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Announcements

• Randolph Schools will be celebrating True Blue on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

2022 True Blue Celebration
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Free Pizza in the Commons
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• **Lunch Bunch** is a group of RHS Alumni that meets at 11 a.m. the third Monday of the month for lunch at Little Oscar's. All alumni and friends are invited to join us.

Randolph FFA State Fair Award Results

Submitted by Grace Hoover, Randolph FFA Reporter



The title of Overall Premier Chapter is Randolph FFA's again!!

Other results: 2nd Overall Breeding Premier Chapter; 1st Place Breeding Beef Chapter; 3rd Place Dairy Chapter; 2nd overall Breeding Beef Heifer (Ryan Hegland); 4th overall Breeding Beef Heifer (Wyatt Herman); Elaine Dorn was apart of the Parade of Champions for Breeding Sheep; 2nd Overall Market Premier Chapter; 2nd Place Market Beef Chapter; 2nd Place Beef Herdmanship.

The title of Champion Safe Tractor Operator team is Randolph FFA's!!



Gavin Ruud was 1st place Individual ; Treyton Lind was 2nd place Individual.

The Nordling Family received their Three Generation FFA Show Family Award.



Kaillie Sorem and Julia Splichal Crowned Ambassadors at Defeat of Jesse James Days

Congratulations to Kaillie Sorem and Julia Splichal who were crowned Ambassadors at the DJJD! A congratulations also goes out to Joey Koktavy who was crowned Junior Ambassador! Great representation from the Randolph community!

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Fork in the Road

Gary and I were on vacation the last couple of weeks. We traveled on interstate, county roads, state highways, gravel and rock roads. We understand forks in the road literally. Over the years- we've tried to think of each of these forks as an adventure- they don't all turn out quite like we planned. For instance on our honeymoon, we journeyed up a mountain called Rams Horn. We took a road that led to a great view; we could almost touch the top of the pine trees growing far beneath us as we reached looked over the edge at the end of the road. We discovered as looked around that we were in a place that we could not get turned around. Gary had to back up the pick-up almost a mile down the mountain before there was a wide place in the road. It definitely was an adventure and one he said he doesn't want to repeat! We chose the wrong fork...

When we come to a fork in the road, a decision has to be made. Even by not making one- you end up somewhere- offroad where you don't want to be. Decisions are hard. They all require movement. You can't just stay in one place.

In Revelations 14:6-13 you will see that it is decision time; this is a Fork in the Road decision time. John sees three angels with three messages that he shares with his readers.

The first angel is bringing us the good news! God almost always brings the positive message out before the negative one. The

angel brought the eternal gospel- to all people, every nation, tribe and language. There was no one excluded, he wanted everyone to hear this message- it wasn't only for John and the apostles, or for the Jewish people or only for gentiles, but for every living soul on planet earth. This is the last chance for anyone still sitting on the fence, still looking at the fork in the road and trying to decide which way to go.

The gospel is the Good News that saves everyone who believes! That's the best news ever! God provided the answer for our sin, for our corruption, for our moral failures, for our backsliding... He sent His Son to take our place in the punishment that is rightly ours. Jesus never sinned, yet He was crucified for your sins, and my sins, for all humankind's sin. So, when the angel in Revelation says his message is for everyone- he echoes the truth that John himself wrote down from Jesus words to Nicodemus, "16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

As the angel proclaims this message, He says, fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. The hour of judgement has come- here is the fork in the road decision time. The hour of judgement has come. As the end of time draws to a close- the time for choosing Jesus and life with Him forever is running out. The end is in sight. The followers of Christ choose the heavenly route; even though it has been a hard rock path- in the end it will be TOTALLY worth it all!

Even in this life- living as believers is way better than living the life of emptiness and despair. Even when the bad guys seem to have the upper edge- they are missing so much love, joy and peace in their lives. They are missing life made new and free from sin and death. They only have this life and then they die- For believers we have the assurance of a life with Jesus now- and life forever with him in eternity! Even when life is tough- Christ is with us and will see us

through each and every challenge. During the end times- during even our present difficult times- we must hold fast and stay on that road to heaven and help those that find themselves stuck in the muck and the mire between the forks or have started down the other side

The 2nd angel's message is short: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great," which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries." This angel is bringing good news to those that have been suffering under the evil of the times- the home and reign of the antichrist is finished.

The last angel proclaims a 2 part message- These people have made their "fork in the road decision" choosing the way to hell. They have chosen to follow the beast. They have chosen the road focused on themselves and not on a relationship with Jesus. Jesus said we can't have it both ways- there is no sitting on the fence- there is no third choice. There is no 'next time.'

We don't know the day or the time that we will face death. Jesus said we need to put Him first, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." All these things will be given to the believer- life forever, the

Holy Spirit's power to fill us and make us new in Christ. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. We can choose the heaven fork in the road. We can make that choice before it is too late. And when we do- we experience new life in Christ.

The 2nd part of the last angel's message is a message of assurance to the faithful during the end times. It is a message to each believer even now. When a believer dies, they die in the Lord. Their spirit will be immediately with Jesus- we have that assurance- as we choose the heaven fork in the road- and continue down that path- we can know victory.

Jesus is returning to take care of all the evil and injustice in this world. He will conquer and He will win. When we are Jesus followers we have that assurance- we can rest from our labors and know that we made the right choice- there's no turning back- no regrets!

There are only 2 options- heaven or hell. It's time to make a decision. Get past your fear—take the fork that leads to heaven and discover what is just around the corner!



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Perseverance

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. — James 1:2-4

When James writes that we should face trials with joy, he is talking about challenges to our faith that can help us learn and grow. He is talking about hardships we may face as believers in Christ, and how those can strengthen our faith and help us discern God's will.

For example, the first followers of Jesus were often persecuted. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit to preach the good news of Jesus and even to heal people in Jesus' name (Acts 2-3). And they were thrown in jail by the ruling authorities who did not believe in Jesus and his resurrection. The apostles were put on trial and asked where they got the authority to do such things. But they did not back down. Filled with the Spirit, they said, "There is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved," and, "We must obey God rather than human beings!" And even though they were punished and brutally whipped for their faith and their actions, they had joy "because they had been counted worthy of disgrace for the Name" of Christ (see Acts 4-5).

Another example can be that we are always "prepared to give an answer . . . with gentleness and respect" to explain the hope that we have in Christ. "For it is better . . . to suffer for doing good than for doing evil" (1 Peter 3:15-17).

Lord, give us the courage we need to serve you and to face trials when they come, that we may grow mature in you. Amen.

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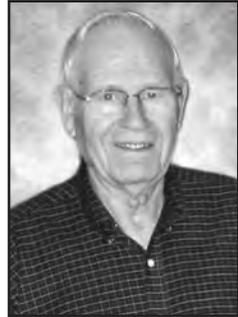
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Harold John Bonde

Harold John Bonde, age 94, of Nerstrand, passed away on September 13, 2022, at home surrounded by his family.



Visitation was on Monday, September 19, 2022, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Boldt Funeral Home, Faribault.



Service was on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, Ner-

strand with visitation one hour prior to service. The Reverend Mike Ahrens officiated. Interment was at Valley Grove Cemetery, Nerstrand. Veterans Military Rites provided by Rice County Central Veterans.

Harold John Bonde was born on August 29, 1928, at St. Lucas Deaconess hospital in Faribault to Oscar and Clara (Severson) Bonde. He was baptized and confirmed at Valley Grove Church. He attended Nerstrand School for 8 years and graduated from Faribault High School in 1947. Harold then farmed with his parents and was inducted on April 28, 1953, into the 95th Army band in Augusta, Georgia. On October 10, 1953, he married Anne Sathrum. After service he returned

to the family farm with his brother Earl, there he and Anne raised 5 children.

He was involved with Rice County Pork Producers as an officer, Board of Directors at Kenyon Country Club, President of Grace Lutheran Church and taught Sunday school. Harold sold insurance for Wheeling Mutual Insurance which he was president of for 20 years.

He enjoyed wintering in Arizona and other travels and was an avid golfer and had a hole-in-one twice. Harold loved playing cards and watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their activities.

Harold is survived by his wife, Anne; children, Gary (and Carol) Bonde, Sue (and Tom) Trnka, Sandra (and Arthur) Sharot, John (and Carmen) Bonde; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and sister, Helen (and

Richard) Lodmill; sisters-in-law, Charlotte Bonde and Alpha Sathrum.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Bonde; parents, Oscar and Clara Bonde; sister, Alice Stenbakken and brothers, Earl and Robert Bonde.

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USDA Announces Specialty Crop Block Grant Program Funding Awarded to Minnesota

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) awarded over \$1.3 million in Fiscal Year 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) funding to Minnesota. This USDA grant will help the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) fund projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in the state and support specialty crop growers through marketing, education, and research.

"USDA applauds Minnesota's continued commitment to supporting our nation's producers of fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and nursery crops through the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "The projects funded will foster innovative research and new market opportunities within the specialty crop sector, while furthering USDA's goals of creating a more fair and equitable food system and supporting local and regional producers."

Through the SCBGP, the MDA is funding

11 projects. Among the projects, is funding awarded to Twin Cities Berry Company LLC, a research and production farm. The farm will use funding to develop climate resilient practices for high-density strawberry production within protected culture structures. The research will help new and emerging farmers overcome spatial and environmental hurdles to achieve financial sustainability. Additional funded projects focus in areas such as pest management, farm to school marketing, and water management.

The funding to Minnesota is part of a total of \$72.9 million in non-competitive FY 2022 SCBGP funding awarded to 55 states, territories and the District of Columbia. The SCBGP funding supports farmers growing specialty crops, including fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and nursery crops. USDA's support will strengthen U.S. specialty crop production and markets, ensuring an abundant, affordable supply of highly nutritious fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops, which are vital to the health and well-being of all Americans.

The funding for the SCBGP grants is authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and FY2022 funding is awarded for a three-year period beginning September 30, 2022. Since 2006, USDA has invested more than \$953 million through the SCBGP to fund 11,331 projects that have increased the long-term successes of producers and broadened the market for specialty crops in the U.S. and abroad.

Randolph Homecoming King and Queen Kellen Otte and Anna Olsen

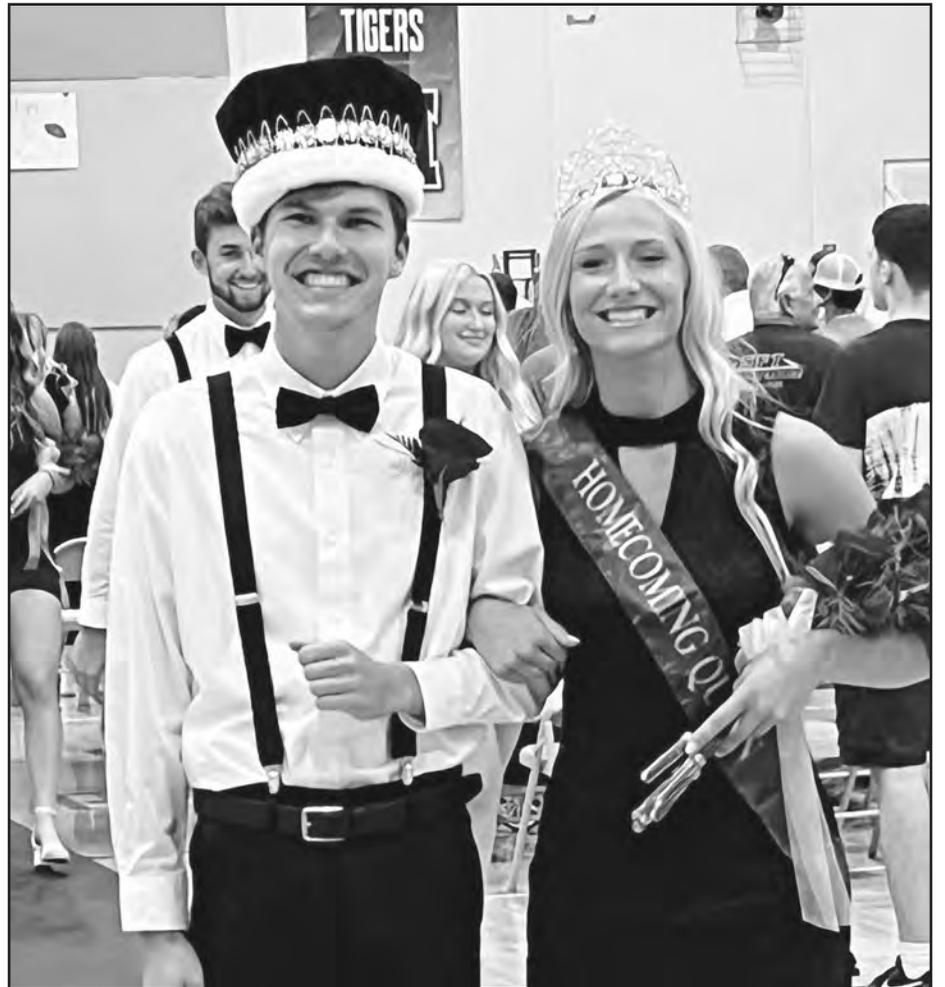


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Know Where and When to Apply Fall Nitrogen Fertilizer

Restrictions apply in some areas of state under Groundwater Protection Rule

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is reminding farmers and commercial applicators that fall nitrogen fertilizer applications are restricted in some areas of the state. Under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule, fall nitrogen fertilizer application is prohibited in vulnerable areas of Minnesota due to environmental concerns or risks. Areas with coarse-textured soils or areas above fractured bedrock or karst geology are the most vulnerable to nitrate loss and groundwater contamination.

The MDA announced updates to the fall nitrogen fertilizer restriction map in January 2022. These updates were made to correct GIS and data issues. An additional 248,433 cropland acres and 603,654 non-cropland acres were added to the fall nitrogen fertilizer restriction map, while 4,659 cropland and 20,506 non-cropland acres were removed from the map. The Groundwater Protection Rule applies to cropland acres. The restric-

tions begin September 1 each year. Farmers are encouraged to check the new map prior to the fall of 2022 to determine if their fields are subject to these restrictions.

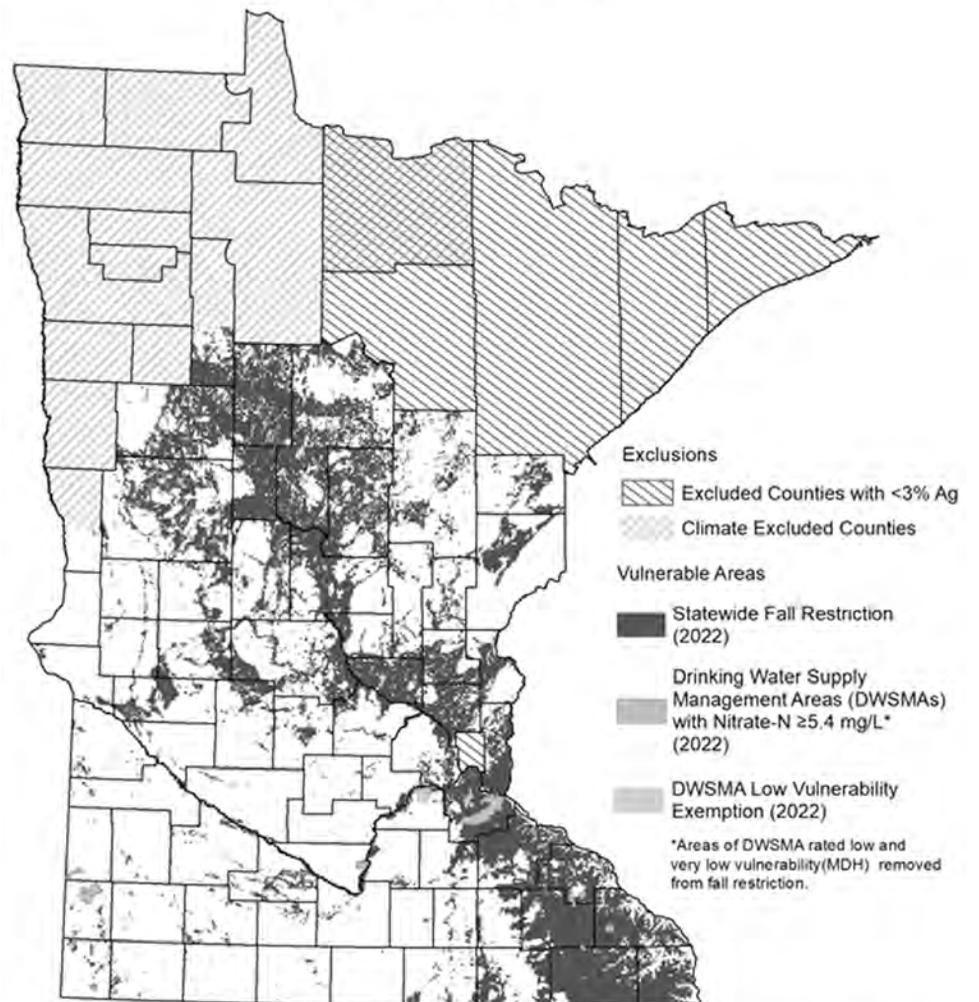
View a map of the vulnerable regions of the state. For more information on the restrictions outlined in the Groundwater Protection Rule visit www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr.

In other areas of the state where fall nitrogen fertilizer application is allowed, the MDA advises farmers and commercial applicators to check soil temperatures and wait for cooler conditions. Research shows that delaying fall application of anhydrous ammonia and urea fertilizer, as well as manure, until the average soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler helps prevent nitrogen loss, protects water quality, and ensures more nitrogen will be available for next season's crop.

To assist tracking soil temperature, the MDA provides real-time, 6-inch soil temperatures at 25 locations across the state. In addition, the MDA provides links to soil temperature from the University of Minnesota research stations and the North Dakota Ag Weather Network (NDAWN) weather stations. View the interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.

For more information on the 6-inch soil temperature network visit www.mda.state.mn.us/soiltemp.

Fall Restrictions Map 2022



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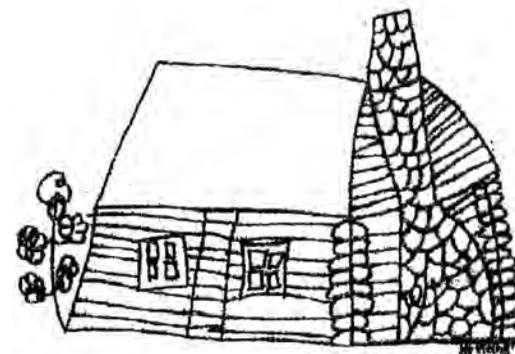
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Look for These Traits in Future Leaders



By Harvey Mackay



must be comfortable knowing that your employees might be smarter, more tech savvy or have new ways of doing business. Try to remember your early career and what you did to prove yourself. Give them enough latitude to develop their own style, but be ready to offer a guiding hand when necessary.

Teach the importance of networking. Learning how to make contacts is a necessary skill for every leader. Stress the importance of both internal and external networks. I frequently preach, "If I had to name the single characteristic shared by all the truly successful people I've met over a lifetime, I'd say it is the ability to create and nurture a network of contacts."

Share the value of perspective. Maintaining an even keel in good and bad times prevents the temptation to jump to rash conclusions when a challenge arises, or conversely, when you have had the biggest success of your career. Emotions have a place, but not in business decisions. As I like to say, "Make decisions with your heart and you'll end up with heart disease."

Insist on respect: for authority, for co-workers and for self. Good leaders treat people like people, not property. Successful leaders won't stoop to doing deeds that go against their principles just to make a buck. Good leaders have standards that cannot be compromised because it would destroy their self-respect.

Remind them constantly: Cream doesn't rise to the top; it works its way up. There is no substitute for hard work. When employees see you working harder than they do, you are reinforcing that a dedicated work ethic is a necessary characteristic of a good leader.

Instill confidence. Give credit where it is due. Encourage employees to take charge of projects that will allow them to take appropriate risks and take responsibility for outcomes.

Make sure they understand responsibility. As writer Max De Pree puts it, "The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between the two, the leader must become a servant and a debtor. . . . A friend of mine characterized leaders simply like this: 'Leaders don't inflict pain; they bear pain.'"

Mackay's Moral: If you want to grow tomorrow's leaders, plant seeds of wisdom today.

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Fall Vegetable Garden



Teri Knight



Planning a Fall vegetable garden. Those vegetables we grew in spring can be repeated and add brussels sprouts and beets too!

I eat salads nearly every day for lunch. Planting lettuce, kale and other "leafies" sounds like a good idea!

Yum – mix up those colors and try something different! There are some pretty cool reasons for planting as our temperatures begin to cool off.

Pests are fewer, those that irritate our plants and those that irritate us. Mosquitoes are first to come to mind.

Some crops actually taste better with cooler temperatures too. Arugula is one of them. In the summer heat, arugula can become bitter instead of savory.

The National Garden Bureau reports that kale and brussels sprouts taste sweeter with a frosty coating!

Remember to check the growing information to make sure the veggies you plant have time to grow to maturity in our colder climates.

Consider radishes, perhaps a purple cauliflower or burgundy broccoli. Maybe some bush beans too.

I just talked about how the heat has affected their production. Here's your chance to go for it again! The University of Minnesota Extension has more excellent information on mid-summer garden planting.

As always send me your comments, questions and suggestions for future bites! What do you want to know about? tkgardenbite@gmail.com

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, www.gardenbite.com. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations!



Bush style green beans in container 2021.

Loan Client Spotlight: CannonBelles

By Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation



CannonBelles, an award-winning cheese company based in Cannon Falls, received a Small Enterprise Loan from SMIF in 2021.

Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, shared some of the history of how she and her business partners started their business, and how SMIF has supported its growth.

Tell us about your business.

Back in the fall of 2012, my friend Jackie and I decided to try to make cheese for the first time. We had been making beer and wine together for a few years and were ready for a new challenge. Jackie had also married a dairy farmer, so she had a fresh supply of great milk.

The first cheese we made was a quick mozzarella. We thought it was great at first, but an hour later we realized it was a flavorless cross between mozzarella and "the blob." We decided to try again, but this time we used cheddar cheese cultures and a recipe we got from a local beer-making supply store which also sold some simple cheese-making ingredients. This time, it looked, felt, smelled and tasted like cheese! We thought we'd keep trying, and



Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, in their new cheesemaking facility in Cannon Falls.

it just got better!

We liked our cheese so much that we thought we could start to sell it. Our friends and family seemed to really like it, so why wouldn't everyone else? We knew we needed the help of a dairy expert, so we asked our friend, Kathy, if she'd like to join our venture. I don't think we got the question out completely before she said yes. She grew up on a dairy farm, used to have her own herd, and has a degree in animal husbandry.



With the three of us ready to go, we really began researching what we needed in order to make this a successful business. We visited numerous cheese plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin, asking questions of anyone we could. We joined the American Cheese Society. We took courses to learn as much as possible. We found contractors who helped us develop business plans and write grant proposals. We also joined SMIF's Local Food Peer Network to meet with other artisan food-makers from southern Minnesota.

In the Fall of 2015, Jackie got a message from Dave Maroney, the Director of Economic Development and Planning for Can-

non Falls. He had heard we were looking for a home for our business, and asked us to come meet with him. We did, and loved what we heard. Thus was born our relationship with our new hometown, Cannon Falls.

CannonBelles Cheese is now an award-winning artisan cheese company. While our business is located in Cannon falls, we had been making cheese at the University of Minnesota Pilot Plan since August 2016 because that is one of the only places in Minnesota to rent commercial cheese-making equipment.

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Loan Client Spotlight: CannonBelles

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However, we just opened our own plant in Cannon Falls where we will be making Gouda, Cheddar, Cheese Curds and our American Cheese Society, First Place winning Queso Fresco! We also own CannonBelles Coffee and Ice Cream Shop which opened in 2019 and doubles as a retail location for our cheese.

How did the loan from SMIF help your business grow?

It helped us pay for marketing, such as social media, website and professional pictures. These items will help take our marketing materials to a more professional level as we begin to reach out to more stores to expand our markets.

Why did you choose SMIF as a lender?

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SEPT 22 10:00 AM

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SEPT 27 10:00 AM

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Minnesota Horse Feed Maker Turns to Forgotten Crop as an Ingredient and Investment

Mary Hartman's Kasson, Minn.-based StableFeed firm is bringing back a forgotten perennial crop – sainfoin – to create healthy horse feed as well as a new niche in the U.S. agriculture market.

Courtesy of Post Bulletin

KASSON, Minn. — When researching for her healthy horse feed, Mary Hartman found a key ingredient and a new commodity in a mostly forgotten crop that hasn't been broadly grown in the U.S. since the 1890s.

“My introduction to sainfoin came from researching the equine microbiome. I read an article by a UK researcher who mentioned sainfoin as an outstanding forage for horses that they love to eat. I had never heard of it,”

said Hartman. “It’s a really ancient forage legume. It used to be grown specifically for horses and sheep. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson grew it. They tried to get it to go here. It turned out that alfalfa was easier to grow in rich soils, so it was passed over.”

Sainfoin is a perennial crop with purple flowers that is harvested and baled like alfalfa. After discovering a handful of growers started raising sainfoin in Montana in the 1970s, Hartman tracked them down and started buying up sainfoin to use in her StableFeed products.

“The Montana producers are excited, because there wasn’t a market for sainfoin. They just grew a few fields for themselves. Why would you grow a lot of something when there’s no market?” she said. “Now, I’ve created a market for it.”

Thanks to Hartman, sainfoin is now being harvested in southeastern Minnesota for the first time in modern memory. Kory Weis, a Pine Island area farmer, planted a patch of sainfoin for Hartman and they are experimenting with the best ways to grow and harvest it.

Good for horses

“We are the only commercial providers of sainfoin into the market in North America. I’m going to move 190 tons of sainfoin into the market this year. Some of that may go to South Korea, where they have requested 40 tons,” she said.



Charles Ellwood, with StableFeed, works with sainfoin horse feed

Photo by Post Bulletin

Selling straight sainfoin pellets is a growing market for Hartman. However, it is also important for her growing business, because sainfoin is also the base ingredient in all five of her feed blends for horses with specific health issues.

After starting in 2017 making chia horse biscuits in Rochester basements and garages, Hartman’s healthy horse treats and feed company has grown and evolved into a popular name in the equine market.

StableFeed outgrew spaces in Rochester, so Hartman and her seven employees are now

based in a 3,200-square-foot facility in Kasson.

“The rent is higher in Rochester than Kasson. This facility is perfect, and there is more space that I could grow into,” she said looking at the warehouse full of bags of her products awaiting shipment.

Each of the five horse feeds feature sainfoin pellets “garnished” with carrots, dandelions, spirulina, prickly pear, burdock, bee pollen and other ingredients that horses used to consume while foraging.

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StableFeed also still sells the original five types of chia biscuits that launched the company. Most of her business direct sales via her website.

While her high-end, specialty feeds are not cheap, Hartman points out that they are less expensive than calling a vet to treat a horse struggling with gut issues or other health problems.

When she developed the feeds, Hartman worked closely with Minnesota's Agricultural Utilization Research Institute. AURI is a state-funded nonprofit that spurs economic development by helping entrepreneurs develop and launch new products.

Alan Doering, a senior scientist who manages AURI's Coproducts Utilization Laboratory in Waseca, Minnesota, has worked with the development of a lot of animal feeds. However, Hartman brought several novel ingredients to the table, including sainfoin.

"I actually farm and we grow alfalfa. ... I had no idea what sainfoin was. The interesting thing about sainfoin is that it is a legume. It's high in protein like alfalfa. Unlike alfalfa, it's non-bloating. So it is safe for horses," said Doering.

Good for the land

He sees a lot of promise in sainfoin as a crop in Minnesota.

"I think the big opportunity for sainfoin in Minnesota would be planting it on marginal land. Whether it's river bottom or whether it's hilly land that is higher in sandy soils, this is an ideal crop to produce protein," said Doering.

Alfalfa production is on the decline in Minnesota with low commodity prices and less dairies operating in the state. This could provide a useful alternative to alfalfa for some farmers, he added.

As a perennial, sainfoin can help farmers



From left, Deb Maiers, Miya Charles, both with StableFeed, and Mary Hartman, owner of StableFeed, work with a chia product in Kasson. Photo by Post Bulletin

who are concerned about erosion.

"It is basically a living cover crop on your soil throughout the winter," Doering said. "And yet, it's not a cover crop, because you're harvesting it. It's a living cover. It'll come up, year after year."

Weis, the farmer who is growing sainfoin for Hartman in the Pine Island area, said it stands out from other local crops.

"When everything else is brown in the fall, after everything freezes before we get snow, this stuff was just as green as could be right up until the snow covered it up. And it starts earlier in the spring. It was greening up just as soon as the days started getting warm. We get some sunlight and it takes off growing," said Weis.

He added that the purple flowers are also very popular with bees. During peak pollinating time, visitors can hear the buzzing before the sainfoin field comes into view, according to Weis.

A bright future

Looking ahead, Hartman expects to grow and sell more sainfoin. She is optimistic that more and more stables and individual owners will start using her feeds and biscuits after

they see the difference the products make in a horse's health and appearance.

She would like to build a new facility to turn sainfoin into pellets to ramp up production and closely control the quality of the pellets.

Of course, sainfoin will be a key part of the

future growth of StableFeed.

"I really think this is a plant that's time has come. I think that this is a plant that could play a really big role in the ag sector, both in the short term and the long term," said Hartman.



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The rural landscape has changed and old ways aren't coming back, so how do we hold on to what we have?

Courtesy of AgWeek

AgWeek reflects on the way things used to be -- both good and bad -- and how rural areas can hold on to the things and people that still make them special.

A ride along to purchase five Holstein bull calves from a dairy producer in southeastern Minnesota was welcome on a glorious late afternoon when the rolling hills best showed their beauty.

It is a strong dairy area, in contrast to the prairie that the calf buyer and I call home. Silos and barns — to an extent relics of a bygone time — remain in sharp contrast to the large dairy we stopped at. Truckloads of fresh-chopped alfalfa were being transported to the edge of a large pile, where it was packed tight by a four-wheel-drive tractor.

Along the way we talked about how vital dairy used to be across Minnesota. Local stores sold milking equipment and other supplies, and small towns were crowded with cars on weekend nights when checks were cashed, and families came to eat and be entertained.

West Concord — a town of less than 1,000 in the 1950s and now — once had a couple of tractor and car dealers, a clothing store, two hardware stores, two banks, a railroad line, and more. A mural painted on a building's

side depicts Mainstreet circa the 1950s.

It's a shame, I said, that those days are no more.

"You can say it's a shame," the pickup driver said, "but they are never going to come back."

There are many reasons why that is so.

Ease of transportation, technology, cost of living, efficiency of scale, and an unstoppable exodus of people to metropolitan areas are among the reasons.

Writings dating to the 1980s reveal that I railed against the loss of family farms (a category that remains difficult to define), consolidation in the meatpacking and dairy industries, and the foolishness of federal farm policy that failed in its stated mission to protect family farmers.

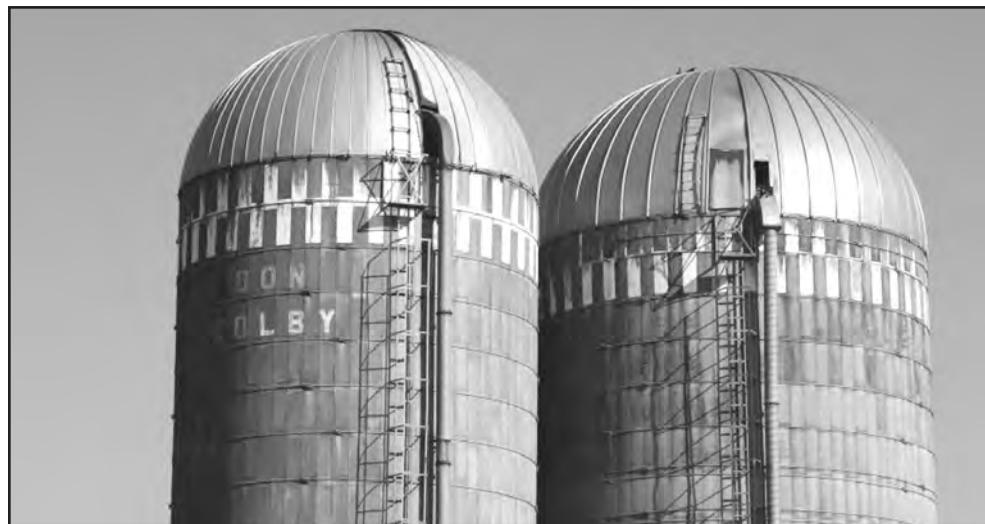
Keeping family farmers on the land has been the goal since President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal initiated the farm program framework in the Great Depression. Supply management through land banks and Conservation Reserve Program sign ups have been tried with mixed success ever since the government moved away from parity pricing formulas.

History suggests that the dominance of diversified farms blossomed only briefly. The driver raised a valid point when he said that we tend to remember the good times more than the bad.

Cultivating row crops four times followed by whacking weeds, sick calves in pneumonia-filled barns, picking frozen silage from silo walls, and dealing with untiled fields was no one's idea of fun.

Maybe a more reasonable goal is to hang on to what we have. It will not be easy. The public school closed in the early 1990s, and a start-up school that followed several years later folded. Three churches, hurt by declining attendance, have closed. The lone restaurant closed during the pandemic and won't reopen in its wake. The American Legion, housed in a building constructed in the early 20th century, struggles for members.

The pickup driver asked and answered his



A pair of stave silos offer a hint at the dairy farming that once went on at the Don and Sylvia Colby farm near Milnor, North Dakota. Mychal Wilmes says the old ways of rural life and farming weren't all good, but there is good in the rural lifestyle to hold onto.

Photo courtesy of AgWeek

own question.

"Would your children want to move back here? No, they wouldn't, because there is nothing to do here."

Well, that is not 100% true. There is much to be said for raising a family away from the busyness of a big city, the community that remains strong in its commitment to schools and other institutions.

The movement away from rural areas is a worldwide phenomenon unmatched in his-

tory. The slums of Third World nations are crowded with now-landless people. Europe and the United States are far better equipped to handle the migration as rural residents move for better opportunities.

Thomas Jefferson wrote centuries ago that the strength of American democracy is found in its millions of family farmers. It remains true to this day, which may explain why countless surveys find that support for family farmers remains strong.

Organic Certification Cost Share Program Increases Affordability of Certification Rebates

Minnesota organic farmers and processors can apply for a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of their organic certification. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is accepting applications for the Minnesota Organic Certification Cost Share Program from now until November 1, 2022.

Organic certification is a third-party verification system. It assures consumers the organic products they buy are produced in accordance with federal organic regulations. Organic operations must follow National Organic Standards and are monitored through review of their records and on-site inspections at least once a year.

"The yearly cost of certification can range from a few hundred to several thousand dollars," Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey said. "This program provides some relief and goes a long way to make organic certification more affordable."

Funds for the cost share program are available first-come, first-served and come from a cooperative agreement with the United States

Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Operations that received certification (or had ongoing certification) between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 are eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of certification-related expenses, with a maximum of \$500 per category (crop, livestock, processing/handling, wild harvest). MDA also offers a similar cost share program for transitioning a farm to organic.

To qualify, applicants must be certified organic by a USDA-accredited certifying agency. New this year will be an online application process. Certified organic farmers or processors can obtain all the program details and necessary materials on the MDA's website or by calling 651-201-6134. Applicants that do not wish to apply with MDA may apply through their local FSA Office.

Additional funding for up to 25% of allowable certification costs is available through FSA. That application deadline is October 31, 2022.

Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant Available

Apply by October 27, 2022 for grant to boost livestock product sales

Minnesota livestock product processors seeking to start up, modernize, or expand their businesses are encouraged to apply for the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation (AGRI) Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant program.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) anticipates awarding up to \$1.4 million using a competitive review process. The maximum equipment award is \$150,000, and the minimum award is \$1,000.

The intent of the program is to increase sales of Minnesota-raised livestock products by investing in equipment and physical improvements that support processing, capacity, market diversification, and market access.

"Meat processing demand continues to increase, and capacity has to keep pace for a healthy market to exist," Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "This grant helps processors become more agile and resilient, expanding access to products."

Applicants must:

Intend to or be engaged with livestock slaughter or processing, including meat, poultry, egg, and/or milk.

Be an individual (including farmers), business, agricultural cooperative, non-profit, educational institution, or a local unit of government (including Tribal Governments).

Currently reside in Minnesota and be authorized to conduct business in Minnesota. Grantees are responsible for at least 50% of the total cost for the first \$50,000 and 75% of the total cost for every dollar after as a cash match. Funding for the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant will be awarded in one round.

Grant applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022. Funding will be awarded in early 2023.

If a grant application is not selected during the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant, it will be considered for the AGRI Value-Added Grant that is expected to open in winter 2023.

Proposals must be submitted through our online application system.

For more information, visit the AGRI Meat, Poultry, Egg, and Milk Processing Grant webpage.



Hampton City Council Meeting August 16, 2022

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for a special meeting and the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhring, Anthony Verch (via Zoom) and Nick Russell. Also present was Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Brad Fisher with Bolton and Menk; Chris Meyer, City Treasurer; Bryan Skillestad; and Judy O'Brien, City Clerk.

Special Meeting Called to Order – The purpose of the special meeting was to amend the current budget, if needed, and prepare the city budget for the year 2023. Mayor Knetter called the special meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Judy O'Brien, City Clerk, provided a budget worksheet for Council discussion and explained that the General tax levy will increase \$1,130, which is a 0.49% increase. The Debt Service tax levy will decrease \$3,131, which is a 3.44% decrease. Therefore, the total tax levy will decrease \$2,001, which is a 0.62% decrease from 2022. O'Brien reviewed budget line item changes for 2023, which were listed in the memo provided to Council for the 2023 budget worksheet.

In the budget memo, there was a recommendation made by O'Brien to Council to amend the 2022 budget. Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk had provided an Abstract of Bids for 2022 pavement maintenance in his monthly staff report, and the cost of the proposed maintenance needs exceeds available funding in the 2022 budget. The low bid for the mill and overlay work to be done in 2022 is \$162,807, therefore the recommendation is for a budget transfer in the amount of \$135,000. The budget transfer would increase the revenue line item of Sale of Investments (General) in the amount of \$135,000, and increase the expense line item of Street Repairs and Maintenance (General) by same. Discussion. Councilor Luhring had obtained an estimate for pot hole repairs on Hampton Avenue, but said that would no longer be necessary as long as the City was able to have the mill and overlay work done.

Councilor Russell mentioned some park needs. He would like to have the basketball court repaved, and would like to make improvements to the hockey rink. The cost of the desired repairs is greater than the amount that is budgeted annually for such expenses, which is \$25,000. He asked Council if, at the end of they year, any unused budgeted funds could be invested into a CD to carry-over the funding to the next year, until enough money is available to do the repairs. Councilor Flodeen also stated that there is a need for more trees to be planted for shade. There were no public comments.

The budget will be again be discussed, and a resolution approving the 2023 tax levy will be on the agenda, at the September City Council meeting.

Adjournment – Motion by Luhring seconded by Russell to close the special meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The public hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

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

John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhring, Anthony Verch (via Zoom), and Nick Russell.

Disclosure of Interest – None

Approval of July 12, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes – Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the July 12, 2022 Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

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

Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

Cassia Senior Housing Project/The Rosemount and Praha Village Project – Mayor Knetter referenced the email sent to the City by Catherine Courtney of the Taft Law Firm, stating that the latest Cassia project is on hold, due to rising interest rates.

Request to award the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project to Northwest Asphalt – Bolton & Menk – Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk stated that, per the direction of Council at the July meeting, he solicited quotes for the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project. The project is to be completed by October 31, 2022. Fisher mentioned that a copy of the Abstract of Bids was in his staff report, and that it is his recommendation that the project be awarded to Northwest Asphalt, based upon the price quote and their prior work experience of similar projects. Motion by Russell seconded by Flodeen to approve awarding the 2022 Pavement Maintenance Project to Northwest Asphalt. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

2021 Internal Audit – Nick Russell – Councilor Russell stated that he had participated in the 2021 Internal Audit with the Treasurer and City Clerk. He felt that he learned a lot, and that it was a good experience for him because it is good to know about the financial aspects of City business. He thanked Meyer and O'Brien for working with him through the audit.

Discussion regarding water service policy – Bryan Skillestad – Bryan Skillestad stated that the reason he wanted to be on the agenda is to discuss the City's policy regarding how water main breaks, such as the one that happened on his property months earlier, are to be handled. He felt like he was left out of the decision-making process and that he was expected to pay for things that he wasn't responsible for. Mayor Knetter stated that the City has not changed the application of its water policies in 20 years. He told Skillestad that the standards that have been applied to residents and business owners in the past are the same as the standards that were applied to him. He mentioned that one of those standards is that when there is a failure from the curb stop to a residence or business, the repairs are the responsibility of the property owner.

Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent reminded Skillestad that it was he who contacted Reinardy to tell him about the leak, and that he asked Reinardy to take care of the repair. At that point, it was unknown whether the repair was the responsibility of the City or the property owner. Reinardy said that, until you get in there and work on the repair, you don't know the exact location of the failure. Reinardy stated that when he and

the contractor discussed whether or not to replace all of the shut-off valves, the contractor told him that he would be a fool not to have all seven replaced.

Councilor Flodeen stated that, when you are a resident or business owner in a City, you need to know the rules and regulations. Councilor Luhring added that the City had a responsibility here, but that the property owner has a responsibility as well. Sometimes instant decisions must be made to protect the property, along with the owner and residents.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2022-09 – Approving a Donation to the City of Hampton – Mayor Knetter stated that this resolution is to formally accept his donation of a tree to the City in remembrance of his son. He and Reinardy planted the tree in 2021. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the donation. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Resolution 2022-10 – Approving a Donation to the City of Hampton – Mayor Knetter stated that this resolution is to formally accept Marlin Reinardy's donation of a tree to the City. He and Reinardy planted the tree in 2021. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the donation. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Mayor Knetter recognized two Dakota County deputies in attendance and asked if they had anything to report. One of the deputies introduced himself as Deputy Kline. He said that they were there to ask if Council had any concerns to discuss. Councilor Luhring told the deputies that they are doing a great job controlling speeders, and that he feels just having a law enforcement presence in the City is helpful in minimizing criminal activity.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk reported on work currently being done for the Water Tower Replacement Project. He stated that a Phase I and II Architecture/History Survey was prepared. When doing research for the report, he said that three properties, including the City's water tower, are recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and may potentially be impacted by the work. Fisher stated that the report is ready to be sent to the MN State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for their review. SHPO will then provide direction as to what needs to be done next to move forward with the project and to access the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) for a low-interest loan.

Mayor Knetter asked Fisher if the City really needs to go the route of the loan, or should the City just bond for the project? Fisher responded that submitting the report to SHPO does not obligate the City to proceed with the project, or to use the DWRF to fund the project. His request at this time is for approval from the Council to submit the report for their review. Motion by Luhring seconded by Russell to approve the request by Fisher to submit the report to SHPO. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Reinardy asked Fisher if he had reached out to the Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) for potential loan or grant options, to which Fisher said he hadn't. Chris Meyer,

City Treasurer, offered that the City should get all funding options, lay them out on the table, and determine which is best for the City.

Water / Sewer Report – Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent first discussed sewer topics. He brought information to the meeting about the sewer pond sludge measurer that Council approved for purchase at the July meeting. The measurer is called a Sludge Judge, and Reinardy will order it soon. The other sewer-related item is that, when the lift station pumps were inspected, the technician recommended that new adapter brackets be installed at the Water Street Lift Station. Reinardy is still waiting to receive the quote for that from Minnesota Pump Works.

As far as water issues, there was a leak on a curb stop in the Heights of Hampton. The driveway of the residence where the curb stop was located was dug up and will need to be patched.

Park Report – Councilor Russell stated there was nothing to report.

Street Report – Council Luhring stated there was nothing to report, and is happy that the City will be able to get the needed pavement maintenance done yet this year.

Old Business – None

New Business:

Vacation – Mayor Knetter stated that he put this on the agenda to reward employees for their hard work and efficiencies in their work that save the City money. Motion by Knetter seconded by Luhring to approve the recommended vacation by Knetter. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

City Website – Mayor Knetter stated that he would work with Cory Bienfang and Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk to get a City website up and running yet this year.

Adjournment - Motion by Russell seconded by Verch to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy O'Brien



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City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting August 10, 2022

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 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

Harlan asked if a company was buying water from the city and he was told yes they have permission to do so.

Minutes

A motion to approve the July 13, 2022 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Treasurer Report

Sandy indicated that Bryce got more meters installed. Once she gets the list back from Bryce she will update it to see how many are left to be installed. She also indicated that we took in approximately \$22,000 in water payments.

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

Approval to Pay Bills

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

Old Business

Arbitrage Services Contract

Ehlers reached out to Clerk Haro regarding the reporting requirements for tax obligations that need to be met regarding the bonds that were issued for the City. It makes sense to have Ehlers do the work since have been doing all of other reporting requirements.

Motion was made by Appelgren and seconded by Carlock to approve the Arbitrage Contract with Ehlers for arbitrage services that need to be done with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the bonds. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Recodification

Counsel Korine Land attended the meeting with her associate Greta Bjerkness who will work with her on our ordinance revision project. Korine went through the code that we purchased from the League of Minnesota Cities and there is a lot that does not apply to us. They prepared a notebook with a few of the ordinances for us to review prior to our next meeting and we should make notes of what we like and don't like. She asked how many members were on the park board which is currently at two. She also asked if

we had an emergency director to which we indicated we do currently have one. She asked if it should be the Fire Chief. We will wait to decide on this until after we have a meeting with the fire department. Maybe we should have Dakota County do it until we decide who should handle this. There are some questions we should think about when reviewing the notebook, like: Do you want to have permits for parades? Do you want to regulate snowmobiles and ATV's? Make notes to bring to the next meeting.

We decided to meet twice a month to work on this project. We will meet immediately after our council meetings and on the 4th Wednesday of each month. On the 4th Wednesday we will start at 6 pm. So we will be meeting on September 14th after our regular council meeting, September 28th at 6 pm, October 12th after our regular council meeting and October 26th at 6 pm. We will see how far we get before planning dates in November and December because of the holidays during those months. She did indicate that the nuisance ordinance will take a lot of time so we will designate that one to a 4th Wednesday meeting.

It was asked how often we should review our ordinances to which Korine indicated we should review them at least every 10 years.

Clerk Haro will reach out to Hampton regarding their interest in scheduling a joint meeting with the fire department. This will be an open meeting.

Access to City Properties

We discussed who should have access to all of the city properties. We should have two people for safety concerns but we should have set rules and guidelines as to keep track of who has access and make decisions as to who gets access. We do need new locks on the gate at the water tower, Bryce does have new locks and they will be installed. We decided that the following individuals should have access:

City Hall – all members can have a key but only the mayor, city clerk and city treasurer will have the key to the office.

The pond – access will be given to the Mayor and Council Member, Sarah Podritz and to Otte Excavating as they are mowing inside the fence once a month. We need to get two new locks for the gate since the key cannot be located. The code will be different that the water tower.

The Water Tower – there are three locks (the front door and the back door locks needs to be fixed) and the combination will be the same for all three locks with access to Bryce, the Mayor and Council Member Sarah Podritz. If Northfield Wifi needs access to their equipment, they contact Bryce to gain access to the property.

The shed by the water tower has a lock that the fireman have and the mayor also has a key. We will keep this as is currently.

The old firehall is used by the firemen. There is nothing in it that is owned by the city.

It was noted that an emergency fix of a small hole in a pipe in the well house needed to be welded. Bryce deflected the water down so that it was not hitting the equipment and Bauer who came to fix the pipe by welding it made a recommendation to switch it to a stainless steel pipe which we should discuss.

New Business

Dakota County Deputy

Deputy Bohland stopped in during our meeting. We mentioned to him that someone has stolen one of our checks that was mailed for payment to a vendor and wrote it out for much more money. He indicated to call Dakota County and they will do a report and send it off to Cannon Falls Police Department where the vendor's business is located and do an investigation of where it was cashed but the charges will be filed in Dakota County.

It was inquired about their presence of several officers in the city a few weeks back and it was asked if it was a dangerous situation how they would relay that information to the public. He indicated that if there is an activity that is a danger to the public, they have a member bridge which will send a text message to any phone number that pings off towers in the area. Any cell phone that pings in this area will get a text message that indicates to shelter in place. He indicated that they will send out a text message through a ping off of the water tower to everyone within the vicinity of 1 mile of the city letting us know of any immediate situation.

Permit for Randolph School

Superintendent Mike Kelley was present to ask for a permit for the new school house to be built on a lot on Cynthia Path next to last year's school house. He met with building inspector, Mark Ceminsky, regarding the permitting. He also indicated that he called Matt at Bolton & Menk and left a message regarding this permit.

Motion by Podritz to approve the permits for the new school house pending approval by building inspector, Mark Ceminsky, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Mr. Kelley indicated that the old blue shed has been torn down in between the football and baseball fields and they plan to put gravel down for the time being and then pave it in the future and anticipates about 80 parking spots in that space.

It was also asked if he would have the pile of dirt leveled out on the empty lot next to Reed Kosir's residence. He indicated he will have this taken care of.

Joint Powers Agreement and Master Subscriber Agreement for Prosecuting Firm

It is necessary to have in place a Joint Powers Agreement and Master Subscriber Agreement with the State of Minnesota so our prosecuting attorneys can access court records from the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Friedrich, seconded by Carlock to approve Resolution No. 22-08 to approve State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement with City of Randolph and City Attorney and Resolution No. 22-09 to approve the Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Services for Government Agencies. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Adjournment

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

Hampton City Council Meeting September 6, 2022

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for a special meeting. Present were Mayor Knetter; Council Members David Luhring, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell; and Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent.

Special Meeting Called to Order - The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss authorizing the execution of Utility Adjustment Agreement 1051097 with MnDOT that will allow MnDOT to complete the required utility adjustments that are a part of the TH 52 Project through the City of Hampton, and bill the City for those related expenses. Mayor Knetter called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Knetter began by stating that he and Brad Fisher, of Bolton & Menk, met with representatives from MnDOT last week to discuss the Utility Adjustment Agreement and the turnback of the frontage road. Fisher facilitated the meeting. Knetter summarized the discussion details, including the cost to the City for MnDOT to do the utility work, which will be \$3,737.46. Additionally, MnDOT will mill and overlay the frontage road in exchange for the turnback of the road to the City. Knetter also stated that, at the meeting, he asked one of the MnDOT representatives about the possibility of working with the City to provide a trail connection/pedestrian improvements along TH 50 from CSAH 47 to the Heights of Hampton. He will again meet with MnDOT in October to discuss that further. Discussion. Councilor Luhring stated to Knetter that the City really doesn't seem to have a choice but to agree to MnDOT's proposal, to which Knetter said no, but that he thinks the City got the best deal it is going to get.

Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent asked if MnDOT will be paving the entire cul de sac because he has concerns about 4 storm sewer grates that are located in the area near Little Oscars. Mayor Knetter responded that MnDOT will mill and overlay the entire area.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Resolution 2022-11 Authorizing the execution of Utility Adjustment Agreement 1051097 with MnDOT. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve Resolution 2022-11. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

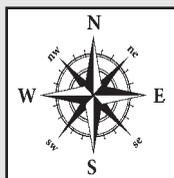
New Business:

Property insurance deductible – Mayor Knetter referred to the paperwork included in Council Member packets. The annual premium for the City's property/casualty insurance for the 2022-2023 fiscal year increased nearly \$3,000. The email from the City's insurance agent states that the City's annual premium would be about \$650 less if the City increased its deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Discussion. Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve increasing the City's deductible from \$1,000 to \$2,500. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

Adjournment – Motion by Verch seconded by Russell to adjourn the special meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy O'Brien

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Frogs, Friends and Fourth Grade



By Terry Campbell

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

It was September of 1966 and I was in Miss Wick's fourth grade at West Concord Elementary School. We were in the 4E room and it was the week for the Iowa Basic Skills Testing. That was a standardized test that was developed in 1935 to assess the student's skills in reading, language, mathematics, social studies and science. It was boring for a bunch of nine-year old kids.

So, during the recess after lunch break my friend, Lance, and I discovered a frog in the ditch along the play field where all the children went to burn off excess energy. Finding a frog is normal, catching the frog is common, but putting him in a paper cup we found in the ditch and bringing him back to the classroom is a whole new level of crazy.

I, being the consummate risk taker, carried Kermit, our new green captive back from re-

cess, up to the second floor of the school building and right into the classroom. There I sat, hiding the frog under my desk as class resumed. Our principal, Mrs. Wilson, came around the room, aisle by aisle, handing out the test forms to each one of us. Mrs. Wilson was an older lady, rather short, but kind of intimidating to us students.

When she got to my desk, she noticed something amiss. Both of my hands were not on top of my desk, as directed, and she ordered me to do so. I produced a second-hand paper cup, with my right hand over the top. That didn't satisfy her query and I was told to show her what was in the cup.

When I removed my hand, the frog took one great leap for freedom. Right out of the cup and into Mrs. Wilson's face. To my astonishment, she didn't even flinch. She demanded to know why I had brought a frog into the class and before I could think up a good reason, she told me to catch it quickly. As I crawled across the floor, chasing the hopping reptile, there was laughing and shrieking from my classmates. I believe the boys were all quite amused and the girls exhibiting a much more frightened emotion.

Once the frog was secured, I was instructed to return him to the wild, from whence he came, and as I trudged back to class, I contemplated my fate. This was still during the century where corporal punishment was quite common and expected for an infraction such as this. No amount of soul searching could come up with a logical reason for my latest foolishness.

When I got back to the classroom, I took my seat and started the test, with the certainty of impending doom when I was finished. Much to my amazement, the incident was never mentioned again. I gained a good deal of respect for Principal Wilson after that day.

A Minnesotan: If You Give a Belizean a Ladder



By RosaLin Alcoser

If you give a Belizean a ladder he will use that ladder in an extremely unsafe way, but somehow always be ok.

My father, the Belizean, is extremely comfortable on ladders and going up steep inclines; my mother says it's because Belize is basically a steep incline.

He is so comfortable with them that I have seen him many, many times throughout my life walk across ladders that he's balanced over things as a gangplank and climb up them while they're tittering on

uneven ground.

The amazing thing is that he's never fallen off of one of these ladders or gotten hurt doing this.

To my knowledge the ladder has only fallen once, while he was not currently on it, trapping him on the roof for a while until my mother found him.

In addition to being extremely comfortable with ladders my father can become easily obsessed with things; like squirrels.

Back in the summer of 2018 he became particularly obsessed with a squirrel that was jumping from the trees onto the roof and running across the roof. The squirrel running across the roof drove him crazy to the point that he decided that it was using a particular branch from the tree next to the house to do this.

So without any help or the right equipment he took his chainsaw and ladder to go up into the tree, climb into the nook where the base of the limb started and cut off the limb. So that he could stop the squirrel from using the limb to jump onto the roof and run across it.

Now I wasn't there to witness this event, because I was away at college, but my mother was and she sent pictures.

The best part about the whole squirrel on the roof chainsaw incident is that after he did all this the squirrel promptly used a different tree to jump onto the roof so it could run across it.

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