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## The Gear Daddies To Headline the 2022 All Saints Music Festival May 20th

The All Saints Music Festival will return to the Little Log House Pioneer Village Friday May 20th 2022. A fundraiser for 5 area church parishes, this event is worth the drive! Promoted as the First Part of The Summer, this years event will not disappoint. Opening Act will be Chris Kroeze, Runner Up on NBC's THE VOICE.

Growing up, there was a guitar in the corner of the family basement that no one was supposed to touch. When no one was looking, a

young Chris Kroeze (pronounced Cruise-E) would sneak down and find it. On his 6th birthday, Chris got a guitar of his own and hasn't put it down since.

Sitting around the campfire on warm sum-

mer nights as a child, Chris fell in love with the guitar. His dad would put small stickers on the strings to show him how to play and he listened and learned under the stars in Northwest Wisconsin. Before long, the in-

strument became the most important thing in his life. *(continued on page 4)*

### Randolph Rockets Booster Golf Tournament is Back

Get ready, Mark your calendars, Polish up those clubs....The Randolph Booster Club Golf Tournament is back! Slightly different format and location but still the same great event. We are here to support the school, staff and most importantly the kids. Whether its academic or athletic, we support the students. We'd love your support and need your participation.

**15th Annual  
Randolph Rockets Booster  
Golf Tournament**

**Monday, June 20, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. shotgun start**

**Gopher Hills Golf Course 26155 Nicolai  
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\$95 entry fee per golfer, if paid by June 6th  
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Fee includes 18 holes, golf cart, driving range & lunch.

Registration forms are going out next week.

For more information on the tournament, donations & sponsorship, please contact: boosterclub@district195.org or Randolph Booster Club via Facebook Messenger.

### Announcements

• **Randolph High School Prom 2022: "Young, Wild & Free"**. Grand March will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the South Gym. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Due to the growing number of prom participants, there will be limited seating. Please keep in mind the number of family and friends you bring to attend Grand March this year.

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

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### FFA Tractor Parade



Randolph Ag Teacher Ed Terry in the 2022 Annual FFA Tractor Parade

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## Hope Breaks Through

Hope, what is hope? According to Miriam Webster, Hope is: desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment"

Over this past couple of years, we have all faced challenges of some kind. Some were personal, others were concerning the world we live in and the community we are a part of. For some the feeling of hopelessness and depression were daily companions.

I want to share a couple of stories of hope that came out of the last couple of years. In Beatrice, Nebraska Jorja Boller has been a volunteer at her local nursing home, Good Samaritan Society and she wanted to do something to brighten their days. So, Jorja brought Peanut, her pony, to the window so the residents could see her. Robin Gascon, the director of marketing and resource development at Good Samaritan, said they were "so excited."

"They would see the staff come to the window and they would wave and you could tell right when their eyes saw the pony because they instantly lit up with smiles from ear to ear!" she told Insider's Zoe Ettinger.

There are many stories like these over the last couple of years. At the Zumbro Valley Food shelf and at South Troy, we've been a part of stories of hope as well. One day a single mom came and received clothing and food for her family when she didn't know where else to turn after she saw the banner outside for the food shelf. Another had just lost her job and didn't know how she was going to make ends meet- then she stopped and was able to get food from the food shelf.

We were also able to pray with her and offer her hope. These are only a couple of the stories that we were humbled to be a part of in our community. Each of these acts of kindness brought hope to their recipients. Hope can turn a very dark time to one with a light at the end of the tunnel.

Easter is all about hope. For believers- followers of Jesus- Easter is culmination of all the hopes that God carries for His people. Hope is powerful. The opposite of hope is despair, which can paralyze us, but hope energizes and mobilizes us. Our hope affects those around us, lifting them up and lifting us up as well.

On that very first Easter morning, the disciples were huddled together feeling defeated, afraid, and depressed. They had lost hope. They had believed that Jesus- their friend was going to be the next King of Israel- they thought he was God- or at least sent by God- But as they had watched his life ebb away 3 days previously, so their hope had ebbed away as well. When 2 followers of Jesus were talking to a stranger (they thought) later, they said, " We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago." Luke 24:21.

It really should be no surprise that on that first Easter morning- it was the women that felt they had to go to the tomb first thing and rightly prepare the body for burial. They felt that Jesus was hurriedly wrapped and placed in Joseph of Arimathea's grave so they needed to go and take care of it—they loved Him, and it was the last outpouring of love they could give their friend Jesus.

When they arrived at the cemetery- to the tomb- they discovered that the huge stone covering the opening was gone! Despite their sadness, despite their hopelessness, they brought the spices to the tomb. When they arrived, they didn't know what to think!

The tomb was empty—they were stunned and perplexed. Jesus body was gone! Let that sink in- they went there to put spices on him, rewrap him and prepare him for eternity a gift of love to Jesus through this last act... and their Savior is GONE!

Then 2 men appear in front of them- in dazzling robes. Not what you expect at an empty tomb! When they saw these men- they were terrified- they were experiencing something that they had never seen before!

They knew these guys weren't just men-- they were angels- These guys had the women's attention the ladies fell to the ground. They had an encounter with God's messengers.

I love the angels question to them: "Why would you look for the Living One in a tomb? He is not here, for he has risen!" Why would you be looking for LIVING ONE in this tomb? The tomb is where we look for those other gods- those that aren't real- the statues, those made from wood, stone and crystal- those that neither hear nor speak to us. Muhammad can be found in his grave in Medina, Saudi Arabia, we can visit The cremated remains of what an inscription says is the Buddha, also called Siddhārtha Gautama, have been discovered in a box in Jingchuan County, China, but the grave of Jesus is empty!

The angels ask the women- why are looking for the Living One among the dead—HE is alive—He is real! Jesus had told them several times that this was going to happen. At the time, it was just too crazy to believe. They had no point of reference to turn back too. No one had been dead three days to rise and live again. They saw him brutally beaten, and hung to die on the cross- For Jesus to be alive was IMPOSSIBLE—wasn't it? As the angels reminded them, they remembered, now... Oh – yeah—lightbulb moment- and extreme joy!!! Jesus is alive!

How important is the resurrection to our hope in God? It is what everything hinges on. Without the resurrection we have no living god to believe in. Paul put it succinctly when he said that if our hope in Christ is only for this life—that is, if the resurrection was a ruse, and we have been fooled into believing in a life-after-death that will never come—then we are "of all people most to be pitied" (1 Cor. 15:19). The resurrection is foundational.

First, the resurrection is proof that Jesus is who He said He is and that He can do what He said He can do.

Second, the resurrection is our confidence that death will not be the end for us. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death (1 Cor. 15:26), but that's only true if our God has truly defeated it already.

Finally, the resurrection gives us confidence that our King is still alive and involved.

The women at the tomb, and the disciples later-- Their hope wasn't in a dead god that taught a good way to live. Their hope wasn't in a prophet or an earthly King. Their hope was built on the Living One, Jesus Christ- the Risen Savior. They went beyond their fears and believed. They knew that Jesus was alive forever more- they knew that He would be with them to the end of the age, this Hope filled these followers of Christ and they in turn were able to turn the world upside down with the Good News that Jesus is Alive- Hope was born that first Easter Sunday! This same Hope is available to us today too.

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Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert. — Isaiah 32:2*

How amazing parents are! They sacrifice so much for their children and are eager to provide opportunities for them. A key preoccupation of seafarers during their visits to ports around the world is to buy books, toys, and clothes to bring back for their children. Parents show love and protection in so many ways for their children, and God does the same for us.

In Isaiah 32, God shares a wonderful announcement. This comes in the midst of warnings to God's people, who have turned away from him to rely on the power of other nations (see Isaiah 28-31). But even though the people have been unfaithful, Isaiah reminds them that God has promised a kingdom of righteousness.

Today we know that the King who "will reign in righteousness" is Jesus, and leaders who follow his ways will rule with justice. This means that everyone—young and old, men and women, parents and children—all will be able to flourish and learn and grow in peace. God's kingdom is a refuge from the storms and troubles of life. The Savior, Jesus, has given us new life and promises it "to the full" (John 10:10). We need not fear or dread the future. Families and communities can thrive. And our King invites us to welcome others in from the storm.

*Prayer  
Lord, King, and Savior, you are our refuge and strength. You care for us with love and compassion. Help us to care for and love others as you have done for us. Amen.*

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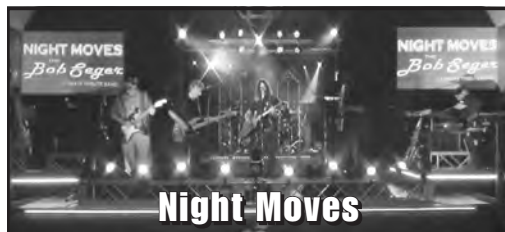
Randolph High School Ag Teacher Ed Terry was interviewed on Fox 9 Friday April 8 before the annual Tractor Parade.



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## Friday, July 8



**Night Moves**



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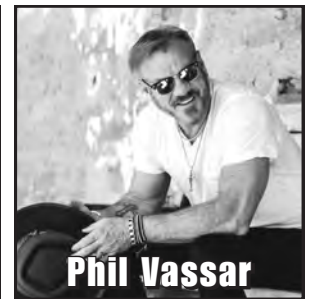
- 4pm Gates Open
- 5pm **Weekend Rockstar**
- 7pm **Night Moves**  
(Tribute to Bob Seger)
- 9pm **BlackHawk**

## Saturday, July 9

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# All Saints Music Festival

## The Gear Daddies To Headline the 2022 All Saints Music Festival May 20th

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Biking around his hometown of Barron, Wisconsin, he would listen to a tape of Chuck Berry on his Walkman over and over, stopping every three and a half minutes to rewind.

When he was in middle school, his dad told him every band needed a singer, and the only way to tell if that would be Chris was to give it a try. He was a natural.

The pull of small town life and the passion for music never left as Kroeze turned into one of the top country musicians in the Midwest. The power of small town community showed as family and friends in Barron helped him get started on his journey to Nashville in 2014, holding a fundraiser that would lead to him recording his first single "Four Letter Words," which received strong radio play and kick started his career.

In 2015, he began a busy stretch of playing over 175 shows a year, and creating a large

and loyal fan following. That popularity soared in 2018, when he appeared on NBC's hit TV show "The Voice," making it all the way to the finals in a runner-up finish. In the finale, Kroeze sang the original song "Human," which was TOP 10 on the Billboard HOT 100 and TOP 5 on the iTunes TOP 100. His vocal and guitar skills, combined with a small-town charm, led to Kroeze to become the most streamed artist in the show's history.

A popular live performer, Chris continued to perform at a frantic pace maintaining an average of over 175 shows a year through 2019, and the crowds have gotten bigger and bigger. He headlined a show at Aquafest for over 5,500 fans and has had a number of stops in which he has sold out multiple nights in a row, yet he still returns for pop-up shows at local bars he used to play at early in his career.

A small town boy who loves the outdoors through and through, Kroeze still lives in Barron, Wisconsin with his wife and can't imagine raising his two children anywhere else.

### The Gear Daddies will headline this years event

Gear Daddies is an Americana/Rock band originally from Austin, Minnesota. Members Martin Zellar (electric and acoustic guitar, harmonica and vocals), Nick Ciola (bass), Randy Broughten (electric and pedal

steel guitar) and James "Billy" Dankert (drums and vocals), played their first shows together in 1984. Between 1986 and 1992, the band released three popular albums and became an important part of the Twin Cities music scene.

Many of the fan's favorite songs ("Stupid Boy", "Color of Her Eyes", "She's Happy", "Drank So Much" and many others) are credited to the exceptionally passionate writing skills possessed by Zellar, however Dankert has also contributed some of the compositions, including "Time Heals", and "Blues Mary".

Their most notable mainstream success was when they played "Stupid Boy" on Late Night with David Letterman in 1991. Zellar had this to say of the experience: "I was so nervous, and it all happened so quickly. I couldn't tell you what the hell happened. I got done, and I was walking back and said to Randy (Broughten), 'Did I sing all the words? Did I do that?' When I watched it that night in the hotel room I had no recollection of having lived it."

Arguably, Zellar's "I Wanna Drive the Zamboni" is the band's best-known song, having been featured in the movies D2: The Mighty Ducks and Mystery, Alaska, as well as on the television program Malcolm in the Middle. It's also a staple at hockey games throughout North America and Europe.

Parking will be Free, and again, this is an 18+ event.

Talk about a perfect place for an outdoor rock & roll party! The Little Log House Pioneer Village is a beautiful site to see for any-

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MUSIC CONCERTS, the Little Log House Pioneer Village is only open for one, three-day weekend in July. We are thrilled to be able to hold this event on this picturesque 160 acre farm.

### Entrance & FREE Parking:

Music fans and party goers are encourage to enter the Little Log House Pioneer Village on Michael Avenue, from 220th Street East, off Highway 61, south of Hastings. Handicapped parking is available by showing your handicapped packing placard to the front gate attendant. If you are a Business Sponsor, please show your VIP Parking Pass at the front gate. On-site, FREE adequate parking is available. Please follow parking attendants who will direct cars to a large parking area and the entrance gate where tickets will be taken.

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### April Winners

**Lemon Jello Cake** (easy, great Spring Easter dessert!) Submitted by Tami Peterson

- 1 box of lemon cake mix
- 1 3 oz pkg of lemon jello
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup boiling water
- 3/4 cup corn oil

Dissolve lemon jello in boiling water. Set aside to cool. Place cake mix in a bowl. Add oil and mix well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add jello and mix well for 2 minutes. Bake in a greased angel food pan. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes.

**Broccoli Casserole** Submitted by Cyndie Nosek

- 2 medium onions, chopped
  - 2 stalks celery, chopped
- Saute in 1/4 cup butter, then combine with:

- 1 10.5 ounce can mushroom soup
- 1 4 ounce can mushrooms, undrained
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 10 ounce bag frozen broccoli, thawed

Pour into a buttered 2 quart casserole. Top with crumbs:

- 10 Ritz crackers, crushed
- 1/4 cup melted butter

Mix well and sprinkle on top of casserole.

Bake at 325 degrees for 30-35 minutes until lightly browned.

**Chicken and Bacon Dip** Submitted by Connie Turner

- 1 3oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 t. chicken bouillon granules
- 2 T. parmesan cheese
- 4 strips of bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 3/4 cup cooked chicken
- 1 tomato chopped
- Swiss cheese

Mix in a bowl cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise and bouillon. Refrigerate overnight. Spread on plate, sprinkle with parmesan cheese, bacon, chicken and tomato. Top with Swiss cheese. Serve with tortilla chips. This is everybody's favorite dip.

**Soft and Chewy Gingersnaps** Submitted by Shelly Donkers

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup soft butter
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 cups flour
- 2 tsp soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger

Cream sugar and butter. Beat in egg & molasses. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill dough.

Shape into 1 in. balls. Roll balls in sugar. Place balls 2 in. apart on greased baking sheet. Bake 9-12 min. until edges are set. Allow to cool on baking sheet for a couple of minutes before removing to cooling rack.

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**Saturday, April 30, 2022 • 9:30AM**

Location: Owatonna Fairgrounds (Radel Building) 1525 S Cedar Ave. Owatonna, MN

**Antiques**

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50+ pcs Vintage Hull Pottery  
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Many Black Americana Pieces  
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Victorian Lounger Chair  
(3) Vintage Side by Side Secretary's w/ Bookcase  
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## Win More Friends With Your Ears Than Your Mouth



By Harvey Mackay

Listening is in danger of becoming a lost art. This dated anonymous anecdote just about sums it up.

When I ask you to listen to me and you start giving advice, you have not done what I asked.

When I ask you to listen to me and you begin to tell me why I shouldn't feel that way, you are trampling on my feelings.

When I ask you to listen to me and you feel you have to do something to solve my problems, you have failed me, strange as that may seem.

All I ask is that you listen. Not talk or do, just hear me. Advice is cheap: 50 cents will

get you both Dear Abby and Dr. Spock in the same newspaper. And I can do for myself, I'm not helpless. Maybe discourage and faltering, but not helpless.

When you do something for me that I can and need to do for myself, you contribute to my fear and weakness. But when you accept as a simple fact that I do feel what I feel, no matter how irrational, then I quit trying to convince you and can get about the business of understanding what's behind this irrational feeling.

And when that's clear, the answers are obvious, and I don't need advice. So, please listen and just hear me, and if you want to talk, wait a minute for your turn, and I will listen to you.

Listening is just as important to business. When Charles Wang's family arrived in America, they had only two suitcases. Wang, now a multi-billionaire, said his company grew because they listened to their clients. While most computer companies sell people what they need, Wang decided to ask customers what they wanted.

Sam Walton, founder of Walmart, said: "The key to success is to get out into the store and listen to what the associates have to say. It's terribly important for everyone to get involved. Our best ideas come from clerks and stockboys."

Walton once took his corporate plane to Mt. Pleasant, TX, and told the pilot to pick him up 100 miles or so down the road. He jumped in a Walmart truck and rode the rest of the way to "chat with the driver." I suspect he let

the driver do most of the talking.

Norman Brinker, the former chairman of the restaurant chain Chili's, said responsive communication is the key to good relations with both employees and shareholders. It pays huge dividends. Almost 80 percent of Chili's menu came from suggestions made by unit managers.

Too many salespeople talk when they should listen. Ben Feldman was the first salesperson to crack the \$25 million mark in a calendar year. And then doubled that figure. He was New York Life's leading sales rep for more than two decades, and he did this in the small town of East Liverpool, Ohio. When asked his secret, he said:

Work hard.

Think big.

Listen very well.

The Healthline website shares these tips for learning active listening:

Give people your full attention. Concentrate on their words to the exclusion of everything else. Don't plan your response while they're still speaking, and don't use a pause to steer the conversation around to another topic.

Use positive body language. Your body communicates just as much as your words do, if not more. Make sure you're fully facing the other person. Relax your body but lean in slightly to show interest in what they're saying. Make eye contact. Nod to show you're listening and you understand.

Don't interrupt. You may be tempted to jump in with an idea or solution. Restrain the impulse. Instead, wait to start talking before



asking questions or offering your point of view.

The story is told of Franklin Roosevelt, who often endured long receiving lines at the White House. He complained that no one really paid any attention to what was said. One day, during a reception, he decided to try an experiment. To each person who passed down the line and shook his hand, he murmured, "I murdered my grandmother this morning." The guests responded with phrases like, "Marvelous! Keep up the good work. We are proud of you. God bless you, sir." It was not until the end of the line, while greeting the ambassador from Bolivia, that his words were actually heard. Nonplussed, the ambassador leaned over and whispered, "I'm sure she had it coming."

Mackay's Moral: If you want people to listen to you, you must listen to them.

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### City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting March 9, 2022

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appelgren.

#### Roll Call

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

#### Public Comments

None.

#### Minutes

A motion to approve the February 9, 2022 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

#### Approval of Treasurer Report

Sandy noted that the difference in the treasurer's report last month was due to the deposit of \$263,000 for the bond payment and then the payment was made on the bank loan of \$259,087.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Podritz, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

#### Approval to Pay Bills

There is a question regarding an invoice for RVS Software. Sandy will call them and inquire what it is for.

Motion to approve the payment of bills excluding the payment for RVS Software, was made by Friedrich, and seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

#### Old Business

##### Building Permit for Keith Sande

Building inspector noted that Keith did drop off a permit application. Mark indicated that he had to talk to him to clarify some information regarding the permit. He inquired if he needed to pay the penalty for the permit because he indicated that he came before the council in November of 2018 regarding getting a permit. At that meeting he was told he needed to discuss it with the building inspector. Permits are only good for 180 days.

Mark indicated that the work did not start until April of 2021 so if he did have a permit it would no longer be valid. The penalty would be double the cost of the permit.

Mark needs to discuss this with Benny to see if he issued a permit for this project. We will hold off until Mark talks to Benny. Also we will listen to the tape from the meeting in November of 2018 to verify what was said regarding the permit. We will table this until next month's meeting.

Mark also indicated that the council should only approve the zoning for the permit and the building inspector issues the permit. We need to look at how we word this to applicants at future meetings.

#### New Business

##### Building Permit Application

Mark presented the council with two new applications for building permits as ours is very outdated. One is Residential Maintenance Permit Application for items such as siding, windows, doors, roofing and attaches a checklist. The other is for a New Building Permit Application which also attaches a checklist. He would us to consider approving these forms for future applications. Matt Blazer asked if grading was included in the application. Mark indicated he will add it to the application and return a revised copy to us.

Friedrich made a motion to accept both permit applications, pending the addition of the grading to both permits, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

##### Bolton & Menk Sewer Update

Matt Blazer of Bolton & Menk indicated they are making a lot of progress on the sewer project. Getting through issues such as drainage and developing figures.

Matt discussed holding the open house on March 30th and 31st. On March 30th they will conduct two meetings, one at 5 pm and the other at 7 pm. On the 31st the meeting will be at 5 pm. They will send out an invite to the residents and indicate which meeting they should attend but they are welcome to attend a different one if they cannot attend the time allotted for them. They will be held at the Randolph School in the commons area. It's not only an informational meeting for the residents but also to receive feedback and answer any questions they have. They will discuss what is required of homeowners and once construction starts they will share more information. It will be displayed which houses will be required to hook up. They will have displays of the properties available to view, they will talk about the project one on one with people and answer questions at that time and then they will do a presentation to the group and again follow up with any more questions. They will have comment cards available for use with any questions. This is an information session but they also want feedback and with this he will create a report to share with us.

It was asked if they will record it, so that it would be available to anyone who cannot attend a meeting. Matt indicated they will have it recorded and put it on their site.

It was asked if they will discuss the location of the ponds and spraying? They will indicate the general direction of the area but will keep it confidential until everything is finalized.

Mark asked if he should be attending the meetings. He will be responsible for inspecting the hooks up from the house.

Bolton & Menk will explain more information in their newsletters and will keep residents updated as the project progresses.

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## City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting March 9, 2022

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Bolton & Menk will prepare the feasibility report and present it to the City Council at least a week before a council meeting for our review which will most likely be before the May meeting.

It was discussed regarding the locates that need to be done, especially locating the water lines.

He has talked to a ground penetrating radar company, they were not sure they could find the water lines but he is still looking into it. Their biggest hurdle they have been facing in the design is trying to locate the water main and if we will need to replace it. We also want to map out the locates. We are required to identify our facilities within 2 feet not just the curb stop but all of the service lines and water mains. Sanitary sewer also needs to be identified but that is easier because there are manholes. A map will be created for those. We don't know that the water lines are not locatable but we should plan to excavate in a few spots to try to locate it. Matt will contact Otte Excavating to assist with this.

### Ordinances

We plan to go over our ordinances to clean them up and define them better where needed.

We will hold the first session on Thursday, March 24 at 7 pm to start going over them tentative that Korine is available to attend. Clerk Haro will check with Korine to see if she is available that night. It was also asked to make copies of the updated ordinances available for the meeting.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Carlock, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Haro

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, Anthony Verch and Nick Russell. Also present was Chris Meyer, Treasurer; and Cory Bienfang and Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk.

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

**Disclosure of Interest** - Mayor Knetter stated that a member of the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department will be attending the meeting and asked to be put on the agenda. Knetter said that, as a member of the fire department himself, he will not be voting on any actions that Council may make in regard to this agenda item.

Approval of the February 8, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes - Motion by Verch seconded by Russell to approve the February 8, 2022 regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Approval of Disbursements** - Motion by Flodeen seconded by Verch to approve the March disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Public Comment** - None.

### Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

**2021 City of Hampton Financial Statements - Chris Meyer** - Chris Meyer, City Treasurer, reviewed the 2021 financial statements. He mentioned that the Office of the State Auditor requires that financial statements be filed with them within 90 days of the close of the calendar year. 2021 financial highlights include:

- A year-end cash balance of \$1,223,221. The large cash balance is mainly due to:
  - January bond payments
  - Tax payments from Dakota County and local government aid from the State of Minnesota received in December.
  - No CD investments because the City receives better interest rates on ICS accounts.
  - Water Fund had an operating loss of \$7,735, mainly due to:
    - Large amount of depreciation on fixed assets
    - Water main breaks - 23710 Belle Court and Belmont/Park St.
    - Sewer Fund had operating income of \$38,782, mainly due to bulk sewage dumping revenue.
  - Total outstanding debt for 3 bond series is \$3,231,000:
    - Series 2012A (Main-Lincoln) = \$280,000; matures 02/01/2028
    - Series 2015A (City Hall-238th) = \$1,135,000; matures 02/01/2038
    - Series 2019A (Belmont-Park-Main) = \$1,816,000; matures 02/01/2040

**2021 Internal Audit - Chris Meyer** - Meyer stated that this is something that the Clerk and Treasurer do annually, along with 1 or 2 Council members. Mayor Knetter asked Councilor Russell if he would like to participate this year. Russell said he would, and Councilor Verch volunteered to act as a back-up for Russell.

**Proposal for Professional Engineering Services - Water Tower Replacement Project - Bolton & Menk** - Cory Bienfang,

City Engineer, provided a summary update on what has occurred thus far regarding the water tower replacement. The water tower replacement was included in the City's CIP, adopted in 2016. Based upon various factors, the target date for construction of a new tower is the year 2024. In order to achieve this goal, preliminary engineering and the pursuit of DWRP low-interest loan funding must begin this year.

A tower siting analysis will be done as part of the process of replacing the water tower. The analysis will focus on evaluating five locations for the new tower. At this point, locating the tower on the east side of Hwy 52 may be the best option. This would require land acquisition by the City. Bolton & Menk's proposal includes property acquisition services.

Bienfang continued by stating that there isn't a "do nothing" option. It is evident that the City's water tower has deteriorated and is beginning to fail, based upon the most recent Tower Inspection Report prepared by KLM Engineering in 2018. Bolton & Menk has been gathering information for the water tower replacement, including information regarding funding for the project. Bienfang feels that the best option for the City is to obtain a low interest loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund of the Public Facilities Authority. He believes the City would be able to get a municipal loan at an interest rate of 1%. He stated that the City would benefit by getting the money up front, as that will save on the overall project costs.

Bolton & Menk has considered the issue of rehabilitation versus replacement, and it is clear that replacement is the better option. There are concerns with the existing tower's interior and exterior coatings, the access ladder, and the structure of the tower itself. Additionally, various areas of the city currently experience water pressure issues. Also, replacing the existing tower with one that has a larger tank will add capacity for future growth.

Bienfang mentioned the historic significance of the tower and information obtained from SHPO on this point. Research shows that the City can move the tower, but it must remain located within the City. He stated that there may need to be additional submissions to agencies and possible mitigation for losing the historic value.

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

**Engineer Report** - Mayor Knetter asked Brad Fisher if he had anything else to report and Fisher stated that he did not.

**Water / Sewer Report** - Mayor Knetter stated that things are good with the water system. As far as sewer issues, Knetter reported that he and Bienfang discussed the City's permit with the MPCA. Bienfang stated that they have a draft permit, but that he needs input from Marlin Reinardy, the City's Water/Sewer Superintendent, for the fact-finding phase.

**Park Report** - Councilor Russell reported that the hockey rink is done for the year. Also, he is working on a grant for trash receptacles for the City.

**Street Report** - Nothing to report.

**Ordinances and Resolutions** - None.

**Unfinished Business** - None.

**New Business** - None.

Mayor Knetter acknowledged Dakota County deputies in attendance and asked if they had anything to report. They mentioned that there continue to be a number of catalytic converter thefts in the area. Two recent thefts were at the Park and Ride. It was also mentioned that there has been quite a bit of DUI activity lately.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Verch seconded by Russell to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy O'Brien

The Hampton City Council met on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for a special meeting. Present were Mayor Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell.

**Special Meeting Called to Order** - The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss approving a Settlement Agreement between the City of Hampton and Northfield WiFi. Mayor Knetter called the special meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Knetter summarized the history of the litigation between the City of Hampton and Northfield WiFi over the last year. He mentioned that legal counsel recommended that the Council give Knetter the authority to be the contact person for all communications with legal counsel regarding the Northfield WiFi litigation. It was Northfield WiFi that initiated the lawsuit when the City asked for back rent for the period of time between when Northfield WiFi's equipment was placed on the City's water tower and when the contract for the placement of the equipment was signed. Northfield WiFi's position was that they didn't owe the City back rent, so the City told them to remove their equipment from the tower. The focus of Northfield WiFi's lawsuit was for their equipment to remain on the tower.

Knetter further explained that the City's legal defense costs were covered by insurance. The City could have chosen to sue Northfield WiFi for the back rent, but those legal costs would not have been covered by insurance, and those costs likely would have been about the same amount as the City would have recovered in back rent, so the City chose not to sue.

Regarding the Settlement Agreement, Mayor Knetter stated that his opinion is that the City should simply settle and move on. He asked Council for their opinions. Discussion ensued.

### Ordinance and Resolutions:

• Resolution 2022-03 Approving the Settlement Agreement Between the City of Hampton and Northfield WiFi. Motion by Verch seconded by Flodeen to approve Resolution 2022-03. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Verch seconded by Flodeen to adjourn the special meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy O'Brien



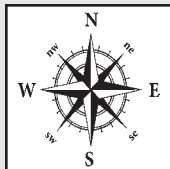
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# Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

## We Sell Farmland



By Terry Campbell

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

I saw an ad in the local paper saying “we sell Farmland”. It struck me as such an over simplification. It should have read, “We sell the lifetime hopes and dreams of a farmer.” March is the month most farmland is sold. Land transactions are completed before the crop season starts. This last year has seen a 26% increase in the price of farmland over the previous year. Not sure the price of crops and cost of inputs makes that logical.

It may seem like a simple sale, just a business deal for the ever expanding and enlarging farms. But for a farmer, land is their lifeblood. They are intimately attached to it. They raise their crops, livestock, families and

dreams in the land. They care for it and it rewards them with its bounty. It is planted in hope, cultivated in hard work and harvested in thankfulness. Some years the return is meager, some years plentiful.

When I grew up there were small farms everywhere across the county. Little family run businesses that provided a good living and a great lifestyle. No better place to raise a family. The kids went to the local school, the parents patronized the small-town businesses, dads and moms were active in the community in a myriad of ways.

I was blessed to grow up on a small farm and I was fortunate to raise my children on a small farm. My daughters played with barn cats, raised calves, operated machinery and even learned that the little pig they fed daily and named “Porker” went to the butcher shop in the livestock trailer and came back in freezer wrap.

My great grand-father broke this land with a horse and plow. I often thought about him listening to the birds sing as the horses pulled the steel wheeled implements across the field. I covered the same ground in a John Deere diesel powered tractor, while listening to the radio. I had it easier than he ever dreamed.

In the end, one gets old and decides to hang up his farm hat. You smell the dirt being worked in the spring and feel the draw of the land. You smell the fresh scent of corn at harvest and remember the pride of a good harvest. Each year farmland will be sold and change hands. The land is timeless. It will produce another crop. Someone else will farm the land. You doubt that they will take care of it like you did though.

## A Minnesotan: Seven Dozen Easter Eggs



By RosaLin Alcoser

Easter 2004 was my all time favorite Easter of my childhood. I was seven years old that year and it was the Easter of seven dozen Easter eggs.

That year we spent Easter Sunday at my adopted grandparents house. Which is where we had one of the most memorable Easter Egg Hunts of my childhood. It is the most memorable for two reasons. First off it was the most eggs we ever had outside of a church egg hunt and secondly not all the eggs were found on Easter Sunday.

Why seven dozen Easter eggs you might ask? That’s simple, my older sister and I dyed three dozen eggs at home, a dozen each and a spare incase some of them broke during the dyeing process. Then two dozen were dyed at my adoptive grand-

parents house then their friend dyed another two dozen and left them at the house for us on Easter Sunday. Which is why there were seven dozen eggs that year.

The best part was not dying the Easter Eggs but Easter Sunday itself. After church we went over to my adopted grandparents house and everyone was there; my mom, sister, grandparents, a set of their parents, and their son.

That year their son was about 25 years-old and he hid the seven dozen eggs while we were at church. This was the only year that I can remember that the eggs were not found and hidden multiple times throughout the afternoon to keep us amused. Because he hid all seven dozen eggs way too hard for children.

They were hidden in places we would never think to look; inside and outside of the house. Up high out of our line of sight and if memory serves me correctly in a couple of places that we were not allowed to be in because we were children.

The eggs were so well hidden that my older sister believes that after spending all day looking we found a good 75-80% of those eggs on Easter Sunday. Then Grandpa was finding the rest well into July of that year, because his son forgot where he hid the ones that we could not find.

I have done dozens of egg hunts in my childhood and helped with many more as a teen and young adult. But the Easter of 2004 where seven dozen Easter Eggs were hidden and not all found will always be my favorite egg hunt of my childhood.

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  16. Bikini \_\_\_\_\_, Marshall Islands
  17. Final, abbr.
  18. Donor's loss
  19. \*Vonn and Miller Olympic sport
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  23. Alternative to trade
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  25. Computer-generated imagery, acr.
  28. Wise Men
  30. Remnant of the past
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  39. Printer contents
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  41. Poetic although
  43. Paella pot
  44. Dictation taker
  46. Like April 1st target
  47. Locker room supply
  48. Dirty or sleazy
  50. Fuddy-duddies, for short
  52. Stir fry pan
  53. Bread portion
  55. Mad King George's number
  57. \*PelÉ and Ronaldo sport
  60. \*Sampras and Williams sport
  63. Luau greeting
  64. "\_\_\_\_\_ my party, and I'll cry if I want to..."
  66. Sack fabric
  68. Cheat or trick
  69. Davy Jones' Locker locale
  70. Bert's buddy
  71. Coral barrier
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  2. Crumbs
  3. \*#25 Down piece
  4. Off-the-cuff
  5. Mylar filling
  6. Socket insert
  7. Adult elver
  8. Tax of one tenth
  9. Like Darth Vader's side
  10. Drop-off spot
  11. Eugene O'Neill's piece
  12. One less than jack
  15. Hair holder
  20. African antelope
  22. Boat propeller
  24. Depart from the ground (2 words)
  25. \*Fischer and Kasparov sport
  26. Reach a goal (2 words)
  27. Private
  29. \*Palmer and Nicklaus sport
  31. Dirty money
  32. Wife's dad, e.g.
  33. Large violin family member
  34. \*Bolt and Owens sport
  36. \*A trap in #29 down
  38. Biblical pronoun
  42. Blast from the past
  45. Tin Man's prop
  49. Bambi's mom
  51. Sewing machine brand
  54. Do like phoenix
  56. Accustom
  57. Like gin in fiz
  58. Do like goo
  59. Kitchen head
  60. Russian autocrat
  61. Overnight lodgings
  62. Hissy fit
  63. What acronym and acrylic have in common
  65. \*#29 Down prop
  67. Oui in English

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