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Announcements

• **FCCLA's KIDS Night Out! December 16.** Come support Randolph's Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapter's fundraiser by dropping off your kids for a fun night out! We will provide a day full of fun!! FCCLA chapter members will provide age appropriate activities for children to participate in and we will provide a snack at 3:00 and dinner at 5:30. FCCLA chapter members will be supervised by the FCCLA advisor.

• **Randolph Trailblazers will be offering a snowmobile safety course on December 9, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to approximately noon at Randolph School.** This is an Online Course that the student will complete on their own time prior to December 9, 2017. You must turn your registration form and pay your \$10 fee to Mr. Rutledge to receive a code and instructions how to complete the Online Course.

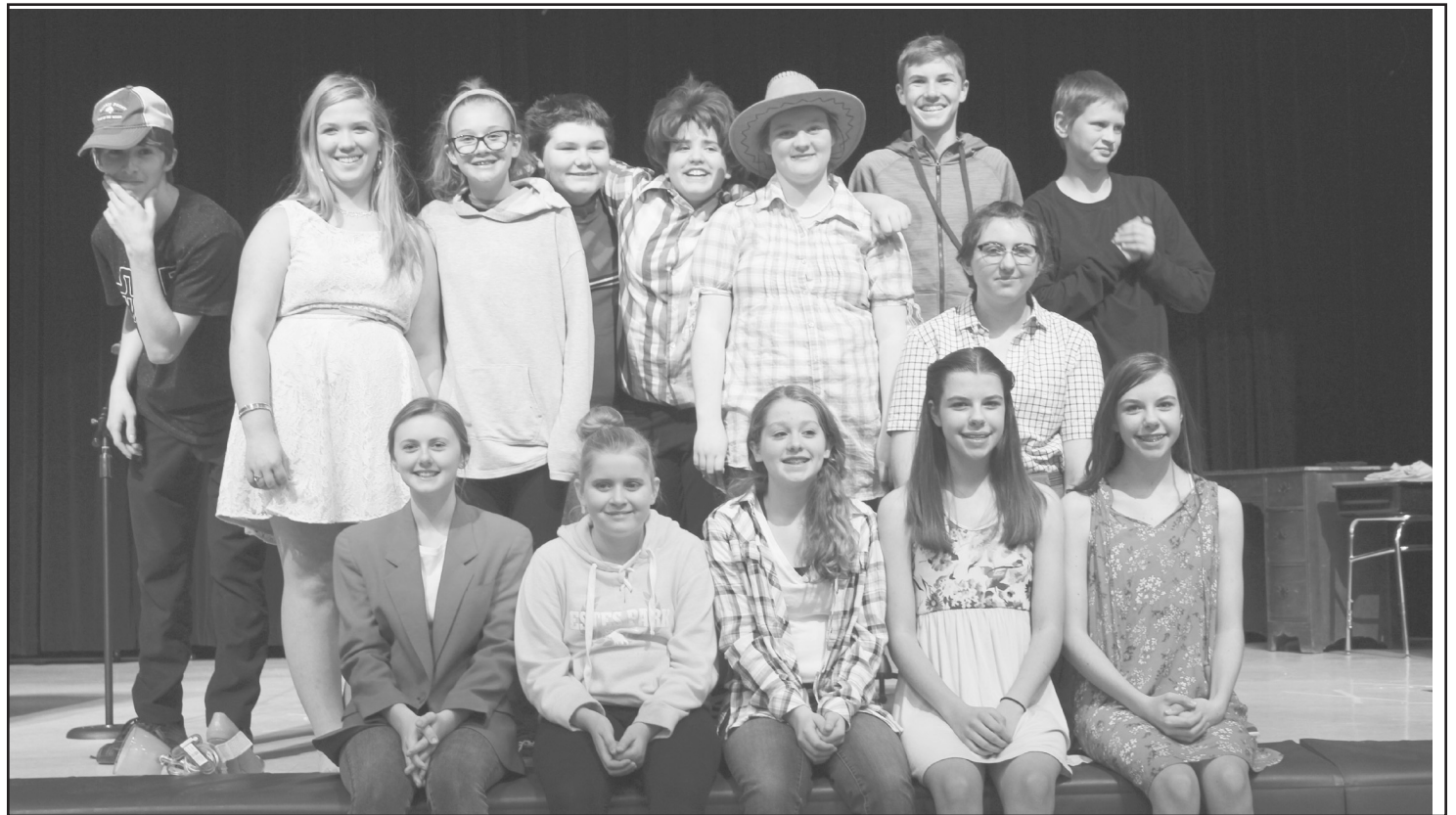
• **"Lunch Bunch"**, Alumni of RHS meet at Little Oscars at 11a.m. on the 3rd Monday of every month.

• **The Randolph Area Historical Society** meets the 2nd Monday of March, April, May, June and September at 6:30p.m. The museum will be open the second Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and also by appointment. If you would like to visit the museum by appointment, please call Wade Murray at 507-841-1683. Email: HistoryMNRandolph@gmail.com.

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Junior High Students Perform Fall Play



The junior high students put in their fall play "Stepford Students" on November 10th and 11th.

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PFA Approves Grant to Randolph to Study Wastewater Options

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) awarded a \$60,000 grant to evaluate alternatives for wastewater treatment in Randolph.

The PFA approved the grant from the Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program. The funding will be used to look at soil-based alternatives to wastewater treatment infrastructure for 47 properties that are noncompliant in the Dakota County community.

The Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program provides technical assistance grants to help small "unsewered" communities conduct site evaluations and feasibility studies to determine how best to address problems from failing individual septic systems.

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority provides financing and technical assistance to help communities build and maintain infrastructure that protects public health and the environment and promotes economic growth. Since inception in 1987, the PFA has financed \$4.5 billion in public infrastructure projects in communities throughout Minnesota. Read more at the PFA website.



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Our God who Celebrates

Have you ever been weary; ... of your work? your kids? your marriage? Have you ever felt fatigued in your faith? I know there have been times when I have. I felt- that I should just quit and find a much easier job to do. Sometimes it has felt that I'm just going in circles—without any progress. Those are the times in our life, when our life tank hits empty and we get tired. And often we get tired because we have lost our focus. We feel like we are never going to get “there.” The writer of Hebrews describes this ‘focus thing’ in Hebrews 12: 1-2a, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” The focus of our life and of our church always needs to be Jesus. Jesus is our center—our focus—in our work, in our families, in our marriage and even in our church the focus needs to be Jesus. He is the pioneer—the one that goes before us. He is our center. We are called to run with perseverance—keeping our focus on Jesus. When we don't keep our focus we get tired, we “hit a wall,” and not unlike a runner in a marathon—it's that point when you don't think you can go any further—and you have to decide to either quit or run through it. That's when we keep our focus on Jesus.

That's when we remember that we are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses” and we are being cheered on to finish

When a couple buys their first home there is a lot of stress—a lot of intensity. In young families the time when a couple has children—is a high intensity time. Those tiny babies will sleep all day and be up all night,

they cry, they need fed, they need their parents all day and all night! A very intense time to be sure. Often those intense times will last from 6-12 months or longer. Those intense times will empty our life tanks. The people of Israel during the time of Nehemiah worked day and night—they were exhausted and they emptied their life tanks. But they knew that if they did not complete that wall there would be no future for them. The intense times in our lives is necessary to make room to fuel the future. Nehemiah and the people of Israel completed the wall in 52 days—it was time for a celebration. Nehemiah chapter 6 concludes with in verses 15-16 says, “So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this work had been done with the help of our God.” The people had made it through their time of intensity and now it was time to celebrate. That is true in all areas of life as well. Those intensely difficult times prepare the way for our futures. We all need those times to celebrate—in our workplace and in our marriages and in our lives. When you have been successful and lost that 25 pounds—celebrate! When the children have been successful with their potty training—celebrate, or when your teen gets their driver's

license—celebrate! When your team at work gets the project done under budget and on time—celebrate!!! In the church we need to celebrate too. God desires that we take the time to celebrate! As we praise God we see His power in all of this. Our problems get smaller as we praise God. When we properly glorify God it right sizes power and life pressures.

After times of celebration- we begin to work on community. The wall around Jerusalem was completed. Now people needed to get together, to serve, to live and to grow together as a community. That applies to all of life as well. Our focus turns to growth, to building on the foundation. In a business this is a time of making sure the bottom line is healthy. In our marriages; we focus on spending time together, to know each other and to grow old together. With our children it is the time to enjoy “family” togetherness- those times of focus—vacations, mealtimes together, family time. We have times of community in the church too.

Times of intensity, celebration and community can all be going on at the same time; but not all will have the same emphasis in our lives or the life of our church. We continually empty our tanks to refuel them for our future. Otherwise we may only fill up and just sit and idle. We may have full

tanks—but they are not being used and become worthless. As we take time to refuel we need to begin to plan again for the future. We need to plan again to “empty our tanks in a time of intensity to refuel our future.” We can never just be satisfied with where you are and not be looking toward the future. When a business sits and only enjoys where they are at and somehow believes, “we have arrived,” they slowly begin to die. Blockbuster, Sears and Kodak were businesses that sat and idled instead of moved forward. Those are just three businesses that were enjoying their time in community, but forgot to keep going forward. This happens in all of life as well as business. In marriage one of those times is often retirement—couples have been enjoying “community” but haven't been fueling their marriage—they haven't been working on their relationship and when the time comes for them to spend more time together—they realize they have lost their focus. For marriages, families, business and churches; they all need to stay sharp and stay focused on the center—Jesus Christ. We need to restore our focus.

Our God who Celebrates—desires to celebrate with us in all areas of our life. We can celebrate all that God has already done and we can empty our tanks for the future days

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WHEN WE NEED REST

It only lasted fifteen seconds. But the 1906 earthquake that leveled most of San Francisco caused 375 deaths and left over 300,000 people homeless. Death, destruction and devastation were everywhere. Tragedies occur every day – some much more significant and severe than others. But the significance of any tragedy is always personal – What impact does it have on me, my family or friends. God is so good to us that we rarely prepare for the unwelcomed, unwanted or unanticipated events in our lives. They usually come unannounced or when we least expect them. When we awaken to a beautiful sunrise or go to bed following a glowing sunset, it always brings a contentment with life. In times of prosperity there are many who want our friendship or our presence. It is good to laugh and be happy. But what happens when life falls apart? What do we do or where can we turn? For the Christian there is always the Lord. Jesus said, “Come unto me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest!” He offers us His unconditional love when we feel abandoned, His strength when we are weak, His peace when we are troubled and His grace when we sin.

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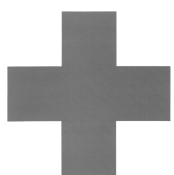
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Squeeze in a Lifesaving Blood/Platelet Donation This Season

American Red Cross



The holidays are known for the giving spirit and a hectic pace. This holiday season, the American Red Cross is sharing three ways to give the gift of life in less time.

At this time of year many regular blood and platelet donors delay giving due to busy schedules—but the need for blood remains. To help donors fit in a donation, the Red Cross offers three easy ways to make helping save lives faster and more convenient:

RapidPass® – Donors can complete their pre-donation reading and health history questions online to save about 15 minutes at their donation. In September, RapidPass became available on mobile devices, giving donors the ability to complete their RapidPass from a smartphone, tablet or computer.

Blood Donor App – Through the Red Cross Blood Donor App, users can find local blood drives and donation centers,

schedule an appointment, receive appointment reminders and keep track of total blood donations – all from the palm of their hand.

Online appointment scheduling – Donors can conveniently schedule an appointment and find tips for a successful blood or platelet donation at redcrossblood.org.

“The Red Cross is thankful for the generosity of donors who help keep hospital shelves stocked with lifesaving blood products, but we know that the holiday activities that we cherish most can make it difficult for many regular donors to find a moment to donate this time of year,” said Sue Thesenga, communications manager, North Central Blood Services Region. “We hope technologies like online appointment scheduling, the Blood Donor App and RapidPass will make it a little easier for donors to give more life for patients this holiday season.”

Patients don’t get a holiday break from needing lifesaving transfusions, and all blood types are needed to ensure a reliable

supply is available. Appointments can be made by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To learn more about RapidPass, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

- Northfield**
12/1/2017: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Culver's, 960 Highway 3 S.
- 12/8/2017: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Northfield Hospital, 2000 N. Ave.
- Cannon Falls**
12/5/2017: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., First English Lutheran Church, 511 Belle St. W.

Christmas in Kenyon to be Held Saturday, December 2nd

Christmas in Kenyon is sponsored by Kenyon Area Business Association and will offer a whole day worth of activities. Start the day off with breakfast at Schweich's Restaurant beginning at 8am. You can make your own Christmas ornament at the All Seasons Activity Center from 11am to 4pm. You can shop any of the fine businesses in town and get your packages wrapped at the VFW from 11am to 2pm for a free will offering. Remember to drop off your Toys for Tots at Held Bus Garage or Schweich's Bar and Hotel.



Kids can visit with Santa at the Security State Bank of Kenyon from 9am to noon and parents are reminded to bring their cameras for a cute photo. Then hop on over to The Kenyon Veterinary Clinic with your pet for photos with Santa from noon to 2pm.

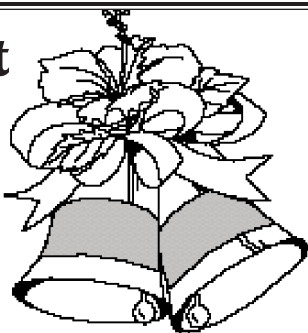
There will be horse drawn wagon rides from 11am to 1pm. The Gunderson House will host a cookie walk from 10am to noon and an open house from 1 to 3pm. The Kenyon VFW will be serving lunch from 11am to 2pm featuring a chili feed, hot dogs, chips, dessert and beverages.

The old ambulance garage will be the site of a garage sale from noon to 4:30pm. At 4:30pm there will be a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Kenyon Veterans Park with warming fires and carols led by the K-W choir. There will be a live nativity scene at St. Michael's Church from 5 to 7pm with a Christmas Concert starting at 5:15pm. The night will include live music at the Kenyon Muni with the "Local Hooligans".

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Christmas in Kenyon

SATURDAY DEC. 2

Visit with Santa
9 AM - 12 PM
Visit with Santa
Security State Bank of Kenyon
FOR PHOTOS, BE SURE TO BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA

Pet Photos with Santa
12 PM - 2 PM
Kenyon Veterinary Clinic

Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
11 AM - 1 PM

Gunderson House
COOKIE WALK
10 AM - 12 PM
OPEN HOUSE
1 PM - 3 PM

LUNCH
11 AM - 2 PM
Served at the VFW
Chili Feed Hot Dogs Chips, Dessert Beverages
KABA Fundraiser Event

GARAGE OF GOODNESS
Free Garage Sale
12 PM - 4:30 PM
Old Ambulance Garage

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
4:30 PM
Kenyon Veterans Park
Christmas Carols led by the K-W Choir
Warming Fires

Christmas Concert
5:15 PM
St. Michael's Church
108 Bullis St, Kenyon, MN
Live Nativity
5 PM - 7 PM

Shop KENYON
9 AM - 4:30 PM
OPEN HOUSE
Christmas Specials Door Prizes
Christmas Caroling featuring K-W Choir & Band

- HOLIDAY WASSAIL WALK**
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. KENYON SHOPS
Specials - Caroling - Treats - Door Prizes
- HOLIDAY BREAKFAST**
8 a.m. - Schweich's Restaurant
Drink Specials & Food Specials & Drawings
- VISIT with SANTA**
9 a.m.- 12 p.m. - Security State Bank of Kenyon
For PHOTOS, Be sure to bring your own Camera
- CHRISTMAS STORY TELLING**
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Kenyon Library
also...HOLIDAY FACE PAINTING
- HOLIDAY COOKIE WALK**
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Gunderson House
Home-made Cookies for Sale
- MAKE your own X-MAS ORNAMENT**
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All Seasons Activity Center
- HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES**
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - FREE RIDES
Courtesy of Lazy-K-Ranch & KABA
- CHILI & HOT DOG LUNCH**
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Kenyon VFW
Chili, Hot Dogs, Chips, Desserts & Beverage
- CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING**
11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Kenyon VFW
Bring your Gifts & we will Wrap - Free Will Offering
- PET PHOTO with SANTA**
12 p.m.-2 p.m. - Kenyon Veterinary Clinic
- GUNDERSON HOUSE TOURS**
12 p.m.-2 p.m. - FREE Open House
107 Gunderson Blvd., Kenyon
- TOYS for TOTS**
Drop Off Donated Gifts at
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- GARAGE of GOODNESS**
12 p.m.-4:30 p.m. - Old Ambulance Garage
"Free" Garage Sale
- CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**
4:30 p.m.-5 p.m. - Kenyon Veterans Park
Warming Fires - Christmas Carols by KW Choir
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
5:15 p.m.-7 p.m. - St. Michael's Catholic Church
- LIVE NATIVITY**
5 p.m.-7 p.m. - St. Michael's Catholic Church
- Live Music- LOCAL HOOLIGANS**
9 p.m. - The Kenyon MUNI

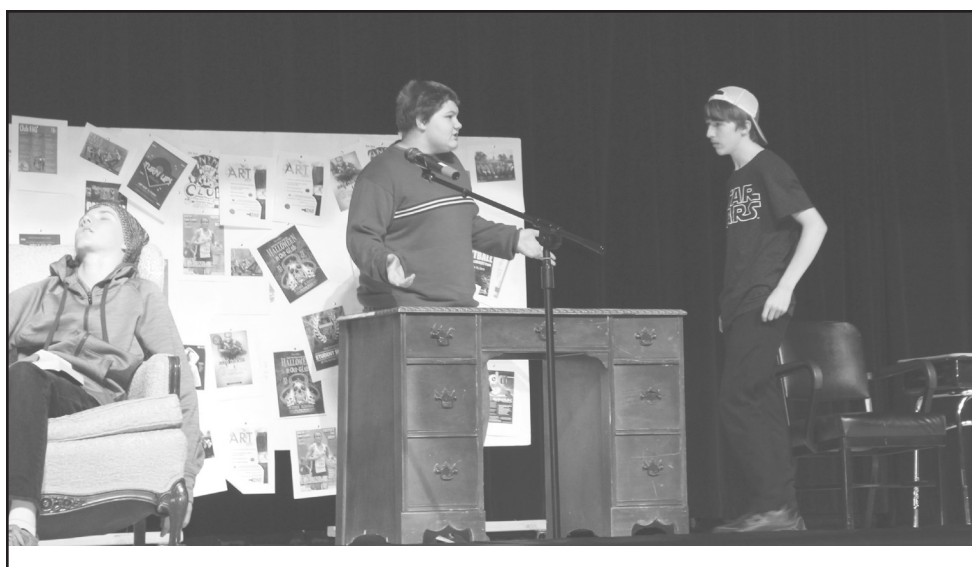
Junior High Students Perform Fall Play *(continued from page 1)*



The play, directed by Lizzie Warpinski, took place at Stepford University over the course of four days. The university was like any other except the teachers (and some students) were turning mischievous kids into perfect robotic students.

Randolph students' performance was well rehearsed and graciously delivered even with the few minor curtain setbacks.

Starring in the play included: Kellen Otte, Ann Sandeen, Mary Sandeen, Mariya Pritchard, Sophie Angler, Alicia Webster, Sidney Ranweiler, Helena Wiik, Alex Niebur, Sebastian Rappe, Tatum Emmick, Leah Palmer, Lindsey VanDeSteege, Ashley Schultz, Mason Shefer, Owen Brochman and Harley Felton.



Junior High Students Perform Fall Play



Randolph School News

Elementary Christmas Concert

We have decided to change the format for the Elementary Christmas Concert on Monday December 18, 2017. The morning concert will begin at 9:00 am with grades K-3 and elementary choir performing. Grades 4-6, elementary choir and elementary band will perform at 10:00 am.



The evening concert will have Grades K-3 and elementary choir performing from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the south gym. Grades 4-6, elementary choir and elementary band will perform from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the south gym. Teachers in grades K-3 will be available to supervise their classroom starting at 5:30 p.m. Teachers in grades 4-6 will be available to supervise their classroom starting at 6:30 p.m. When K-3 are done performing students must be picked up in their classroom as the teachers will be leaving shortly after the performance is over. If you have children performing in both concerts they will need to stay with you when they are not performing. For example; if you have a second grader and a fourth grader. The fourth grader will stay with you while the second grader is performing and vice versa. 4-6 students are allowed to go to their classroom at 6:30 p.m. Elementary choir students will report to the library and band students will report to the band room. They will be directed as to where to go after they perform. If you have any questions please call, email or stop in and see me. We feel this will help with parking and seating.

- Mr. Rutledge

School Closings/Delays Information



School closings and delays are a process that we take seriously. Some examples of what is taken into consideration is safety, educational processes, family disruption and specific school district circumstances. With the winter season coming upon us I wanted to get information out to our School District families and community so you have an understanding of our thought process regarding school closings and delays. Listed below are criteria used in making these decisions.

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* Safety- Includes temperature and road conditions for our school buses, students and families driving. Communication occurs between the plowing services and Randolph School personnel who drive the roads early in the morning. We make every effort to decide between 5:30 a.m. and 5:45 a.m.


* Temperature- Minus 25-30 degrees regular temperature and minus 35-40 wind chill, depending what part of the winter we are in, are red flags when consideration begins for closing/delaying. We use the National Weather Service information which takes its data reading from the Stanton Airport.

* Communication is via TV Stations 4, 5, and 11. Randolph Schools Quick Hits, Randolph School Web Site and a text message notification, if you are signed up for text message notifications. However, if only a small number of schools report to TV stations then it may not be put on the air.

* Randolph Child Care- When school is closed we also close Randolph Child Care. When school is closed early during the school day we close Randolph Child Care one hour after school is dismissed early. Same scenario when school is delayed two hours then Randolph Child Care is delayed two hours.


*Randolph Preschool and ECFE- These programs also follow Randolph Schools when closed or delayed. When School is delayed 2 hours, there will be no A.M. preschool or Friday morning ECFE if it is on a Friday. When school is closing early, then preschool will close early, and there will be no Monday evening ECFE if it is on a Monday.





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Wheat Harvest Shatters Previous Yield Records

More than 50 percent of varieties grown developed at University of Minnesota

Minnesota is on track to break its wheat harvest record and, for the first time in nearly 30 years, the number of acres planted with University of Minnesota-developed varieties edged over the 50 percent mark.

Harvest is tracking at a record-breaking 67 bushels, shattering the previous record of 60 bushels per acre set in 2015, said University of Minnesota Extension small grains scientist Jochum Wiersma. Yield trends from 1995 to 2016 have shown an overall 2.7 percent increase in average yield per year.

"We're pleased with the performance of the newer varieties released by the University, including Linkert and Shelly," Wiersma said. The Linkert variety was released by the University in 2013; Shelly became available last year. In 2017, 50.6 percent of wheat planted in Minnesota was developed at the University. "Linkert was planted on half a million acres and it has particularly good straw strength, while Shelly is coming in with impressive yields."

About 1.17 million acres of Minnesota farmland were planted with wheat in 2017, down from 1.3 million last year. Market volatility over the last two decades has kept wheat acreage from expanding significantly beyond its strongholds in northwestern Minnesota, where about 80 percent of the state's crop is grown.

Nonetheless, wheat is making some inroads in southern Minnesota. Farmers recognize wheat's value, including the benefits of planting it as a rotation crop to break disease and pest cycles, Wiersma said. Wheat uses less water, for instance, compared to full-season crops like soybeans and corn, allowing the soil to recharge for the next season.

"Growers are selecting among the 40 or so available varieties based primarily on their yield, protein content, resistance to lodging, and disease resistance," said Jim Anderson, professor and wheat breeder in the University's Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics. Anderson and Wiersma work closely on variety selection for the trials. Anderson added, "not only did Minnesota wheat growers shatter the state's



2017-2018 Captains



Alyssa Whitson, Andrew Wenstrom, Andrea Splichal, Carsyn Gunderson, Hannah Neil

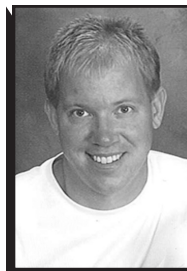
record yields, but they did so growing high-quality varieties that will be valued on the national and international markets."

Anderson, Wiersma and University colleagues study the strengths and weaknesses of new wheat varieties at more than 5,000 yield plots per year, seeking the best candidates for release. It currently takes eight to 10 years to get a new variety to market, though new varieties are cycling through more quickly. The breeding program

expanded the number of testing locations and variety candidates evaluated beginning in 2010.

Initial trials take place on the U's St. Paul, Crookston and Morris campuses, before expanding to include many private farms where growers collaborate with researchers. More about Extension's small grains program is available at <https://www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/small-grains/>.

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Celebrating Small Businesses - Supporting Our Local Economies



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We have a lot to be thankful for and much to celebrate at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF). The businesses we invest in each and every day through our various loan and equity programs, technical assistance and other programming are reaping benefits not only for these local entrepreneurs, but for all of southern Minnesota and beyond.

Small businesses are the backbone of our communities and local economies, so as we go into the craze of holiday shopping we want to celebrate all of these businesses that are there for us each and every day. In the past month alone, we have had a front row seat to some exciting successes and have had the pleasure of watching some of the companies SMIF has invested in flourish and receive various awards. For us, it is like watching something you've nurtured, take flight. These businesses cited below are small but mighty and are part of our growing local economy.

For example, recently I attended the R.A.V.E. (Recognizing Awarding Valuing Entrepreneurs) event in Rochester during Global Entrepreneurship Week. I was excited to see that two of the three companies honored had a connection to SMIF. Sonex Health is a current equity client and Environlastech is a current loan client. Both

are advancing new products to market and driving technological growth here in southern Minnesota. The rapidly changing technology market is an area where SMIF investments through our equity, seed or loan funds can be transformative. These investments bring long term benefits to our area of the state, including retaining and attracting a skilled workforce.

Another dynamic market in our southern Minnesota region is local foods. SMIF in partnership with Renewing the Countryside, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and other organizations, will be co-sponsoring the 4th Annual Feast! Local Foods Marketplace. This event will host over 100 vendors on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Mayo Civic Center and is open to the public. You can sip, sample and shop a number of new products that are on the market. There will also be a number of the 2018 Good Food Award finalists in attendance and that includes three companies we've worked with: Alemar Cheese (Loan Client and Food Peer Group), Gardenaire (FEAST! Smart Start recipient), and Grandma's Gourmets (Loan client, Food Peer Group and FEAST! Smart Start). You can do your holiday shopping and support southern Minnesota's emerging local foods economy.

A few additional SMIF loan clients were also recently featured in local publications: JR's Barn was featured in the November 2017 issue of MN Valley Business and Imminent Brewing in Northfield was recently honored in Southern Minn Scene's Best of 2017 as Best



Brewpub/Microbrewery category. All of these entrepreneurs are changing the landscape of our communities each and every day.

Consider supporting these entrepreneurs and businesses. They are your friends and neighbors. In doing so, you support a thriving

local economy. Here at SMIF, we are humbled to be a small piece of their overall success in southern Minnesota.

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



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Be Aware and Be Prepared

It feels like Sunday, and people in the city and in the country, are attending church as they have done for decades. Lately though, there has been a change in the way people feel in these places; theaters, daycare centers, cafeterias, airports, schools, gyms and fitness clubs, post offices, government buildings, concerts, nightclubs, hospitals, shopping centers.

The authorities are working hard to protect you and to protect our public spaces. But sometimes, bad people do bad things. Their motivations are different. The warning signs may vary, but the devastating effects are the same and unfortunately, you need to be prepared for the worst.

The issue of whether or not to carry a weapon is a purely personal decision based on hundreds of factors, but everyone should know a few self-defenses, the most valuable of which is often just avoidance of the problem in the first instance.

Security experts agree:

“The number one quality survivors possess is being aware of your surroundings at all times and knowing where the exits are. This is a basic survival skill. Always have an exit strategy.”

“If you work or associate with a person who has a domestic situation, ask them whether they are safe, if friends and co-workers are safe. Many times, people will disclose that a TRO or Protective Order is in place, but they do feel others could be in danger.”

“Knowing what you are going to do in the event of any emergency takes you from being a soft-target to a hard target.”

“It is critical to be hyper-vigilant about what is happening in your immediate area.”

“Safety drills play a vital role in the management of facilities...but as an absolute minimum, we all must adopt the ‘If you see something, say something’ policy.”

“There is no harm in placing a call to Authorities. We will send someone to

check it out. We don’t mind,” says local Law Enforcement.

“Think of how many national tragedies we may have avoided in the last 5 years, if someone had just followed up on their hunch” says a Las Vegas Crisis Response Expert.

“We need to learn to spot the danger signals others miss. It might just save your life.”

“In Israel, we must be very alert all the time, I do not care if my neighbor thinks I am nosy or paranoid. When we take National Service class it becomes important inside you”.

Author Gavin de Becker whose client list reads like a Who’s-Who of Hollywood and Industry says most violent acts ARE predictable. A date won’t take “no” for an answer. The new nanny gives a mother an uneasy feeling. A stranger in a deserted parking lot offers unsolicited help. The threat of violence surrounds us every day.

But we can protect ourselves, by learning to trust—and act on—our gut instincts. One of the nation’s leading experts on violent behavior, de Becker’s book shows you how to spot even subtle signs of danger—before it’s too late.

de Becker’s book offers specific ways to protect yourself and those you love, including how to act when approached by a stranger, when you should fear someone close to you, what to do if you are being stalked, how to uncover the source of anonymous threats or phone calls, and the biggest mistake you can make with a threatening person.

If you are to ever find yourself in the middle of an active shooter event, your survival may depend on whether or not you have a plan. “The plan doesn’t have to be complicated” says The Department of Homeland Security. Your actions can make a difference for your safety and survival. Be aware and be prepared. There are three things you

could do that make a difference: Run. Hide. Fight.

First and foremost, if you can get out, do. Always try and escape or evacuate, even when others insist on staying. Encourage others to leave with you, but don’t let them slow you down with indecision. Remember what’s important: you, not your stuff. Leave your belongings behind, and try to find a way to get out safely. Trying to get yourself out of harm’s way needs to be your number one priority. Once you are out of the line of fire, try to prevent others from walking into the danger zone and call 9-1-1.

If you can’t get out safely, you need to find a place to hide. Act quickly and quietly. Try to secure your hiding place the best you can.

Turn out lights, and if possible, remember to lock doors. Barricade doors that can’t be locked. Silence your ringer and vibration mode on your cell phone. If you can’t find a safe room or closet, try to conceal yourself behind large objects that may protect you. Remain quiet.

Your hiding place should: Be out of the shooter’s view. Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction. Not trap or restrict your options for movement.

As a last resort, if your life is at risk, whether you’re alone or working together as a group, fight! Act with aggression. Improvise weapons. Disarm him and commit to taking the shooter down, no matter what.

Know that in an incident like this, victims are generally chosen randomly. The event is unpredictable and may evolve quickly. The first responders on the scene are well-trained, and are there to stop the shooter. They are not there to evacuate or tend to the injured. When law enforcement arrives: Remain calm and follow instructions. Keep your hands visible at all times. Avoid pointing or yelling. Know that help for the injured is on its way.

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Hampton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2017

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor Knetter; Council Members Victor Anderson, David Luhring, Jerry Huddleston, and Kati Evertz-Garcia. Also present was Marlin Reinardy, Water and Sewer Superintendent; and Cory Bienfang, City Engineer.

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

Disclosure of Interest - None.

Approval of September 12, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes - Motion by Luhring seconded by Huddleston to approve the September 12, 2017 Public Hearing and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Disbursements - Motion by Luhring seconded by Evertz-Garcia to approve the October disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Public Comment - None.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications - Knetter thanked Marlin Reinardy for working with the insurance company on the ISO rating for the City and Fire Department and said that the Public Protection Classification went to a .04 so homeowners should see an improvement on their insurance rates.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2017-10 Allowing Irrthum Side Yard Setback Variance - Luhring confirmed that the Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing on the variance request and Sambatek performed a complete analysis and found all criteria had been met. Luhring also mentioned that the old existing shed would be removed. Huddleston inquired to where the exact location of the new garage would be. Jeff Irrthum explained that it would be facing Hampton Boulevard and provided additional plans. Motion by Evertz-Garcia seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution 2017-10 allowing the side yard setback variance. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees

Engineer Report - Cory Bienfang, City Engineer explained that there had been a couple of change orders as well as some corrections requested on the Highway 50 Water Main Project and confirmed that the pedestrian crossing as well as the mill and overlay will be addressed with the MnDOT Highway 50 Project. Luhring mentioned putting in LED stop signs at the 4-way stop where the flashing red light was located. Bienfang agreed that they could be installed, probably at the City's expense, and would check into the options available. Luhring recommended asking the County to participate as County Road 47 was

involved.

Cory stated that the abandoned well would need to be re-addressed and confirmed that the City was still working with grant assistance. Bienfang explained that Hampton was required to expose, investigate, and confirm the sealing of the well.

Water / Sewer Report - Marlin Reinardy, Water and Sewer Superintendent explained that both the pre-discharge samples and the quarterly water tests sent in had come back fine and mentioned that the Minnesota Department of Health had collected well samples. Reinardy said that the hydrants would be flushed and chlorinating would be taking place the week of October 16th.

Parks Report - Evertz-Garcia confirmed that construction on the hockey rink would begin within a couple of weeks and Knetter thanked all that was involved with the cleaning and repairing of the tennis court.

Street Report - Luhring said that he had the street patching planned and gravel ordered and tree trimming set up for the alleys. Luhring explained that he had notified the resident at Water and Hampton regarding the tree that needed to be removed. Huddleston requested the City Clerk send the resident and himself the ordinance on the process.

The Deputy Sheriff stated some rural areas by Empire had seen some car and construction trailer break-ins.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business - Approval of Re-Construction of Naughty Pine Tavern

Greg Stotko provided plans on the re-construction of the Naughty Pine Tavern on behalf of Eric and Michelle Johnson. Luhring confirmed that Stotko had attended a Planning Commission meeting and the Board had recommended Council approval. Greg verified that he had worked with the City Planner on rear setbacks as there was an alley involved and also spoke with the City Building Inspector and mentioned that he had been very accommodating. Stotko said that they planned to lay asphalt for the parking lot in early spring as it was not an option to complete that work during the winter. Huddleston confirmed with the contractor that they would be working with the City's Engineer and Inspector during the entire process. Knetter thanked the Johnsons for investing in the community. Motion by Luhring seconded by Knetter to approve the re-construction of the Naughty Pine Tavern. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

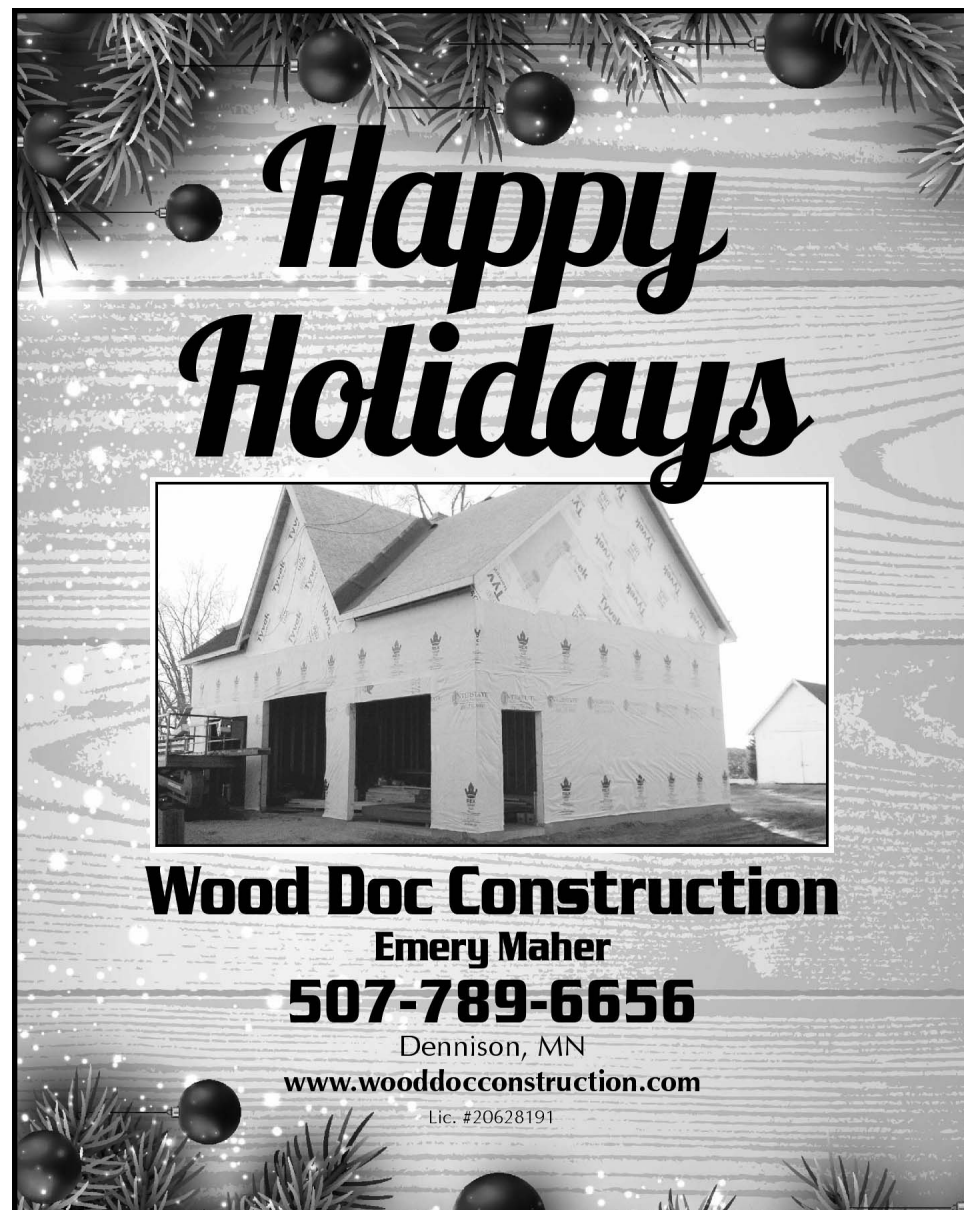
Adjournment - Motion by Luhring seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

INSTRUCTIONS

- Heat oven to 200 degrees. Use two 9x13-inch pans.
- Put half of corn in each. Mix brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and salt.
- Cook and stir (in saucepan) until it bubbles around the edge.
- Cook 5 minutes more. Add 1/2 teaspoon baking soda.
- Stir until foamy. Pour half over each pan.
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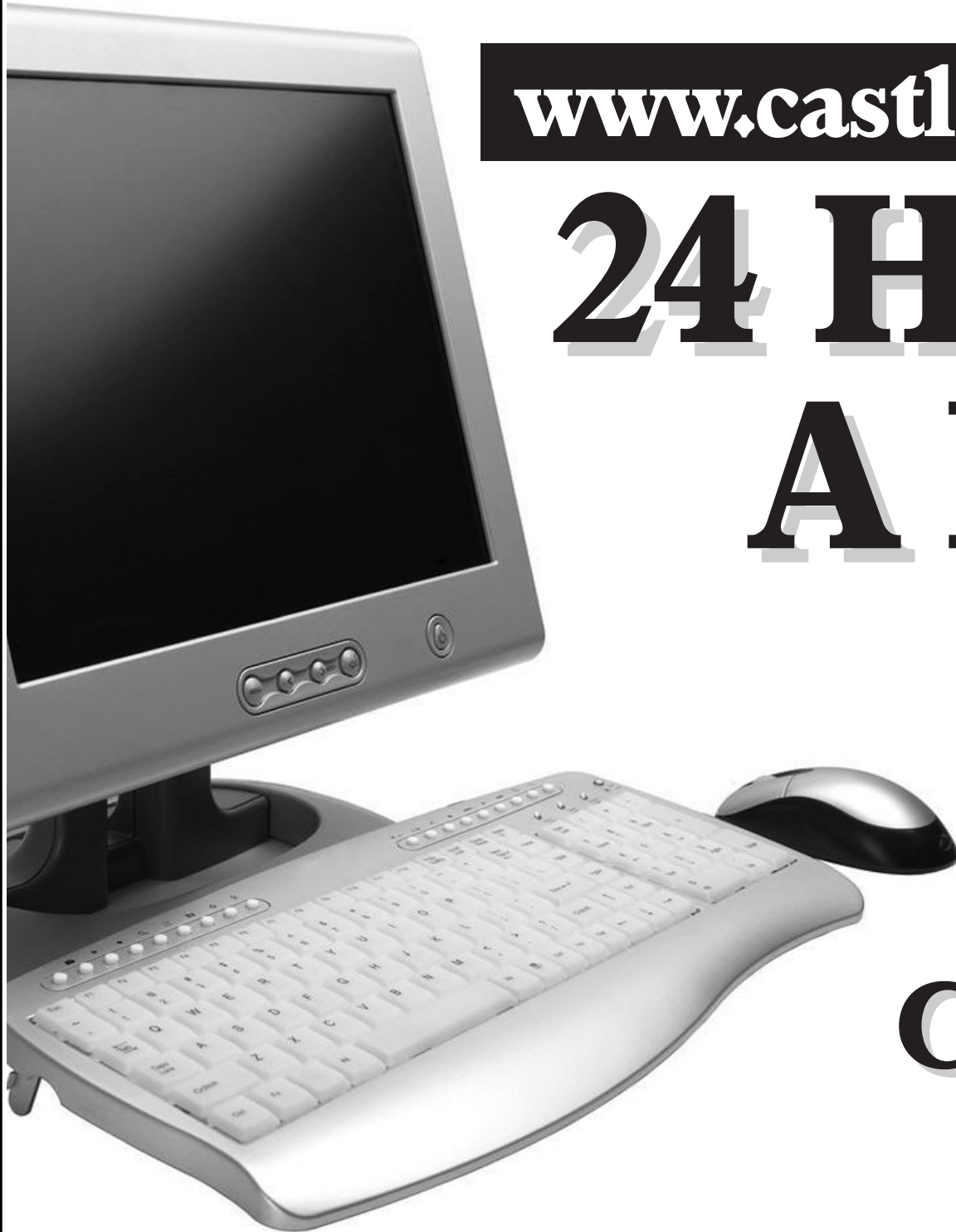
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