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## AAA Award Winner Megan Motz

Courtesy of  
Randolph School

On behalf of the Randolph AAA Selection Committee, we are proud to recognize Megan Motz as the 2022-2023 AAA Award winner. The purpose of the AAA Award Program is to recognize and honor high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, in athletics, and in the fine arts. To qualify for the AAA Award, high school seniors must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, participate in league-sponsored athletic and fine art activities, and comply with the MSHSL's Student Code of Conduct. Congratulations Megan!



## Supporting Our Local FFA & Celebrating National FFA Week February 18-25, 2023



National FFA Week is February 18 - 25th 2023.

Starting in 1948, the National FFA Board of Directors designated a weeklong tradition to recognize George Washington's example and legacy as a leader and farmer. For the past 74 years, FFA members

across the country have taken part in agricultural, leadership and service-based activities during National FFA Week.

"National FFA Week is a significant event that really showcases the heart of our organization," says Christine White, chief program officer for the National FFA Organization.

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River Country Coop Randolph, presents a check to the Randolph FFA Chapter to be used towards their continued educational programs. Pictured: Dean Larson, River Country Coop Location Manager, and FFA Members Kaillie Sorem, Katie Radman, Sophia Amy and Grace Hoover

## Harley Foster Honored for 30+ Years of Support for Randolph Activities



Courtesy of Randolph School

The Rocket Basketball program honored Harley Foster for his 30+ years of support for Randolph Rocket Activities. Harley, thank you for all your years of being a loyal Rocket fan!

## Announcements

• **Randolph Food Shelf** located at St. Mark's Church 28595 Randolph Blvd. Monthly Open Hours: 1st Tuesday 8:00 - 9:30 am; 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays 4:30 - 6:00 pm. Questions call (507) 263-9182.

• **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.

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## Chili Cook Off Contest part of this years Dennison Lions Flake Out Festival Saturday, February 4th



The Dennison Lions Club is planning the 2023 Flake Out Festival & Winter Parade for Saturday, February 4th.

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## Is Peace Possible?

Amidst all the craziness of the season, is peace possible? In our world where nations continue to fight against nations; is peace possible? In the culture around us that is bent on arguing and fighting; is peace possible?

Jesus said in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Jesus said, I am giving you peace- but not the kind you find out in the world. Peace is the sum and substance of human well-being. That's what everyone desperately wants. It's what you want; you might really want political peace; a peace between people and the government or a peace between governments and countries. You may long for psychological, or emotional peace. A peace that keeps those voices in our head in harmony. A peace that keeps healthy in body and in our minds. Most of all you and I want peace of conscience and peace of heart and that only comes from peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who guides us out of our lostness in the chaos of spiritual darkness to the way of light and peace. Peace with God is the only means of peace with each other. Without that peace, the world lies in the hands of the wicked one, in darkness, chaos, and fear. This was the ultimate purpose of Christ's mission; "through him (Jesus) to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace

through his blood, shed on the cross." Jesus was sent to bring peace of heart and spirit to all mankind.

Before we know Jesus, before we accept Him as our Savior- we are just walking around in the dark- with fear and death around each corner. We have no peace of mind or spirit- peace illudes us because in the dark and in the chaos peace is absent. Peace can overcome chaos and darkness- but it must be accepted. For you and me to truly experience peace we first, have to be at peace with ourselves.

I. Are You at Peace with Yourself? In other words, are you comfortable with your actions? Can you live with your decisions? Are you happy because of your choices?

Albert Einstein said "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results".

One of the largest obstacles that causes people to fail to change is that some of the problems, some of the troubles, some of the difficulties, some of the habits, some of the addictions are so big that you cannot just stop "cold turkey." We need to take the first step- and often they will be baby steps.

Are you at peace with yourself? What changes do you need to make in your life beginning today? What baby steps do you need to take to be at peace with yourself? Secondly-

II. Are You at Peace with Others? I recently heard a person say, "I love Christmas, but when the in-laws and the out-laws come is when I lose my peace." The word "Peace" appears some 429 times in the bible. It has about eight different variations of meaning in the Old Testament and about seven different variations of meaning in the New Testament.

The bible says in Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than human being!" And in Romans 12:18 "As much as it is possible, as far as it lies within you, live at peace with everyone."

God is the one that we will all have to stand before and give an account of our ac-

tions and decisions. Peace is not merely the absence of conflict. Peace is also an action word. We need to take steps toward social justice. And steps toward equality and freedom, and actively work to ease poverty for those that have fallen on difficult times. We must be taking steps toward helping the lost find God. Our Mission is to make disciples so that Christ can transform people's lives.

Matthew 7:2 says, "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." The church, the body of believers, is instructed in the bible to not gossip or spread rumors; we aren't to slander, or whisper behind someone's back, and we are not to insult or judge someone. Instead, we are to practice hospitality. The bible says, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you." Romans 15:7 Are you at peace with yourself? Are you at peace with others? One final step.

III. Are You at Peace with God? The meaning of the word Peace in the bible implies quietness and rest. Another meaning of peace is a type of "reset or fresh start."

Peace is not something you reach out and touch with your physical hands. Peace is not something that is visible with the eye. If I asked you to draw me a picture of peace we

would get many different variations of images. If I asked you to describe peace we would get many expressions of feeling as answers. But this one thing I know for sure, every step you take toward being at peace with your self is a step you take toward being at peace with God. Every step you take toward being at peace with yourself, every step you take at being at peace with others is a step you take at becoming at peace with Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Is peace possible? Peace is possible when we come to Jesus and say yes- I want your peace, I want the gift of salvation you offer- we will receive that peace that goes far beyond what is happening in the world around us- the peace that passes all understanding. Jesus said, "my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." He gives us peace deep inside our spirits- it won't matter what the day brings, it won't matter how our crazy and messed up our lives or family are- when we receive His peace we are full- and we need never to be troubled or afraid. We only have to trust in Him! What do you need to take that first step toward peace in your life? Are you at peace with yourself? Are you at peace with others? Are you at peace with God?

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Even more important is understanding that God has decided that he wants us to join his family. Does it inspire you that God has been pleased to create us for fellowship with him? God knew that through the sacrifice of Jesus we would become sons and daughters of God. His plan for our lives is to include us in his story. It wasn't enough that God created us and made us his imagebearers; he also loves us and wants to live in relationship with us.

When our lives reflect the realization of all this, we display God's glory and his love, and something changes in us. We carry ourselves with the knowledge that we belong and are part of God's family.

What does it mean to be part of this family? It means we are responsible for one another. Because of the love God has given us, we have the ability to live in unity together, sharing in the story that God has indeed chosen us.

**Thank you, Father, that you have created us and have chosen us. Help us to see what it means to be in your family and to treat others with the same love you have shown us. Amen.**

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## Grayden Clifford Moorhouse

Grayden Clifford Moorhouse, age 96 of Randolph, died peacefully at home on Sunday, December 25, 2022.



Grayden was born on July 31, 1926 in Red Wing, MN, the oldest of four children to George and Verna (Miller) Moorhouse. He grew up in Stanton Township, farmed with his father near Sargeant, MN, before moving near Randolph in 1951. He served as a tank driver for two years with the US Army during the occupation in Germany. Upon his honorable discharge in 1956, he returned to farming, which he continued the rest of his life.

He married Loraine VanVoorhis on April 12, 1958 at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls. They were long-time members of First English Lutheran Church, where he was an usher and served three years on the church council. Grayden enjoyed his Minneapolis Moline tractors and machinery and driving his tractor in different parades in the area. He was also a

50+ year member of the Masonic Oriental Lodge #34.

He is survived by his wife of over 64 years, Loraine; children, Kevin (Kathy) of Cannon Falls, Allen of Cannon Falls, and Gail of Randolph; grandchildren, Matthew (Rachel) Moorhouse and Stacy Moorhouse; two great-grandchildren, Olivia and Addison; brother, Allard (Joyce) Moorhouse of Cannon Falls; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Verna Moorhouse; brother, Winton; and sister, Elwyn (Glenn) Brekke.

A funeral service was held on Friday, January 6 at 11:00 am, with visitation from 9:00-11:00 am, at First English Lutheran Church, 511 W. Belle St., Cannon Falls.

Spring interment will be at the Cannon Falls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to First English Lutheran Church and the Cannon Falls Food Shelf.

## January 11 Ice Storm



photo courtesy of Sogn Valley SKYWARN

Just one of several overturned semis Wednesday morning.

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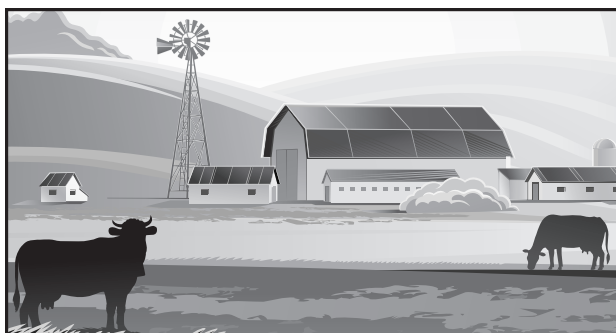
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## Choir Students Attend the Dorian Vocal Festival

Seven of our choir students (along with Mr. Leer) got the opportunity to attend the Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. They were a part of 950 juniors and seniors from schools across the mid-west who had the opportunity to rehearse with Luther's music faculty and participate in sectionals. A great experience for our students!

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## Cannon Falls Wrestling Invitational



**Cannon Falls Wrestling Invitational**  
Saturday January 7, 2023

Randolph Students  
138: Jonathon Opelt 4th Place • 182: Tristan Zingler 2nd Place  
Manager: Jocelyn Zingler  
As a team Cannon Falls - Randolph Wrestling earned 1st Place.

## Cannon Falls/Randolph Wrestling



Great night of wrestling for Cannon Falls/Randolph vs. Pine Island and LA/RP on January 24, 2023. The wrestling team won both duals!

Senior, Carson Lind 1-1  
Sophomore, Jonathon Opelt 2-0  
Freshman, Tristan Zingler 2-0

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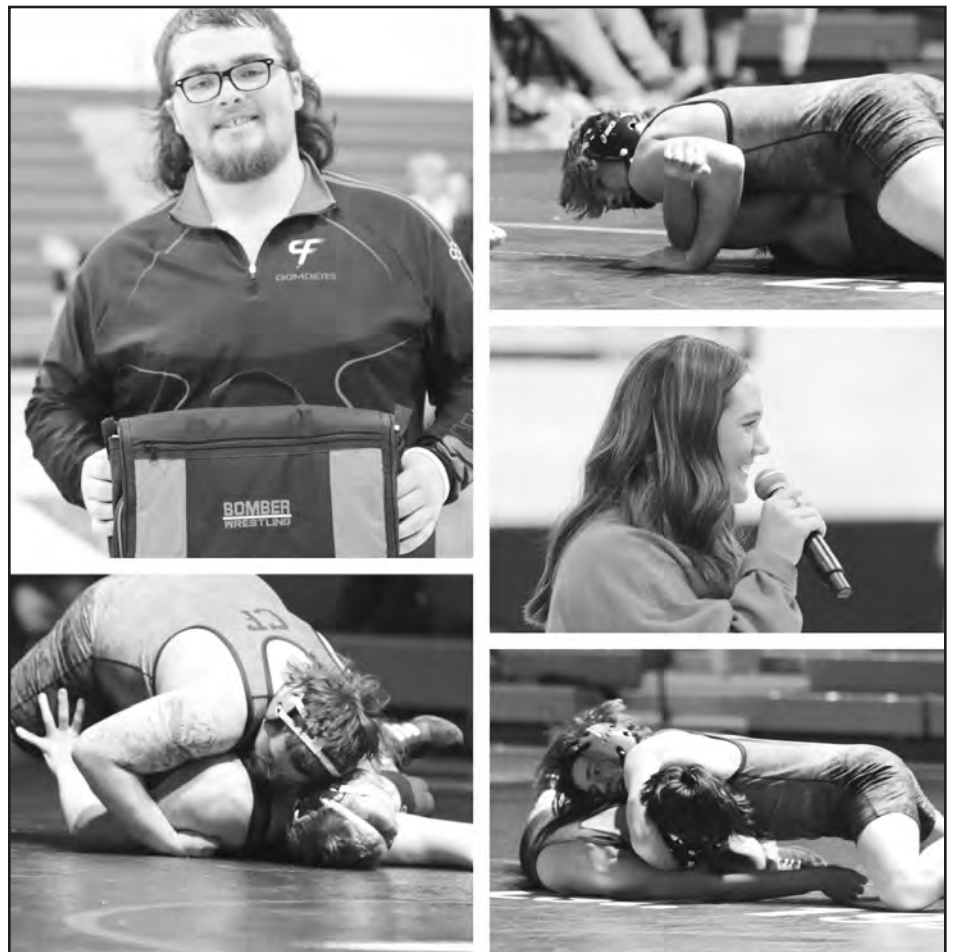
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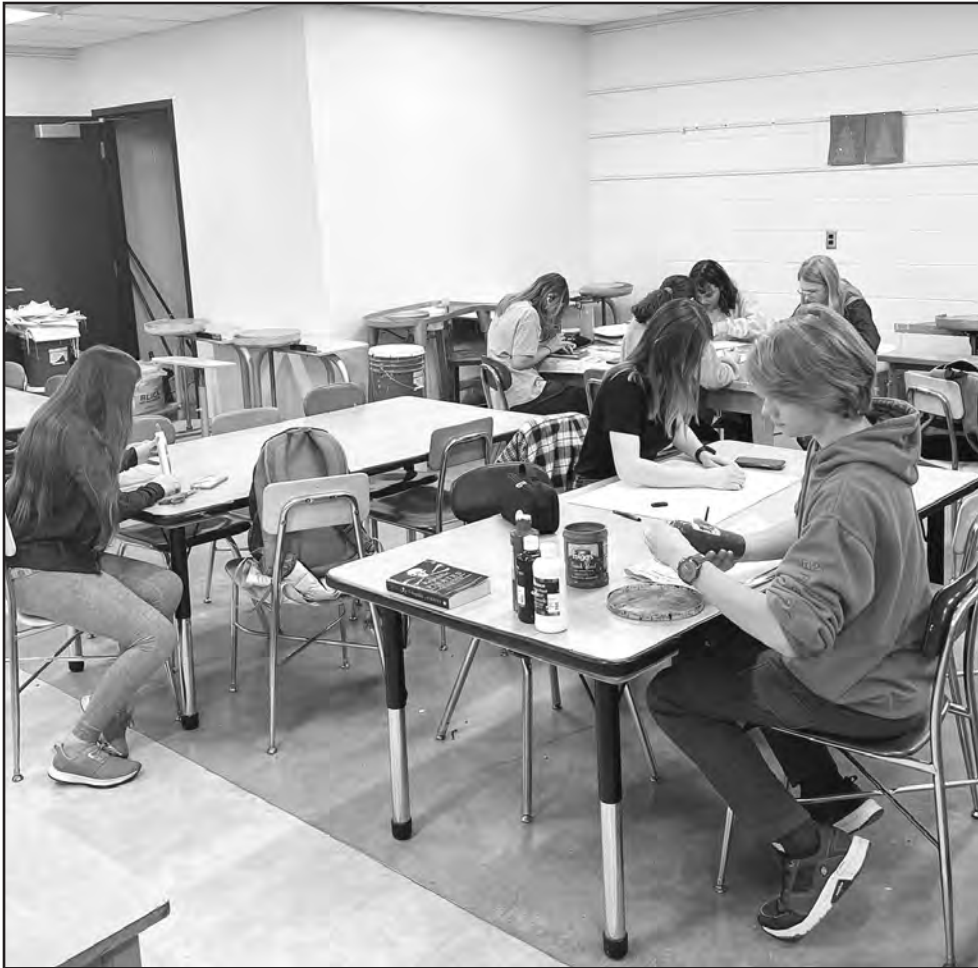
Cannon Falls - Randolph Wrestling hosted Lake City Thursday, January 26. The seniors were honored as well that night.

The dual didn't end the way team hoped but Randolph wrestlers Jonathon Opelt, sophomore put up 6 points with a pin, freshman Tristan Zingler also earned 6 points for the team with a pin, senior Carson Lind battled a tough match and came up short. Team manager, junior, Jocelyn Zingler gave a nice speech recognizing the seniors on team. These Randolph students represented our town well.

CF 36 - LC 40



## After School Art Club



After school Art Club working hard on their projects. We have a lot of talented students here at Randolph! *Courtesy of Randolph School*



The National FFA Organization promotes the growth of tomorrow's agricultural leaders through education.

**We salute Cannon Falls and Randolph FFA members for their dedication to developing leadership skills, confidence and career direction that will help them succeed in their chosen fields.**

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Left to Right: Officers front row: Noah Quigley, Sophia Amy, Katie Radman, Bethany Behrendt, Mahlia Mullenhauer, Kaillie Sorem, Ella Hegland, Grace Hoover. Back: Outreach class.



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## Our Many Partners Helped Us Make 2022 Successful



**Tim Penny**  
So. MN Initiative Foundation

At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) our motto is collaborating for regional vitality, and we do our best to live up to that commitment. In each area of our work – early childhood, entrepreneurship, and community vitality – we are mindful of partners in the state and region with whom we can collaborate to make a difference. Especially at this time of year as we look back at our accomplishments in 2022, we want to express our gratitude to these partners.

In partnership with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, SMIF issued COVID business

recovery grants to over 2,000 businesses in our region, totaling over \$20 million since the onset of the pandemic. For SMIF this was over and above our regular workload, and I am also extremely grateful to our staff who stepped up to make this happen!

In partnership with Renewing the Countryside, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and other organizations, we co-sponsored the ninth annual Feast Local Foods Marketplace on November 5 at the Mayo Civic Center. It was our most successful event ever, with over 90 local food booths (exhibiting products like syrups and sauces, meats and cheeses, wines, brews and more) and roughly 1300 attendees. This event is a great way to highlight and celebrate the growing local foods sector in our region.

In partnership with, and often a referral from, local banks and economic development agencies, SMIF issued a total of 30 loans in fiscal year 2022 amounting to \$1.7 million dollars. In the first few months of fiscal year 2023, we have already added another seven loan clients to that number. We are proud to play a role in supporting new and early-stage businesses in our region.

SMIF also engages in numerous business training activities each year. These include our Prosperity Initiative offering coaching and mentoring to minority and new immigrant entrepreneurs, our Rural Entrepreneur Venture program which assists communities in creating an entrepreneurial culture, our Entrepreneur Bridge event which draws upwards of 75 small businesses each year for informational sessions important to business success, and our Young Entrepreneur com-



petitions focused on encouraging a new generation to start and build a business in our region. Various partners make these efforts possible – including Community Economic Development Associates (CEDA), the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Red Wing Ignites, Collider in Rochester, Region Nine Development Commission, and the South-Central Minnesota Business Development Center in Mankato – as well as several of our region's colleges and universities.

For many years, SMIF has supported early education through grant-making and literacy efforts in our twenty-county region. This past year our reading programs distributed books to over 40 organizations, totaling over 21,000 books. Our book program includes a partnership with many Kiwanis Clubs in the area. All of this great work is made possible due to the generosity of two local publishing companies, Abdo and Capstone, who donate books for this purpose.

Throughout each year, SMIF offers trainings for early childhood providers to help them secure the continuing education credits they need to stay in business and be the best

they can be. In the past year we provided 29 trainings reaching 711 providers! We want to express appreciations to our key partners in this work: Families First, Le Sueur County, Lake Crystal Little Lakers, Mankato Public Schools, Help Me Grow, United Way of Steele County, as well as various trainers.

As of 2022, SMIF is partnering with 31 communities in southern Minnesota by helping them create and maintain community funds. These funds are designed to assist smaller towns in securing tax-deductible donations to build endowments and to invest in local needs. The book “Boomtown USA” cites community funds as one of the keys to small town vitality, and we are pleased to partner with community leaders in this regard.

As you can see, at SMIF we have much to celebrate and many partners to thank.

We look forward to working with our regional partners again in 2023 to continue investing in the vitality of our southern Minnesota region.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at [timp@smi-foundation.org](mailto:timp@smi-foundation.org) or 507-455-3215.

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## Supporting Our Local FFA & Celebrating National FFA Week February 18-25, 2023

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“Local chapters use this as an opportunity to highlight program success, recognize community supporters and amplify the mission of the organization.”

Again this year, more than 700,000 FFA members will spend the week of February

18-25 developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

They will do so in creative and innovative ways. Whether volunteering to clean up the local fairgrounds or throwing a citywide party to celebrate the 1732 birth of our first president, there is no limit to how this week can be recognized.

“It could be hosting a breakfast for teachers, an open house for FFA supporters or bestowing chapter-level degrees. It truly is an opportunity to celebrate all things FFA. As a former member and agricultural educator, FFA Week is something I always looked forward to since it was a way to share my passion for the or-

ganization,” White says. “FFA members should embrace the planning, execution and celebration that occurs with developing activities and events for FFA Week. The skills of teamwork, communication and advocating are ones you will carry with you beyond your FFA experience.”

Keep track of all that is happening by following #FFAWeek on your social channels. Find more about all the resources available at FFA.org/National-FFA-Week.

The organization also wants to Thank Alumni and Supporters!

Whether they wore the blue jacket or simply support an organization they were never a member of, these individuals are celebrated on National FFA Alumni and Supporters Day. Since 1971, alumni and supporters have found ways to significantly contribute to their local chapters.

Jeremy Krerowicz, the past president of the Denmark FFA Alumni in Wisconsin, fondly remembers his time as a member, and he used those experiences as motivation to lead the 2020 Outstanding FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter.

“Our members love to see the students grow,” Krerowicz says. “We love seeing them being recognized at state and national conventions, during their chapter banquet and throughout the community. It shows that we are doing our part. We help them with the

resources they need to get that far.”

In every state in the nation, alumni and supporters chapters work to create environments where people and communities can develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.

They are raising funds to send members to the Washington Leadership Conference, host-

ing students with supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), helping to advocate for their local chapters and more. 2023 marks the 52nd anniversary of the National FFA Alumni Association. Randolph FFA is also fortunate to have an very active alumni as well as great community support.

## Chili Cook Off Contest part of this years Dennison Lions Flake Out Festival Saturday, February 4th

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The club is holding a raffle in conjunction with the days events to raise funds to support Lions Clubs activities and help support other area non-profit entities and those in need that the club donates to and supports throughout the year. A \$500 1st Prize, plus other cash prizes will be given away.

The Annual Lighted Parade will take place at 6:30 PM, and anyone can participate. A Cash Prize will be given to the best float.

Other returning favorites include Euchre at Fireside, beginning at 9 AM with 100% Prize Payout and Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo at City Hall at 3 pm. New this year will be a Chili Cookoff Contest. Cook up your best chili recipe and bring it down to city hall at 11 AM. Tasting and voting will be from 11:30-12:30 with a cash prize for 1st



2022 Flake Out Festival Parade

and 2nd place. If you have any questions, contact Lion President Diane at 612-532-0268.



# Flake Out Festival & Winter Parade

Dennison, MN

## 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	
11:00 AM	\$5.00/entry. Tasters will pay \$5.00 to taste all entries/vote. <b>Bring entry to City Hall (Chili)</b>
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	<b>Tasting / Voting</b>
1:00 PM	<b>Cookoff Winner Announced (1st &amp; 2nd Place Payout)</b>

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 or Heritage Bank in Dennison for \$5.00 for your chance to win!

**Grand Prize - \$500.00 Cash**

**2nd Prize - \$250 Cash      3rd Prize - \$100 Cash**

**Plus Many Additional Prizes from Local Area Businesses**

Raffle Drawing held at 9p.m. at the Fireside Lounge. Need not be present to win. Winner is responsible for any taxes or fees. Complete list of additional prizes available upon request.

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## Sparkly Treasures at Tatge Jewelry

By Cheri Roshon

Larry Tatge started his first jewelry store in Kenyon in 1975. The previous owner was ready to retire, and asked Larry if he would be interested in purchasing it, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Over the years, Larry's business grew to include not only jewelry sales, but also ring sizing and solder repair, engraving, trophies and awards.

In 1994, he decided to branch out to a new location in Zumbrota. He gave himself a goal of 10 years of doing business there, and again found success. After the 10 year mark passed, he made the decision to cut back a little on the travel between the 2 businesses, close the Zumbrota store and focus on the original Kenyon store. "I keep busy with all the customers I've served since 1975, no matter where they live", says Tatge.

Larry is grateful for all his customers over the years, and says he wouldn't be here without them. He enjoys the work he does, and doesn't see any reason to stop. His customers are not only loyal, but most of them have become friends. Not only a business man, he has also served in many positions in the community, even serving as Grand Marshall in the

2021 Rose Fest. He loves Kenyon, and can't imagine living anywhere else.

Tatge Jewelry has jewelry for all occasions at very reasonable prices, watches, and one of the only engraving businesses in the area. He makes plaques and awards for all occasions, for sports teams and schools, and for businesses all over the area. "Since Covid started, I sell more plaques than the traditional trophies, since many teams have disbanded for the time being." Larry commented as I was looking through his vast collection of all things engravable. To see his inventory of different designs, log onto his website at [Tatgejewelry.com](http://Tatgejewelry.com).

And the clocks! This article wouldn't be complete without mentioning the clocks! What a collection he has! Big clocks, small clocks, Grandfather clocks and Cuckoo clocks. Beautiful in design, and possibly the perfect gift for that hard to please person on your shopping list.

Be sure to stop by and see this amazing store and if you haven't already met Larry, you are in for a treat!



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## Grants Available to Provide Access to Healthy Food

*Good Food Access Program Grant applications due by March 16, 2023*

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the

2023 Good Food Access Program (GFAP) grants to increase availability and access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate foods to underserved communities.

The GFAP Equipment and Physical Improvement Grant helps grocery stores and small food retailers purchase equipment or make physical improvements that will allow them to stock more fresh foods. Potential projects may include the purchase and installation costs of shelving, coolers, and freezers, as well as mobile food trucks, permanent infrastructure at farmers' markets, or architectural work.

A total of \$320,750 is available for this year's round of GFAP Equipment and Physical Improvement Grants, and the MDA anticipates awarding between 10 and 18 grants of up to \$50,000 each. A cash match is not required, and up to 50% of the award may be requested in advance. Multi-site proposals are encouraged.

The GFAP Technical Assistance Grant is available to help nonprofit organizations and public agencies provide appropriate technical assistance — including guidance and resources on topics such as business planning, financing, marketing, food procurement and distribution, handling and merchandising fresh foods, and more — to eligible food retailers, such as grocery stores, corner stores, and farmers' markets.

The MDA will award up to \$100,000 in this round of GFAP Technical Assistance Grants. Applicants may request between \$5,000 and \$50,000, and the grants can cover up to 75% of project costs.

Awards for both grants must be used to support projects that are located in or serve census-designated food deserts or low- to moderate-income communities with limited access to supermarkets.

All grant applications are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

For more information, including a list of eligibility requirements, visit the GFAP Equipment and Physical Improvement Grant and the GFAP Technical Assistance Grant webpages.

## MDA Now Accepting Applications for Noxious Weed/Invasive Plant Grants

*Counties, municipalities, tribal governments, and weed management entities apply for grants by March 31*

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is now accepting applications for the 2023 Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant. Counties, municipalities, tribal governments, and weed management entities (including weed management areas) may apply for grants to mitigate noxious weeds around the state. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must spend grant funds by June 30, 2023.

Since 2018, the MDA's Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant has awarded over \$1.3 million to fund a variety of activities such as purchasing equipment and supplies, conducting mapping and outreach activities, and hir-

ing private applicators to manage noxious weeds. The MDA has awarded 119 grants, averaging \$9,000.

Review the application requirements and find the application on the MDA website. Applications are due no later than 3 p.m. on March 31, 2023. Questions can be directed to Emilie Justen, MDA Noxious Weed Law Coordinator, at [Emilie.Justen@state.mn.us](mailto:Emilie.Justen@state.mn.us).

The grant program is funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

## Updated Minnesota Groundwater Protection Rule Map Now Available


*MDA encourages farmers to access the map*

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has issued an updated map that will help farmers across the state comply with the Groundwater Protection Rule. The rule restricts fall application of nitrogen fertilizer in areas vulnerable to contamination, and it outlines steps to reduce the severity of contamination in areas where nitrate is already elevated in public water supply wells.


The MDA has made changes to the Fall Nitrogen Fertilizer Application Restrictions map which is accessible on the MDA website. There have been changes to the Drink-

ing Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA). One DWSMA was removed and two DWSMAs had boundary changes. Additional information on the fall application restrictions and exceptions to the restrictions can be found on the MDA's website.

The restriction of fall application of nitrogen fertilizer on these acres will begin September 1, 2023. Farmers are encouraged to check the new map prior to the fall of 2023 to determine if their fields are subject to these restrictions.



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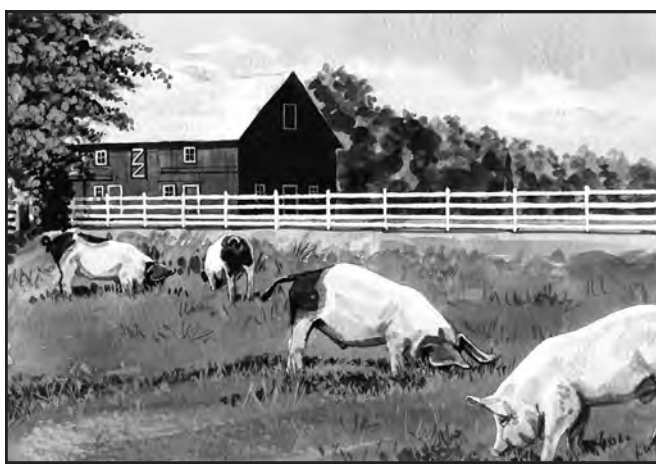

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## Minnesota-specific Dicamba Herbicide Restriction to Remain in Place for 2023 State Restrictions Add Date and Temperature Restrictions

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) announced that state-specific use restrictions for three dicamba herbicide products will remain the same for the 2023 growing season in Minnesota. The restrictions are aimed at curbing off-site movement of the products.

The affected dicamba formulations are Engenia by BASF, Tavium by Syngenta, and XtendiMax by Bayer. These are the only dicamba products labeled for use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans.

The three products are registered for use in Minnesota in 2023 with the following restrictions:

**DATE CUTOFF:** No application shall be made south of Interstate 94 after June 12, 2023. North of Interstate 94, use is prohibited after June 30, 2023.

**TEMPERATURE CUTOFF:** No application shall be made if the air temperature of the field at the time of application is over 85 degrees Fahrenheit or if the National Weather Service's forecasted high temperature for the nearest available location for the day exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Users can download these restrictions from the product manufacturer's website, and they must be in the user's possession during application.

"These restrictions mirror what we did in 2022 when we saw a major decrease in complaints of off-target movement from the previous year," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "These products must be used without impacts on neighboring homes, farms, and gardens. The Minnesota-specific restrictions are based on scientific evidence from our drift investigations and discussions with the University of Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Soybean Growers Drift Taskforce."

During the 2022 growing season, the MDA received 25 formal complaints and eight responses to an informal survey, all alleging off-target movement. This was a major decrease from 2021 which saw a total of 304 formal complaints and survey responses.

Other federal requirements for the products that appear on the product labels include:

Requiring an approved pH-buffering agent, also known as a volatility reducing agent, be tank mixed with dicamba products prior to all applications

Requiring a downwind buffer of 240 feet

and 310 feet in areas where listed endangered species are located

Additional recordkeeping items

In addition to the cutoff date, Xtendimax and Tavium have crop growth stage cutoffs.

Since dicamba was first registered for use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans in the 2017 growing season, the MDA has fielded complaints each year of alleged off-site movement onto neighboring property. The chemical is highly volatile and can damage non-target plant species through spray drift and/or volatilization. Volatility is influenced by several factors including temperature, relative humidity, rate of application, and crop

stage. The annual totals of complaints were:

2022: 32 reports

2021: 304

2020: 128

2019: 20

2018: 51

2017: 249

In Minnesota, Engenia, Tavium, and XtendiMax formulations of dicamba are approved for use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans only and are "Restricted Use Pesticides." The dicamba products are only for retail sale to and use by certified applicators.

Pesticide product registrations are renewed on an annual basis in Minnesota.



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## Less Wrinkles and Healthy Skin



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Are you worried about getting wrinkles or sagging skin? Are your joints achy and sore? If so, it's time to look into collagen. Collagen is the body's most abundant protein. Its job is to hold together tissues in the body and allow them to stretch and spring back and forth. Collagen is found in the connective tissues of the body such as muscles, bones and tendons. Collagen is also in our blood vessels and digestive systems. Collagen contains an ingredient that plays a role in skin health and repair. Collagen has been shown to increase skin suppleness and prevent wrinkles. A systematic review of 11 peer-re-

viewed collagen studies found that oral collagen supplements were beneficial for the skin and wound healing. Other benefits of collagen were reducing joint pain and stiffness, improving blood pressure and cardiovascular damage, strengthening bones and improving osteoporosis and lastly, helping with glucose (sugar) tolerance which is a benefit to type II diabetics.

Collagen is a compound of essential amino acids and cannot be produced by the body. The only way to get collagen in the body is through diet. In the old days, traditional diets of chicken and beef bone broth provided collagen to our daily diet. Making your own bone broth from the bones of organic grass fed or pastured animals is one of the best and inexpensive ways to get healthy collagen into your diet. If you've ever made homemade bone broth, you'll find it forms a layer of gelatin at the top when it cools. That's the colla-

gen from the bones and cartilage that has turned into gelatin, a formidable superfood. The other way to get collagen in your daily diet is through organic collagen supplements. "Tests of collagen supplements that were non-organic revealed the presence of contaminants that included: antibiotics, drugs and endocrine disruptors that will affect hormone function and increase your cancer risk." So, to avoid contaminants, you'd be wise to read labels thoroughly to make sure that what you choose is 100% organic.

Hyaluronic acid, an important compound for collagen in the skin and can be found in bone broth, organ meats and root vegetables, or taken as a supplement. Hyaluronic acid has been shown to improve skin moisture and suppleness and reduce wrinkles when added to the diet. In addition to alleviating joint discomfort, hyaluronic acid supplement is es-

sential for maintaining moisture which benefits the skin, eyes, and mucosal tissue. Provide support for joint lubrication and bone strength for optimal comfort.

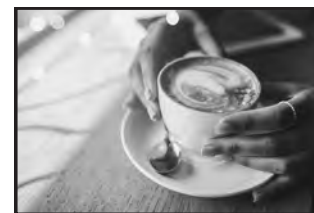
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## A New Year Brings Change



By Harvey Mackay

A new year often brings new beginnings. I was intrigued to discover how one company used a novel way to motivate employees to think about new ways of doing things.

Here is the approach practiced by Chiyoji Misawa, who founded the largest home builder in Japan, Misawa Homes, more than 50 years ago. He "died" at least once every decade to arrest the momentum of out-of-date assumptions and policies. He sent a memo to his company that formally announced "the death of your president."

According to Robert H. Waterman, Jr. in his book, "The Renewal Factor," this was Misawa's way of forcing the whole company to rethink everything. When employees resist change because they are used to the old way of doing things, Misawa declared: "That was

the way things were done under Mr. Misawa. He is now dead. Now, how shall we proceed?"

I was particularly interested in this novel idea because so often the resistance to major changes starts at the top. As the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

But that thinking doesn't apply to improvements. Simply because things are sailing along, assuming that the winds won't change is dangerous business. When I went into the envelope manufacturing business decades ago, the notion of email and the internet were science fiction. Yet it became one of the biggest challenges that an envelope manufacturer could face.

Being a great leader is not always about becoming an expert at everything – it's really about knowing where to find knowledge and expertise when you need it. That's where Misawa's genius was most evident: knowing how to solicit input and gain perspective from his own connections.

In turn, he encouraged his work force to learn how others approach new markets, re-vamp processes and resolve problems. Giving his employees the opportunity to offer their suggestions served several purposes: acknowledging their value to the company, encouraging them to think ahead, and teaching them not to be afraid of change.

Change is inevitable, and those who embrace it are more likely to have staying power as each new year rings in.

New Year's resolutions tend to focus on areas that we know need a change. Make those resolutions too general or too sweep-

ing, and chances are they will be your resolutions year after year. Alan C. Freitas, president of Priority Management, recommends that you write resolutions/goals that are SMART:

**Specific** – Precisely what you want to achieve, and by when.

**Measurable** – What a successful outcome looks like.

**Attainable** – Challenging, but achievable.

**Relevant** – Address areas of your work and life that are really important to you.

**Trackable** – How you're going to gauge your progress.

Getting into the right mindset to make changes, large or small, takes some motivation.

Figure out why you want to achieve the goal. Make a list of all the ways you will benefit from achieving it. Whether it's a personal goal, like finishing a degree, or a professional change, such as breaking into a new market, you need to understand why it will be worth it to make a change.

Then analyze exactly where you are now in reaching that goal: the strengths that will help you, the weaknesses that could hurt you, and the opportunities you can use to attain what you want.

Next, you must determine what you'll need to invest to achieve your goal. Whether it's time, money, or something else, know what reaching this goal could "cost" you. Is it worth it? If it's important enough to you, sacrifices will pay off in the end. Just make sure that you have an end in sight!



Do your research. You may need to master new abilities to fulfill your resolution. Will you need to take classes to learn a new skill? What kind of information do you need access to? Are you willing to carve out the time it will require? You don't want to start something that you are not committed to finishing.

Look for support from family, friends, co-workers, managers or organizations that can help you. The more people who you share your resolutions or goals with, the more likely you will be to follow through.

You will have more success if you set deadlines for achieving your goals and resolutions. List specific dates on which you want to complete the various steps of the plan.

Finally, resolve to make it a happy new year!

**Mackay's Moral: You don't have to "die" like Misawa to bring your dreams to life.**

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## City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting December 14, 2022

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appelgren.

### Roll Call

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

### Public Comments

A citizen asked if we are considering anything regarding winter parking while we are working on our new ordinances. They were told yes we did discuss it.

It was also asked if we can make sure to post the agenda and prior minutes on the website.

It was also asked if once there are sidewalks along 292nd street are citizens going to be responsible for snow removal? They were told that we will be discussing this in the future.

### Minutes

A motion to approve the November 9, 2022 regular council meeting minutes was made by Podritz, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Approval of Treasurer Report

We had some in/out for the fire department. We received a deposit from Dakota County for real estate taxes. It was asked what our current rates are on our CD's. Sandy will check with Merchants what we are currently getting on them and we will discuss at our next meeting. It was also asked if she had heard anything regarding the fraudulent check, which she has not heard anything but will check on it.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Carlock, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Approval to Pay Bills

We had a discussion regarding how much money is left in the bond to pay for the land. There should be enough money to pay for the land. We also received Bryce's hours for the months of February – November.

Motion to approve the payment of bills as presented including the \$760.00 payment to Dakota County Abstract & Title and contingent on the approval of the ordinance for the payment to the land owners for \$5,000 was made by Podritz and seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Old Business

#### Wellhead Protection Plan

Clerk Haro asked if anyone had any questions regarding the plan. It was asked if the public had seen it and it was indicated it was supposed to have been put on the website. Carlock asked for a physical copy. She will get a hard copy for him.

Motion to approve the wellhead protection plan was made by Haro, seconded by Appelgren. Voting in favor, Podritz, Haro and Appelgren, opposed Carlock, motion passed 3:1.

### New Business

#### Clerk's Salary

Discussion on what other cities and township pay the clerk and it was noted that it ran about \$1,000 a month. It was asked how many hours are invested in a week/month. Approximately 10/20 hours a week with at least 40 hours a month. It varies from month

to month depending on the reports that are due. It was noted that \$900 would average about \$15 an hour.

Motion to increase the salary for the clerk from \$579 to \$900 per month, starting in January 2023 made by Carlock, seconded Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 3:0 with Haro abstaining from the vote.

### Budget/Final Levy for 2023

Discussed if we needed to change the wages and salaries budget but we are okay with the amount that is listed.

After review, Appelgren made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-11 setting the 2023 preliminary levy at \$172,842 and the debt levy at \$4,279, seconded by Podritz.

Voting in favor, Podritz, Haro and Appelgren, opposed Carlock, motion passed 3:1.

### Polling Place Designation

Clerk Haro noted that we need to pass a resolution every year designating the polling places for elections.

Clerk Haro made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-02 designating the Randolph City Hall as the polling place for 2023, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Resolution for Payment for Access to Property for Geo-Tech Investigation

The landowner requested the payment and our legal counsel believes it is a fair deal and we should consider it. It was asked if this is common practice and Matt indicated that yes landowners can request payment. It was also noted that Minnesota Statutes indicates that we need to pay for any damages. Matt also noted that the Geo-Tech testing is required for this project to satisfy the MPCA. It was asked if this is our best course of action and it was indicated that it was. Matt is checking if this amount can be reimbursed to us.

Motion by Podritz to approve Resolution No. 22-16 Authorizing Payment for Entry to Property for Geotech Investigation for Sanitary Sewer Project, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 3:0 with Appelgren abstaining from the vote.

### Randolph Historical Society

Wade Murray indicated that he talked to the building inspector and he has the permit to pay the fee and indicated the only issue was the handicap parking. It was indicated it's not an issue it was only a suggestion. Mark indicated there is a requirement under ADA guidelines that he has to have a handicap parking spot. It just needs to be marked and the path needs to be ADA compliant. It has to be an assigned handicap spot. He suggested that it be on the property and not on the street.

Wade noted that they have a one year moratorium from Dakota County for their septic as they do plan to hook up to city sewer when it is available.

Wade also wanted it noted that the bar contacted them to purchase some land from the Historical Society and he's not planning to sell at this point but wants to keep the options open. He has made no commitments to sell any land at this point. They need to get their building up first and then determine what's next. They have to get their certificate of completion by January of next year.

He noted that the curb stop is in the alley way and was told that it can stay in the same place unless he wants it moved. It was noted

that there is no water hook up fee for them since it was already paid once. He will have to pay for a new meter.

The permit will be \$4,609.86 and he will pay the permit tonight. He said he would like to get the permit tonight and Mark indicated that he was good with it except the corners need to be marked so he can do the setbacks before they start digging. It was noted that the surveyor can put the stakes in.

Appelgren made a motion to approve the Randolph Historical Society building permit, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

### Sewer Update

Matt from Bolton & Menk talked about the open house prior to tonight's council meeting regarding the Dakota County Road 88 project. Joe Connelly discussed the feedback they received regarding the three lane road and parking along the road. He discussed the revised plan going back to two lanes in the commercial area so that parking will remain along the road which he estimates 40 parking spots from the railroad tracks to the school. They will take the feedback they received at the open house and revise the plans. Their goal is to get to a 60% plan very soon. The revisions include pedestrian crossings and turn lanes. It was asked about maintenance for the sidewalks. He indicated that snow removal, weed control, etc. would fall on the city but Dakota County will maintain replacement if needed. He indicated that the next thing is to get the appraisals done on the properties affected along the project which it around 52 properties. The plan is to post bids in February and

start construction in May-June of 2023. They are working on what areas go 1st and what areas go 2nd. After the bidding process, there will be another open house around April regarding "What to Expect During Construction". Bolton & Menk also asked if you have an event planned during 2023 such as a graduation party to let them know so that they know sooner rather than later for planning purposes.

### Miscellaneous

Sarah asked about locates and flushing hydrants as this is Bob's last meeting and asked what we are going to do about them. Bryce is the person responsible for them but Bob indicated that he talked with Bryce and he is discussing hiring Bob to do these things. Bob will talk further with Bryce regarding these items.

This is Bob's last full meeting so he was thanked for his service to the City.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Haro, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Haro

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## Hampton City Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2022

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for a special meeting and the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, Anthony Verch (arrived at 6:52), and Nick Russell. Also present was Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk; and Chris Meyer, City Treasurer.

**Public Hearing Called to Order** – The purpose of the public hearing was to do a final review of the city budget for the year 2023 and the final 2022 tax levy, collectible in 2023. Mayor Knetter called the public hearing to order at 6:34 pm. There were no members of the public in attendance.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Flodeen seconded by Russell to close the public hearing. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The public hearing closed at 6:54 p.m.

**Regular Meeting called to Order** - Mayor Knetter called the Regular Scheduled Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell.

**Disclosure of Interest** – None

**Approval of November 15, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes** – Motion by Russell seconded by Flodeen to approve the November 15, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Approval of Disbursements** – Motion by

Russell seconded by Flodeen to approve the December disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

Mayor Knetter acknowledged a Dakota County Deputy in attendance at the meeting and asked if he had anything to report. The deputy stated that he didn't have a specific report and wondered if Council had any concerns. Council members responded that they had nothing at this time. The Deputy mentioned that law enforcement was in the City frequently, and to call as issues arise. Mayor Knetter responded that he feels the law enforcement presence is a benefit to the City, and thanked the Deputy for his service.

### Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

**Set Time for Special Meeting in January to Discuss Resolution 2023-01 Setting Salaries/Fees** – Mayor Knetter asked Council members if they felt that 30 minutes would be a sufficient amount of time for the discussion. All agreed that 30 minutes should be enough. The Special Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

**Message from Catherine Courtney of Taft Law Firm and Kathy Youngquist of Cassia regarding Praha Village Project (informational only)** – Mayor Knetter referred to emails from Courtney and Youngquist thanking the Council for their support of the project.

### Ordinances and Resolutions:

**Resolution 2022-16 – Adopting the Final 2022 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2023** – Motion by Flodeen seconded by Verch to adopt the final 2022 tax levy, collectible in 2023, in

the amount of \$321,791. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Resolution 2022-17 – Designating the Official Polling Place for 2023 Elections in the City of Hampton** - Motion by Verch seconded by Flodeen to approve designating Hampton City Hall as the official polling place for 2023 elections in the City of Hampton. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

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

**Engineer Report** – Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk updated Council on the Water Street lift station back-up generator project. The deadline for contractors to submit quotes for the project is on Thursday of this week. Quotes will be brought to the January City Council meeting for review. The timeline for the remainder of the project is that the generator will be ordered, and confirmation of the order will be provided to the City by March 1, 2023; site improvements will be substantially completed by December 31, 2023; and final completion of the project, including delivery, installation, turf restoration, and final cleanup, will be done by July 1, 2024.

**Water / Sewer Report** – Mayor Knetter reported that there were problems with the #2 well pump. The pump wasn't starting—called to have it repaired, and it was repaired the next day. There was nothing to report regarding sewer issues.

**Park Report** – Councilor Russell said he is hoping to have ice on the rink on the 20th. Maintenance of the ice will be done by himself and Tim Quast.

**Street Report** – Mayor Knetter stated that he feels that water is running well off the streets after street improvements were done earlier this fall. He asked Brad Fisher his opinion, and Fisher agreed.

**Old Business** – None  
**New Business:**

**Approve Final 2023 Budget** – Motion was made by Russell second by Verch to approve the final 2023 budget. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**CD Purchase Update – Chris Meyer** – Meyer provided an annual update on City investments. The City does not currently have any investments in CD's in its portfolio. Rather, excess funds are invested in a Diamond Money Market account, which is an insured cash sweep account. While CD rates are beginning to rise, in order to receive a rate of return that is greater than what the City is currently receiving on its Diamond Money Market account, funds would need to be invested for longer periods of time, taking away the liquidity the City has with its current investments. Meyer's recommendation is to continue investing funds into the Diamond Money Market ICS account.

**Debt Service Transfers – Chris Meyer** – Meyer referred to the memo included in Council meeting packets detailing the transfers that need to be made in December in order for the city to make bond payments that are due February 1, 2023. He stated that he didn't think it was necessary to go through each individual transfer, but would be happy to answer any questions Council had. Motion by Knetter seconded by Verch to approve the transfers as indicated in Meyers' memo. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Flodeen seconded by Verch to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy O'Brien

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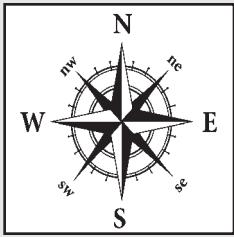
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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes 2022 Was the Year for New Appliances



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.*

It started out with the big stainless steel refrigerator in the farm house in Minnesota this summer. It was huge and over ten years old. I remember I had to remove the doors to get it in the house. Not just the handles, but both doors. The front door of the house came off the hinges and the refrigerator and freezer doors came off to make it in the house. The refrigerator had started making a clicking sound. More like a whap. Every ten seconds. "Whap". I knew what it was. There is a gear that opens the little door which brings cold air from the freezer to the refrigerator. It would open the door and then it would snap back shut. I explained it to my wife in technical terms. That didn't help. I related what a massive job it had been to get it in the house. It would be the same amount of work to take it out. That didn't help either. So, we compromised and I agreed on a smaller unit. I promised we would get a new one soon.

Then one morning the washer didn't spin the water out of the clothes on the last cycle. It had been acting up as well. My wife would say there was a helicopter going over the house quite low. I again had the technical answer ready. "No dear, it is the washer in the basement doing the spin cycle dance." So, a trip to the appliance store one Sunday afternoon took a \$2,500 hole out of the checkbook and we had a new fridge and washer. But I forgot one thing. Washers and dryers

mate for life. One week later the dryer quite drying. So, a matching Amana dryer came back home from the appliance store as well.

In late September I headed back down to Tennessee. I had to finish the lake house by fall so we could move in when we returned for the winter. I was prepared. We made a trip to Lowes in Owatonna and I had my wife pick out the kitchen appliances. Brand, size style, color, every option was decided on. I had the model number for each written down and I would go to the local Lowes in Tennessee and order the whole kitchen in one visit. No confusion or decision on my part. The matching fridge, range, dishwasher and rangehood microwave would be ordered and delivered right to our kitchen when ready.

The people who bought our old house in Tennessee didn't want our washer and dryer set. The appliances were only a few years old, and I would rather not move them. We had already moved four bedrooms of furniture into a storage unit since the new house was not finished. I was done with moving furniture. I had a house to finish. But since the plumbing and the ceramic tile floor in the new laundry room was already finished, I loaded them up and hauled them too. Well at least I wouldn't have to buy a washer and dryer, I told myself.

So, a week before I had the kitchen complete, I went to Lowes and presented the list to the young man there. Four appliances in one sale. No shopping, no discussion, just write it up, take my money and deliver them on time. The big Lowes truck would bring them to the front door and the strong young men would carry them into the house and life was good.

I had been working on the new house for a couple weeks and had laundry to do. So, I fired up the washer and threw in my work clothes. When I returned to put them in the dryer I discovered a load of wet, soggy heavy laundry. I ran them through again only to get the same result. The final spin cycle was not working. Irritated I chucked them in the dryer. When I opened the dryer to check on them, the machine kept on running. The switch on the door was broke. I was mad. Why did I move a washer/dryer set only to have both malfunction. I did the only logical thing left. I took the hand cart, wheeled the offending pair out the door and onto the trailer for their last trip to the scrap yard. Then I went back to Lowes and ordered a new Amana washer and dryer set. It arrived with the rest of the kitchen appliances.

## A Minnesotan: New Years



By RosaLin Alcoser

When my sister and I were young children our parents use to do that thing parents do where they tell the kids it's New Years and put you to bed before midnight, but it's really just New Year's in New York not where you are.

We would stay up late and watch the ball drop at midnight in Times Square on the TV. Yell 'YAY! It's New Year's!' then promptly be taken off to bed; which we were already ready for.

In reality we only stayed up till about 11 PM. Don't get me wrong, 11 PM is still

pretty late when you're a little kid or if you're like me and choose to get up at 5 AM on a daily basis.

This worked for them until my sister was 9 years old and I was 4 years old.

The reason it worked for my parents that long is because my sister never bothered to look at the clock in the house to see that it was not midnight where we were. She was too caught up in the excitement of what was happening on the TV.

However, that year I had learned about how time works and went to check the clock; using the analog clock because it was 2001. I then proceeded to ruin everything for our parents by pointing out that it was not midnight where we were and that we were being tricked into thinking it was the next year when it wasn't. It was the next year somewhere else.

After that we got to stay up till midnight CST instead of being tricked into going to bed an hour before the new year.

Now that I'm an adult I understand why my parents did this. After all 2022 I stayed up till midnight then immediately went to bed at 12:01 AM. While I am writing this at the end of 2022 I feel this is also how I will see 2023 as well.



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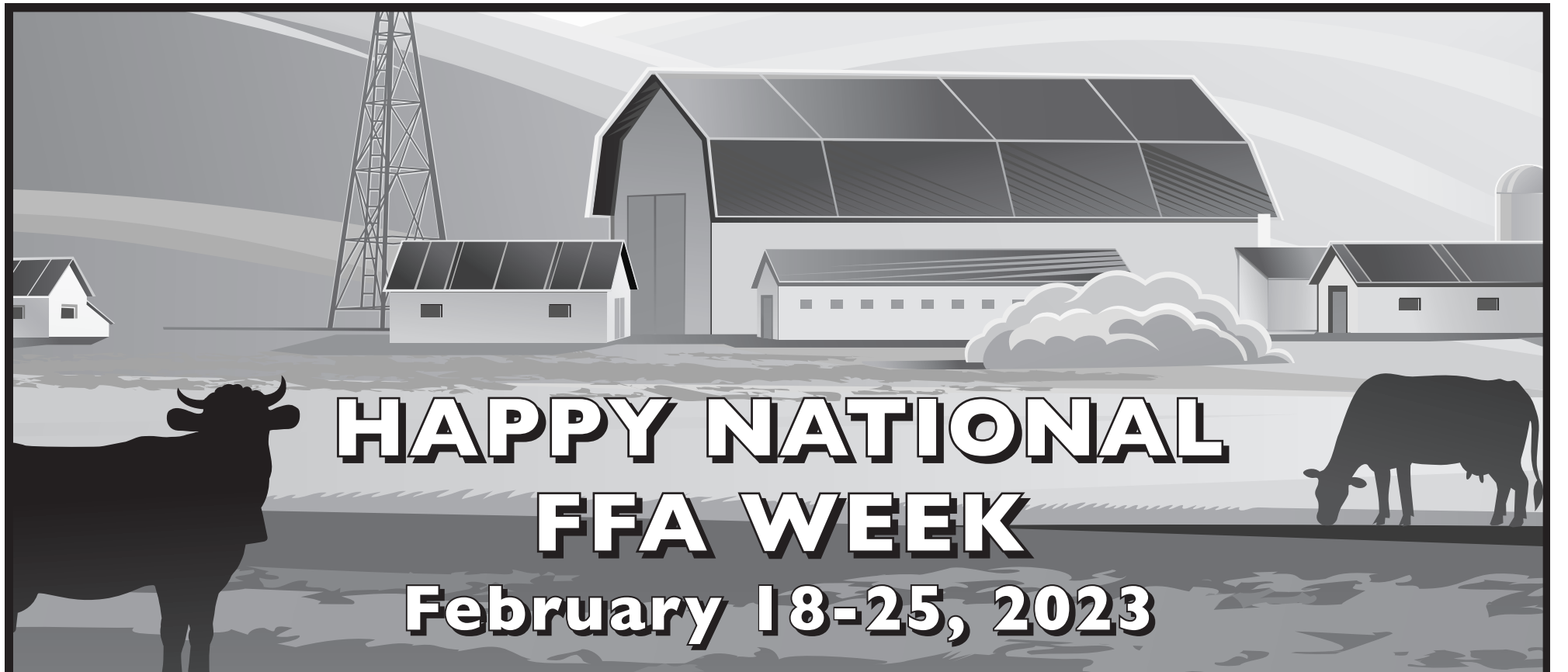
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