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## Memories of Old Time Christmas

Each year we interview a few of our seasoned citizens who recall the Christmas

memories of their childhood. Here are three stories to enjoy this holiday.

**Marjorie** was born near Eyota, Minnesota and moved to Illinois when she was four years old, where her father worked as a carpenter. They later moved back to Eyota and her dad built many pole barns in the area. She remembers school pageants as a child and was especially fond of singing in these Christmas musicals. Some of the songs she

recalls singing are the Lord's Prayer and the Indian Love Call.

They would spend Christmas at her grandmother's farm and the years that she lived in Illinois, they would receive a package by mail with gifts from her grandma. A kewpie doll was one present that she remembered getting for Christmas.

Christmas Day was always a time for good food at her grandma's farm. Both her grand-

mother and her mother were very good cooks. They raised cattle, hogs, turkeys and chickens on the farm and had a great supply of canned vegetables from the garden.

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### Announcements



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

Do you have an announcement?

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### Annual Randolph FFA Fruit Delivery Arrives



Students and volunteers unloaded the semi-truck load of fruit into the Ag Shop area at school when it arrived December 14th. The Randolph FFA Chapters Annual Fruit Sales are a major fund raiser for the FFA Program. *(additional pictures on page 5)*



*Courtesy of Randolph School*

Congratulations to Senior Paige Ford. Paige reached a milestone of 1000 career points. She has become only the 7th female basketball player and the 4th in the last 9 years to obtain this goal in the history of Randolph Girl's Basketball. Paige has worked extremely hard to get to where she is today and we are all extremely proud of everything Paige has contributed to the GBB program as she is an outstanding student/athlete and a true leader both on and off the court. She will be taking her talents to the next level to play basketball next year at North Central University. CONGRATULATIONS PAIGE! #RocketProud!



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## Advent of Hope

Advent: the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event. Hope: a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. We hope and wait for a lot of things. We hope today is better than tomorrow. We hope our favorite team will win the game. We hope we get what we've been hinting at for Christmas- we hope to be noticed by that certain someone - or we hope no one notices us- All sorts of things and events are hoped for. Timex took a survey in September of 2012 on how Americans spend their time- and how much of the time is spent on waiting.

Here are 11 things we hate waiting for - and how long the average person will wait for those things before we take action.

- A car in front of you at a green light - 50 seconds.
- People to stop talking in a movie - 1 minute, 52 seconds
- Parents to quiet down a loud baby - 2 minutes, 41 seconds.
- Late coworkers - 3 minutes, 54 seconds
- Waiting at the doctor's office - 32 minutes
- Waiting at airport security - 28 minutes.
- Waiting for your significant other to get ready - 21 minutes
- Waiting in line at Starbucks - 7 minutes.

- Late blind date - 26 minutes.
- Someone loudly talking on a cellphone to quiet down - 2 minutes, 25 seconds.
- Someone late to an interview - 2 minutes, 6 seconds.

Christmas didn't make the list- but it seems to be a difficult one to wait for. The stores are in such a rush that the Halloween candy was barely put away before the Christmas candy and decorations were out. Thanksgiving is only remembered by sales on Turkey and stuffing in the grocery stores. I do love Christmas- but as you and I get older it seems like it gets here faster and faster- not slower. How about you? Are you one of those that had your decorations up before Thanksgiving? Be honest... There were several people putting the pictures of their trees on Facebook last week already. I must admit the thought did cross my mind to begin to haul out the Christmas decoration from the basement. (But I waited until yesterday!)

The dynamic of waiting is what set up the first Christmas over 2000 years ago.

• It began with a PROMISE. From the very beginning in Genesis and throughout the Old Testament. Isaiah Prophesied, "Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14).

Micah wrote that He would be born in Bethlehem, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2. There are hundreds of prophecies about the Messiah in the Old Testament: "He is coming!"

Between the time in the Old Testament and the New Testament there were 400 silent years before Jesus Christ was born. During this time, many people gave up waiting. Waiting 400 years for the Messiah to arrive on the scene seems like a long time- and los-

ing hope- and forgetting about Him would be easy to do. Maybe you've had times where God seems quiet and inactive that you've wondered - why am I doing this? Why am I serving, giving, believing? He is taking too long- maybe I misunderstood- maybe he isn't going to come through after all. Been there? I think we all have.

2. The WAITING: In Luke chapter 1, the stage is set. The first 4 verses are an introduction. The writer, Luke- a physician by trade, has decided that there should be a thorough record of the life of Jesus Christ. He wants to present a well-documented and accurate account of the life of Jesus Christ. He is acting as a reporter; he investigates and reports and then writes his findings.

Luke's account begins at the beginning- rather it begins before the beginning of Jesus birth with the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. We are introduced to Zachariah and Elizabeth, two righteous believers. They were being faithful even though God hadn't answered their most heartfelt prayer. God seemed silent and distant. They had been praying for a child (verse 13) their entire married life and yet God hadn't answered their prayers.

"For many people, being childless not by choice is a trigger for mental health. . . The women who yearned to be mothers, the men who dreamed of being daddies and watch their kids play football or walk their daughters down the aisle are all experiencing grief. They feel like their prayers aren't heard.

3. The HOPE: Zechariah sees and hears an angel! Don't miss the significance of this supernatural event! For 400 years, there had been no prophecies, dreams, visions, angels, or heavenly experiences of any kind and now Zechariah sees an angel- an angel with a message! The angel said, "Your prayer is heard." Isn't that awesome? I would like to hear that sometime! What if God just whispered that to you - that would be enough, wouldn't it?

This is how the whole Christmas story begins - before Jesus, there was John the Baptist. John's job was to bring people back to God. To help people regain their hope- to prepare their hearts to believe. Without hope - we won't recognize the answers to our prayers.

God calls us to hope. "He has given us both his promise and his oath, two things we can completely count on, for it is impossible for God to tell a lie. . . This certain hope of being saved is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting- us with God himself behind the sacred curtains of heaven," Hebrews 6:18-19. We have the certain hope that God is for us, He loves us, He has a plan, and He will be with us- we can trust Him- because He never lies!

We may not understand or know the timing of all His promises- but we know Him. When you begin to doubt, when you think God has forgotten- hang on- check the chains on the anchor - they are holding. Trust Him... Wait on Him. You are not forgotten. His promises always come true!



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The Family Table

*"All peoples on earth will be blessed through you."* — Genesis 12:3

Many years ago a man received a message from God, and God basically adopted this man. Later God gave him the name Abraham, which means "father of many." And yet Abraham had no children. Then God promised to bless Abraham with many children, and somehow, in some way, through Abraham's family, God would bless all the peoples of the earth.

God stayed true to his promises to bless the world's peoples through Abraham, even though Abraham's descendants were quite dysfunctional. And God surprised everyone by keeping his promises through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, a descendant of Abraham. It turns out that Jesus was the Savior not only for God's adopted people but also for all other peoples as well. And by faith, by trusting in Jesus, people from all nations, tribes, and languages can be adopted into God's family.

So when we come to the Lord's table, it is a family table. Just as we do not get to choose our families and all our relatives, there may well be people in our church family whom we might not have chosen. But God chose them—and us—to be a part of his family together. So we belong to God but also to each other. And at this family table there is grace.

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## Arnold Vernon Felton

Arnold Vernon Felton, a lifetime resident of Randolph Township, arrived in this world on September 16, 1926, to Ella (Bachman) and William Felton on a farm ½ mile north of Randolph.

Dad passed away peacefully at his home in Cannon Rivers Senior Campus on Sunday, November 27th, 2022.

He was baptized within the home community Peace Lutheran Church for the Randolph area and in his early years he attended Sunday school at the only church in Randolph at the time, Randolph Baptist.

Arnold, the third in line of six siblings, attended the Randolph School until his senior year when he quit to help his father on the farm. 77 years later, Arnie received his Honorary Degree of graduation from Randolph High School in 2021.

When he wasn't working, he loved to roller skate and met the love of his life, Mervyne Bonhus at the skating rink above Lee's Chevrolet. She had her eye on Arnie and asked him to skate first. This was the beginning of a 63-year marriage and the beginning of Arnie's life. Arnie & Mervyne exchanged marriage vows at Holden Lutheran Church in rural Kenyon, MN on September 21, 1945. After 63 years, they truly shared the good times and the bad, the better and the worse, and in sickness and in health. Best friends, lovers, best buddies, parents, working business partners, traveling pals; everything they did – they did together.

Arnold was a third-generation farmer of his family in the Randolph Township who lived within 2 miles of where he was born his entire life. Arnie did custom farming work in the Randolph/Cannon Falls area; and purchased the first diesel tractor in the community, a Farmall 1950 MD. With Mervyne they bought one of the Miller farms in the sand flats northeast of Randolph where they farmed 320 acres their entire lives in rural Randolph, on Felton Avenue, (coincidentally named after Arnie & Mervyne) until moving to Lake Byllesby in 1976.

A hard-working man, in his lifetime, he saw and experienced...

Working and farming with teams of horses – to computerized agricultural equipment.

Horses to Model-Ts to his 4-wheel drive diesel Chevy pickup.

Chopping wood for wood stoves to microwaves.

Water from a hand pump to an irrigation well that pumped 1,000 gallons a minute from a 300'+ deep well.

Working long days and nights under the moon – to watching a man land on the moon.

Because he couldn't afford dental care to having dental implants that cost \$2,000 per implant.

From no money to a line of credit, credit cards and a 29-year member on the First National Bank Board (now Merchants Bank.)

Dad was a member of the Randolph Fire Department and was one of several who signed a loan to purchase a 1959 John Bean Hi-Pressure Fire truck.

Tough times with no rain for their crops that in 1965 they had to make a decision – either quit or do something drastic. In 1967 Arnold was the first person in Dakota County and surrounding counties to install a self-propelled center pivot irrigation system – which changed their lives. This decision made a significant difference in preserving the future of agriculture in this area. It also paved the way for agriculture in this region confirming to others that farming on light ground - you could flourish with irrigation. Mom & Dad were known as "The Rainmakers".

Arnold won many corn contests and received numerous awards for high yields within Minnesota with Northrup King, DeKalb, Trojan, and the National Corn Growers Association. He was a member of the Minnesota Corn Growers Association as their President and then Vice President in the 1970's. He helped establish the Minnesota Irrigators Association in 1974 and was their first president. Arnold & Mervyne's farm was toured by scientists, agronomists, U of M Agriculture and dignitaries from all over the world to see and learn about the value of irrigation.

Arnold was on the Board of Directors for First National Bank (now Merchants) when he retired at the age of 80. He was elected to the Randolph School Board in 1960 with the most write-in votes.

Arnold was a Treasurer on the Randolph School Board for 12 years, 1960-1972 and handed his three children their high school

diplomas on their graduation day. Arnold was chosen by his peers in 1970 to be the Representative from the Randolph School District to charter the now Dakota Country Technical College in Rosemount. By invitation, a participant on a long-term Dakota Country Metro Task Force on behalf of agriculture.

A lifetime member of St. Mark's Lutheran in Randolph, he held positions as Trustee, the Building Committee and served on the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Arnie and Mervyne enjoyed traveling in their motor home. They were in every state (except for 7) in the continental U.S. They went on an Alaskan cruise, traveled to Hawaii, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, El Salvador and the Canadian Providences. Arnie loved traveling with Mervyne, cooking for his family and friends, fishing, and spending time at their lake home. Other than traveling, he didn't have a hobby – but he loved to eat!

Dad loved his family and was very proud of every one! Arnold is survived by daughter, Dorry (Jeffrey) Wallof of Cannon Falls and son Denny (Sherry) Felton of Dallas Center, Iowa. Denny's family: Sarah (Matt) Wachowski and Alena and Blake; Mitchell (Shawna) Felton and Anthony; Jody (Scott) Vandever, Jackson, Max, and Sydney (Sam) McLeran, and Rich Halliburton. Doug's family: Christopher (Julie) Felton; Grandchildren: Shelby (Andrew) Kuhn and Layla, Hadley and Walker; Emma (Matt) Semaan, Lily, Roar, Harley and Fred Felton. Chadwick (Laurie) Felton; Cassondra (Travis) Tufty, Dallas, William & Charlie Tufty; Miranda Felton and Bryson Felton. Sisters, Audrey McKeag and Arlene Ringeisen, and their families.

Arnold is preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Mervyne, who passed on September 1, 2008; son Douglas Arnold (Jan. 2022), parents Ella and William, brothers Elmer and Harold Felton, and sister Yvonne Montgomery.

Funeral service was held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Randolph on Saturday, December 3 at 1:00 pm, with visitation from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Following a meal, interment took place at Lakeside Cemetery, Randolph. The service was livestreamed and available to watch.

Active pallbearers were Mitchell, Anthony, Christopher, Chadwick, Bryson, Roar, Harley and Frederick Felton. Honorary pallbearers were all of Arnie's grandchildren, and the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department.

Sincere thanks to Cannon Rivers Senior Campus Staff, Moments Hospice staff, and Lundberg Funeral Home for their love and care of our Dad.

Cards may be sent to 7505 – 295th St. E. Cannon Falls, MN 55009.

## Dorothy "Boots" Ozmun Johnson

Dorothy "Boots" Ozmun Johnson, age 85 of Northfield passed away with her family by her side on Friday afternoon, November 25, 2022. She was a day short of her 86th birthday.

Dorothy Elizabeth (Ozmun) Johnson was born November 26, 1936, in Waterford Township, Dakota County, Minnesota, to Frank and Minnie (Kreitz) Ozmun. She was raised in Northfield and graduated from Northfield High School in 1954. While in high school, Dorothy met James Clarence Johnson and the couple married on August 13, 1955, at the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield. In 1963, the family moved to the Apple Valley-Rosemount area. Dorothy was employed with McDonald's in Apple Valley for 23 years. After Jim and Dorothy retired in 1996, they moved to Alexandria, MN. In 2005, Jim passed away and Dorothy returned to Northfield.

Dorothy was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Northfield. She enjoyed reading, traveling, playing cards, board games, bowling and going to the casino. She loved spending time with her family and hosted many family gatherings, birthdays, and reunions.

Survivors include her children Becky (Jim) Hein of Faribault, Debbie Johnson of Northfield, Pam (Greg) Taubman of Northfield, Dan (Mary) of Northfield; 6 grandchildren Joseph (Derelle) McMenemy, Lee (Ashley) Wyatt, Nick Taubman, Sarah (Mike) Nystuen, Hayden Johnson, Hannah Johnson; 3 great-grandchildren Colin, Haley and Mason McMenemy; 5 siblings Raymond (Mary) of Northfield, Donna Post of Rapid City, SD, Richard (Donna) of Northfield, Gene (Linda) of Alexandria, Jerry (Barb) of Dundas; her sister-in-law Janis Ozmun of Northfield; her aunt Dorothy Stauffer of Rosemount; her uncle Harvey "Buster" Ozmun of Farmington; many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, many friends and special friends Rose, Scott, and Nicholas Drinken of Randolph.

She was preceded in death by her husband James, her brother Frank, her brother-in-law Ken Post, her special friend Chuck Muckey and her parents.

Funeral services were at 11:00AM, Thursday, December 1, 2022, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Northfield. Interment was at Red Rose Cemetery in Waterford. Pallbearers were Tim Ozmun, Paul Ozmun, Mike Ozmun, Ken Johnson, Chaz Johnson and Paul Johnson. Honorary Pallbearers were her God children Judeen Gorr, Kristi Schwartz, Lynette Staie and Brad Johnson. Visitation was from 4-7 P.M. Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at the Bierman Funeral Home, Northfield. Visitation continued at the church on Thursday one hour prior to the funeral.

Memorials are preferred to Red Rose Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Bierman Funeral Home. [www.northfieldfuneral.com](http://www.northfieldfuneral.com)

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## Willard Emery

Willard Emery, age 96, of Stanton, died Tuesday, November 15, 2022,



Willard Robert Emery was born on January 19, 1926, in Stanton Township, the son of Earl R. and Eva (Ruff) Emery.



He grew up there and went to District 9 Country School.

On May 7, 1949, Willard was united in marriage to Phyllis Margaret "Peggy" Daniels at the Stanton United Methodist Church. Willard served his country in the U. S. Army and was a member of the American Legion Post # 84 in Northfield. He was a farmer all of his life and a gardener.

He sold seed and feed for various companies for years. He farmed until 1991. In 1993, Willard received the Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award from the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District. He took over his father's insurance business in 1962 and sold insurance for 57 years. He also served on the Dakota-Stanton Insurance Board for many years. He and Peggy traveled the U. S. with good friends, and went on several European farm tours. They also enjoyed cruises in the Caribbean and to Alaska. Willard served on the Stanton Cemetery Board for many years. He worked at two golf courses, mowing for 10 years. He also worked for the Northfield Ballroom. He was a lifelong

member of the Stanton United Methodist Church, having been baptized and confirmed there.

Survivors include his sons Keith, Lee (Deb), Steven (Shirley), and Glen (Teresa); grandchildren Brian (Alison) Emery, Bryce Emery, Jessica Emery, Katie (Kirk) Hoover, Tracy Snaza, Craig (Liv) Emery, Travis (Emily) Emery, Rachel (Andy) Stein, Alicia Emery, and Rodney (Casey) Emery, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. Willard was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Eva Emery, his wife Peggy Emery, sister Julia Emery, and brothers Howard and Kenneth Emery.

Memorial Services were held on Sat, Nov 26, at 11:00 am at Stanton United Methodist Church, 1020 Hwy 19 Blvd, Stanton, MN 55081. Visitation will be Fri, Nov. 25, from 4-8:00 pm, at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon falls, Mn 55009, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. The service was live streamed.

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## Randolph Knowledge Bowl Team



Randolph The Knowledge Bowl team had their first competition down in Rochester. Great job! Courtesy of Randolph School

## Congratulations to Jonathon Opelt and Tristan Zingler



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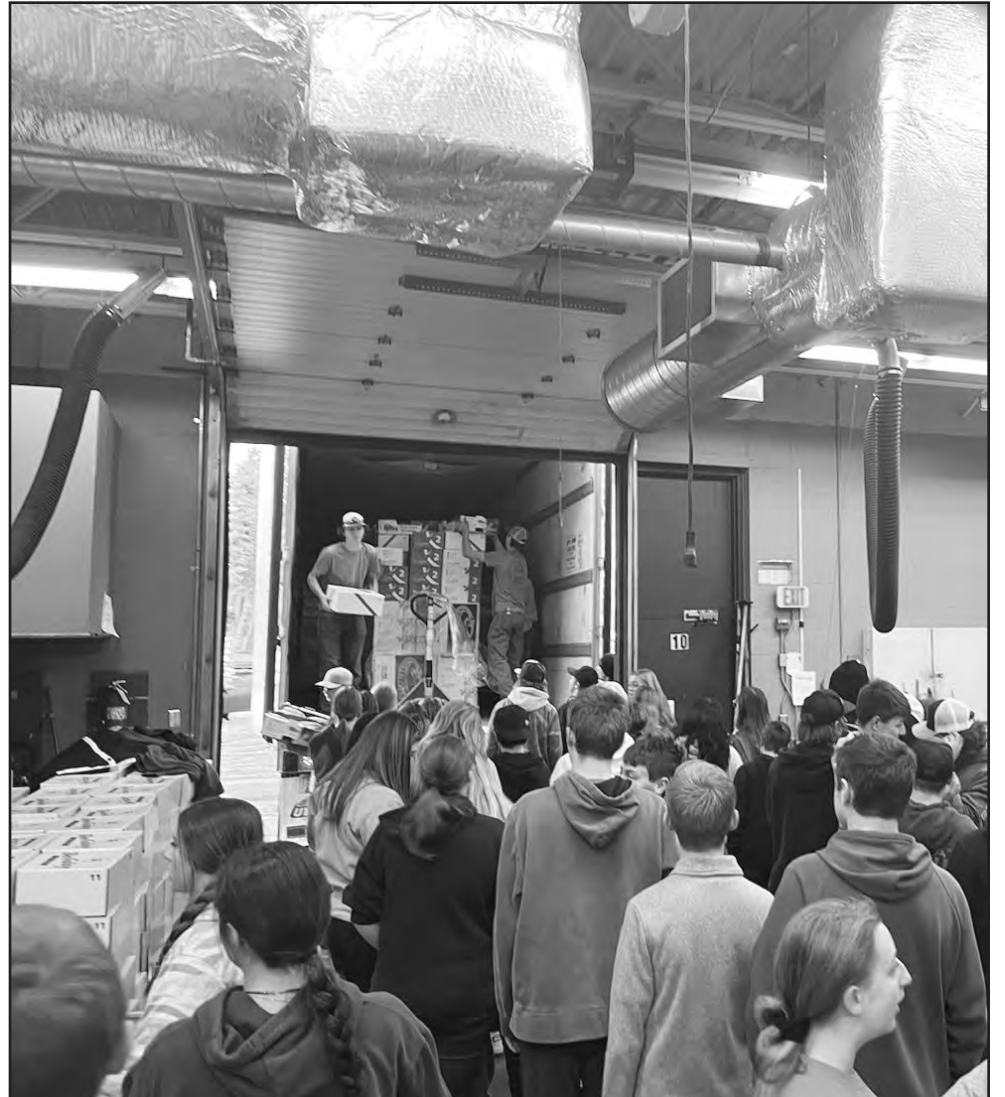
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# Randolph Honor Rolls

## 1st Quarter A Honor Roll 7TH GRADE

Maddyn Alexander, June Banks, Abby Beissel, Reyna Beyer, Jaylee Crouch, Kylie Emery, Marilla Emery, Maclynn Exley, Julia Flemming, Brayden Greene, Hannah Gordy, Lola Hustad, John Irrthum, Preston Jacobson, Jaeda Johnson, Brynley Kuhn, Jackson Kuth, Claire Lindahl, Meghan McCabe, Addison McCoy, Ella May, Indie Myrvold, Alexis Novak, Avery Novak, Adeline Opelt, Georgia Otte, Stella Pagel, Grace Perry, Chace Reinardy, Cameron Seelig, Courtney Siebenaler, Maxx Staub, Leo Waltman, Taylor Werner, Judd Wersal, Lily Wichser

## 8TH GRADE

Brady Beissel, Leah Bilderback, Verenarae Boehne, Kyle Braun, Sarah Dohmen, Sophia Gounaikis, Ruby Heiman, Hayden Huddleston, Brekken Kimmes, Emalyn Koktavy Maksim Krech, Kaia Krie, Isabelle Kramer, Sibley Krueger, Rachel LaVan, Lynnea Lee, Brody Little, Madison Loritz, Anthony McNamara, Mackenzie Murray, Danielle Nelson, Justine Ohmann, Colby Olsen, Paige Otte, Lucas Pahl, Ellen Radman, Karlea Roehl, Nathan Sheridan, Emma Schiller, Jacob Snyder, Amelia Stehr, Gavin Sumption, Grady Taylor, Lindsay Taylor, Sadie Wagner, Ryleigh Wencil, Julia Wiik

## 9TH GRADE

Oren Alexander, Jordan Bauer, Sophia Beyer, Kyra Brochman, Hadley Cooreman, Jameson Exley, Kyle Ford, Olivia Gergen, Adelynn Haugen, Helaena Hensley, Morgan Jacobson, Jaron Johnson, Milar Krech, Alana May, Carter Olson, Henry Pagel, Gavin Podritz, Emma Scheyer, Rylinn Sheridan, Ella Streiff,

Elli Stoltenberg, Evelyn Tix, Alexis Van Eps, Alexander Van Eps, Conrad Wedel, Tristan Ziemer, Tristan Zingler

## 10TH GRADE

Vienna Anderson, Ella Banks, Lilyana Beyer, Kylee Carey, Addison Davis, Michael Dohman, Mason Farrington, Christopher Flores-Miranda, McKenna Gergen, Stella Gillen-Rexroad, Adrian Golden, Katelyn Hare, Hayley Kroll, Jeffrey Kuhn, Hunter Kriesel, Leyton Lee, Erin Nybakke, Brayden Olsen, Bella Pressnall, Carter Raymond, David Reinardy, Jon Roehl, Chloe Vought

## 11TH GRADE

Emily Coonrod, Grace Gerster, Carly Kimmes, Carter Kunz, Hope Reinardy, Julia Splihal, Maya Tennesen, Cami Thompson, James Sheldon, Kaitlyn Van DeSteege

## 12TH GRADE

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Her grandma canned sausage and beef and her basement was well stocked with preserved foods. Many years later when they cleaned out the old farmhouse they found a jar of food that had been canned in 1921.

Christmas Day was a time when family gathered to be together and she would play outside with her brother and sister in the snow during the day.

Marjorie was born during the depression, and even though there was always plenty of food, some years the Christmas presents were quite sparse. Her brother would often receive cowboy things while Marjorie and her sister would get dolls and homemade clothing items.

The tree would magically appear and she surmised her father cut it from the woods nearby. It would be decorated with antique ornaments and holiday adornments they made in school. One she remembers was made out of construction paper with her picture in the middle of it.

Summer and winter the kids helped out with chores on the farm. The girls helped mom in the kitchen and Marjorie could prepare a meal by herself by the age of twelve. They walked two miles each way to the country school-house and she recalls one day she didn't want

to go to school. Marjorie walked into the ditch on the way and got her clothes all wet and went back home. Her grandma was not fooled by her shenanigans and dressed her in dry clothes and sent her back to school.



There was a pond near the farm and sometimes in the winter she remembers going skating there with her parents. They would bring hot chocolate with marshmallows to the skating party.

Dale grew up on a farm in the Wasioja area. His parents raised crops, cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens, His two brothers and one sister helped out with chores and he learned to milk cows by hand by the age of ten.

A week before Christmas his dad would cut a tree from the woods on the farm and they would decorate it with ornaments, tinsel and strings of popcorn. They never had lights on the tree. One of his favorite memories was Christmas shopping with his family.

The family always went to church on Christmas eve and then celebrated with a big meal on Christmas Day with lots of family and relatives for company. The meal was usually chicken, potatoes and gravy. For dessert they would hand churn homemade ice cream to enjoy with homemade candy like taffy, fudge and divinity. They would open their gifts on Christmas Day and they received practical gifts like clothes. His fa-



vorite was a Farmall toy tractor. The kids always had a small gift to give their parents.

The kids played outside all the time. They would get in snowball fights and go sledding. One year he made a couple pegs with a nail in the end and they would propel the sled along on the ice the frozen river.

They went to the country school in Wasioja with grades 1-4 on the lower level and grades 5-8 upstairs. Dale says they learned more in those eight grades than kids do now in twelve. The teachers were local farm wives. There was always a Christmas program at school and he remembers the kids playing angels and shepherds.

Carole grew up in town, but would spend Christmas at her grandparent's farm. On Christmas eve they would open presents, usually inexpensive handmade items. The family would have lutefisk and then attend Christmas eve service at church and then have lefse afterwards. She loved being in the Christmas programs at school and at church.

Her father drove the snowplow truck and the seven kids would stay at the grandparent's farm. Sometimes the roads were very bad in the winter. She recalled one year when the roads were so bad that they went into the ditch and they were fortunate that they didn't end up in the river.



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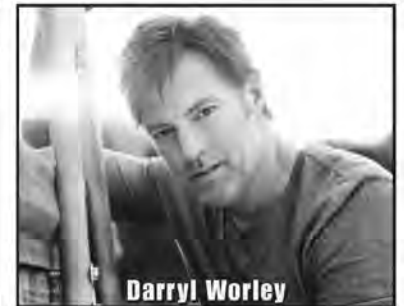
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## General Ice Thickness Guidelines

The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes. Your safety is your responsibility. Learn about the different ways to check ice thickness before heading out.

Temperature, snow cover, currents, springs and rough fish all affect the relative safety of ice. Ice is seldom the same thickness over a single body of water; it can be two feet thick in one place and one inch thick a few yards away.

Our recommendations are based on average equipment weight and assume solid, clear ice. You are responsible for knowing the weight of your vehicle, equipment, and bodies.

Many factors other than thickness affect ice strength, including air temperature, wind, snow, streams, narrow areas or bottlenecks, sun, shade, fish communities, plant decay, and more. When a layer of snow melts and refreezes on top of lake ice, it creates white ice, which is only about half as strong as new, clear ice. Double the above thickness guidelines when traveling on white ice.

White ice occurs when snow melts on top of a sheet of ice and refreezes. This type of ice is only about half as strong as new, clear ice because it is full of air bubbles and made up of smaller crystals. As a result, the standard ice thickness guidelines should be dou-



bled when traveling on white ice.

The strongest and safest ice is clear ice—sometimes called blue ice—which typically forms at the start of the ice season on top of calm water. The ice is clear but can appear blue or black when looking down into the water. This ice is formed with large crystals and few or no oxygen bubbles, creating very solid, strong ice.

Honeycomb ice is one of the most dangerous types of ice and associated with many fall-throughs during the late-ice season. When ice begins to thaw in the spring from the heat of the sun, the water on the surface of the ice seeps through thin cracks and pores in the ice. These cracks form in a honeycomb

### Ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice only.

<u>UNDER 4"</u>	<u>Stay off</u>
4"	Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5" - 7"	Snowmobile or small ATV
7" - 8"	Side-by-side ATV
9" - 10"	Small car or SUV
11" - 12"	Medium SUV or small truck
13"	Medium truck
16" - 17"	Heavy duty truck
20"+	Heavy duty truck with wheelhouse shelter

### Minimum ice thickness for stationary/parked loads up to 11,000 lbs\*

Load/Situation	Minimum Effective Thickness (inches)
Person standing	6
Snowmobiles	
(maximum weight machine + rider <1,100 lbs)	10
Loaded vehicle >1,100 lbs but <2,200 lbs	13
Loaded vehicle >2,200 lbs but <4,400 lbs	16
Vehicle >4,400lbs but <6,600 lbs	18
¾ ton 4x4 vehicles (maximum GVW of 11,000 lbs)	22

pattern due to the hexagonal structure of the ice crystals. If you observe a block of honeycomb ice, you will notice the ice has formed into columns perpendicular to the surface. It takes little or no effort to shatter it and break it into pieces.

Ice thickness guidelines do not apply to honeycomb ice. If ice is honeycombed, stay off.

### What are gas holes?

Decaying vegetation that releases gas bubbles causes gas holes. When the bubbles rise to the surface, they bring warmer water from the bottom of the lake, which slowly melts a bell-shaped hole into the ice. These holes can be several feet in diameter at their widest and only a few inches across at the surface. They are often hidden by a thin layer of ice or snow.

Gas holes tend to form in the same areas each year, often near stream inlets where vegetation and debris collect or in shallow water with heavy aquatic vegetation. If you are not familiar with the area, talk to the local experts to learn if there are any known gas holes on the lake.

### Frozen lakes are not parking lots

Cars, pickups or SUVs should be parked at least 50 feet apart and moved every two hours to prevent sinking. Stationary loads (longer than two hours) require thicker ice than the standard guidelines. See the table below for stationary loads of more than two hours but less than seven days.

Tip: Make a hole next to the car. If water starts to overflow the top of the hole, the ice is sinking and it's time to move the vehicle.

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## 5 Easy Ways to Get Outdoors This Winter

Wondering how to get outside and enjoy the outdoors this winter? The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has some great and low-cost activities open to everyone.

“We know Minnesotans love being outdoors, and winter offers a whole different way to play outside,” said Ann Pierce, DNR parks and trails director.

The DNR offers several suggestions to make getting outdoors easy, fun and affordable for Minnesotans:

### Get a vehicle permit

Vehicle permits are required to visit state parks and recreation areas. The cost is \$7 per day or \$35 for an annual permit. Permits can be purchased at a park office, or visitors can save time by purchasing online before heading to the park. Park permits can be purchased on the DNR website.

The DNR also offers free park permits through its library program. More than 100 libraries across Minnesota offer seven-day permits that people can check out at no cost.

“The library park pass program is a terrific way to access state parks for free,” Pierce said. “It’s one way we’re removing barriers to getting outdoors and enjoying the beauty of Minnesota’s state parks.”

A list of participating libraries is on the

DNR website.

### Try winter camping

Winter camping is offered at 25 state parks and recreation areas. For visitors looking for a warmer overnight stay, many state parks offer heated camper cabins with electricity and yurts with wood stoves that are open year-round. Camper cabins accommodate up to six people, while yurts hold three to seven people. Pets are not allowed inside camper cabins or yurts.

Find the winter camping guide on the DNR website, as well as information on staying in camper cabins or yurts.

### Look into family-friendly events

Events and programs are scheduled at state parks throughout the winter season, offering a wide range of activities, including escape rooms, interpretive hikes, crafting, education about park wildlife, and more.

“Whether you want to learn, or be physically active, or both, you’re sure to find an event that fits you,” Pierce said. “State parks and trails events are suitable for beginners and all age groups.”

State park events are free, but a vehicle permit is required to enter the park. Find state park events on the DNR events calendar.

### Rent snowshoeing or skiing equipment

Snowshoe rentals are available at 30 state parks and recreation areas, and five state parks offer cross-country ski rentals. Rental prices vary by location, and some state parks offer free rentals.

“Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are great activities to be active while beating cabin fever,” Pierce said. “If you need rental equipment, it’s a good idea to check the web-



site for the park you’re planning to visit or call ahead to get details about the type of rental equipment offered at the park and to check for availability.”

For snowshoe rental information, visit the snowshoeing page of the DNR website and for cross-country ski rentals, visit the ski pass map on the DNR website.

### Try ice fishing

It’s free to fish in many Minnesota state parks, and some parks have fishing kits for visitors to borrow.

“Ice fishing is a quintessential winter activity in Minnesota,” said Pierce. “If you’re new to ice fishing, don’t worry, we can help. State parks offer events and hands-on learning programs to teach you how to ice fish.”

Those interested in ice fishing in state parks can read tips, learn about ice safety, find a lake to fish on and more by visiting the state parks ice fishing guide. To find parks that have fishing kits available to borrow, see the DNR’s page about borrowing equipment.



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## Ice Fishing Shelters

### Shelter licenses

All non-portable ice shelters must be licensed.

Wheeled fish houses are considered non-portable and must be licensed.

An annual shelter license costs \$15 for residents and \$37 for non-residents, not including issuing fees that may be charged.

The ice shelter license must be readily visible from the exterior of the shelter.

A shelter license is valid from March 1 through April 30 of the following year.

A shelter license is not required on border waters between Minnesota or Wisconsin, Iowa and North and South Dakota.

**Portable shelter definition**

A shelter that collapses, folds or is disassembled for transportation.

Portable shelters only need licenses and identification when left unattended, which is defined as all occupants being more than 200 feet away.

### Shelter identification requirements

ONE of the following must be readily visible from the exterior of the shelter with characters at least 2 inches high:

- Owner's name and address
- Owner's drivers license number
- Owner's Minnesota DNR identification number.



If a shelter is left out overnight, it must have at least 2 square inches of reflective material on each side.

### Shelter removal deadlines

Dark houses, fish houses and portables must be off the ice no later than 11:59 p.m. (end of the day) for each of the dates given in the categories below. County sheriffs may prohibit or restrict the use of motorized vehicles if dangerous ice conditions are present. If shelters are not removed, owners will be prosecuted. A conservation officer also may confiscate, remove or destroy any ice structure and its contents if not removed by the deadline.

### Inland waters

- South of line - March 6, 2023
- North of line - March 20, 2023

### Border waters

- Minnesota-Iowa - Feb. 20

Minnesota-Wisconsin - March 1

Minnesota-North and South Dakota - March 5

Minnesota-Canada - March 31

Dates of removal are determined by an east-west line formed by U.S. Hwy. 10, east along Hwy. 34 to Minnesota Hwy. 200, east along Hwy. 200 to U.S. Hwy. 2, and east along Hwy. 2 to the Minnesota-Wisconsin border. After removal dates, shelters may remain on the ice between midnight and one hour before sunrise only when occupied or attended. Storing or leaving shelters on a public access is prohibited.



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## Plan Now for Spring Windbreak Planting



By Emmie Scheffler

types of trees desired by the landowner. Other factors to consider are snow dumping load and odor control.

A windbreak can be made up of one row, all the way up to 5 or more rows. If one row is planted, that row should consist of conifer trees. Conifer trees keep their needles all year, and thus they will block the wind all year long.

If you are planning a two-row windbreak, a shrub row should be planted along with the conifer row. Shrubs add fast-growing protection from the wind at the ground level and also catch snowfall. Additional rows after this can be either conifer trees or deciduous trees.

The windbreak should be planted perpendicular to the prevailing wind direction. That means if you have wind coming directly from the north, you would plant the windbreak going from east to west on the north side of where you want to protect from the wind. The rows don't need to be in a completely straight line and can curve to fit the space and prevailing wind direction. The shrub row should always be on the outside of the windbreak, meaning it is the first line of defense against the wind.

When trees are planted, usually they are small. This can lead to wanting to plant them close together so there are little to no gaps. It can be hard to remember that those little trees do not stay little for long.

If the trees are planted too close together, they will eventually choke each other out a few years down the road. Shrubs should be planted 5 feet apart, deciduous trees 15-20 feet apart, and conifers 20-25 feet apart. This



A field windbreak planted in Rice County to protect a farmstead.

Ever walk in the wintertime with the wind biting at your face and then all of a sudden the wind just... stops?

Something stopped it. It could have been a building or even a tree. A single tree won't stop the wind much, but a tree windbreak of a whole row or multiple rows of trees? Now that's a conservation practice that can stop a lot of wind and snow too.

In order for a windbreak to function properly, it first needs to be designed and implemented with a few factors in mind. These factors include wind direction, space, and

will allow for adequate space to grow, but close enough together to trap the wind effectively.

According to the University of Minnesota, windbreaks can reduce energy costs to rural residences by 10 to 20%. Windbreaks also have other benefits. They can also reduce odor caused by livestock and can reduce stress on farm animals.

Windbreaks also have great benefits for

wildlife. Conifers provide valuable winter habitat for many species of birds that stay here during the winter like chickadees and nuthatches. Choosing a shrub species like highbush cranberry or junberry can also provide a great, natural food source for birds. The blossoms and leaves of many hardwood tree species are important for many species of moths and butterflies while their nuts and seeds also provide a food source for wildlife.



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## Let It Go



By Harvey Mackay

Joe paced back and forth in his sister's kitchen one Sunday before dinner. His sister Carol recognized the worried look on his face and called him over to where she stood next to the sink.

"Hey Joe, can you hold on to this for me?" She handed him a can of vegetable scraps.

Joe took the can and walked outside where he threw the scraps in the compost bin before

returning to the kitchen.

"Why did you toss my scraps? I asked you to hold on to them."

"Why would you ask me to hold onto garbage?" Joe asked.

"I thought you liked holding on to useless things," she replied.

"What do you mean?"

"You've been wearing a path on my kitchen floor, preoccupied with whatever is on your mind. I doubt if you heard anything I said to you before now, yet you instinctively tossed the compost scraps without giving them a second thought."

He had to admit that Carol was right. "But is there a point to this?" he asked.

Carol offered him a simple suggestion: "Why don't you apply that same logic to whatever is bothering you? If it's something you can change, change it. If it's something you can't change, let it go."

Holding on to things that are eating at you is not just unproductive; it's a recipe for disaster. In other words, throw out those scraps before they start to smell.

Carol's advice is golden. Her words are especially appropriate for managers who have so little confidence in their staffs that it affects their job performance.

Are you a micromanager? A second-guesser? If you are, you need to stop. This is not a healthy way to manage people – for yourself or other employees.

As a manager, you need to look at your need to control. Are you trying to get your employees to do things the way you do them because you think your way is superior? This is a dangerous mindset for a manager because you are not looking ahead to the outcome but are getting caught up in controlling the process, according to Johanna Rothman on the Rothman Consulting website. Is that what you really want to do? Is it productive?

Many managers micromanage as a form of quality control. These managers often find themselves working unbelievably long hours in order to redo the work of others. If you're always swamped with work and you just can't seem to let others take a piece of the responsibility pie – then you've got a problem.

Not trusting your staff is essentially the same as not trusting yourself to manage them effectively.

Learning to trust your staff and allowing them to make mistakes is part of being a mature manager. Many managers believe that it is a virtue to make every decision along the way – to control every detail of, well, everything. But the truth is, a good manager helps make sure that her direct reports keep the flow of work going. A good manager is more interested in the growth of his direct re-

ports and the eventual positive and freeing workplace that can be developed when they are operating as autonomously as possible.

To improve your ability to manage, you will need to let go of your need to control quality at every stop. This does not mean you sacrifice quality. It simply means you are not the quality control traffic cop. You are a manager, and that means you assist people in being able to do their jobs. You don't block their ability to do it by second guessing, re-doing work and spending long hours in the office. You give them the tools to do their jobs correctly and with the best possible results.

Letting go is not always simple. But don't let worrying about what you might lose when you let go change your resolve. Consider the lesson this little fellow learned.

A little boy was playing one day with a very valuable vase. When he put his hand inside it and couldn't pull it back out, he called for his mother. His mother tried gently to slide his hand free, but it remained stuck.

She was ready to break the vase when she said, "Ok, let's try one more time. Open your hand and hold your fingers straight out and then pull."

"Oh, no, mommy!" the boy cried. "If I do that I'll drop my quarter!"

**Mackay's Moral:** Worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles.

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## Hampton City Council Minutes November 15, 2022

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhning, and Nick Russell. Also present was Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Chris Meyer, City Treasurer, Brad Fisher with Bolton & Menk, Kathy Youngquist with Cassia, and Bob Stalberger with Whitetail Properties.

**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 October 11, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Luhning seconded by Flodeen to approve the October 11, 2022 regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Approval of Disbursements** – Motion by Russell seconded by Luhning to approve the November disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Petitions, Requests, and Communications:** None

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Resolution 2022-13 – Canvass Election Results** - Motion by Russell seconded by Flodeen to certify the final election results provided by the County. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Resolution 2022-14 – Providing for the Approval of an Amended Housing Program and Amending the City's Resolution No. 2022-05 Regarding the Issuance and Sale of Senior Housing and Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds (Praha Village Project), Series 2022A Relating to a Senior Housing and Healthcare Project** - Motion by Luhning seconded by Flodeen to approve Resolution 2022-14 approving an amended housing program and amending Resolution No. 2022-05 regarding the issuance and sale of senior housing and healthcare facilities revenue bonds, Series 2022A, relating to the Praha Village Project, a senior housing and healthcare project. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Resolution 2022-15 – Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a Subordinate Senior Housing and Health Care Revenue Note (Praha Village Project), Series 2022B** - Motion by Russell seconded by Flodeen to approve Resolution 2022-15 approving the issuance and sale of a subordinate senior housing and health care revenue note, Series 2022B. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

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

**Engineer Report** – Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk provided an update on the Water Street lift station back-up generator project. Electrical work is complete. Quote packets will be sent out to contractors who were interested in the last back-up generator project

by Thanksgiving Day. Quotes must be submitted by 12/15/22, and will be brought to the January City Council meeting for consideration. The City will provide and coordinate delivery of the LP tank for the project. As far as the remaining timeline for the project, the generator must be ordered, and order confirmation provided to the City, by 03/01/23. Site improvements will be substantially complete by 12/31/23. The final completion of the project (generator delivery/installation, turf restoration, final cleanup) will be done by 07/01/24. Fisher asked for a motion to approve the project plans and specifications included in Council packets, and authorize Bolton & Menk to request quotes from contractors for the project. Motion by Luhning seconded by Russell to approve project plans and specifications, and authorize Bolton & Menk to request quotes from contractors for the project. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Water / Sewer Report** – Mayor Knetter reported that the discharge is done and hydrant flushing is done and set for winter.

**Park Report** – Councilor Russell stated that the asphalt work for the hockey rink and basketball court is complete. The contractor provided berming in the hockey rink, which was not part of the contract, which will help retain the water in the rink when making ice. The striping on the basketball court was not completed, but will be done in the spring. There are still some concerns about the qual-

ity of the work. Tennis court nets have been taken down.

**Street Report** – Councilor Luhning stated that street sweeping went well and the contractor did a great job.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Conduit Issuer for The Rosemount and Praha Village Project** – Covered under resolutions.

**New Business:**

**Application for Separation of Platted Lots in a Tax Parcel – Whitetail Properties (Bob Stalberger) – referral from Planning Commission** – Draft meeting minutes from the October 27, 2022 Planning Commission meeting were provided in Council meeting packets. It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission that City Council approve the Application for Separation of Platted Lots in a Tax Parcel, with the stipulation that the property owner submit a Rezoning Application Form within the timeframe imposed by City Council.

Mayor Knetter stated that, historically, the City wouldn't grant a parcel split prior to the property being rezoned. Bob Stalberger referred to City Planner Jane Kansier's email where she stated that the application can be processed as an administrative subdivision, but that her recommendation is to have the property owner submit a rezoning application so that the parcel would have only one zoning district. He stated that he would have had the application prepared for the meeting if he had

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## Saturday, February 4, 2023

SAVE THE DATE! WATCH FOR SCHEDULE UPDATES!

9:00 AM

**Euchre at Fireside on the Patio, 100% Payout**  
Bring partner if possible, not required. \$20 team entry.  
Questions contact Jen at 507-649-0602

FIRST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST

\$5.00/entry. Tasters will pay \$5.00 to taste all entries/vote.

11:00 AM

**Bring entry to City Hall (Chili)**

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

**Tasting/Voting**

1:00 PM

**Cookoff Winner Announced (1st & 2nd Place Payout)**

1:30 PM

**Keg Toss on the Grassy Knoll - \$2 per throw or 3 throws for \$5**  
Cash prizes for farthest throws

3:00 PM

**Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo at City Hall**  
\$30/packet, 10 games, designer purses and \$150 gift cards

6:30 PM

**9th Annual Denni Dazzle Parade**  
**\$150.00 Prize for Best Float!**  
Hosted by the Dennison Lions. Call or text Diane at 612-532-0268

8:00 PM

**LIVE MUSIC AT THE FIRESIDE**

9:00 PM

**Raffle Winners Announced at Fireside**

Flake Out Festival Raffle Saturday, February 4

Buy a Raffle Ticket from any Lions Member, Fireside Lounge, Dennison Depot Gas Station  
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**Grand Prize - \$500.00 Cash**  
**2nd Prize - \$250 Cash      3rd Prize - \$100 Cash**  
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Raffle Drawing held at 9p.m. at the Fireside Lounge. Need not be present to win.  
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## Hampton City Council

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known that would be the expectation. He said he will do it the next day, if that's what it takes to get the parcel split approved.

Discussion. Mayor Knetter stated that he had concerns about approving the split and then the property owner not following through with the rezoning. After further discussion, Knetter stated that he is okay with the contingency that the rezoning be done within a reasonable amount of time. Motion by Luhning seconded by Flodeen to approve the Application for Separation of Platted Lots in a Tax Parcel, contingent upon the property owner submitting a rezoning application. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

Mayor Knetter acknowledged a Dakota

County Deputy in attendance at the meeting. He asked the Deputy if he had anything to report. The Deputy stated that he was there to address any concerns that Council has. It was mentioned that there have been problems lately with vehicles traveling at high speeds on Belmont St. He said he would pass that information on to other members of law enforcement. The Deputy was asked about the status of catalytic converter thefts. He stated that activity with that is down.

Adjournment – Motion by Luhning seconded by Flodeen to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy O'Brien

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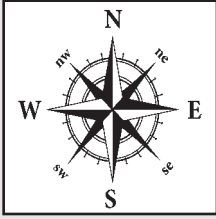
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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes **Steve Keel, the mystery**



**By Terry Campbell**

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

I met Steve Keel when I was looking for an electrician to wire the meter box and the main service panel in my new house. I had been building the house for two years using a portable generator to run the power tools. But as the time approached to connect to the grid, I needed an electrician to do the required install. I asked at the local Hardware store and the owner Andy gave me Steve's number. Steve was a quiet and very likable guy and we became friends quickly.

As I was running behind schedule for my completion date, I ended up hiring Steve to help finish the interior wiring. I set boxes, pulled wire and located where all the switches, outlets, ceiling boxes and appliance hook-ups went. I had designed the house from the ground up and the blueprint was mostly in my head. We would work all morning and then drive up to Esha's Country Restaurant for lunch. It was enjoyable to discuss many topics as we worked together. We wrapped up the project by the end of July and

I headed back to Minnesota while Steve had a caribou hunt in Alaska planned for August.

Steve and his hunting partner flew in to Fairbanks, Alaska on August 20th and then drove five hundred miles north to Deadhorse where they planned to hunt. On August 27th, Steve left the campsite to retrieve some supplies where they stored the caribou meat. It was less than a mile hike, although the rough terrain took about an hour to cover the distance. He never returned, and a missing persons report was made. The two hunters had been in daily contact with their wives with a special satellite phone since there is no cell phone signal in the Alaskan wilderness. Steve was a lifelong outdoorsman with survival skills military experience and had no medical conditions that were known.

Steve's two adult sons, immediately flew up to the area to search for their father but with no luck. Four friends from Tennessee also formed a rescue team and flew up to Alaska to help look. They had military special forces and search and rescue experience, but after two weeks not a sign had been found. The family had requested that North Slope Search and Rescue unit deploy their RECCO device which is placed in a helicopter and can ping off a cell phone even if its battery is dead. Air support for two additional groups was requested because the terrain of the arctic steppe is a spongy one to four foot thick mat on top of the permafrost. Still not a sign of Steve anywhere was found.

During the short summer the Arctic tundra slopes are lush with vegetation supporting some of the largest herds of wild animals in the world. The caribou migrate there to bear their calves. Migratory fowl travel from Florida and Mexico for the summer as well. Wolves, polar bear and grizzly bear also hunt the land. But winter sets in by November and high winds with six or more feet of snow and temperatures down to 70 degrees below zero will be the norm until the end of March.



## A Minnesotan: Christmas



**By RosaLin Alcoser**

Not all but many holidays over the course of my childhood are marked with some kind of minor disaster. Like the Thanksgiving table fire, or the Christmas Eve were my sister and I accidentally did a 360 on the highway in between the fifth and sixth Christmas Eve service of the night. No one ever gets hurt in these minor disasters but they make the holiday memorable and make for a good story. One that came to me this year was the Christmas that the dishwasher shorted out. It was the Christmas of 2004, I was eight-years-old that year. Honestly, I cannot for the life of me remember what I got for Christmas that year. What I can remember is the events of the day. It was a typical Christmas of my childhood. We got up had breakfast and did stockings before Dad went off to work to do Christmas day services at the Medical Center in Rochester. The family would be coming over that evening for dinner and

presents; in the meantime, we watched Christmas movies and worked on Christmas dinner.

I think it was a pretty normal Christmas that year... or at least it was until the dishwasher shorted out before dinner causing it to fill up with water. It was all going to be OK though because Grandpa, who had been a Navy Electrician, was going to fix it. All he needed to do was cut off the power to the dishwasher and take care of the problem.

Now the breaker box was in the garage, and I do not remember exactly how but the wrong breaker got turned off. So instead of turning off the power to the dishwasher the power to the oven got turned off instead. Which not only left Grandpa working on a live dishwasher, where thankfully nothing happened but stopped the oven.

The oven where the Christmas ham, that my mother had rubbed down with brown sugar and poured Coca-Cola over, had been baking. The oven that no one noticed was off until after the dishwasher had been taken care of.

I was eight that year so I don't rightly remember if we even ended up eating the ham that day once the power mixup was noticed. But I will never forget the Christmas dishwasher disaster of 2004.



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  14. Attorneys' org.
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  16. The Brady Bunch, e.g.
  17. Mourner's wish
  18. Mature, as in fruit
  19. \*Santa's entryway
  21. \*Holiday plum treat
  23. Foot the bill
  24. Hot alcoholic beverage
  25. Not transgender
  28. \*Frosty's corn cob
  30. Attract
  35. Bad luck prediction
  37. Indian cuisine staple
  39. The whole amount
  40. "Keep this information" button
  41. \*Coveted letter on a dreidel
  43. Dry as dust
  44. Opposite of digest
  46. Inconclusive
  47. Dirty air
  48. Diplomat
  50. Tallest volcano in Europe
  52. Like a fox
  53. Lion output
  55. Beholder's organ
  57. \*Breaking holiday news
  61. \*Not coal on Christmas
  65. Courtroom excuse
  66. Golf coach at a country club
  68. Very, in music
  69. Make a logical connection (2 words)
  70. Promissory letters
  71. Pine or long
  72. Chows down
  73. Hundredweight, acr.
  74. Ooze out

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  1. Nile denizen, for short
  2. \*Like Duke brothers in "Trading Places"
  3. \*New Year's Eve option: \_\_\_\_ Spumante
  4. Title-holder
  5. Take for ransom
  6. On one's guard
  7. \_\_\_\_-Wan of "Star Wars"
  8. K, in Greek
  9. \*Rose Bowl field, e.g.
  10. Kachina doll maker
  11. Answer from the flock
  12. Drink for John Glenn
  15. Fervent
  20. Giving the once-over
  22. \*"Mele Kalikimaka" strings
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  27. \*Number of candles in Kwanzaa's kinara
  29. Sacrifice for gain
  31. Eighty-six
  32. List components
  33. \*Holiday song offering
  34. Lament for the dead
  36. Scotland's famous loch
  38. Eagle's aerie
  42. Lid or lip embellishment
  45. Go to bed (2 words)
  49. \*Yule tradition
  51. Pirate's "Yes!"
  54. Savory jelly dish
  56. English county
  57. London art museum
  58. Hipbones
  59. \*It's sometimes ignored in face of holiday treats
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