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During the coronation, King Charles held the gold scepter with the mammoth Cullinan I diamond, which weighs 530.2 carats. The world's largest cut white diamond is priceless. The king's crown is made of solid gold and is adorned with 444 gemstones, including rubies, garnets, sapphires, and tourmalines. The coronation crown weighs five pounds. The royal orb, a symbol of the king's power, is a golden globe surrounded by a cross set with emeralds, diamonds, rubies, pearls and sapphires, and a large amethyst on top. Yet, the statement was: The Bible is "the most valuable thing that this world affords." Surrounded by priceless but temporary earthly riches, God's Word alone provides eternal value. Instead of eternal value we often think of value as short-term.

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tags. If something is old and unique or rareit can be quite valuable- even then it is only valuable to someone collecting said item. If no one wants it- and you've run out of storage- and it doesn't sell in the garage salethen it isn't very valuable anymore. In our society of stuff and collections it is easy to gather things that we think are valuable; sadly though, many of those very nice things have little financial worth.

If we want to understand the true worth of a person- the value of a person- we must see them as Jesus sees them. We must change our mindset on what makes something or someone valuable.

In the latter part of Luke 16 Jesus tells a story of a rich man and a beggar. The rich man is nameless- no doubt to be better applied to the crowd of pharisees standing near and not to take away from the illustration if there were trying to figure out who He was talking about. We are a blessed nation and people. On the average every American makes more than billions of people in the world. Much of the world lives on less than \$50.00 a week. The money we have, the clothes we wear, the car we drive have nothing to do to our 'value' to God and to people.

In our parable we read about the rich man. He wasn't only rich, but he lived it up each day- it was just one party after another. He had an amazing wardrobe and ate and drank his day away each day. He was 'grossly rich' and everyone was aware of it. He flaunted it! He is there to demonstrate opulence and selfishness.

The 2nd person introduced in this parable is Lazarus, not to be confused with Mary and Martha's brother that gets raised from the dead, "Lazarus, a diseased beggar, was laid at his door. 21 As he lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores." What a contrast. Opulence- and desperate poverty- just a door to separate them. The people listening to this story could identifythey saw the rich each day and there were

always beggars around the towns looking for anything to help them stay alive. Lazarus was willing to eat the scraps that were thrown to the dogs- he was desperate and starving. He was to the point of having little hope for his future- even letting the dogs lick his sores! We see these two men- and see the contrast immediately. We all know people on each end of the spectrum- most of us fall near the rich end of the financial line-(even though we don't think of ourselves as

Next, we read that they both die- we all end the same- no one gets out of this world alive! Death is a great equalizer. Lazarus the beggar is taken to heaven, and the rich manis taken to hell. Another great contrast in this story. There is no middle ground- the decision we make here in this life is the one we will live with forever in eternity! And the rich man in our parable discovered this the

There in torment the rich man saw Lazarus in heaven with Abraham. This man who probably never even noticed Lazarus on earth finally sees this person that he treated lower than his dogs. This poor unhealthy man that made an unsightly presence at the rich man's gate- is in paradise. On earth the beggar had very little value in the eyes of the rich and famous. Without an income and without his health he really wasn't valuable to this world. Yet, in Jesus eyes- this one man was worthy enough for Jesus to go to the cross for him. This one man was/is invaluable to Jesus. Invaluable: "valuable beyond estimation"; the word describes something so precious that one cannot assign a price to it.

You and I are invaluable- Jesus said in Matthew 10:29-31, "Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny? But your Father knows when any one of them falls to the ground. 30 Even the hairs on your head are counted. 31 So don't be afraid! You are worth much more than many sparrows."

You are valuable to God. He said in Isaiah 43:4, "You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you" (ESV).

- You are valuable because God is your Father, and you are his child. The Bible says, "Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far valuable to him than they are?" (Matthew 6:26 NLT).
- You are valuable because Jesus gave his life for you. The Bible says, "You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him" (1 Corinthians 7:23 TLB).

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young. — Isaiah 40:11 Isaiah 40:11 Isaiah 40 speaks of the power and might of God with amazing clarity. Estimates hold that the observable universe is 45 billion light years across, and yet, according to Isaiah, that is only like the breadth of God's hand. Ultimately, though, comparing the infinite God to the finiteness of this universe—as expansive as it is—would be futile. Even so, when we consider that the almighty God scoops up his people in his arms and carries them like lambs, close to his heart, we are moved to marvel at his gentle love. Knowing that God has written our names on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16) and that he sings over us (Zephaniah 3:17) as he carries us along is comforting beyond words.

voids. Today some of us need to experience the comfort of our gentle God Reading of his gentle loving care is a good start. However, God's gentleness is experienced in an incarnational way (in the flesh) when we treat others with the gentleness that God has shown us.

In what ways can you show gentleness to everyone around you

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Father, you are infinite and almighty. We are small and weak. You ick us up in your arms, and you love us and bless us. May we find shelter in your love today, and may we be shelter for people who are turting. In Jesus, Amen.

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Obituaries

Nancy Ann Radman

Nancy Ann Radman, age 76, of Hudson, WI,



passed away peacefully on June 3, 2023, from complications related to Alzheimer's disease.

Nancy Ann Eidsness was born on January 18, 1947, to Norris and Sophie (Betzold) Eidsness in Farmington, MN.

She grew up in Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. On September 21, 1968, Nancy married Harlan Radman. After residing in Cannon Falls for 7 years, they moved to their farm near Randolph to raise their family. In 2003, they moved back to Cannon Falls and in 2020, she moved to Hudson, WI for additional care and to be closer to her daughter, Julie.

Nancy sincerely enjoyed interacting with the public in her positions with Lansing Hardware and Flom Insurance Agency. She treasured traveling with friends and family and spending time in her flower gardens. But most of all, she loved spending time with and cheering for her grandchildren. She was a longtime member of First English Lutheran Church where she volunteered and was also a 4-H volunteer.

She is survived by her husband Harlan; children Charles (Leah) of Randolph, Dale of Hampton, and Julie (Chris) Irwin of New Richmond, WI; grandchildren Katie and Ellen

Radman, and Benjamin and Anna Irwin.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Jerry.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages a tribute donation to the Alzheimer's Associa-

Memorial services were held at 3:00 pm, Monday, June 12, at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls, MN 55009. There was a visitation one hour prior to the service. Following the service, there was a reception at the Cannon River Winery, 421 Mill St. W, Cannon Falls, MN

Ray Wynne

Ray Wynne, son of William and Theresa



Wynne, was born August 8th, 1930 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He lived and attended school in East Grand Forks, Minnesota until moving to the Pine Bend area to continue school. He was a graduate of the

Minnesota Barber School in St. Paul.

He married his wife of 69 years, Mariellen Eckstein, on June 19, 1954. They lived in the St. Paul area until 1964, when they moved to rural Cannon Falls where they raised their nine children. Ray owned a barbershop in Rochester, Minnesota and then in Cannon Falls until he retired. After retirement, Ray

and Mariellen lived in Solon Springs, Wisconsin for over five years before moving back to rural Cannon Falls in 2004.

Ray enjoyed fishing, hunting, and traveling with family and friends. He was an active member of St. Pius V Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Cannon Falls Lions Club and the Cannon Falls Sportsman's Club. He also served on the Stanton Township board for several years.

Ray is survived by his wife Mariellen, their five sons Tom, Tim (Valerie), Jeff (Joyce), Greg (Laura) and Jim, as well as their four daughers Kathy (Kevin) Moorhouse, Debbie (Mel) Kummer, Mary and Sharon. He is also

survived by eleven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, several nephews and nieces and sisters-in-laws Sharon and Jeanette (Tom) Trienen, and brother-in-law Don Trumbly. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Emil, Harry, Jerome, Ronald, Elroy and sisters Alvina Spaur and Delores Rahrman.

Memorial Mass will be on Friday, June 30, at 11 am at St. Pius V Catholic Church, 410 W, Colville, Cannon Falls, MN 55009. There will be a visitation at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in St. Pius V Cemetery.



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Obituaries

Jaron K. Johnson

Jaron K. Johnson, age 15, of Northfield, died



Monday, May 22, 2023, in Northfield.

Jaron was born to Jason and Patricia (Appelgren) Johnson (Alexandria Swan) on January 2, 2008, in Northfield. Jaron was an A honor roll student and active in band and theatre. She received her letter in

band and was just completing the ninth grade at Randolph High School at the time of her death.

Jaron was the most kind, sweetest, and loving sibling to Saycia and Teyten. Jaron enjoyed playing Mario, Zelda and other video games in her spare time.

Anyone who knew her knew the kind and loving soul that blessed everyone around her. She was so beautiful and brave and kind to

Jaron is survived by her parents Jason of Northfield; Alex Swan of Cottage Grove; siblings Saycia and Teyten of Northfield; her grandparents George Johnson of Northfield, Robert and Wendy Appelgren of Randolph; and aunt and uncles Tony Morris of Willmar, Jeff Johnson of Northfield, Lillian of Brookings, SD, and Geoffrey of Hastings. Jaron was preceded in death by her grandmother, Jackie Johnson.

Visitation was at Bierman Funeral Home on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM. There was a short prayer service beginning at 3:30 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the family. Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. biermanfuneralhome.com.

Mike Fox

Mike Fox, 63, of Northfield, Minnesota,



died on June 10, 2023, at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

Michael Gerard Fox was born June 30, 1959, to Eugene and Claire (Liesch) Fox in New Ulm, MN. Mike is a 1977 graduate of Northfield High School and

many classmates remained lifelong friends. Mike earned his degree in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota and began Fox Landscaping in 1981. Over 40 years of his landscaping expertise can be seen in and around Northfield. He loved his work and was sharing his knowledge and consultation until his last breath. Mike was caring, generous, hard-working, simple, and funny. Anyone who had the great fortune to be his friend, knew his loyalty and kindness. Mike always made us feel better with his presence. He was loved dearly and will be greatly missed.

Mike married Barbara Spurrier on August 24, 1990, at the Carleton College Chapel, and enjoyed an awesome life, raising three sons, Charlie, Sam, and Jack on their Northfield hobby farm. Time with family was always Mike's priority. Mike was instrumental in helping his boys' 4H experiences, raising sheep and pigs and showing them at the

Dakota County and MN State Fairs and instilling a strong work ethic. He was an avid hockey fan and longtime MN Wild season ticket holder, but nothing gave him more joy than watching his sons play hockey - any of their activities were always the priority.

Mike loved growing tomatoes, watching old movies, woodworking, Saturday morning coffee with the Northfield boys (Les, Brian, Carl, Darwin, Brent, Mike, Chris), volunteering and most recently with the Northfield Fire Department, and spending time with Barb on his boat on the Mississippi River and with friends at the Red Wing Marina. He loved to travel – with his family to Mexico for winter/spring breaks (and his parents, Claire and Gene joining eight of those times), to the east and west coasts to visit extended family, with Barb to New Zealand and many other locations throughout the world, and winter ski trips with Barry.

Mike is survived by his wife Barbara Fox Spurrier; sons, Charlie Fox (Salt Lake City, UT), Sam Fox (Columbus, OH), Jack Fox (Minneapolis, MN), and girlfriends, Brandi (fiancé), Maddie, and Teddi, respectively; brother and sister-in-law Patrick and Michelle (Stanton) Fox (Lakeville, MN); brother-in-law Brian O'Boyle (Denver, CO); sister- and brother-in-law Lauren Spurrier and Tom Edwards (Arlington, VA); and brother- and sister-in-law Greg and Pat Spurrier (Morrison, CO). Mike so enjoyed the company of his nieces and nephews; John O'Boyle, David O'Boyle and Lisa Oberstoetter, Bryn Spurrier Edwards, Zoe Spurrier Edwards, Lindsay Spurrier and Ryan Glouner, Jessica Spurrier and Brandon Fife, Ryan and Emily Spurrier, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene & Claire Fox, brothers John and Steven in infancy, and sister Mary Fox O'Boyle.

Special thanks to so many caregivers, especially from the Northfield Hospital Cancer Care and Infusion Center, Mayo Clinic, and St. Croix Hospice and so many family members and friends who have been of tremendous support and comfort to Mike and his family. Mike's last selfless act on earth was donating his body to Mayo Clinic for education and research for future generations.

Memorials preferred to the Community Action Center of Northfield, communityactioncenter.org or University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, arb.umn.edu/support/experience-joy-giving.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 PM, Friday, July 7, 2023, at Boe Memorial Chapel on the St. Olaf campus in Northfield. Visitation will be from 4-7 PM, Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Bierman Funeral Home, Northfield and one hour prior to the service at Boe Memorial Chapel. An open house will be held following the service until 8 PM, at the Fox Family Farm, 32055 Northfield Boulevard, Northfield.

Arrangements are with Bierman Funeral Home & Crematory. www.biermanfuneralhome.com

Michael Bever

Michael Beyer, age 59 of Northfield, passed



away at home, surrounded by his fam-Sunday ilv. on morning, June 11, 2023.

Michael Scott Beyer was born June 14, 1963, in Cannon



(Beissel) Beyer. He was raised in Cannon Falls and attended Cannon Falls Schools. Following his education he joined the US Army Reserve and worked in concrete construction and then later wood cutting service. In 2009, Mike formed a partnership with Roger Maring and together they operated The Woodchuck Tree Service until Roger's death in August, 2021.

When Mike was a boy, he found his lifetime passions. He enjoyed his bike and never stopped pulling "wheelies". His summers were full of fishing and swimming and his BB guns. He raced snowmobiles for many trophies. Mike's general fondness of horsing around and having fun followed him through his life. You knew Mike was enjoying every moment by the smile he sported. It's a smile we will never forget.

As a young man and through his life, Mike enjoyed muscle cars, motorcycles, and playing cards. He proudly remodeled 2 older Camaros and you could see him smiling as he drove them. He was a camping and hunting enthusiast and spent many fun filled days in the woods with his friends. He was a passionate hunter and gun collector. He spent time at shooting ranges teaching his kids the rules of gun safety as well as shooting. He also enjoyed the water and frequently could be seen enjoying a canoe trip down the Cannon river with friends and family. Gardening was a passion that he and Dawn shared. Mike like to bring tomatoes to the assisted living in Northfield.

Besides his passion for adventure, Mike loved animals. Along with the many dogs and cats he loved, he loved the creatures that made their way into his yard and often named and fed them. He was a bit of an animal whis-

On August 2, 1986, Mike married Dawn Rene Larson at Christ the King Church in Medford, Minnesota. Dawn and Mike met at the Cannon Falls fair and Mike realized he met the love of his life that would forever be his rock. After marriage, they made their home in the Northfield area. Mike and Dawn's family grew and they have two children, Josh Twaddle and Jorie Beyer-Hanson. He worships them and they share the same spirit of independence and fierce love and loyalty. The family continued to grow when Jorie married Skyer Hansen. Skyler and Mike share the bond of banter and enjoy each other's company.

Mike enjoyed time with his grandsons, Charlie (2) and Jace (9), sons of Jorie and Skyler. They brought that smile to his face while they played and told their stories.

Mike was a member of the Church of St. Dominic and a life member of the NRA. He was the funny, witty, charismatic, kind and an independent thinker. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Dawn; his children, Josh Twaddle of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Jorie (Skyler) Beyer-Hansen of Faribault, Minnesota; 2 grandsons Jace and Charlie; his mother, Mary Ann of Cannon Falls, Minnesota; his brother, Paul Beyer of Rutledge, Minnesota; his sister, Kimberly Wolter of Wabasha, Minnesota; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Dwain (Buddy) Beyer.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:00AM, Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield. Visitation began at 9:00AM. Military Honors and a reception followed the Mass.

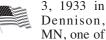
Russell Lewis Qualle

Russell Lewis Qualle, age 90, a lifelong



resident of Cannon Falls, died on Monday morning, June 12, 2023, at Mayo Clinic Hospitals -Methodist Campus in Rochester.

Russell was born on February 3, 1933 in



children to Lewis and Amanda (Strombeck) Qualle. He served with the US Army during Korea and was stationed in Hawaii. He was honorably discharged in

Russell married Arlene Jensen on May 15, 1958, at First English Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

He built silos in his younger years, and later worked for the Pacific Railroad until retirement. As he was one to not sit idle, following his retirement, he worked at Molitor Farms and was a garden helper for Sue Vance. Russell enjoyed walking every day, and he could be seen walking 2-3 miles at the Cannon Community Center, the field house, or the Cannon Valley Trail. He enjoyed tractor pulls and parades and could often be found on a Saturday at the farmer's market.

Russell proudly served with the Cannon Falls Veterans Honor Guard, and they will be providing his final farewell.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Arlene; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Amanda Qualle of Cannon Falls; grandchildren, Jamie Huppert, Kayla Haberman, and Jacquelyn Qualle; sister, Cindy (Marland) Husaby of Cannon Falls; sisters-in-law, Lee Qualle of Red Wing and Darlene Qualle of Cannon Falls; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, James; daughter, Judy Haberman; brothers, Joe, Clifford, Henry, Walter, Edward, Virgil, and Leslie; and sisters, Agnes Lawson, Lillian Wohfiel, and Gertrude McKinley.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, June 24 from 10am - 12pm at Lundberg Funeral Home, 5839 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls. Interment with military honors will follow at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Cemetery. Please join the family for lunch and fellowship at the VFW basement following the interment.

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Randolph 4th Quarter Honor Rolls

June, 2023

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Athena Annis, Vance Heidenreich, Ella Heiman, Julia Hines, Geoffrey Krueger, Carter Kunz, Faith Koktavy, Reese Nordling, Richard Olson, Coltyn Otte, Adrean Pasch, Gavin Ruud, Grant Seelig, Kale Staub, Cami Thompson, Gabrielle Wiik

12TH GRADE

Sophia Amy, Alexis Delzer, Maya Fredrickson, Sommer Gesme, Charles Gustafson, Claire Hansen, Sophia Jackson, Ruben Kriesel, Carson Lind, Peter McNamara, Marea Nielsen, Mariya Pritchard, Hayley Tchida, Trey Thielbar, Cole Vaughan



Randolph Clay Target Spring 2023 Banquet and Fun Night





Our season ended with 26 shooters earning letters, 6 Top shooters being recognized, 3 Seniors we send off on their next journey, 1 coach saying Good-bye, 1 Athletic Director showing his shooting skills, and lots of fun playing shooting games

Below awards based on season average: Top Gun Overall (boys and girls division):

Jocelyn Zingler 20.8

(also placed #7 in Conference for Top 25 Girls)

Runner Up Top Gun Overall: Vance Heidenreich (not pictured) 20.6 Runner Up Girl: Katelyn Hare 16.0

Most Improved: Gavin Ruud 20.6

(best improvement in prev to present avg)

Dedicated Shooter:

Carter Kunz 20.4

Nothin But Dust:

Jon Roehl (only shooter to shoot 25/25

this season) 20.5

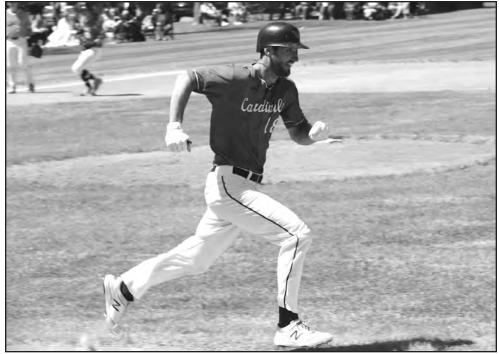
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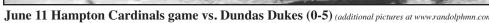
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CANNON VALLEY FAIR JULY 1-4, 2023

- GOLD STAR AMUSEMENTS Will be on the midway during the fair starting July 1st, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Ride sessions will be from 1-5 pm OR 5-10 pm each day of the fair. Advance wristbands for \$20.00 each are available at Cannon Specialties and Cannon Belles Coffee and Ice Cream Shoppe through June 30th. Unlimited ride wristbands for \$25.00 each will be sold each day of the fair. One wristband is good for one session of
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1 pm-11 pm – Gold Star Amusements OPEN – Wristband Special 1-5 pm OR 5-10 pm

3 pm – Just 4 Kix Performance – FREE STAGE

3 pm – 6pm – Cannon Valley Youth Jackpot Beef Check-In & Weigh-In – ARENA

4 pm – Truck Pull Starts – Ticket gates open at 3:00 pm

5 pm – 4H and FFA Beef Show followed by Open Class Beef Show – ARENA

5 pm – Just 4 Kix Performance – FREE STAGE

6:30 pm – Cannon Valley Youth Jackpot Beef Show – ARENA

8:30 – Midplight – THE SUFFEDOCKEDS – EDEE STAGE

8:30 - Midnight - THE SHEETROCKERS - FREE STAGE

July 2nd

7-9 am – Ladies Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast – LEGION PAVILON – Free Will Donation 9:30 am – True North Church Service — FREE STAGE 10 am – 4H & FFA Robbit Show followed by 4H & FFA Poultry Show – ARENA

10 dtt - 4H & FFA Roberts OPEN - Wristband Special 1-5 pm OR 5-10 pm

1 pm - Gold Star Amusements OPEN - Wristband Special 1-5 pm OR 5-10 pm
2 pm - Cory and Friends - The Power of Friendship - FREE STAGE
2 pm - Dog Demonstration - ARENA
3 pm - Auto Cross Starts - Ticket gates open at 1:30 pm
3-5 pm - Cannon Valley Youth Jackpot Market Lamb Check-in & Weigh-in - SHEEP & GOAT ARENA
4-7 pm - 4H Demonstrations - 4H BUILDING
6 pm - Cannon Valley Youth Jackpot Market Lamb Show - SHEEP & GOAT ARENA

8:30 - Midnight - CHIĆKEN RANCH DUO - FREE STAGE

July 3 - KIDS DAY

9-30 am – 4H & FFA Dairy Show – ARENA 11 am – 4H & FFA Goat Show – SHEEP & GOAT ARENA Noon – District VI Holstein Show – ARENA

Noon – 3 pm – Cannon Valley Youth Jackpot Meat Goat Check-in & Weigh-in – SHEEP & GOAT ARENA 1 pm – Gold Star Amusements OPEN – Wristband Special 1-5 pm OR 5-10 pm 1 pm – Demo Pit Gate Opens

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1 pm – Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Master – FREE STAGE
2 pm – Karl Achilles Escape into Magic – FREE STAGE
3 pm – Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Master – FREE STAGE
3:30 pm – Cannon Valley Youth Jackpot Meat Goat Show – SHEEP & GOAT ARENA
4 pm – Karl Achilles Escape into Magic – FREE STAGE
5 pm – Demo Derby Starts – GRANDSTAND – Ticket gates open at 3:00 pm
8:30 – Midnight – THE CHUBS – FREE STAGE

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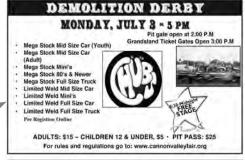
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Minnesota DNR

DNR Announces Land for Sale

Online auction to be held July 10-24

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has state lands for sale in Clearwater, Itasca, and Wadena counties. The 10 rural and lakeshore properties for sale offer several recreational opportunities.

Annual land sales help the DNR refine its land holdings and meet its responsibility to maximize recreational, conservation, and economic opportunities. The DNR sells land at public auction in accordance with state statutes.

The auction

The July online public land auction will be held in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Administration at MinnBid opens in a new browser tab, Minnesota's Surplus Services online auction website.

Properties will be available for bidding

Monday, July 10 through Monday, July 24. The DNR land sale webpage has more information about the online public land auction, a preview of lands for sale, and details on how to register for an account to bid on prop-

Register to bid

Prior to participating in the auction, anyone interested in bidding on a property needs to register opens in a new browser tab for an account on MinnBid opens in a new browser

People who are interested in bidding on the available parcels should visit the DNR land sale webpage to obtain property data sheets, terms and conditions of sale, and instructions for participating in the MinnBid system.

About DNR public land sales

The DNR's annual land sales help the department meet its management responsibilities and enhance the state's public land values and benefits. Public lands provide support for natural resource-based economies, space and access to outdoor recreation, ecological benefits like clean air and water, and critical habitat for wildlife and rare plant species. Selling land allows the DNR to remove land from its portfolio that is no longer meeting primary management objectives. Depending on the type of land sold, revenue from sales

may go to the School Trust or provide funds to allow the DNR to invest in other, high priority acquisitions.

All are welcome to participate in the public

auction. Visit the DNR land sale webpage for more information. For questions about a specific property, call 651-259-5432, 888-646-6367 or email min.landsale@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series

continued growth in participation as Minnesotans have looked to boost their fishing, hunting, habitat and outdoors know-how.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is continuing the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series that started in March 2021, with new webinars this summer on topics that will appeal to people interested in nature, including anglers and hunters.

"The webinars have reached several thousand individuals and have seen increased participation over the past couple of years," said Benji Kohn, volunteer mentor program coordinator. "We're using these webinars to equip people with outdoor skills information and strengthen their passion for fish, wildlife and habitat conservation.'

During the last couple of months, the webinars have averaged 200 viewers live for each episode. The live webinars are at noon on Wednesdays and last an hour or less. All webinars are live-captioned, recorded and made available on the DNR website, and the recordings are popular with those who express interest in the webinars but don't watch them live.

Summer webinar topics include boat launching, lake trout, off-road vehicles, reconnecting fish populations and habitat, catch

A series of outdoor skills webinars has seen and release fishing, fawn research, using falcons for hunting, frogs and toads, the Conservation Partners Legacy grant program, kayak fishing, cattails, 2023 deer season updates, and the DNR at the Minnesota State

> The webinars are free, and participants must pre-register. More information, including summer session topics and how to register, is available on the outdoor skills and stewardship page of the DNR website.







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Community

Seasonal Allergies and Exercise for Longevity

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By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Exercise is widely considered to be the answer for weight loss, heart disease and diabetes prevention and overall health. When the topic of cancer comes up, exercise is not usually mentioned as a treatment or preventative tool. According to recent research, exercise can help lower your risk of cancer, help cancer patients recuperate at a faster rate and diminish your risk of cancer recurrence. Exercise can also help lower your risk of dementia. If you are a man in your middle age, exercising on a regular basis cut men's risk of lung cancer by 55 percent, and bowel cancer by 44 percent. It also reduced their risk of dying from lung, bowel, and prostate cancer by nearly one-third. As we age, health concerns start to include the health of our brain. Diseases like Alzheimer's and senile dementia are extremely prevalent in our society. In seniors who are at high risk of dementia, studies have shown that cognitive decline can be reduced with a comprehensive program addressing diet, exercise, brain training, and managing metabolic and vascular risk factors.

Thought for the Week: Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it. ~Plato

Chiropractic and Seasonal Allergies: Although chiropractic care is not normally thought of by the lay public for allergy relief or chronic sinus trouble, it offers a profound and medically sound method for improving well-being and fending against common, everyday afflictions. This is achieved through the release of stress on the nervous system, which then permits the immune system to function more effectively - a requirement for all allergy sufferers. In fact, recent research has demonstrated a distinct relationship between the two that entails the nervous system "tipping off" white blood cells about the presence of all forms of bodily invaders. Chiropractic performs this task by correcting body malfunctions produced by vertebral subluxations, a common spinal distortion that puts stress on the nervous system. Freed of nervous system stress, the body can then work more effectively to neutralize allergy-causing chemicals, build healthy immune systems and energize malfunctioning defense mechanisms. In addition to the immune system facts, here it is in simpler terms. The nerves that control sinus function are located in the upper neck. If neck vertebra (the bones) are not in proper alignment, there is a resulting decrease in nerve flow to the sinuses which can then cause the sinuses not to function at 100%. This can lead to someone being more susceptible to their allergy symptoms. Correcting the spinal alignment, frees up the nerve flow and will help

the sinuses do their job the way they are supposed to. In addition, chiropractors work directly, externally on the sinuses helping them to drain. Sinus massage and repetitive tapping on the sinuses with a technique called acupressure will help the sinuses drain.

Minnesota FFA Association Names Rada Executive Director

The Minnesota FFA Association has named Dr. Lavyne Rada as its new Executive Director. St. Paul, MN – Minnesota FFA announces the new title of Dr. Lavyne Rada, who assumed the role of Executive Director on June 5. She brings experience in FFA and agricultural education to this role where she will be working with Minnesota FFA members, agriculture teachers, and numerous stakeholders.

With Dr. Rada being an integral part of the Association staff since 2014, this new role is a testament to her outstanding dedication, expertise, and exceptional performance. Throughout her tenure, Rada has consistently exhibited exceptional leadership qualities, strategic thinking, and a remarkable ability to drive results.

In her previous role as Regional Supervisor and Program Manager, Rada played a crucial role in organizing, developing, and implementing new and existing training for student growth while strengthening Minnesota FFA's growing membership of nearly 16,000 students. As Executive Director, Rada will as-



Dr. Lavyne Rada

sume broader responsibilities and play a pivotal role in shaping Minnesota FFA's future.



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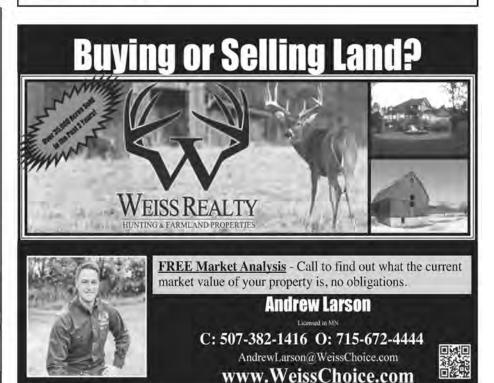


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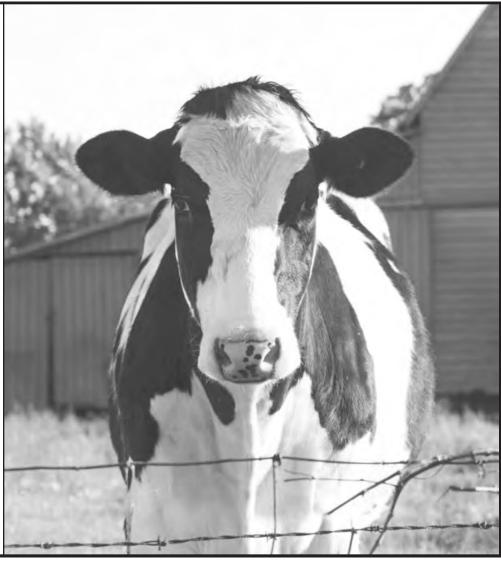


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Return Program Available for Certain Chlorpyrifos Products

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Distributors and retailers should be contacted to arrange for returns

Minnesota farmers who have chlorpyrifos insecticide products made by two manufacturers can now arrange to return the products. Corteva Agriscience and ADAMA US have been given permission by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take back the chemicals.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture cancelled chlorpyrifos product registrations for use on food and feed on January 1, 2022, in conjunction with the EPA cancelling all food and feed tolerances for chlorpyrifos in the U.S. A "tolerance" represents the maximum level of pesticide residue legally allowed in or on raw agricultural commodities and processed food and feed. Without tolerance levels, food and feed are considered adulterated when the product is found on them. This has stopped the use of chlorpyrifos on all food and feed and made it illegal to use,

sell, or distribute any of these products.

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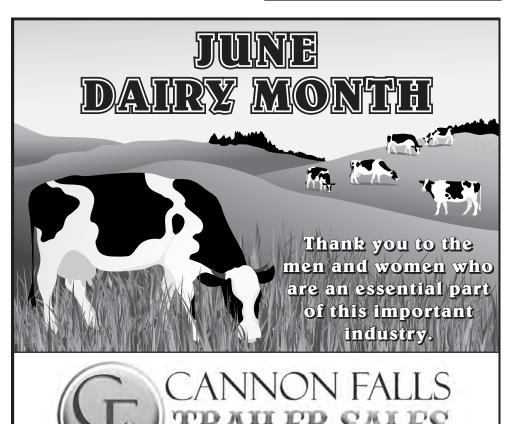
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Minnesota dairy herds with low somatic cell counts (SCC). Somatic cell count is a key indicator of milk quality - a lower SCC count is better for cheese production and a longer shelf life for bottled milk.

In honor of National Dairy Month, 93 Minnesota dairy farms are being recognized for their superior herd management skills by achieving an average SCC of under 100,000.

"I'm honored to recognize these dairies for their dedication to quality and excellence," Petersen said. "Minnesota's dairy farmers provide the state and the world with high quality, wholesome dairy products for us all to enjoy."

Although somatic cells occur naturally and are not a food safety concern, dairy farmers monitor them because they can be used as a measure of the health of their cows. Processors also pay a premium for milk with low counts. A farmer whose herd has a very low count can receive a higher price per hundredweight compared to a farmer whose herd average is high.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture and University of Minnesota dairy experts have worked with the state's dairy farmers for 20 years to lower somatic cell counts. When the initiative began in 2003, the herds honored that year included those with SCC averages as high as 144,000, compared to the current goal of obtaining a SCC under 100,000.

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Growers who take part in the Forever Green EECO Implementation Program are eligible for conservation (or "ecosystem service") payments ranging from \$20-50 per acre, as well as a risk management payment that will cover up to half the cost of production in the event of crop or market failure. In addition, enrolled growers are eligible for technical assistance from a dedicated field agronomist and knowledgeable community partners.

The Forever Green EECO Implementation

Program recently expanded to include these four crops, after initially focusing on Kernza. To date, 16 growers have enrolled 683 acres of cropland in the pilot program. The EECO program is a partnership between the University of Minnesota Forever Green Initiative and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, with funding from the State of Minnesota's Clean Water Fund.

Protecting water quality is a major goal of this program. Growers who are located in Drinking Water Supply Management Areas are eligible for a 25% premium on their ecosystem service payment.

The program is focused on four regions of the state, which have been dubbed Economic and Environmental Clusters of Opportunity, or EECOs. The counties included in these regions are listed below. In addition, all Tribal Nations in the state are included.

For online: Learn more and enroll in the Forever Green EECO Implementation Program here.

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Eligible locations

The pilot program targets four areas of Minnesota, plus all Tribal Nations, for expanded production of these "continuous living cover" crops.

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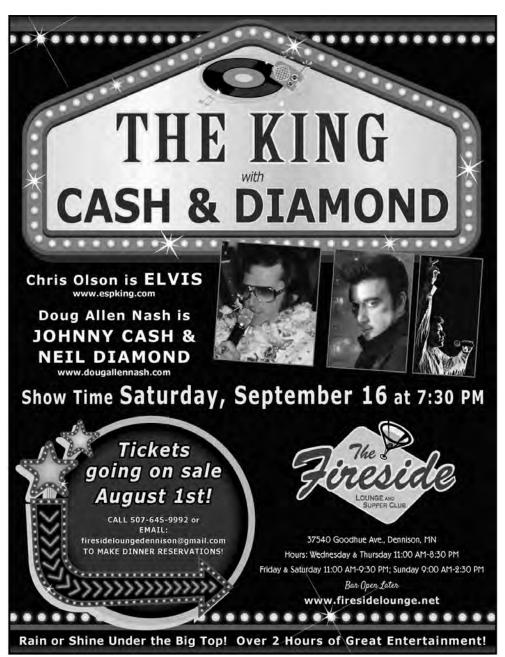
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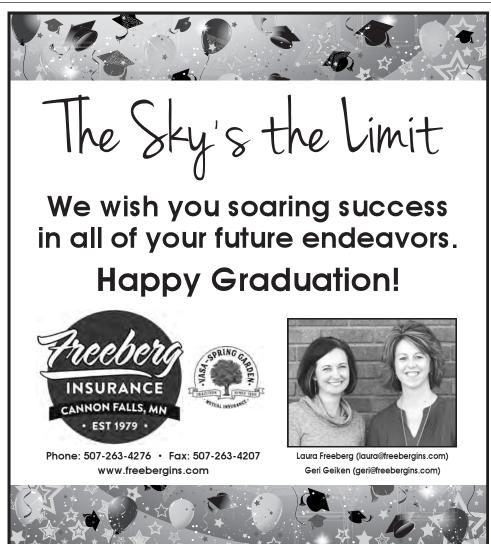
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Local Government

City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting May 10, 2023

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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 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

We will scratch the County Road 88 Acquisition item under old business from the agenda as it is part of our closed meeting. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Carlock, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0

Public Comments

It was asked about the potholes in the city. Friedrich mentioned we could hire someone to fill the holes or he would be willing to buy some bags and do it himself.

Minutes

A motion to approve the April 12, 2023 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Approval of Treasurer Report and Payment of Bills

Sandy noted there were several Bolton & Menk invoices to be paid. Clerk Haro noted that we need to get reimbursed from the bond money for the Bolton & Menk invoices. The city CD's are being prepared. We are just waiting for some papers that we need to get them processed.

Motion to approve the treasurers report and payment of bills as presented was made by Friedrich, and seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Old Business

Joint Powers Agreement with Randolph/Hampton Fire Department

Korine noted that an attorney from Kennedy & Graven (Troy Gilchrist) is willing to work with us on the JPA. He represents several fire districts regarding their JPA. He gave an estimate for the revisions of the JPA at \$1,500.00 and anything extra would be at a rate of \$160/hr such as attendance at any meeting. Motion by Friedrich to move forward with having Kennedy & Graven work on the JPA, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

New Business Dakota County Deputy

Officer Jake the K-9 handler was present and asked if there were any concerns. He had nothing to report. It was asked if they will be present during the summer with school out. He said they will be in the city as much as possible

Vacant City Council Position

We had 3 individuals apply for the open city council position. We interviewed two candidates and one decided not to move forward with his application. After the interview process and questions from the city council, Jacob made a motion to appoint Tony Price to the open city council seat, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Tony will be sworn in at the June city council meeting.

Motion to close the regular city council meeting was made by Friedrich, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

PUBLIC HEARING on Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Dave Fellon asked for his 29 acres of property off of Dickman to be rezoned from Agricultural to Limited Industrial.

Our legal counsel, Korine explained with a Land Use Application especially a rezoning request that two things have to come into play for this request. One is our comprehensive land use zoning map and other our city codes. Since this land is labeled as limited industrial in our comprehensive plan they have the right to ask for it to be rezoned to LI. She explained that we have no legal basis to deny the application.

There were several complaints from citizens that this will add extra truck traffic and they were against this.

We could deny the application but we would need to go back and amend the comprehensive plan which would have to be approved the Met Council and they could deny it as they need a very good reason from us in order to amend it.

Motion was made by Jacob to approve the Ordinance No. 23-01 Rezoning PID 32-00500-51-020, Randolph, MN 55065 from AG – Agricultural to LI – Limited Industrial, seconded by Carlock. Voting in favor Jacob, Carlock and Friedrich. Voting against Haro, motion passed 3:1.

PUBLIC HEARING on Variance for Eric and Michelle Brochman

Eric and Michelle Brochman asked for a variance to build a second detached building with a 7 foot setback from the alley and 25 feet from Dickman Avenue. Our building inspector indicated that we need to determine what the alley way setback is and noted there is also setbacks for septic systems that need to be followed. The neighbors septic is in the backyard and any building has to be 10 feet off of the septic tanks and 20 feet off a drain field. He would have to move his building 5 feet to the East to be compliant. Our legal counsel indicated that we do not have to approve a variance as we have rules and setbacks for a reason. If we do grant a variance then it has to meet the practical difficulties test under the statutory requirement which three items are (i) property is put to a reasonable use; (ii) that it is unique to the property and the property owner did not create the problem; and (iii) it will not alter the character of the neighborhood. She indicated what we need to look at and if it is unique to the property. The entire property meets the square footage requirement for not exceeding 30% coverage but it's the size of the garage that is creating the cause for the variance. He could build a garage to completely conform to our setbacks that would be away from the septic and away from Dickman Avenue and needs to be 5 feet off of the alley which is a side lot line. It was noted that we could give a variance for the 25 feet from Dickman rather than the setback of 30 feet but we cannot change the variance from the septic which is state mandated which is 10 feet from septic tanks. If he wants to keep the same size of the building he would need to move the

building closer to the alley way which could be 5 feet.

Motion to approve the variance but needs to be 10 feet of the septic and 30 feet off of Dickman Avenue was made by Friedrich. After discussion it was noted that our building inspector was recommending the denial of the 25 feet setback from Dickman. So it was noted he does not need a variance if he stays 30 feet off of Dickman and 5 feet of the alley which is a side yard. Motion was made by Friedrich to deny the variance because he does not need the variance, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none denied, motion passed 4:0.

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Friedrich, seconded by Carlock All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0

Resolution re Revised Fee Acquisition for Sewer Project

Our legal counsel was seeking a resolution to resize the property that we had already approved for the holding ponds. The original resolution was to acquire 80 acres of land but now we will be purchasing 76 acres in order to accommodate their irrigator.

Motion by Friedrich to approve Resolution No. 23-07 Amending Resolution No. 22-07 Authorizing Fee Acquisition For City's Sanitary Sewer Project, seconded by Jacob. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4-0

Bolton & Menk Sewer Update

Matt Blazer of Bolton & Menk discussed that the bids were opened; however, we will not be awarding the bid tonight as they are still working with the PFA on some items that need to be finalized. The lowest bid was Northland Grading & Excavating for \$14,425,409.45. That amount includes Dakota County's portion for the road project in the amount of \$6,523,544. There will be a contingency of approximately \$1.5 million. He will be meeting with the contractor next week to discuss the schedule of the project. They also want to have one more public meeting to discuss the project. He has been discussing the project with the fire department regarding the annual Chicken BBQ and will keep them informed.

Council Reports Pot Holes

Friedrich talked with Bill's Blacktop and he said depending on how much money we want to spend he will fill that amount of potholes. We feel that is not the best solution since we don't know what we would get for the money. It's also hard to spend money when the roads are going to get tore up. Friedrich indicated he is willing to buy enough bags to fill the holes himself. He would just need a packer and we can find one for him to use. We feel this is the best option.

Community Service Projects

It was noted that the senior class spread mulch in the city park for their community project. So a thank you goes out to them. Walco picked the bags up at the garage with their fork lift and delivered them to the park to be spread. So a thank you to them also.

Mowing

Mayor Jacob talked to Progressive Rail about the property that they are responsible to mow. Progressive Rail indicated that they will spray the grass so that they won't have

to mow it. We decided that we will continue to mow it.

Chickens

It was noted that someone was building a chickencoop in town and asked if they had acquired a permit. Clerk Haro will check if we received an application and if not, she will send them a letter letting them know about the ordinance.

City Codes

We will have a hearing at next month's meeting to adopt the recodified city codes.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Friedrich, seconded by Jacob, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Closed Meeting

Motion by Mayor Jacob at 9:09 p.m. to close the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. 3(c)(3) to consider offers or counteroffers for the sale of real property identified as the 6 parcels of land owned by the City including the water tower site, City Hall, Fire Station, entrance to Divers Path from CR 88, the vacant 0.13 acre parcel of land across CR 88 from Duncan Avenue, and the vacant 0.36 acre parcel of land across CR 88 from the school, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Mayor Jacob moved to reopen the meeting at 9:31 p.m., seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Haro

City of Randolph Special Council Meeting June 2, 2023

The special Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Marie Jacob.

Roll Call

Present were Mayor Marie Jacob, Council Member Todd Carlock, and Clerk Mary Haro.

Also present was Matt Blazer of Bolton & Menk.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Jacob, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 3:0.

New Business Oath of Office

Tony Price was sworn in as the new city council member.

Bids for Sewer Project

Matt discussed the bids that were received. We received 8 bids with the lowest bid from Northland Grading & Excavating.

The PFA is administering the funds and Bolton & Menk are working on finalizing three items in order to encumber the funds - (i) permits and licenses, (ii) funds to operate the system and (iii) ownership of the land. Dakota County will be paying us 80% of their portion of the construction costs up front.

We received a schedule of the construction staging map with an anticipated start date of approximately June 19th. They are planning on having an open house which may be before our city council meeting but need to work with Dakota County on their availability.

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Local Government

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhring, Anthony Verch (arrived at 7:02), and Nick Russell. Also present was Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk, Melissa Timm, Marlin Reinardy, and Chris Meyer, City Treasurer.

Regular Meeting called to Order - Mayor Knetter called the Regular Scheduled Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest – None

Approval of the April 11, 2023 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes - Motion by Russell seconded by Flodeen to approve the April 11, 2023 regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Disbursements – Mayor Knetter mentioned that an additional bill from the City's attorney's office, in the amount of \$45.70 was received today, and asked that the motion to approve includes the addition of this bill to the claims list. Motion by Luhring seconded by Flodeen to add the additional attorney bill to the claims list and approve the May disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Public Comment - Melissa Timm, 23205 Colorado Ave., was in attendance at the meeting to speak about ordinances that are continuously being violated, particularly that of being parked on the streets for longer than 24 hours at a time, referring to Ordinance § 71.02. Timm also referred to Ordinance § 71.03(G), which states, "No vehicle shall be parked upon any public street, alley, or public property for the purpose of camping or residing in." She said that she is aware of an instance of this occurring in the Heights of Hampton. Timm also referred to Ordinance § 152.238(C) Front yard/side yard/corner side yard, which states, "No portion of a required front yard, side yard or corner side yard shall be used for off-street parking..." Timm indicated that there are examples of this ordinance being violated on every street in the City. Timm also stated that it is her opinion that enforcement of these ordinance violations is being done only on select addresses, and that she has made complaints to people currently in the room, but nothing has been done. She has called the Sheriff Department, but was told that they have no jurisdiction with regard to city ordinances. Mayor Knetter told Timm that her concerns were duly noted. Councilor Luhring asked that an item be included on next month's meeting agenda to review the City's parking ordinances.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications – Mayor Knetter stated that he has been receiving phone calls about the trees on Main St. that are affecting the condition of the asphalt. This needs to be checked to see what actions may need to be taken by the City.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Com-

Engineer's Report – Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk began by reporting on the Frontage Road Turnback Agreement. The City passed its resolution to enter into the three-party agreement with Hampton Township and MnDOT at its February Council meeting. Hampton Township has done the same. The three-party agreement has been signed by all parties, and a Notice of Intent was published in the Cannon Falls Beacon that the City of Hampton and Hampton Township intend to enter into a joint resolution providing for orderly annexation. Fisher stated that the next step in the process is for Council to approve and execute the joint resolution of orderly annexation. Mayor Knetter asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve Resolution 2023-06 - Joint Resolution Providing for Orderly Annexation Between the City of Hampton and Hampton Township Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

The second item that Fisher touched on was the Highway 52 reconstruction project and issues with traffic control that have been affecting traffic on Hampton city streets. Adjustments have been made by MnDOT to improve traffic control to limit problems occurring within city limits. They will monitor over the next 48 hours to see if the adjustments bring about desired changes.

The third item reported on by Fisher was the 2023 Pavement Maintenance Project. At the April 11th City Council meeting, Council asked Fisher to make an assessment of the current condition of city streets within the Heights of Hampton. Both Fisher and Cory Bienfang, of Bolton & Menk, made site visits to the area and agreed that there is noticeable deterioration in many areas. Fisher stated that the condition of the streets appeared to be similar to that of Belmont Street and the adjoining cul-de-sacs last year, where a mill and overlay was done as part of the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project. Fisher asked Council to turn their attention to the cost estimate in his staff report of a mill and overlay in the Heights of Hampton. He reminded Council that this is a larger project than the project completed in 2022, so the cost is substantially higher. Because the cost is estimated to be more than \$175,000, the project will have to be put out to bid, rather than the City accepting project quotes. Mayor Knetter asked Chris Meyer, City Treasurer, if he felt this was something the City would be able to do in 2023. Meyer responded that he would have to crunch the numbers and let Council know. The 2023 Pavement Maintenance Project is tabled until the June 13th Council meeting.

Next on Fisher's list was the Dakota County CR 78 FEMA LOMR Acknowledgment. Fisher explained that Dakota County is working to get FEMA approval for the CSAH 78 project that was completed in 2021. The project included the replacement of large box culverts under CSAH 78 that convey stormwater for Tributary 3 of the South Branch Vermillion River. The tributary has a FEMA-regulated floodplain designation through the project area, so hydraulic modeling prior to construction was done with the coordination of FEMA and the MN Department of Natural Resources to show that the project would not create a rise in the floodplain elevation. The same hydraulic modeling was done by the County's consultant after construction was completed using the "as-built" conditions in order to complete the required Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to submit to FEMA to update the mapping. A portion of the project was located within the city limits of the City of Hampton and,

because the City of Hampton is responsible for administering the floodplain within its boundaries, a city official must sign off acknowledging the map revision request. Bolton & Menk is requesting that Mayor Knetter consider the request and complete the applicable section of the FEMA Community Acknowledgment form.

The final item brought up by Fisher was the Water St. Lift Station Back-up Generator Project. Fisher met with Killmer Electric the day before. The subcontractor is scheduled to do borings next week. Fisher mention that the project may be done before next year. Also, correspondence will be sent to neighbors informing them of project details.

Water / Sewer Report - Mayor Knetter reported that they are actively discharging, and samples taken look good. Also, the parts that were ordered for the fluoride pump were received

Marlin Reinardy spoke about the contractor working on the Highway 52 project who requested access to the City's water supply, who estimated that the daily volume of water that would be taken would be approximately 100,000 gallons. The contractor felt that the price the City had quoted of \$10 per 1,000 gallons of water was too high; that he felt a fair price was \$4 to \$5 per 1,000 gallons, so he is putting in a well.

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. Have been having problems with dirt bikes in the park in the Heights of Hampton.

Street Report - Councilor Luhring stated that alleys are in bad condition and will be redressed. Patching needs to be done at the intersection of 238th St. and Main St.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2023-06 - Joint Resolution Providing for Orderly Annexation Between the City of Hampton and Hampton Township Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 414.0325. Motion was made and resolution was approved - item covered under Engineer's Re-

Resolution 2023-07 - A Resolution Consenting to Amendments to the City's Senior Housing Revenue Refunding Notes, Series 2016C (McKenna Crossing Senior Housing Project). Mayor Knetter asked Council Members if they had any questions about the resolution. Motion by Flodeen seconded by Luhring to approve the amendments to the City's Senior Housing Revenue Refunding Notes, Series 2016C. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business:

LIBOR modifications to the Shepherd's Path/McKenna Crossing conduit note from 2016 - Mayor Knetter stated that this was covered under Resolution 2023-07.

Adjournment – Motion Verch seconded by Luhring to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm. Respectfully submitted,

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They will send out a newsletter regarding the date and they will do monthly newsletters and weekly emails once the project starts.

They will also be in contact with the Fire Department as this project progresses to keep them updated.

We had discussed the individual services to properties. We had discussed that the property owner was going to own from the home to main. As part of the project they are installing from the main to the right of way; however, the PFA does not allow for that portion to be paid from the public funds since an individual will own that. We can change the ordinance to meet the needs of the PFA or install those individual services with city money at approximately \$300,000. We will discuss this at a future meeting.

A motion to approve Resolution 23-08 Awarding the Bid for Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project to Northland Grading & Excavating in the amount of \$14,425,409.45 was made by Carlock, seconded by Jacob. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed

Adjournment

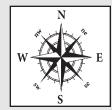
Motion to adjourn the special meeting made by Jacob, seconded by Carlock, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. Respectfully submitted,

Mary Haro



Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Spring is in the Air



By Terry Campbell

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

The other night I walked outside and smelled spring in the air. It was actually the odor of a cow manure lagoon being pumped out, but on the farm that can be synonymous. It brought back memories of pumping the pit each spring. I was so happy to get liquid manure storage on the farm in the 1980's. It was so much better that hauling manure in the cold every day. Frozen manure spreaders, fighting snow drifts in the fields with chains on tractors and trying to get the barn cleaner to work on a sub-zero morning in January. But there were some unforgettable experiences with pumping pits as well.

One just got used to the smell on the farm. It was part of livestock farmer's life. Our hog barn had a pit underneath it. Convenient but stinky. One day I was getting ready to pump the pit and that required removing the exhaust fan in the pump out port. A little while later I realized I was missing my cell phone. After retracing my steps all over the farm I thought I would look down the opening where the agitator was going to go. There on a thin crust of hog poop sat my Nokia. I found a piece if flashing and bent the end to retrieve my phone. It was dry and perfectly functional.

Another time I became aware that the water line coming up from the floor of the pit was leaking. When the pit was pumped as empty as I could get it I inspected and found the plastic nipple on the top side of the valve was spraying water. Wearing a pair of cutoff shorts and disposable tennis shoes I climbed down and installed a new brass fitting. When I climbed out, I discarded the shoes and shorts in the garbage and commenced a deodorizing regimen. Hog manure is just about as bad as a skunk.

We had hauled liquid manure with a 3,300 gallon tank for years before purchasing a pump and traveling gun. This was cutting edge. Except for the labor of laying out 4,000 feet of 6" aluminum pipe to reach the field. There was a 660 foot hose attached to a unit that would spray a perfect arc over 100 feet, as it slowly rotated 360 degrees. You would sit out there and watch it operate and then move the assembly ahead with a cable hooked to a tractor. Nothing but the sound of shh, shh, shh as the liquid fertilizer sprayed in endless circles.

Take down would mean rolling the hose up on a hose reel behind the tractor before moving across the field. One day when I was pumping the neighbors pit, I was rolling up the hose while an open station tractor powered the pto driven hose reel and pulled itself along squeezing the liquid out of the hose and through the nozzle on the traveling gun. I didn't pay attention that the nozzle was pointed directly at me and that the hose became twisted. The reel squeezed the contents of the hose into a state of high pressure and suddenly the force untwisted the hose. I could only watch the manure make it's escape out the nozzle and arc towards me. I turned my back to it and was blasted with the full force of the flying poop.

My last memorable experience with the manure lagoon happened while I was agitating my neighbor's pit. There was a large propeller at the end of a 20' boom mounted on the three-point hitch of the tractor. I was backed down over the edge of the pit with the prop running at full rpm to break up the crust on top of the lagoon. When I determined it was completed, I climbed on the tractor and throttled the engine down. What I hadn't factored into the equation was that even though the rear ties were on a slippery slope, the force of the propeller, just like a ship, was holding the tractor on the bank. According to my science teacher the force of the propeller was equal to the weight of the tractor and it stayed put until I cut the power. I suddenly found myself sliding down into a full manure lagoon on what was soon to become a John Deere submarine. I cut the power and climbed on the hood of the tractor hoping the lagoon was not deeper than the tractor hood. To my relief the tractor came to a rest before it was submerged and after assessing the situation I climbed back into the seat, started the diesel back to life and brought the propeller up to full speed. Then drove the tractor right up the bank and onto level ground.

My neighbor Phil was a witness to the last two incidents and we laughed quite hard afterwards about the whole thing. It is much funnier in retrospect.

A Minnesotan: Construction Season



By RosaLin Alcoser

First off, a special thanks to Bill and Marla Adams from Dodge Center, who sent me some lovely stories about geese in response to my last column. It is always nice to hear about braver souls than I, who were able to stand up to the gaggle of geese that reside in Silver Lake Park in Rochester—a place I ran from many times as a child.

Secondly, it has come around to that time of year again, now that we've soldiered through winter, first winter, second winter, and wondered why it is still winter. When the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, that's right—it is once again construction season in Minnesota.

As we all know, construction season means they start doing the serious road work again, not just patching up the potholes created by nearly six months of winter. Even though up in the Twin Cities where I currently reside, the filling of some of said p o t h o l e s



probably could count as major road work.

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Quite recently, I was driving through the construction they are doing on Highway 52 between the cities and Rochester. If you have recently driven that route, you know it means going through two different construction sites that merge down to two lanes. However, these two lanes are placed extremely differently than they were last year or the year before when they worked on a different part of the highway.

Which brings me to the question: Am I the only one who feels like the Highway 52 project has been going on for over a decade now? I know that there were two different projects, with about a six-year gap between the current 52 project and the one that finished in 2015 (not to be confused with the one they did in the mid-2000s), bringing us to a grand total of three Highway 52 projects in this century.

While the many Highway 52 projects, like many highway projects in existence, seem like an ongoing never-ending story, they are not. At least we will always have something reliable to look forward to every construction season, as once this project is over, they will probably start another one in just a few years.



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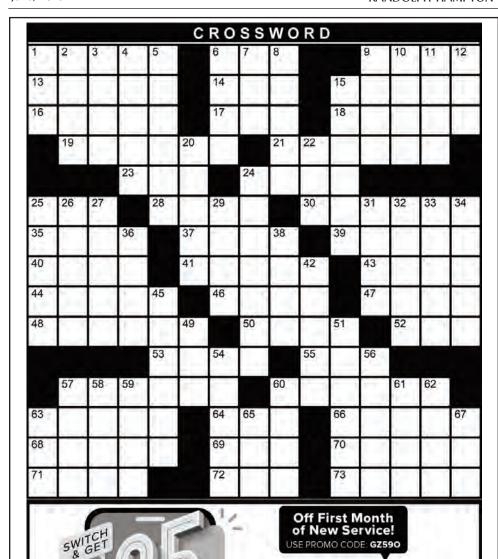


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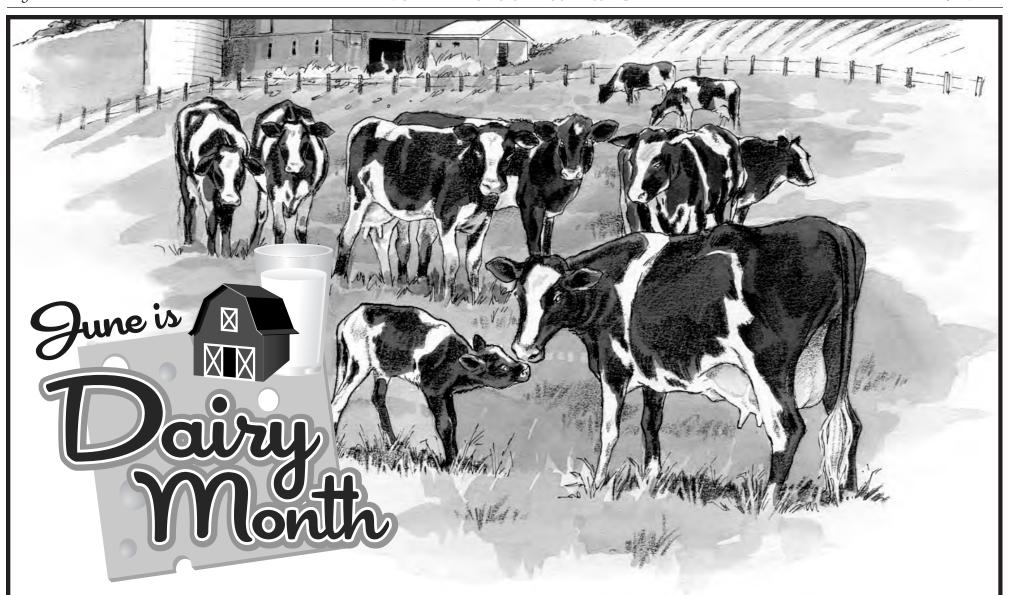
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