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Surrounded by their 'sea of orange,' experienced Randolph seeking state softball title

Courtesy of Rochester Post Bulletin
RANDOLPH — It's not difficult to find the Randolph softball supporters, even in the zoo that is Caswell Park at state tournament time.

For starters, the number stands out. One would think the whole town was there as they fill the stands and sprawl out down one of the baselines. And they all wear bright, neon-like orange and make a world of difference.

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Randolph Area Historical Society Building Construction Progresses

The Randolph Area Historical Society began the construction on their new building in Randolph with the walls and roof going up.

Here is the April update from Wade Murray on the project.

The Randolph Area Historical Society (RAHS) is a small historical society in Randolph, MN established in August of 2000 that is dedicated to preserving our local his-

tory. We represent the following townships in Dakota and Goodhue County: Randolph, Stanton, Waterford, Castle Rock, Hampton and New Trier. The RAHS is a 501c3 registered with the IRS & Secretary of State.

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Construction progresses on the new Randolph Historical Society building.

(Staff Photo May 23, 2023)



Randolph Class of 2023 Community Service Day



Thank you to Randolph Class of 2023 and their advisors Rich Qualey and Sara Wagner. For their community service day they hauled and spread 5 pallets of rubber mulch at Fireman's Park. *Courtesy of Randolph MN Facebook Community Page*

Katie Radman Wins MFBF FFA Discussion Meet

EAGAN, Minn. — Katie Radman of the Randolph FFA chapter is the winner of the Minnesota State FFA Discussion Meet, sponsored by the MFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee and Minnesota Farm Bureau Foundation.



For winning the competition, Radman received a plaque presented by MFBF Leadership Coordinator Rachael Peterson, and a scholarship to either attend the National FFA Washington D.C. Leadership Conference or to use to further her education.

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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.

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Come to the Table

Excuses- we've all heard some remarkable ones over the years- especially if you are in any type of position of authority. We have excuses for being late, for losing homework, for forgetting birthdays, for most everything! I'm not sure if it would be teachers or insurance companies who have heard the most creative excuses- but here is a list compiled by Readers Digest from actual insurance company reports: 10 Bizarre Excuses for a car accident:

- "I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment."
- "The other car collided with mine without giving me warning of its intention."
- "I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him."
- "Going to work at 7:00 this morning I drove out of my driveway straight into a bus. The bus was 5 minutes early."
- "My car was legally parked as it backed into another vehicle."
- "I didn't think the speed limit applied after midnight."
- "Windshield broken. Cause unknown. Probably voodoo."
- "I started to slow down, but the traffic was more stationary than I thought."

• "I knew the dog was possessive about the car, but I would not have asked her to drive it if I thought there was any risk."

• "No one was to blame for the accident, but it would never have happened if the other driver had been alert."

We laugh at these excuses! Sadly, many of us are guilty of having excuses for things that we don't want to do, places or people we don't want to see, and we even have excuses for our lack of growth in our faith. So many excuses—so little time to use them all.

Jesus knew all the excuses. Of course, the excuses used in the 1st century are a bit different than those used today- but people have had excuses for their lack of commitment to God since the beginning. Jesus is teaching the crowds in Luke 14, and he shares a parable addressing some of those excuses and their implications to one's faith and future. Luke 14:15-21

The people of Israel – the Jewish people had ALL been invited to the great banquet. The master of this banquet wanted to have a huge feast and to have all the places at the table full. He had enough for all those invited.

The servant goes out and lets those that were invited know it's time. But instead of grabbing their coats, or their dates, they give lame excuses. Not even creative or good excuses. The first person says, I bought some land- and I need to look at it. Crazy! Even if he had bought some land- he had probably already looked at it before he purchased it and if he hadn't... that land would have still been in the same place the next day- but this guy just wasn't interested- 'I have more important things to do than go to your banquet. I have my own plans, my own way to live and I'm comfortable just staying put.'

The second guy had just bought some oxen- he had bought 10 oxen and hadn't tried them out... not a very smart farmer! If you are buying animals to work together in your fields- you would make sure they could work in a yoke together before you pur-

chased them. Again, another flimsy excuse that even the servant of the Master saw through. Again, the lure of the things of this life are far more important than God's call to the people of Israel. They are comfortable and they like the way things are- they have no interest in attending the banquet that the man had prepared for them.

Lastly there was a guest whose excuse was that he was recently married and couldn't come. I'm sure that his wife would have joined him in this great feast! But again, this banquet didn't interest him. He had better, more important things to do- or so he thought.

The guests- the people of Israel were very comfortable the way they were. They had no desire to change. Jesus said- I'm here and the feast is ready! But when Jesus came, they rejected Him. They ignored Him, they persecuted Him. They would only attend this banquet on their own terms or not at all. Their possessions and position were more important than answering the call to come to supper.

Are we guilty of putting our plans and our timeline ahead of God's plans for us? When Jesus says, come aside and let's eat- do we say, 'just a minute- I've got to finish this?' Do we put off our faith for a more convenient time? Do we begin to make excuses to why we can't possibly be expected to come right now!

When the servant returns and tells the man putting on the banquet- they guy is ANGRY!!! He has all this food, all this stuff prepared, and no one is coming. Well, forget those guys... instead go out and invite everyone you see! Invite those people that are the less fortunate, the forgotten, the 'unclean' and unimportant in the eyes of the Pharisees and religious leaders. The master is not satisfied with a partially full banquet hall; he wants every place at the table to be filled.

The servant went out even farther- find anyone you can to come and join the dinner-

there is room for anyone that accepts the invitation to come and partake of the banquet. The new guests can hardly believe that they have been included! They accept the invitation and fill the banquet table. This is where we come in- this is referred to as the 'calling of the gentiles- and the church is full of them!!!

Many come to the banquet- AND there is still room!!!

- The meal is prepared for those that are thankful to be invited.
- The poor and humble are welcome.
- The least likely often benefit the most.
- We- the servants- must be quick and persistent to invite all that we can
- There is still room for more!
- One day Christ's house will be filled! "God isn't willing that any should perish," 2 Peter 3:9. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," Romans 10:13.

We are to go and tell. The followers of Jesus are the servants that are to invite those along the road- everyone, everywhere- to this great banquet.

The Table is ready- and you have an invitation- are you coming?



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— Romans 1:16

Paul was preparing to visit Rome, the capital of the empire. He was on his way to Jerusalem to bring the poverty-stricken people there a generous gift. From Corinth he wrote his most robust letter, which we now call the book of Romans—and already here in the prologue, he has made a most audacious statement: "I am not ashamed of the gospel. . . ." Paul felt indebted to the gospel—the good news of Jesus. He was ready to preach the gospel, and he was not ashamed of it.


Paul was not ashamed of the gospel even though he was arrested and flogged and stoned nearly to death because of it. Paul was not ashamed because the gospel is "the power of God that brings salvation to every one who believes" in Christ as Lord and Savior. The gospel is God's power for salvation. And this power is available for all who believe. It doesn't matter what people or nation they come from. What matters is that they believe.

The door of salvation is open in Christ. Behold the power of the gospel!
Lord, thank for giving us the gospel, the good news of Jesus, with its power for all who believe. Thank you for your grace and mercy in sending Jesus so that we can be saved to new life in you. May we live by faith in you, knowing that we never need to be ashamed because of you. In Jesus, Amen.

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Gary D. Anderson

Gary D. Anderson, age 82, of Randolph, died Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at his niece's home in Hastings.



Gary Duane Anderson was born on June 1, 1940, in Pumpkin Hollow, the son of Douglas and Irene (Kolstad) Anderson. He grew up in Randolph and went to country school in High Prairie. The family moved to Randolph and then to Centura, Wisconsin. At the age of 16, Gary left school to become a mink rancher and a farmer. He retired around twenty years ago. Gary enjoyed going to auctions, estate sales, and collecting antiques. Other enjoyments included going to casinos, riding and caring for horses, and eating lutefisk and lefse. Although a very frugal man, Gary was known to be very generous with his family and friends. He will best be remembered as a gentle soul.

Survivors include his sisters, Verone Mortenson and Durene Mies; his brother, Larry Anderson; nieces and nephews, Candy (Lee) Volkert, Scott (Kim Sydnes) Mortenson, Todd (Mary) Haro, Troy Haro, Nicole Mies Anderson, William (Jody) Mies, and Autumn (Derrick) Lehrke; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. Gary was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 29, at St. Mark's Lutheran

Church, 28595 Randolph Blvd, Randolph, MN 55065. There was a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment was at the Cannon Falls Cemetery.

Jeff Irrthum

Jeff Irrthum, age 60, of Eagan, Minnesota, died early Sunday, April 23, 2023 at Regions Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota.



Jeffrey Herbert Irrthum was born in Cannon Falls, Minnesota on November 10th, 1962, the oldest child of Gerald and Mary Irrthum (Nicolai). He grew

up in Hampton, Minnesota and later moved to the family farm outside Randolph, Minnesota. He attended St. Mathias Elementary School and graduated from Randolph High School with the class of 1981. He graduated from Normandale Community College with a degree in Hospitality Management. Jeff met his future wife, Leslie Pickerign, in high school, and they married on June 23, 1984.

Jeff endured health problems his entire life; most were annoying, some were life-threatening, and several were obscure or rare. He always survived. He had more lives than a cat. He accepted his situation without complaint and continued to experience life, even when illness left him lethargic or in pain.

Jeff was the loudest voice in the room. He often could be heard telling a joke (some-

times inappropriate) or sharing a story (usually exaggerated). Most people enjoyed his humor, and all valued his company. He participated in and followed many sports. He was an active golfer, a youth coach, and a passionate Minnesota Vikings football and University of Minnesota Golden Gopher hockey fan. All genres of music excited Jeff, and he entertained (or annoyed) his family with music trivia.

He was a beloved and loving son, husband, father, and brother, and was a loyal friend, classmate, teammate and neighbor.

Survivors include wife Leslie, son Chaz Irrthum, and daughter Cayla (Matt) Kucera. He was known as grandpa, baka, and papa to Riley and Rori Irrthum and Weston Kucera. He is also survived by mother, Mary Irrthum, sister Jeralyn (Gregg Radecki) Irrthum, brother Jeremy (Kristin Scott) Irrthum, as well as many, many, nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Jeff was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Irrthum, infant brother James, maternal grandparents Irene and Herb Nicolai, and paternal grandparents Gertrude and John Irrthum.

Jeff's family is grateful to the hundreds of nurses and doctors who comforted him during his frequent extended hospital stays. Special gratitude to the dedicated and skilled staff at Regions Hospital.

Visitation was on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, from 5-8:00 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN 55009.

James Phillip Otto

James Phillip Otto was born one of twelve children to Nicholas and Elizabeth (Hubert) Otto in Douglas Township, Dakota County, MN on May 1, 1934. He grew up in rural New Trier and attended St. Mary's Catholic School. Jim married Donna Falk on June 28, 1958, and they raised five children together.

Jim worked on the railroad for six years, and for most of his life, was a heavy equip-

ment operator. He was a proud member of the Operating Engineers Local #49. In his retirement, he loved working on his hobby farm. His passion for his draft horses and cattle made for the best farm life! He also enjoyed visiting Amish farms and a good hand of Euchre.

On Saturday evening, April 29, 2023, Jim joined his beloved wife of 60 years in eternal life. He will be remembered for his quick wit and warm, mischievous smile.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna; infant son, Timothy; and siblings, Marie Lorentz, Betty Rother, Dick, Nick, John, Harold, Ray, Bill, Leo, and George.

He is survived by children, Gery (Debbie) of Hastings, James (Sara) of Cannon Falls, Susan (Joe) O'Gorman of Cannon Falls, Richard (Terry) of Hampton, and Randal (Tammy) of Hastings; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Otto; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral mass was held on Saturday, May 13 at 11:00am, with visitation from 10:00-11:00am, at St. Pius V Catholic Church, Cannon Falls. A private family interment was at the church cemetery. Urn bearers were his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to donor's choice in memory of Jim.

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Competition week 2 Scores: 4/25-4/26

Top Overall

- Cooper Maras 47/50
- Milar Krech 45/50
- Will May 45/50
- Jon Roehl 44/50

Kylan Goering Barry 43/50

Top 3 Girl Shooters

- Jocelyn Zingler 42/50
- Katelyn Hare 33/50
- Ruby Timm 32/50

Round 1 Top Shooter:

Jon Roehl 25/25

(Cooper Maras close with 24/25)

Round 2 Top Shooter:

All shooting 23/25

Cooper Maras, Milar Krech, Carter Kunz, Riggs Kosir

WEEK 3 SCORES : 05/2-5/3

TOP SHOOTERS

- Jon Roehl 46/50
- Tayven Geiger 43/50
- Mason Farrington 42/50
- Will May 42/50
- Jojo Zingler 42/50

40+ SHOOTERS (TOP SHOOTER LIST AND THESE SHOOTERS)

- Gavin Ruud 41/50
- Kylan Goering Barry 40/50
- Vance Heidenreich 40/50
- Milar Krech 40/50
- Jon Simon 40/50
- Tyler Splichal 40/50
- Jonathon Toledo 40/50

Round 1 Top Shooter: Jon Roehl 24/25

(Tyler Splichal close 23)

Round 2 Top Shooter: All shooting

22/25 : Jon Roehl, Tayven Geiger, and Will May

Top Girl Shooters:

- Jojo Zingler 42/50
- Katelyn Hare 34/50



WEEK 4 Scores: 05/09-5/10

TOP OVERALL

- Vance Heidenreich and Gavin Ruud 46/50
- Jonathon Toledo 44/50
- Carter Kunz 42/50
- Tyler Splichal and Jocelyn Zingler 41/50
- Tayven Geiger and Jon Roehl 40/50

TOP 3 GIRLS

- Jocelyn Zingler 41/50
- Ruby Timm 32/50
- Katelyn Hare 28/50

ROUND 1 TOP SHOOTER : ALL SHOOTING 23/25

Vance Heidenreich, Gavin Ruud, Jonathon Toledo

ROUND 2 TOP SHOOTER : ALL SHOOTING 23/25

Vance Heidenreich and Gavin Ruud



Coach Chris Emerson shooting one last time with 2 of the 3 seniors, for their last time. Coach Chris shot 25/25. Left to Right Owen Brochman, Coach Chris Emerson, and Tyler Splichal.

WEEK 5 Competition SCORES

TOP OVERALL SHOOTERS

- Carter Kunz 44/50
- Vance Heidenreich 43/50
- Brekan Zimmer 41/50
- Jocelyn Zingler 41/50
- Jon Roehl 40/50
- Preston Wernimont 40/50

TOP 3 GIRLS

- Jocelyn Zingler 41/50
- Katelyn Hare 35/50
- Ruby Timm 30/50

Round 1 Top Shooter: Vance Heidenreich 22/25

Round 2 Top Shooter: Preston Wernimont 24/25 (personal best)

Carter Kunz and Gavin Ruud close behind both shooting 23/25

(additional picture at www.randolphmn.com)

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SEMBDA First and Second Year Band Festival



We had six 5th and 6th grade students attend the SEMBDA First and Second Year Band Festival in Lake City. Pictured above are our 2nd year representatives.

Courtesy of Randolph School

Katie Radman Wins MFBF FFA Discussion Meet

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Finishing second was Joe Dangel of the Russell-Tyler-Ruthon FFA chapter. He also received a scholarship to either attend the National FFA Washington D.C. Leadership Conference or to use to further her education.

“The Discussion Meet is just one way that Farm Bureau works alongside the FFA to develop the next generation of agriculture leaders,” said Peterson. “We are always impressed with the students taking part in the competition.”

Also advancing to the final four were Alison Murrell (Braham FFA) and Andrew Burns (Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop FFA). A total of fourteen regional winners from across the state competed in the finals, held on Sun-

day, April 23 as part of the annual Minnesota State FFA Convention, April 23-25.

The Discussion Meet competition encourages participants to have a conversation about current agriculture topics. The discussion simulates a committee meeting with the goal of finding a solution.

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“Our community really rallies around all of us,” All-State infielder Carly Kimmes said. “If we send out a fundraiser, everyone in the community is sending it to all these other different cities. Everyone’s pitching in. And then coach (Dennis) Trom always loves a sea of orange. Orange is Randolph’s color and just seeing our community coming together and supporting us at all of our games and for the past couple years that we’ve been at state, we’re always like ‘oh, the sea of orange’ and when other teams see all this orange, they’re like, ‘oh, they’re from Randolph,’ because no other team has like a community like us.”

A young Rockets squad got to witness that “sea of orange” first-hand after making a somewhat unexpected run last season.

In fact, coach Dennis Trom wasn’t shy in admitting he had his own question marks when it came to an inexperienced squad a year ago. After all, the team had just lost 10 seniors — seven starters — that had officially put Randolph softball on the map with a state title in 2021. That included standout pitcher Morgyn Otte — a Ms. Softball finalist who now pitches at Southwest Minnesota State Uni-

versity in Marshall.

Filling her shoes was freshman Carter Raymond — one of many underclassmen who were expected to fill key roles. So Trom did his best to temper expectations a bit.

“We weren’t real sure what — we knew we had good kids coming back,” Trom said. “But we didn’t know ... I didn’t know how Carter was going to be on the mound. I didn’t know how a bunch of freshman (would acclimate to the varsity).”

Trom was up front about that with his two standouts — Kimmes and Raymond. Yet, it didn’t take long for Kimmes to realize that her coach had nothing to fear. It turns out this group was more than ready.

“We started the season off and coach Trom talked to me and Carter and he was like, ‘hey, we’re not sure what we are going to have this year’ and personally I had never really seen any of these other girls play before for us,” Kimmes said. “I’m like, ‘OK, let’s just try our best this year, whatever happens, happens.’ Nobody was really expecting us to do anything. And all of a sudden, we get two weeks into the season and I’m like, ‘Oh, we could really be good this year. We could actually go somewhere.’”

Kimmes’ hunch was right.

The Rockets blew away nearly everyone’s expectations, capturing another Gopher Conference title en route to the program’s fourth consecutive trip to the state tournament.

Surrounded by their sea of orange, the young Rockets surged into the Class A state semifinals, where the young roster stood out to their competitors.

“We get to the state tournament and one of



Randolph junior Carly Kimmes high-fives coach Dennis Trom after hitting a home run earlier this season. Kimmes and Randolph are seeking the program's second state title in three years. Contributed / Rebecca Blonigen, Keri Berquam, Post Bulletin

the opposing coaches goes, ‘What, you have, like, seven freshmen starting,’” Trom said. “I said we have six with one sophomore but you know, he goes whatever you guys are doing down there with the fountain of youth, I have to know.”

The Rockets lost a heartbreaker in the Class A state semifinals as Moose Lake/Willow River walked it off in the bottom of the seventh for the 3-2 win. Yet, Randolph did bounce back to place third in a season that

many would have just been happy to win a few games in the section tournament. It’s the exact opposite this year.

The expectations have ramped up with Randolph being ranked No. 1 in Class A in the Breakdown’s annual preseason high school softball rankings. At times, this group has felt the pressure.

“It’s harder this year and just different, especially when you’re ranked number one,”

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Kimmes said. "Everyone's chasing after you and I just feel like we're starting to crack down and be like, 'OK, let's just focus on one day at a time. Let's not think about our record. Let's not think about the rankings. Let's just focus on us and just do the right thing to the right place. Just be good people in general and show everyone that even though we are ranked number one, we're not going to be cocky. We're not going to express ourselves. We're just going to play the game of softball.'" The Rockets have done just that all season long.

They are 17-1 with their only loss coming to Class AAA St. Anthony Village back on May 6. They have an average margin of victory of 10 runs a game, with an average of 11 runs scored per game.

Of course, Kimmes has played a large role in that success.

The junior and Minnesota State University, Mankato, commit's numbers are video game-like. She's hitting .508 with an on-base percentage of .556 and an incredible .600 slugging percentage. She has nine doubles, three triples and three homers with a team-

best 28 RBIs.

"Carly is the ultimate leadoff hitter," said Trom, who recently won his 150th game at the helm of the Rockets. "She started as a ninth-grader at shortstop for me and has just taken off from there. She's just taken over. She sets the tone for every one of our games. The other night she stepped up first pitch, bam, well over over the fence. It sets the tone for everybody, or she gets a base hit and then we bunt her to second and she ends up at third. ... I always kind of pinch myself and think that she's only a junior and I got her for another year."

"I don't know if I will ever — I hope, but I don't know if — I'll ever find a better lead-off hitter."

Kimmes is quick to credit her teammates, though, specifically Raymond, who has put up her own eye-popping stats in the circle. The freshman is 17-1, allowing just 14 earned runs with 173 strikeouts to just seven walks in 101 innings pitched.

"Carter wants to be one of the top players and I appreciate that because teams need that, we need that and teams need to see this Randolph team have that," Kimmes said. "She pushes all of us in practice, but she is just someone that is very encouraging. She just wants us to succeed. She wants us to do better than last year."

That's the mission now with their Section 4A postseason that started last Saturday at Rockford High School, where a sea of orange was expected.



Randolph junior Carly Kimmes attempts to throw out a base runner during a game earlier this season. Contributed / Rebecca Blonigen, Keri Berquam, Post Bulletin




Randolph sophomore Carter Raymond fires a pitch during a game earlier this season. Contributed / Rebecca Blonigen, Keri Berquam, Post Bulletin




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We held our annual FFA awards ceremony where we were able to highlight the success of several of our members! We were also able to highlight the support of both alumni and community members. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and a huge thank you to alumni for preparing the meal afterwards! *Courtesy of Randolph School*





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Talking Social Media & Mental Health with U of M

Social media has become a major part in the lives of children and teenagers, and its possible impact on mental health is a growing area of conversation. Earlier this week, the American Psychological Association issued recommendations for guiding teenager's use of social media for the first time.

For Mental Health Awareness Month in May, Kathryn Cullen, MD, with the U of M Medical School discusses the impact of social media on children's mental health as well as advice for parents.

Q: What are some of the ways that social media impacts children's mental health?

Dr. Cullen: First, it's important to note that this is still an emerging field, and so we still have a lot to learn. Social media is a phenom-

enon that impacts people of all ages, but concern has been raised about the potential risks for teens. During this developmental phase, peer relationships are of utmost importance. So, teens may be especially sensitive to the acceptance and rejection that goes on with social media. This is an active area of research. So far, studies have shown both positive and negative effects for media use on mental health outcomes for children and teens.

Social media gives teens the opportunity to learn new things, express themselves creatively, share humor, and receive support from peers. The latter is especially important for young people from marginalized backgrounds who may not be able to find the support they need in their own 'real world' community. One key potential risk is bullying—social media allows kids to be bullied when they are at home, not just at school. Additionally, through social media platforms, kids can be exposed to false information and harmful content, and potentially manipulated into unsafe situations. Overuse of social media can interfere with learning and other important activities that are critical to mental health such as sleep, exercise,

being outside, having real in person contact with others and general engagement with the real world.

Q: What amount of screen time is considered unhealthy for kids?

Dr. Cullen: There is no hard and fast number that should be applied as a screen time limit to all kids. The appropriate amount of screen time will be different for each family. When setting limits, it's important to be both realistic and consistent. In this process, a high priority should be making sure kids get enough sleep and exercise, which are critical for so many aspects of health and development. Some specific recommendations include turning off screens during family meals, and removing them from bedrooms 30 to 60 minutes before bedtime. While homework will often require some kind of internet access, other kinds of entertainment media use while doing homework is discouraged.

Q: Are there specific platforms or social media features that pose particular harm/risks to children?

Dr. Cullen: Social media platforms and features are always changing, so much so that making a formal recommendation about the risks and benefits of one versus the other is very difficult. By the time we feel we have a firm grasp on a specific platform/feature, it has already changed. The important thing is that parents have an understanding of how their child is engaging in social media and that they can have meaningful conversations with their child about the child's experiences, to provide support and guidance.

Q: What advice would you give parents who may be concerned about their children's

social media usage?

Dr. Cullen: I encourage parents to talk to their kids about their social media use. They may find that their kids themselves are also concerned and feeling confused about what to do. Approaching these conversations with curiosity and non-judgment can open doors that allow parents to learn more about what kids are learning and experiencing, which can help them in guiding their kids. Having regular discussions about online citizenship and safety is a good thing and these conversations don't need to be one-way. When it comes to these topics, kids need guidance from their parents. There's a lot parents can learn from kids, too.

Q: What work are you doing to advance research on adolescent mental health?

Dr. Cullen: My research generally aims to try to understand the brain mechanisms underlying depression and suicide risk in teens and use that information to guide the development of new treatments. Lately, my research team has been analyzing the data from the ABCD study, which is a longitudinal brain imaging study of over 10,000 kids who were 9-10 years old when they started the study and will be followed for 10 years. Because this study is collecting data starting before the prevalence of depression goes up in the adolescent period, it provides a unique opportunity to study developmental trajectories associated with the onset and course of depression in teens. Another direction of my research lately has focused on creativity. We are looking into the potential value of engaging in the creative arts as a way to improve mental health in teens.

Randolph Area Historical Society Building Construction Progresses

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In May 2021, we sold our existing building and purchased the empty lot across from the Randolph Fire Department. The City of Randolph granted the RAHS a building permit at the December 2022 council meeting. We are planning to construct a new 2,000 square foot building in the spring to house our collection.

The new building will provide for a much larger display area that is handicap accessible. It will also be more energy efficient and will include a library of information for people seeking their family history or the history of the area. The space will be large enough to provide an area for small events and meetings for community use. The location gives us direct access to the annual Randolph Fire Department Chicken BBQ and other local events throughout the year.

The building cost estimates are around \$250,000 and the contractors have been selected. A generous benefactor donated \$150,000 but with certain conditions that will expire December 31, 2023 if a Certificate of Completion is not issued by the building inspector by this time. The RAHS has an additional \$50,000 in reserves that will be put towards the building project costs.

The Castle Rock Bank has guaranteed the RAHS a loan based on the amount of equity we have invested into the building project. RAHS goal is to repay the loan by the end of the year to avoid further costs. The proceeds from the sale of the previous building covered the land purchase, the architectural drawings, and the building permit fee.

So far, we have raised \$4,200 towards the building project. The RAHS is looking to fundraise an additional \$50,000 in community support and your donations will be recognized on the donor wall inside the new building. Donations can be accepted online at rashsmn.org or can be mailed to PO Box 84, Randolph, MN 55065.

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Fri, May 5	St. Louis Park	Home	7:30 p.m.	Firehouse Liquor Pocket Schedule Night
Sun, May 7	Cannon Falls Bears	Home	2 p.m.	Frandsen Bank and Trust Jersey Day
Fri, May 12	Lyon's Pub Warriors	Home	7:30 p.m.	90's Night Presented by Budweiser
Sun, May 14	at Hastings Hawks	Hastings, Minn.	2 p.m.	
Wed, May 17	Lonsdale Aces	Home	7:30 p.m.	Baseball Jersey Night
Fri, May 19	Minneapolis Cobras	Home	7:30 p.m.	Scouts Night, Presented by Northfield Dundas Pack 300 and Troup 313
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Sun, May 21	Hamel Hawks	Home	2 p.m.	
Wed, May 24	Baseball 365	Home	7:30 p.m.	
Fri, May 26	at Red Wing Aces	Red Wing, Minn.	7:30 p.m.	
Mon, May 29	at Northfield Knights	Northfield, Minn.	2 p.m.	
Wed, May 31	Burnsville Bobcats	Home	7:30 p.m.	Other Sport Jersey Night
Fri, June 2	Chaska Cubs	Home	7:30 p.m.	Art Fair Night
Sun, June 4	Miesville Mudhens	Home	2 p.m.	Lawn Games Day
Wed, June 7	Eagan Bandits	Home	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Family Fun Night
Fri, June 9	at Cannon Falls Bears	Cannon Falls, Minn.	7:30 p.m.	
Sun, June 11	at Hampton Cardinals	Hampton, Minn.	2 p.m.	
Wed, June 14	St. Paul Windy's	Home	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Family Fun Night
Fri, June 16	Elko Express	Home	7:30 p.m.	A Night of Races
Sun, June 18	Highland Park Beavers	Home	2 p.m.	Reading Day, Presented by Northfield Public Library
Wed, June 21	Hastings Hawks	Home	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Family Fun Night
Fri, June 23	Hampton Cardinals	Home	7:30 p.m.	Community Service Night // Food Drive
Sat, June 24	Waconia Lakers	Home	5 p.m.	Block Party Night
Sun, June 25	St. Patrick Irish	Home	2 p.m.	Frandsen Bank and Trust Farm Animal and Tractor Day
Wed, June 28	Red Wing Aces	Home	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Family Fun Night
Fri, June 30	at Rochester Royals	Rochester, Minn.	7:30 p.m.	
Tue, July 4	Northfield Knights	Home	2 p.m.	Armed Services Appreciation Day
Fri, July 7	Minnetonka Millers	Home	7:30 p.m.	Breakfast for Dinner Night
Sun, July 9	at New Market Muskies	New Market, Minn.	7:30 p.m.	
Wed, July 12	Rochester Royals	Home	7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Family Fun Night
Fri, July 14	MacStrength Grizzlies	Home	7:30 p.m.	Classic Car Night
Sun, July 16	Metro Knights	Home	2 p.m.	Ice Cream and Beach Day, presented by Frandsen Bank and Trust
Fri, July 21	at St. Patrick	St. Patrick, Minn.	7:30 p.m.	
Sat, July 22	at Minnetonka	Minnetonka, Minn.	2 p.m.	
Sun, July 23	at Elko Express	Elko, Minn.	2 p.m.	
Wed, July 26	Faribault Lakers	Home	7:30 p.m.	PJ and Cereal Night
Fri, July 28	at Miesville Mudhens	Miesville, Minn.	7:30 p.m.	
Sun, July 30	New Market Muskies	Home	2 p.m.	Volunteer Appreciation Day
Fri, Aug 4	Section 1B Playoffs - Gm 1	TBD	8 p.m.	Best of Three - Game One
Sun, Aug 6	Section 1B Playoffs - Gm 2	TBD	2 p.m.	Best of Three - Game Two
Tue, Aug 8	Section 1B Playoffs - Gm 3	TBD	8 p.m.	Best of Three - Game Three (If Necessary)
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Five Ways to Increase Diversity on Your Land



By Kourtney Hammerschmidt

With spring here, I have been thinking about all the birds, bees, and other wildlife and insects that all seem to reappear once again. They all work together to help improve and create the ecosystems that we are all a part of.

With that in mind, I have been coming up with things that I can do to help increase the amount of diversity around my house. I want all of these beneficial insects, pollinators, and other wildlife to stick around and have plenty of good food for them to last through the year.

What are some ways that we can increase the diversity around us? Here are a few things that I have thought of:

1. Plant a diverse mix of pollinator-loving

plants in and around your yard to attract pollinators and add diversity to your landscape. Make sure you add some species that bloom throughout the year. Early blooming plants and late blooming plants are especially important as a food source for pollinator-loving insects, as they are migrating to and from our area during those times.

2. Add native grasses to your pollinator garden. While grasses are not as showy as other wildflowers, they are extremely important for a variety of butterfly and bee species. The larvae of some butterflies and moths will eat the leaves of many grass species, while some native bees depend on these grasses for their nesting sites.

3. Plant a tree or shrub on your property. Trees and shrubs provide important food and shelter for wildlife and pollinators throughout the seasons. It can also help ensure that all the tree and shrub species can succeed. If there are a limited amount of tree and shrub species in an area, some diseases can become prevalent and threaten the livelihood of those populations.

4. Plant pollinator strips in your farm fields. If you own agricultural land, consider planting pollinator strips in or around your fields. Not only does it provide amazing habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects, but can also improve local water quality.

5. Implement cover crops into your crop rotation. There are many benefits to utilizing cover crops. These benefits can include decreased erosion issues, reduced nutrient runoff, improve water quality and increase organic matter content. Planting cover crops can also result in an increase of beneficial in-



A pollinator plot

sects in your fields. When diverse mixes are used, it can increase the number of these beneficial insects, which might be natural predators to some pests in your fields.

Why should we want to increase the diversity of our landscapes? It can help bring a wide variety of insects and wildlife back into that area. With an increase in the number of

species, the risk of diseases can also decrease. They will help increase resiliency, build corridors for a wide variety of insects and animals, and it will help support all the species that will utilize the vegetation. All of the plant species, insects, and wildlife can come together to help create a sustainable, healthy environment.



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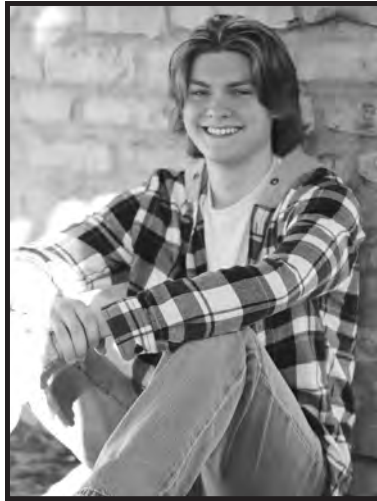
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The Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council is looking for talented, imaginative, and adventurous contestants to put their culinary flair and expertise in the kitchen to work in the 14th Annual "Get Wild with Wild Rice" recipe contest. All recipes must be original creations and must feature the deliciously distinctive flavor of the only cereal grain native to North America – wild rice!

Don't take this challenge lightly! You'll need to be at your creative best to win our Grand Prize and People's Choice Awards and take home cash prizes and bragging rights for the most innovative and delicious wild rice

recipe of 2023. Additionally, one finalist will receive our Golden Ticket for entry into the World Food Championships. If last year's contest, in which Beef & Shiitake Wild Rice Umami Stir Fry and 'Popped' Espresso Mocha Pillow Crisps took home the Grand Prize and People's Choice Awards respectively, is any indication of the quality of potential entrants in 2023, this year's contest is sure to be a hotly contested affair.

Here's how it works - submitted recipes go head-to-head in a taste test conducted by our culinary specialists. Participants have four opportunities to win: 1) up to 16 finalists will be selected to have their recipes published and win wild prize packs; 2) a Grand Prize of \$500 will be awarded to one lucky recipe chosen by a panel of judges; 3) in September, National Rice Month, America will vote for its favorite recipe online for the \$250 People's Choice Award; and 4) one finalist will receive our Golden Ticket to compete in the 2023 World Food Championships.

The contest opened May 12, with a deadline of June 12 for recipe submissions. Culinary creations need to include 1/4 cup of cooked wild rice per serving and at least one sponsor product from Just Bare®, Minnesota Beef Council, Minnesota Pork Board, and Northern Canola Growers Association.

Now in its 14th year, this popular contest has produced scores of "wildly" imaginative recipes demonstrating the creativity of our contestants as well as the versatility of wild rice. See for yourself - for contest finalists and other wild rice recipes, visit one of the most extensive wild rice recipe libraries in the world (mnwildrice.org/search.php).



Beef & Shiitake Wild Rice Umami Stir Fry (top) and 'Popped' Espresso Mocha Pillow Crisps win the Council's 2022 Grand Prize and People's Choice Awards.

BEEF & SHIITAKE WILD RICE UMAMI STIR FRY
Pamela Gelsomini, Wrentham, MA

- 1/2 lb beef sirloin, cut into very thin strips across the grain
- 5 tsp canola oil, divided
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 8 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup finely chopped carrots
- 1 lb shiitake mushrooms, stems discarded and caps sliced
- 1/2 cup dry sherry
- 3 eggs
- 3 cups cooked wild rice
- 2 tsp soy sauce
- 1/4 cup oyster sauce
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 cup pea pods, packed
- 1 1/2 cups bean sprouts, packed
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions

In large skillet, stir-fry sirloin in 3 tsp oil; season with salt. Remove; set aside. In drippings, sauté onion and garlic, 2 minutes. Stir in carrots and mushrooms; cook 5 minutes. Stir in sherry until absorbed; push to side of skillet. Add remaining oil to open side. Scramble eggs until mostly cooked; toss with mushroom mixture. Stir in sirloin, wild rice, soy sauce, oyster sauce, pepper, and pea pods; cook 3 minutes. Add sprouts and scallions just before serving; toss. 4 servings.

'POPPED' ESPRESSO MOCHA PILLOW CRISPS
Laura Kurella, Wellston, MI

- 1 cup well-cooked wild rice
- canola oil for deep frying
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp espresso powder
- 1 cup semi-sweet mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 tsp each: vegetable shortening and sea salt
- 12 regular marshmallows, cut in half to form 2 narrow circles
- 24 long toothpicks

Preheat oven to 250°F. On large parchment-lined rimmed baking sheet, spread wild rice. Bake 2 hours or until completely dry; toss occasionally. Place in bowl. In high-sided frying pan, heat ~2" oil to 370°F. In batches, use mesh spoon to lower wild rice into oil until it pops and floats to the top, ~15 seconds. Remove; place on paper towel. Repeat. In medium bowl, toss popped wild rice, cinnamon, and espresso powder; set aside. In small bowl, microwave chocolate chips, shortening, and salt in 15-second increments; stir until completely melted. Put toothpick in each marshmallow; coat in chocolate. Press all sides into wild rice; set on parchment-lined serving dish. Chill until served. 6 servings.

Note: 'Popped' wild rice is an excellent snack on its own. Just toss with your favorite seasoning (e.g., garlic salt, sea salt, ground black pepper)

To receive your free copy of the Council's latest recipe brochure, Minnesota Wild Rice Recipes & Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, featuring 2021 contest winning recipes, including soups, appetizers, salads, side dishes, and entrees, send a self-addressed-stamped-envelope to:

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Hampton City Council Meeting April 11, 2023

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhring, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell. Also present was Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk and Emma Otto of Ottomatic Lawn Care.

Regular Meeting called to Order - Mayor Knetter called the Regular Scheduled Meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest - None

Approval of the March 14, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes - Motion by Verch seconded by Luhring to approve the March 14, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

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

Public Comment - None

Petitions, Requests, and Communications - None

Mayor Knetter acknowledged two Dakota County Sheriff Deputies in attendance at the meeting and asked them if they had anything to report. One of the deputies mentioned that, now that we have warmer weather, there are more recreational vehicles on city streets. He reminded Council that no dirt bikes are allowed on the roads, and the importance of wearing helmets when riding on all recreational vehicles. Knetter thanked the deputies for their report.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer's Report - Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk began by reporting on the Highway 52 Project, from County Highway 86 to 140th St. It will involve two years of construction, which includes a concrete overlay, bridge work, and frontage road work. Fisher reported that the project has four stages. Stage 1 goes from May 1, 2023 to mid-July 2023. Work will be done on NB 52 from State Highway 50 to County Highway 42, with head-to-head traffic on SB 52. Stage 2 goes from mid-July 2023 to the end of October 2023. Work will be done on NB 52 from State Highway 50 to County Highway 42, with head-to-

head traffic on NB 52. Stage 3 goes from late April 2024 to late June 2024. Work will be done on NB 52 from County Highway 86 to north of State Highway 50, with head-to-head traffic on SB 52. Stage 4 goes from late June 2024 to late August 2024. Work will be done on SB 52 from north of County Highway 86 to north of State Highway 50, with head-to-head traffic on NB 52. The project is to be completed by July 2025.

The second item on Fisher's report was the Frontage Road Turnback Agreement. He reported that Hampton Township passed a resolution for the three-party agreement that the Hampton City Council approved at their February meeting. Fisher outlined the next steps required to finalize the agreement.

The final item on Fisher's report was the Water Street Lift Station Backup Generator Project. Killmer Electric would like to begin site work and prep work on the project in late April. Fisher reported that letters will be sent to neighbors regarding the project.

Fisher also mentioned that he saw the item on the agenda regarding the survey of copper and lead water pipes that Marlin Reinardy would be speaking about. He mentioned that Bolton & Menk is available to work on that project for the City, and that they also would seek any funding available through the state, if the City requested them to do so.

Water / Sewer Report - Mayor Knetter reported that the fluoride pump went down, but is working now. The backup generator at the Main St. lift station recently failed to start. It needed antifreeze, and hadn't been properly serviced. Josh is getting everything set up for the discharge in six weeks.

Park Report - Councilor Russell reported that the tennis courts will be put together tomorrow. The hockey rink is cleaned up. Soon there will be painting done at the hockey rink and needed striping at the basketball court.

Street Report - Councilor Luhring stated that there is a new street sweeping contract in place. The city's alleys need repair. Streets are generally in good condition, with the exception of the Heights of Hampton. Luhring asked Brad Fisher to do an evaluation of street repairs that need to be done in the Heights.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2023-05 Approving a Donation - Mayor Knetter stated that Ottomatic Lawn Care donated two flags to the City. Emma Otto was in attendance at the meeting, and Councilors thanked her for the donation. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the donation. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Unfinished Business:

Sonar scan of sewer ponds - Marlin Reinardy reported that this is something that Council had approved at its September 2022 meeting. This will be done this summer, utilizing college students who will operate the remote-control boat that is equipped with the sonar scanner. The cost is \$1,200 per pond. Reinardy recommends doing pond #1 for sure, and also thinks pond #2 should be done as well.

Survey of copper and lead water pipes - Marlin Reinardy reported that he had participated in webinars on this topic in February. In performing the survey, the City needs to identify water lines between the water main and curb stop. For inventory purposes, the more documentation the City obtains, the better. The deadline to submit the digital file to the state is 10/11/24. The Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRP) will finance grant funding at 49% of the cost. The rest of the cost is the responsibility of the homeowner.

New Business:

Award mowing and weed control contracts - Mayor Knetter reported that contracts have been changed slightly so that they may be extended beyond the three

years set in previous contracts. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve Ottomatic Lawn Care for the City's mowing and weed control contracts. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Skirting on the baseball field fence - Marlin Reinardy reported that the skirting on the baseball park's outfield needs to be replaced. In the past the City has provided payment for half the cost of the skirting, and Reinardy asked if the City would do that again this year.

The total cost of the skirting is \$2,808, and Reinardy is asking for \$1,400 from the City. Motion by Verch seconded by Russell to approve paying for half of the cost of the baseball park outfield fence skirting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Cost Share Agreement Between City of Hampton and County of Dakota for Election Electronic Poll Books Hardware, Software, and Related Services - Mayor Knetter reported that the cost of this to the City is \$177.50. Motion by Verch seconded by Flodeen to approve the Cost Share Agreement with Dakota County for the Election Electronic Poll Books Hardware, Software, and Related Services. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Adjournment - Motion by Flodeen seconded by Russell to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy O'Brien
City Clerk

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City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting April 12, 2023

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

Roll Call

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

Also in attendance from LeVander, Gillen & Miller legal counsel, Korine Land and Greta Bjorkman, and Bolton & Menk engineer, Matt Blazer.

Approval of Agenda

The following item is added to the agenda: County Road 88 easement questions. Motion to approve the agenda with the addition was made by Friedrich, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0

Public Comments

None.

Minutes

A motion to approve the March 8, 2023 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

A motion to approve the March 24, 2023 special council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Treasurer Report and Payment of Bills

No treasurers report this month.

Sandy noted that there were a few larger invoices from Bolton & Menk. Motion to approve the payment of bills as presented was made by Friedrich, and seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Old Business

Certificate of Deposits

Merchants Bank cashed them and Sarah is picking up a check on Friday. She will drop off the check with Castle Rock Bank.

Motion by Friedrich that the signers on the CD's at Castle Rock Bank will be Clerk Mary Haro, Mayor, Marie Jacob and council member, Todd Carlock, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Let Sandy know when this has been accomplished so she can make sure she can access the information from Castle Rock Bank.

Merchants Bank Accounts

Motion by Friedrich that the signers on the bank accounts at Merchants Bank will be Clerk, Mary Haro, Mayor, Marie Jacob and council member, Todd Carlock, and remove Sarah Podritz as a signer from the accounts, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Joint Powers Agreement with Randolph/Hampton Fire Department

Mayor Knetter from Hampton was present before our meeting and he indicated they are not interested in doing any changes to the agreements. He indicated they can operate under the current JPA.

It was noted under the current JPA that we are supposed to be acting as a board, If we have one member from the Hampton City Council in attendance, we would have a quorum and we could adopt their budget and appoint the other officers as is noted in the JPA.

They get to elect the chief but that is all. We indicated we would like to work on the JPA and get things on track with the way it is supposed to work.

Korine suggest that we create new agreements. She has contacted another law firm (so there is no conflict) that works with fire departments and could make recommendation to the fire department and to us on the new agreements. We can then hand them over to Hampton and ask them to come together and work with us to work on the agreements – we do are not trying to change anything we just want them to sync with what they do. This attorney would recommend some revisions and make recommendations to Hampton City. He is willing to do it at the rate that Korine charges. She will ask him to give us an estimate and present it to us at the May meeting.

New Business

Dakota County Deputy

Officer Eric Langgard was present and asked if there were any concerns. Concerns of speeding through the city was brought up.

Randolph Trailblazers

Bob Romanowski asked if the City would again sponsor the Randolph Trailblazers for the 23-24 season. Motion by Friedrich to sponsor the Randolph Trailblazers by Resolution No. 23-04 for the 2023-2024 season, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Randolph Fire Department

Jacob Toledo appeared on behalf of the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department to ask the council for permission to close the road in front of the fire hall and a one day gambling permit for the upcoming Chicken Barbeque set for August 19, 2023.

Friedrich made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-05 authorizing the Road Closure of 292nd Street between Divers Path and Distad Path from 12 p.m. on August 19 until 1 a.m. on August 20; for the Randolph/Hampton Fire District Annual Chicken Barbeque, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Friedrich made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-06 authorizing a One Day Gambling permit for the Randolph/Hampton Fire District Annual Chicken Barbeque, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none

opposed, motion passed 5:0.

All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Clerk Haro discussed the All Hazard Mitigation Plan that needs to be approved for Dakota County. Friedrich Haro made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-04 for Adoption of Dakota County All Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Clerk Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Mowing Contract

We received 3 proposals for mowing. Sam's Lawn Maintenance's proposal is the lowest at \$640 for a month. It was discussed about the land that is owned by Progressive Rail that the city has been mowing. We will discuss this with Progressive Rail as we should try to get reimbursed for mowing their property. It was noted that we could assess the fee for mowing it.

Motion to accept the proposal from Sam's Lawn Maintenance for a one year contract was made by Mayor Jacob, seconded by Friedrich. Voting in favor is Jacob, Podritz, Friedrich and Haro, opposed Carlock, motion passed 4:1.

Resignation of Council Member

Sarah Podritz is resigning as a council member effective April 28th. She is moving out of the city.

Motion by Mayor Jacob to accept Sarah Podritz resignation beginning April 28th, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed 4:0, Podritz abstaining from the vote.

We can appoint someone tonight. We can have citizens apply and do interviews. The council position will run after her resignation until the next general election in November 2024. We could do a special election but would have to pay for election judges, Dakota County fees of printing ballots, etc. We have decided to go with the interview process.

Motion by Mayor Jacob that we post the vacant city council member position that will run from the appointment as a council member until the next general election in November 2024, and hold the interviews during the next city council meeting on May 10, 2024, with a deadline of May 3, 2024 to notify us that they are applying for the position, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

We will be accepting application until May 3, 2024 to replace council member Podritz and address it at our May 10, 2024 council meeting.

We need to appoint an acting mayor, Todd Carlock volunteered. Motion by Mayor Jacob that Todd Carlock will be appointed as acting mayor in place of Council Member Podritz, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Sarah also noted that the only members to have the code to the water tower is herself and Bryce. Sarah will give it Mayor Jacob after the meeting. Also change the contact for One Hour to Mayor Jacob, to grant them access to the water tower should repairs need to be made for the work that they did.

County Road 88 Easement

The county manager for the road project at

Dakota County reached out to LeVander, Gillen & Miller regarding the acquisition of the city owned properties and she gave us a map of what the county will be acquiring as temporary and permanent easement as well as a large utility drainage easement for the storm water retention pond. The reached out to review the compensation that the county is seeking which they are asking the city to waive the compensation of \$21,500. We do not have to waive it. The county did not appraise the property as they were under the assumption that we would waive the compensation. Legal counsel is going to ask for more details regarding what they are permanently acquiring and what they want to use the permanent easement for and come back to the May meeting with more details.

Bolton & Menk Sewer Update

Matt Blazer of Bolton & Menk discussed that the bids will get opened on April 13th at 11 a.m. He will then bring the bids to our May council meeting and consider awarding the bid. We have to take the lowest bid. He indicated that Bolton & Menk will have one more open house for the community. They will be sending out newsletters to homeowners during the project. He anticipates a start date in June this year. He indicated the land acquisition for the ponds is being appraised and they are talking with the land owner.

Council Reports

Todd Carlock mentioned that Dave Blank a long time resident passed away recently.

Community Service Projects

It was noted that the seniors are looking for projects they can do in the city on May 10th.

A few items noted is there are still bags of mulch that can be put down in the park; they could do some general yard work in the park; or we could reach out to senior citizens to see if they any needs some assistance with yard work.

Speed Bumps

We will contact Jason Otte to put them back in. Friedrich will reach out to him.

Pot Holes

There are several pot holes in the city that need to be dealt with. Options would be to fill them in ourselves or contact Bituminous Roadways or another contractor to see what they will charge. We should just fill in the biggest ones right now since the roads will be redone next year. We will do what is necessary.

Budget

Mayor Jacob asked about what the budget is for streets, etc. Sandy will spend some time on completing the individual amounts such as streets, park funds.

North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization

Since Harlan resigned it was asked if anyone was interested in being appointed as a representative of this organization. Todd Carlock volunteered to be a representative for the City of Randolph.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Carlock, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Haro

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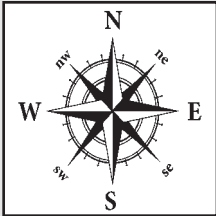
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Horse Sense and Character



By Terry Campbell

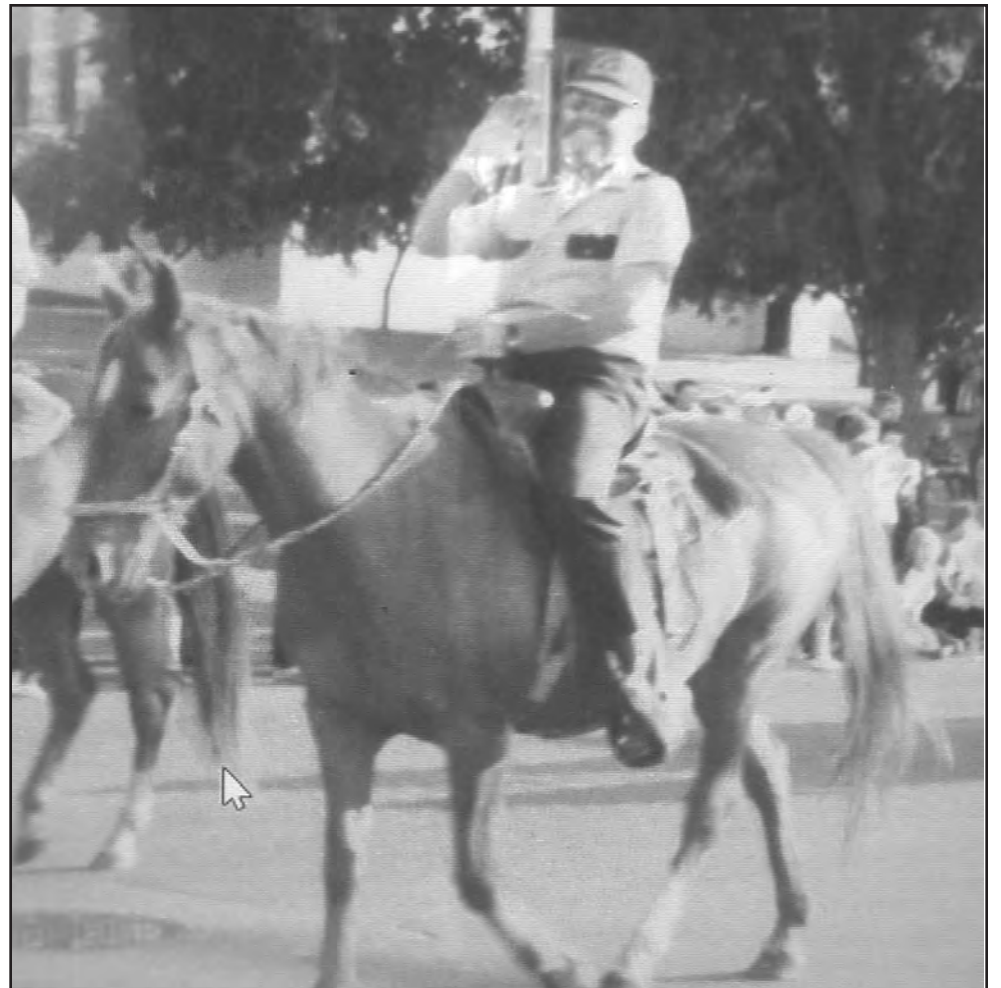
This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

This is a picture of my dad from 1984. I grew up with horses, but my dad did not like them very much. As a young kid he would take me to look at horses. He would wait while I rode them. And he would haul them back to the farm for me. There would be comments about how once cars were invented it was silly to go backwards to horse power. But once he joined the Sheriff's Mounted Posse it became a necessary evil. So, he bought this big Egyptian Arab geld-

ing. Azibelli loved to run and if you gave him his head he would flat out run like the wind. There is something exhilarating about pounding down the road on the back of a powerful horse, feeling as one with the beast, knowing that one miss step would likely be catastrophic. I was young and willing to risk life and limb on the back of this steed, even though I was a quarter horse guy and never much cared for Arabians, because this horse could run. I don't believe though, that my dad ever rode him at more than a walk.

My dad was very opinionated and stubborn and we butted heads often since I was the same way. He had me with more experience though. Anyone who has owned an Arabian knows what stubborn is. My dad loved a good theological argument with anyone who would engage him. He was certain he could make someone believe in Jesus if he just could talk to them long enough.

One incident I recall had little to do with horses and happened a few years earlier in life. It had to do with an old yellow school bus. As I recall, Dale Blanshan and a couple guys embarked on a cross country trip in a school bus. They were strumming and singing their way out west. They had the same idea my dad had, but they were more musical about it. I was around ten at this time, so my recollection may be a little hazy. At one point the bus broke down a long way from home and they needed funds for repair. My dad went to wire them money but it was a Saturday and the banks were closed. The only place to get cash for the wire transfer was the liquor store. My dad headed into West Concord to the Muni for \$300. The



Dad on Azibelli

guy at the liquor store had no idea who my dad was and questioned why they should let him write a check for cash. One might wonder how my dad could live his whole life in West Concord and there be people who didn't know him, but this was his first trip into the liquor store. If you knew my dad, you would know that too. So while he was trying to procure greenbacks with a check for three young guys on the other side of the USA in a broke down yellow school bus, Al Renner the hardware store owner showed up as a credit reference. When asked if my dad's check was good, Al said, "If Dana writes a check for a million dollars it will be good."

I was a young kid and a million dollars

sounded like a whole lot of money. I was certain that a poor farm family in Dodge County did not have that kind of money. So I wondered why someone would say that, not knowing our financial situation. In fact, I don't believe anyone one I knew could write a check for a million dollars. Over the last fifty years I have pondered this conversation and eventually came to understand it. It wasn't that my dad had a million dollars in his checking account. It was that he had a reputation of being a man of his word and if he said something it was backed up with integrity and truth. And that is worth more than a million dollars.

A Minnesotan: The Problem With Geese



By RosaLin Alcoser

There is nothing I fear more on this earth than geese... well maybe snakes, but geese are the more intimate threat. Because here in Minnesota geese are everywhere.

Geese are at the park, in the parking lot, on the sidewalks, and even standing in the middle of the freeway in some cases- like they own the place.

It started out when I was a small child and the geese would chase me around the park honking. Since I was about the same size as them I guess it made sense that they were going after me.

Thankfully in response to these attacks my sister would chase the geese away from me so that I was not mauled to death by a goose at age six.

However, it did not stop as I got older. To this day geese will still chase me if given

the chance. Now I can out run the geese or avoid them all together.

When I was in community college in Rochester the geese that would hang out on campus would chase me across the campus on an almost daily basis. Which my mother did not believe was happening until she saw me take off running at the sound of 'Honk! Honk!' and a flock of geese start charging at me.

Don't worry I made it to the car before the geese caught up to me and lived to tell the tale.

My fear is not just limited to grease either. It does extend to water brands as a whole. I have also been attacked by ducks and gulls. The only reason the loons, swans and cranes have not gotten to me is because I am not fool enough to go anywhere close to them after the incident with the duck.

A couple years later when I was in University back south I was at the park with some friends. We were sitting on a bench watching the ducks, but not doing anything to the ducks. When a duck walked up to me and bit me on the leg with its serrated beak.

While ducks do not have teeth it does hurt when they bite you with their serrated beaks.

It is because of that duck and many, many geese that I now stay clear of all water birds. As I now live under the belief that if I give them space they just might not try to kill me... or at least not have the opportunity to.

P.S. as I write this two ducks have landed on my patio and taunted me with their serrated beaks.

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