked, they go in and grab what they can and get out. If they grab keys they may come back later. They reminded us to lock our doors. We asked them to stop by a residence to discuss the chickens they have on their property due to several complaints of not following our ordinance. They said they will stop and discuss it with the homeowner.

Lot Split for Podritz/Duscher

When we passed the last resolution for the lot split between Podritz and Duscher, we did not have good exhibits with the resolution so our legal counsel, Korine, amended it by adding the exhibits to the resolution for the purchase of land.

Motion by Haro to approve Resolution no. 22-06 amending Resolution No. 21-16 approving the property splits for Parcel ID 32-00700-20-022, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Arbitrage Services Contract

Clerk Haro was contacted by Ehlers regarding arbitrage services that need to be done with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the bonds. Ehlers gave us a quote for the services. We need to check to see if our legal counsel handles this type of work. We will table this until next month and check with Korine regarding these services.

Resolution re Fee Acquisition for Sewer Project

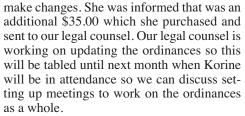
Korine put together a resolution to begin the acquisition of the property we need for the stabilization ponds. Matt gave a summary of the project which included that it must be within 1-1/2 miles of city limits. They reached out to parties within that boundary to see if they were interested in selling the property for the ponds or to spray water on their fields. They did have an interest in the spraying of the fields but the cost of what they wanted done was too high. They reached out to the co-op who was an interested willing party but the land use for commercial was much higher than ag property and they could not reach an agreeable price. An appraisal needs to be done before they can approach any property owner. The appraiser will appraise the property and then will meet with

the property owner to see if a settlement can be reached. If approved, they will then come in front of the council for approval. If it is not approved and condemnation if needed, this resolution approves them to move forward with that process. It was noted that the further away the land is, will require more piping and larger pumps. The property is zoned for agriculture and is near a road so access will be easier to get to the ponds. We would need to get a conditional use permit from Randolph Township. We could also annex it into the city but that is not a must have. We can put the ponds on the property as well as do the spray irrigation on the land. It was asked if there would be some agriculture land use left and available to use for agriculture purposes? There could be especially in the earlier years when not as much water needs to be distributed. When we own the land we control when the discharge will happen. He indicated that they would do a walk-through of the land with the MPCA staff to make sure they approve of it and don't see any red flags.

It was noted that if we pay more than the appraised value, then we need to pay that extra amount out of our general fund and that amount will not come out of the bond. Matt indicated that is not necessarily true. We need to be in the same ballpark which leaves some

Motion by Carlock to approve Resolution No. 22-07, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Clerk Haro did receive the book with the codes from the League of Minnesota Cities, however, she did not receive a flash drive or an email with the document so that we can



Access to City Properties

Sarah asked that we discuss who controls the city properties, water tower, city hall, pond, etc. She asked our legal counsel about this and she indicated that "we have 2 employees, the City Clerk and the Treasurer. It would make sense to have the City Clerk be in charge of these things, although we could also choose someone else on the Council. Whoever we choose, the Council should officially delegate that authority of control to a person. If it's the Clerk, then we may need to review her position description and add it to the list."

Sarah asked that she be involved in the discussion so we will table this until next month. It was noted that the combination lock should be replaced on the gate as the numbers are worn off and is having difficulty in opening. Bryce usually replaces the lock and Mayor Appelgren will contact him to do so.

Bolton & Menk Sewer Update

Matt noted that he will be bringing a Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County regarding the County Road 88 project to next month's meeting

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Appelgren, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.



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Hampton City Council

August, 2022

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, July 12, 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 Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent; and Brad Fisher with Bolton & 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 the June 14, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes – Motion by Flodeen seconded by Luhring to approve the June 14, 2022 regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

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

Public Comment – None. Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

Mayor Knetter mentioned that an item needed to be added to the agenda under New Business. The request by St. Mathias Church for a gambling/temporary on-sale liquor license for the annual Fun Fest was just received today. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to add the request to the agenda under New Business. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Schedule August meeting time to review budget – Mayor Knetter asked Council their preference regarding the length of time needed for the budget discussion. Consensus was that half an hour is sufficient. The budget will be reviewed, beginning at 6:30 p.m., prior to the August City Council meeting on August 16th.

Invasive weed on City ROW – University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Mayor Knetter explained that the City was contacted by a representative from the University of Minnesota, asking for access to City property to treat and monitor an invasive species of weed growing on the property. The cost of doing the weed control will be fully funded by the university. Brief discussion about the request. Motion by Verch seconded by Luhring to allow access to City property to spray herbicide to treat the weed, sign the Landowner Agreement, and proceed with the project. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2022-__(08) – Entering into MnDOT Agreement - Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk explained that this is regarding MnDOT's TH 52 project. The project includes a mill and overlay of the eastern frontage road from the southern cul-de-sac to Northfield Boulevard. The frontage road work will be done when an agreement is in place for the turnback of the frontage road to the City. As part of the project, the City has two water gate valve boxes and three sanitary sewer manhole castings that will require adjustment as part of the frontage road mill and overlay. Fisher explained that MnDOT does not cover the cost of any non-MnDOT owned utility infrastructure work. Bolton &

Menk requested that MnDOT include the utility work as a part of the project, as the City does not have the resources to complete the work. The estimated cost of the utility work is a little more than \$3,700.

Mayor Knetter mentioned to Fisher that there are four sanitary sewer manhole covers on the frontage road. Additionally, he doesn't feel that the City should have to incur the cost of the utility work as long as there is not a turnback agreement in place.

Resolution 2022-__(09) – Appointing Election Judges – Mayor Knetter stated that, because the resolution for entering into the MnDOT agreement was not approved, this resolution number will be 2022-08. – Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the election judges as indicated in the resolution. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Mayor Knetter asked Brad Fisher if he had any additional information to report, to which Fisher responded that he had nothing else.

Water / Sewer Report – Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, first reported that Automatic Systems came and did the finishing "cosmetic" work for the new control panel.

Reinardy mentioned that there recently was a measurement done of sewer pond #1. He stated that there was a 5-inch reduction in the sludge level since 2021. This is due to the quantity of chemicals being used to treat the pond. Reinardy feels that the City can now treat the ponds at a level that will maintain current levels, rather than trying to achieve additional sludge reduction. Additionally, as

Keeping your name in front of your potential customers is an essential part of marketing your business in todays competitive market. Call Terry at 507-951-7417 or email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com far as chemical treatment of the ponds, pond #2 and pond #3 have been treated for algae control.

Reinardy asked Council if they would give him permission to purchase a measurer for the sewer ponds like the one that was used to measure pond #1. Motion by Knetter seconded by Verch to approve the purchase of the measurer. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Park Report – Councilor Russell stated that there is nothing to report at this time

Street Report – Councilor Luhring stated that both Hampton Avenue and Belmont Street need some sort of maintenance work done this year. He mentioned that there is a bad spot on Hampton Avenue that has heaved. That will require the area to be dug up and then have a roller go over the area to level. Discussion about ability to get a contractor to do the work being it is so late in the year. Mayor Knetter asked Brad Fisher to get a quote from Pine Bend Paving to mill and overlay both Hampton Avenue and Belmont Street.

Unfinished Business: None New Business:

Jennifer Endres, PID 18-32000-04-070 – regarding the feasibility of parcel being rezoned from Commercial-Preferred to Residential and consideration of whether or not it is a buildable lot – Discussion by Council regarding the odd-shaped lot and the fact that it does not qualify as a buildable lot as per City Ordinance. Additional discussion that the City does not want to lose any lots zoned commercial, as the hope is that new businesses will want to acquire property in the City. Motion by Luhring seconded by Russell to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny this request. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Gambling/Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for St. Mathias Fun Fest - Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the gambling and temporary on-sale liquor license for the St. Mathias Fun Fest. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Adjournment – Motion by Verch seconded by Luhring to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm. Respectfully submitted, Judy O'Brien



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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Unwelcome Road Hazards



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.

One of my concerns with traveling 720 miles in one day across five states is encountering breakdowns on the highway. I am usually pulling a loaded trailer so there are more tires to contend with. I always carry a spare for the trailer along with a jack and wrenches. My first experience was a couple years ago, and the flat was on the trailer. I had just stopped for fuel in New London, Missouri and I noticed a low tire on the trailer. I pulled over to the air hose at the station and pumped up the tire. I could hear it hissing out as fast as I put it in. Since it was 100 degrees and the noon sun bearing down, I decided to pull into

town and find a shady spot under a tree to change the tire. What I found was a repair shop and I pulled up and asked the guy if he would do the job for me. He wheeled his five-ton floor jack over and buzzed the lug nuts off with his air wrench. After changing the tire in about two-minutes he told me he had a tire to replace my spare. Another five minutes and the spare was full of air and good to go. I asked him what I owed him and he said \$20. I handed him \$40 and he looked at me and handed one of the Andrew Jackson's back to me.

Last month I had another road hazard. I was coming home one night and just as I swung into the turn lane I heard a bang from the area of my rear tire. Sounded like a gunshot. This was not good, I thought and sure enough, my low tire pressure light came on within in a couple minutes. I backed onto the concrete in the garage and there in the driver's side rear tire was a shiny, large chunk of metal sticking out of the face of the tire. My first thought was to change the tire, but after removing all six lug nuts I found that even with a fence post pounder, I couldn't knock the rim off the hub.

So, the next attack was to plug the damaged tire. I could not pull the object out so I drove it in. Then I had a hole almost big enough to put my little finger in. I got three repair cords in the shank of the tool at the same time and squeezed the tube of glue liberally over all three. Then I plunged them into the face of the tire and slowly worked the tool back out. I pumped the tire up to 40# of air and went to bed. The next morning there was only 20# of air in the tire. I pumped it back up and drove for the tire shop.

I had been laying water and electrical line in a two-foot deep trench in the hot Tennessee sun and the wet chirt soil. Chirt soil is the standard ground covering down there and it is gravel and clay mixed together. Add sweat and it will stick to you like mud.

So, when I walked into Barrett's Tire shop in dirty jeans and a ripped sweat soaked-shirt and asked for a 275/65 R18 tire, I might have not looked like a promising customer. The girl looked at me and said, "we have an entry



By RosaLin Alcoser

I have said it before and I will say it again. Minnesotans live our lives on the lake. We swim in it, we look at it, we fish in it, and we boat on it.

Recently I went home from the Twin Cities, back home to the Zumbro River Valley to the Zumbro Lake. During my visit home I not only spent time looking at level tire for \$149." I said, "I want the best tire you have." Her look back at me was one of disbelief and pity. "But that one is a Cooper and it costs \$229.00." I handed her my card and said put it on and I would like to see the object that pierced my tire.

Thirty minutes later the Ford F-150 was sporting a brand-new tire and I had I my hand half a wheel weight that was the culprit expensive delay. I was thankful this had happened a couple miles from my home and not out on the busy Interstate somewhere far from help. Both events occurred at a place where I could easily resolve them.

the lake but I also went boating on the lake. As a Minnesotan I have been boating many, many times, but this time was different because this time my grandpa taught me how to run the boat's outboard.

Now anyone of you who has ever run an outboard knows that you have to steer right to go left, left to go right and push against the torque to keep the boat straight.

It took me a little while, and a break in the middle, to get a handle on everything. I also went fairly slowly so that I would not lose control of the boat and was fairly nervous the entire time.

Learning to do this was great and also overwhelming at times mostly because I was terrified of docks, people and other boats that were also in the water. So, I would say that I did probably like 75% of the boat running and Grandpa did the rest.

Still 75% is not bad for my first time, in fact I even brought the boat into the dock at the end. So, all in all I think that we can count this experience as a massive success.



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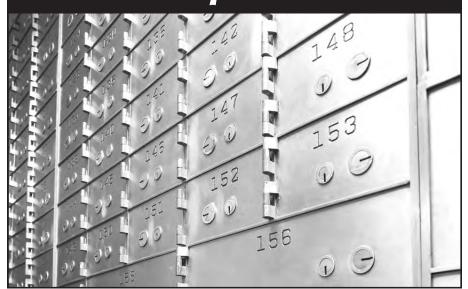
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