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Announcements



• **Trick-or-Treat smell my feet, donate something good to eat!!!** Students from the National Honor Society will be trick-or-treating around the town of Randolph for food shelf items on Monday, October 31st, 2022. 100% of the donations will go to local families in need. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Ehleringer at 507- 263-2151 ext. 258 or email Ehleringerl@district195.org

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

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

Do you have an announcement?

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Randolph FFA Annual Corn Drive

The Randolph FFA Class participated in the annual Corn Drive in mid October, collecting corn and cash donations that help support FFA programs.

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Randolph High School Class of 1967 Reunion



Attending (left to right): Robert Sathre, Margaret Ista Swanson, Patrick Rother, Richard Duncan, Raylene Navara Streed, Steven Engler, Marsha Kolstad Morrill Kitchel, Dennis Murray, Nina Thielbar Errington, Karen Mahoney McDonald, Karin Wille, Marilyn Nelson Schultze, Valley Henderson Marzinske. Attending by Zoom: Richard Taylor.

Randolph High School Class of 1967 celebrated the 55th anniversary of their graduation with a reunion at the Northfield Golf Club in Northfield, Minnesota, on September 17.

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Pause for Prayer Family Dynasty

A Dynasty is often tied to kings and rulers- and it is also tied to powerful families. Going to the dictionary I discovered that a dynasty: “a succession of people from the same family who play a prominent role in business, politics, or another field.”

I believe we all are a part of a dynasty that our family began many years- centuries ago. Following family trees, and doing genealogies is big business now. People want to discover where they ‘came from.’ I know the basic sequence of events of the Benike family tree when they came to the United States. Many of you know yours as well. And I have to agree that it is fun to know where your family originated from- and what kind of heritage you have. Knowing that my great, great grandpa settled in the Farmington township wilderness in the 1800’s is interesting. The other cool part of that is that my brother is still running that same piece of land even now. It’s been in my family for over 160 years! That’s a dynasty. Now I can’t say that my ancestors or present family play any prominent role in our world- but we have a legacy- we have a family dynasty that is passed down through the generations.

Families pass a long all sorts of things. They pass on the obvious genetics- and DNA structures. They often pass along property, heirlooms and things of value to the future generations. And there’s the broken pieces that can also be passed on to future generations; a predisposition towards addiction or

sexual immorality or obesity. There’s good and bad passed down through the generations of our families. Our dynasties...

God set a precedent in the beginning of His calling of the people of Israel- He wanted them to know they were chosen a part of a royal priesthood- Peter wrote, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10.

As believers we are all a part of this family- this Dynasty, of believers. And God has set each of us into a human family as well. A place where we can grow, where we can be loved and cared for, and a place where we can learn more about Him. As believers we are a part of a royal priesthood- an amazing dynasty of believers throughout the centuries- some prominent, others well-know, and most quietly living out lives that reflect the holiness of God in their everyday life. For the majority we are called to live out our faith and to pass it on to the next generation. We are called to go and make disciples.

If we want our dynasty to stand for God- we need to begin with the basics. “There’s a famous saying, “The family that prays together stays together.” The author is Fr. Patrick Peyton, a priest who later became famous for promoting the rosary all over the world. When he was a kid in Ireland, his mother would call him and his eight siblings to pray. Then their dad would teach them the rosary. Well, sort of. He didn’t have to teach it. He would just kneel and lead it. By and by, the kids learned it.” One of the reasons that praying together is so powerful is that praying together bonds people together.

Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 18:19-20, “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in

my name, there am I with them.”

When 2 or 3 are together- and pray together- there is a promise that our Father God in heaven will do it. As we agree together- believing God hears us and that God has the power to answer. When families pray together there’s a bond that is formed- there’s excited in seeing the answers together, to seeing the problem through and joy and blessing when we become part of what God is doing.

For many Americans, every day is a day of prayer. According to a 2014 Pew Research Center survey: more than half (55%) of Americans say they pray every day. What is it about prayer that affects relationships that helps families be closer and have greater unity?”

Prayer helps us to get closer to God, to know Him more. When we pray with our families we’ll experience reduced relational tensions and more feelings of closeness and unity. Praying together as a family is a great way to communicate and an intimate way to share our hearts and lives with those that we love.

The study authors — Chelladurai, Dollahite and Loren D. Marks, all from the School of Family Life at BYU — identified seven positive outcomes when we Pause to Pray:

- Family prayer as a time of family togetherness and interaction.
- Family prayer as a space for social support.
- Family prayer as a means for intergenerational transmission of religion.

- Family prayer involves issues and concerns of individuals and the family.
- Family prayer helps reduce relational tensions
- Family prayer provides feelings of connectedness, unity, and bonding.
- Families struggle to pray together when there is disunity.

If you think that praying with your family is impossible or that it is going to be too difficult; start with baby steps- begin by praying before a meal or with your children before they go to bed. Start in healthy small steps- and don’t give up!

If you want to create your family dynasty- to be strong for generations to come, you need to begin by Pausing for Prayer. You must come to God and seek His will for yourself and for our family. Parents, teachers, leaders- we are called to lead. To Pray for our children and pray over them. We are called to pray for each other. As men and women, boys and girls, Grandpa and Grandma, Dads, and Moms; we are called to pray together. The first step is to begin. Set aside time today to pray for your spouse, your parents, your significant other. Pray for their peace, their faith, their health- God will hear you- God longs to spend time with you and your family.

God is calling you to build your Family Dynasty on the foundation of Prayer. That’s where it all begins. God hears our prayers, and He will answer- He will bless the family that prays together- Lets begin to build our dynasty this week- Praying together.



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I Will Come and Eat With You

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. . . I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” — Revelation 3:20

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people struggled even more than usual with loneliness and isolation. Not being able to meet and eat with friends and family weighed heavily on populations worldwide. For many people and for many different reasons, though, eating alone was a reality long before COVID restrictions came along, and in those cases the lifting of restrictions won’t mean there will suddenly be people to eat with. So Jesus’ words of invitation here may be especially welcome for people who yearn to eat with someone who loves them.


Jesus’ words in this passage echo some of the lines in another book of the Bible, which is associated with tender, intimate love: the Song of Songs. In Song of Songs 5:2, the ?woman says, “Listen! My beloved is knocking.” And her beloved says: “Open to me. . . .”

Both the scene in Song of Songs and this scene in Revela?tion are very tender, and the word for “love” here is phileo, referring to love that is affectionate, as warmhearted as a close friend, and as near to one’s heart as a lover. It makes sense, then, that the great feast that culminates the entire story of God’s love for his people is the wedding supper of the Lamb, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Listen, he stands at the door and knocks. Will you open the door and let Jesus in?

Lord Jesus, I hear you at the door, knocking. Thank you! Lord, please come in and eat with me. Amen.

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Kenneth Harold Sherwin

Kenneth Harold Sherwin, age 86, of Northfield, peacefully passed away Friday, September 23, 2022, at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System.



Ken was born to Milton Olaf Sr. and Malinda Sophie (Dierking)



Sherwin on March 10, 1936, in Faribault, Minnesota. He graduated from Northfield High School in 1953 and then entered the United States Army in 1959. He served with the military police K-9 unit in Virginia Beach, VA. After receiving his honorable discharge in 1961, Ken continued to serve with the Army Reserve until 1964.

Ken knew at a very young age that he wanted to be a farmer. Ken returned home and joined his father and mother to run the family farm. Ken raised steers and pigs for several years and later focused on crop farming. When Ken retired from farming in 2012, his passion to watch things grow did not end. He decided to take on the challenge of growing fruit. He had many kinds of apples, plums, pears, cherries, and grapes, and he never gave up on his peach trees. Ken loved his flowers and landscaping around the farm and added a little more each year.

Ken loved the outdoors. He enjoyed watch-

ing the wild eagles return every year, riding around in his Ranger UTV, and loved watching all sports. He was a Minnesota Vikings original season ticket holder and never missed a kick-off. His true Viking pride is displayed in his front yard where he commissioned a local artist to carve a Viking statue with an eagle out of a large tree. If you spent time with Ken, it was always a good time and you would leave with a smile on your face. He was a kind, fun-loving, generous man, who loved life and was always ready for a new adventure.

Farming always came first, but Ken had many other interests. He loved to bowl and play basketball. He played Euchre or Cribbage with his family or friends in town. Ken enjoyed music from his old records, 8-tracks, cassette tapes, and live music. He was an accomplished accordion player and played for local dances. He enjoyed being part of a pit crew for a friend's race team. In 1981, he purchased his Pontiac Grand Prix which he cherished for the rest of his life. Ken catered many pig roast events and was awarded 4 stars in Hog Carving in 2000 by the University of Pork Producers. He enjoyed trying new restaurants and searching for the perfect pop-overs.

He is survived by his brother Milton Olaf Sherwin Jr. of Denver, CO; sister Patricia K. Skaiem of Mahtomedi, MN; nieces and nephew Sara (Russ) Goos of White Bear Lake, MN, Leah (Gary) Featherstone of Maplewood, MN, Paul Skaiem of Kenyon,

MN, (great) John Featherstone and Aaron Featherstone. He was preceded in death by his parents Milton (1993), Malinda (2004), brother Robert (1992), and nephew Michael (1973).

Private family services will be held. Ken will be laid to rest alongside his parents at Prairie Creek Cemetery in rural Northfield.

Memorials are preferred to Northfield-Prairie Creek Cemetery Association, 10763 James Trail, Northfield, MN 55057.

Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home and Crematory. biermanfuneralhome.com.

Chester Slininger

A memorial service for Chester Slininger was held Friday October 21st at 8:00 PM at Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel in Zumbrota. The Reverend Dustin Haider officiated. The visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home prior to the service. Burial, at a later date, will take place at Meadow Ridge Memorial Park in Faribault. Mr. Slininger, 84, of rural Kenyon, died Wednesday October 5, 2022 at



Rochester Methodist Hospital in Rochester.

Chester Elwyn Slininger was born March 2, 1938 in Ada, Minnesota, the son of Elwyn and Ruby (Schultz) Slininger. Raised in Randolph, he was a graduate of the public schools there and was a member of the school's basketball team. On August 25, 1962 he married Bonita Kay Ahrens at the Methodist Church in Faribault. Chester drove semi-truck with Knott's Trucking for many years. He also farmed for over fifty years. He was a member of Dale Lutheran Church near Wanamingo. He enjoyed picnics and spending time with his family, working in his shop, attending tractor pulls, and going to West Concord on Sunday mornings for breakfast. He will also be remembered for taking pride in the care of his lawn.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years Bonita Slininger; a son Scott (Connie) Slininger of Mondovi, Wisconsin; a daughter Susan Slininger of Zumbrota; two step-grandchildren Jack (Melanie) Nieto, and Brian Brulport; and three great-grandchildren Zachary, Courtney, and Victor. Also surviving is his sister Cheryl (Duane) Hermanson of Cannon Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a grandson Josh Slininger.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to the family.

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Randolph Resident selected for "TRAGEDY: a Tragedy"

Randolph, Minn. – Student Oaklee River from Randolph, MN has been selected to participate in TRAGEDY: a Tragedy, as the Assistant Director.

TRAGEDY: a tragedy is a comedy centering on the idea of fake news in our society. In the midst of what appears to be an ordinary evening in the world, the comedy outlines how everything is truly the opposite.

The show will take place from November 3 to 6 in the Rob and Judy Gardner Theatre at Gustavus Adolphus College. Gustavus Adolphus College is located in St. Peter, Minnesota. Tickets will be available for purchase starting October 20th on the Gustavus Fine Arts Page.

Deer vs. Motorcycle

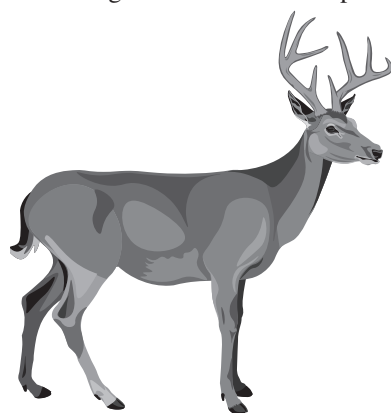
Minnesota's large deer population makes them a safety hazard on the road all year long, but deer-vehicle crashes peak in the autumn months. Although all motorists need to be extra cautious as the weather cools down, deer crashes can be especially dangerous for motorcyclists — a group which accounted for 15 of the 18 vehicle-deer related deaths in the last five years (2016-2020).

Deer are unpredictable — they stop in the middle of the road, they cross and quickly re-cross back, and sometimes even move toward an approaching vehicle. While it is important to plan ahead for unexpected situations, strategy isn't enough if you don't have the skills to execute it. Rider training helps new riders develop skills and earn a license, while returning and experienced riders can sharpen their skills. The skills learned in the training can save your life.

Sadly, motorcyclist traffic fatalities overall are the highest they've been in several years. Through Sept. 26, preliminary figures show 76 motorcyclists have died on Minnesota roads so far this season. At this time in previous years, that compares with 59 deaths last year, 56 in 2020 and 40 in 2019. All the more reason to take rider training, learn the skills to avoid deer crashes and other hazards on the road, and for riders and drivers to work together to make safety a priority for the remainder of the motorcycle season.

Motorcyclists Safety Tips to Avoid Deer Crashes:

- Avoid night and low-light riding periods. Be especially cautious from 6 - 9 p.m., when deer are most active.
- A rider's best response when encountering a deer is to use both brakes for maximum braking and to keep your eyes and head up to improve your chances of keeping the bike up.
- Use high beams as much as possible at night, especially in deer-active areas.



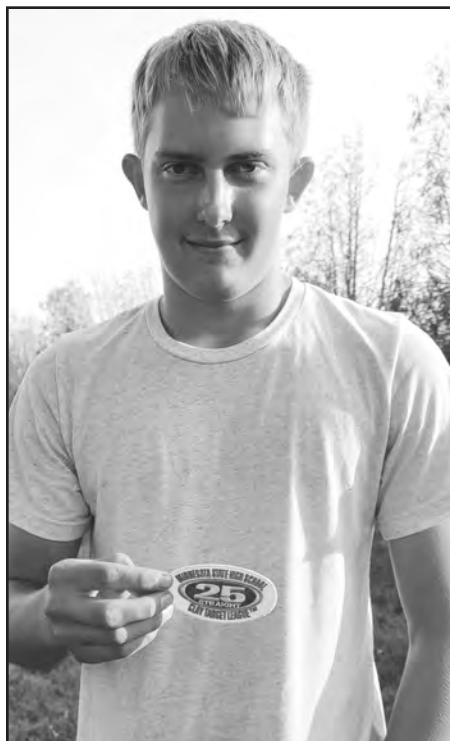
- Watch for the reflection of deer eyes and for deer silhouettes on the shoulder of the road. If anything looks slightly suspicious, slow down.

- Slow down in areas known to have a large deer population — such as areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forest land.

- High visibility gear can assist other driver's in seeing you better; whether it's while making an evasive maneuver to avoid a deer or laying on the roadway after impacting a deer.

When deer cross the road, they don't look twice for motorcycles. Stay alert and always wear full protective gear to protect yourself in case of a crash.

Randolph Clay Target Team Fall 2022 Season



William May, Junior
25/25 Shooter

Started 9/13/2022
Runs for 6 Weeks
43 Athletes



Carter Kunz, Junior
25/25 Shooter

Tyler Spichal 41/50
Round 1 Top Shooter :
All receiving 23/25
Vance Heidenreich
Carter Kunz
Will May
Jonathon Toledo
Round 2 Top Shooter :
Chloe Vought 23/25 (First time Top
Shooter for Round is Female -
Way to go Chloe!)

1st Week : Reserve week Top Scores

Overall: Top 5 Shooters

- Carter Kunz 49/50
(Shot Perfect 25/25 Round 2)
- William May 45/50
(Shot Perfect 25/25 Round 2)
- Milar Krech 44/50
- Cooper Maras 44/50
- Jon Roehl 44/50

Week 1 Scores : 9/20 - 9/21

Top Shooters :

- Michael Dohmen 46/50
- Kylan Goering Barry 45/50
- Jon Roehl 44/50
- Vance Heindenrich 43/50
- Tyler Spichal 43/50

Week 2 Scores: (9/27-9/28/22)

Top Shooters:

- Jonathon Toledo 45/50
- Carter Kunz 44/50
- Will May 43/50
- Chloe Vought 42/50
- Jon Simon 41/50

Week 3 Scores: (10/4-10/5)

Top Shooters:

- Jon Roehl 47/50
- Breckan Zimmer 47/50
- Will May 46/50
- Michael Dohmen 43/50
- Gavin Ruud 43/50
- Jocelyn Zingler 43/50

Week 4 Scores: (10/11-10/12)

Top 5 Scores:

- Will May 47/50
- Jon Roehl 45/50
- Kylan Goering-Barry 44/50
- Tyler Hatch-Hunt 41/50
- Tyler Spichal 39/50
- Jocelyn Zingler 39/50

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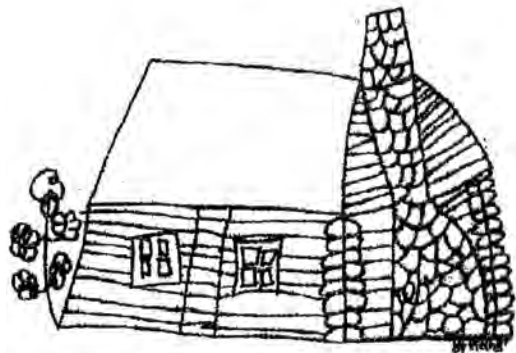


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Saturdays: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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The Why

Clemenson shares her Blue Jacket Story: What does the Blue Jacket mean to Clemenson?

"The blue jacket means many things to me. One thing that the blue jacket represents to me is the countless opportunities which can be found within FFA. There is often a place for everyone and something for them to succeed in. There are opportunities for students to grow career and leadership skills. FFA members can make connections and develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Another symbol of the blue jacket to me is the tradition that it tells the story of. There is a history that goes along with FFA, and the jacket can

be used to tell that story. The history of agriculture and agricultural education is one that is very important. This jacket can help keep this tradition going into the future. The blue jacket also represents and means family to me. Those who wear the blue jacket usually become like a second family to most. The people in the jackets are usually there for you in times of need, they will lift you up if you fall, and support you always. Lastly the blue jacket represents hopes and dreams to me. Whether it is a goal or dream within FFA or one that you develop for the future while wearing the blue jacket, someone within the jacket will help you find a way to accomplish that goal. The blue jacket means and represents so much to me!"

How do you think your experience in FFA will impact your future plans?

"My times and experiences in FFA have already impacted me and I expect them to continue to impact my future plans. My time in FFA has taught me that I want to stay connected to agriculture and the agricultural industry, by pursuing a career in Ag. It has also helped display many of the endless opportunities that lay ahead within the agricultural industry."

What would you like to say to the sponsor of your jacket?

"I would like to thank the sponsor of my jacket for helping to provide countless opportunities. In the blue jacket I have been able to grow my personal skills such as public speaking, leadership, organization, and teamwork. The blue jacket has also helped me to develop many connections with people whom I wouldn't otherwise meet. Some of my best friends now, were people that I met while in the blue jacket."

Many of my favorite and most unforgettable memories were made while wearing the blue jacket.

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Putting the Tools Away



Teri Knight



One of the last tasks of the gardening season is tool attention. Every year I swear I'm going to be better at it NOT losing my tools. 2022 isn't much different, except that my Hori Hori knife I guard with my life! Have I told you I LOVE that tool?

My bench under the eave of my garage gets filled with tools, which is better than leaving them around the yard!

Do YOU clean your tools every time? I admit I don't, but I AM better. If you wander from task to task, you might consider putting neon tape on your tools so you can spot them when you get distracted.

I don't know how I managed it, but I lost my favorite trowel a couple of years ago, I bought another and then, THIS year, I found my favorite! It was in a different storage container in the garage!

Once you've collected your equipment, hose off any chunks of dirt. Clay is a particular bear, you may need to use a heavy bristled brush. Once the initial dirt is cleaned up, it's time to take some steel wool to the rusty parts. If the rust has really taken over, use a steel brush first. For pruners, axes and knives that may have some sap on them, you can use a little paint thinner on a cotton cloth to clean up the gummy stuff. I've been using alcohol to clean my pruners. Be sure to wipe all your tools dry. Then apply a coat of oil. I use vegetable based oil. You can use linseed or tung oil, or even a little motor oil if you care to.

I plunge my garden fork and favorite shovel in a bucket of sand and vegetable oil. The abrasive quality of the sand helps further cleaning and the oil leaves a light coat on the tools.

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!



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So, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to those who sponsored my jacket. Thank you for helping to provide me with my best memories, important connections, and endless opportunities.

FFA is a tradition that is bettering students and building the leaders of tomorrow. The blue jacket helps many kids' dreams come true, including a few of my own."

What do you feel has been the most rewarding experience in your blue jacket?

"There are many experiences within my blue jacket that have been rewarding, all in different ways.

One would be the feeling after you are able to help someone and serve those around you. Whether it is a younger FFA member at a contest or meeting or someone in the community, it is a great experience when you are able to serve and help those around you.

Another experience that has been rewarding is at the MN FFA State Convention in April of 2022 when my team placed 1st in the dairy evaluation CDE contest, and I placed 1st individually. We all had been practicing and preparing a lot for this contest, so it was very

exciting when we were standing on stage and heard the results. In addition to this, being chosen to serve on the Region officer team was another great experience. This has given me many great friends and teammates to work with, I am able to connect with members from across the region and serve at another level. I am very grateful for all these experiences! These are just some of the rewarding times that I have had in my blue jacket!"

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The MN Department of Agriculture Offers Tips for Anhydrous Safety

Many farmers and custom applicators will soon apply anhydrous ammonia (NH3) after harvest. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised. Accidents involving NH3 have proven how dangerous and deadly the fertilizer can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers, fertilizer dealers, and custom applicators to safely field apply NH3.

Always wear NH3-rated goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

Be sure to have a clean and accessible emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons available.

Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections of transfer lines, treating them as if they always contain NH3.

Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3. Also, close, bleed, disconnect, and secure valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

Position equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining NH3 equipment, operating NH3 storage facilities, and transporting NH3. Never assume NH3 lines are empty, always wear the required protective safety equipment, and have access to safety water (NH3 storage facilities must have a minimum of one open top container holding 150 gallons of clean, accessible water or an accessible emergency shower with a plumbed eyewash. A 5-gallon container of clean, accessible water must accompany NH3 nurse tanks).

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SVM) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

If an accident or spill occurs, seek medical care if needed, immediately call 911, and

then the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798 or 651-649-5451.

You can find more safety, storage, and transportation information on the MDA's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/nh3.

As a reminder, fall application of NH3 should happen after average soil temperatures reach 50 degrees F or cooler to help prevent nitrogen loss and ensure more nitro-

gen will be available for next season's crop.

View the MDA's interactive map to find the current 6-inch soil temperature and the past week's history.

Under the MDA's Groundwater Protection Rule, fall nitrogen fertilizer application is prohibited in vulnerable groundwater areas of Minnesota due to environmental concerns or risks.

Updated Website Helps Farmers Find Farms, Land FarmLink platform connects beginning, current farmers

An online tool from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to connect current farmers considering retirement with beginning farmers looking for land has undergone a major upgrade.

Minnesota FarmLink, a listing service for Minnesota farms and land parcels for sale or rent, now offers users the ability to post, edit and delete their own listings. Visitors to the site also now have the opportunity to browse the listings without logging in to an account.

In addition to listings of farms and land parcels for sale or rent, FarmLink also has categories for Beginning/Emerging Farmers looking to work alongside a current farm owner on future ownership transition, current farmers looking for successors, job seekers and job postings, and mentorship/internship postings and seekers.

"We know from our work with Emerging Farmers that access to land is a key hurdle to getting more farmers into agriculture, so anything we can do to reduce that barrier will help our state," Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "For farmers thinking about retirement who have no heir, this can be a good way to see their farms continue on."

Listings that are for sale or rent will have contact information available on each posting. For other categories, to contact someone, you must create an account and be logged in, with a listing in the opposite category in order to connect (i.e., a job seeker must have a listing in the Job Seeker category to connect with a Job Posting).

Please note that all listings on the former FarmLink platform were deleted, so people who had listed previously will need to recreate those listings on the new platform.

More information about FarmLink is available on the MDA website. Specific questions regarding FarmLink should be directed to Jim Ostlie at 320-842-6910 or email jim.ostlie@state.mn.us.

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November 19, 2022 9:00 AM
Le Center, MN
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November 22, 2022 ... 11:00 AM
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New Research from DEED Takes a Deeper Dive on Labor Force Participation

Minnesota labor force participation surged in 2022, outpacing the U.S. rebound

A new report from the Labor Market Information Office in the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) takes a closer look at the short-term pandemic and long-term demographic impacts on labor force participation.

Increasing labor force participation could help ease hiring challenges resulting from our historically tight labor market, where there are roughly four job openings for every person looking for work. Tight labor markets typically increase labor force participation, and labor force participation has been steadily increasing in Minnesota since its low during the depths of the pandemic.

Labor Market Analyst Anthony Schaffhauser's research takes a closer look at the many factors impacting labor force participation and seeks to answer the question of whether the larger overall trend toward lower labor force participation set in motion in the early 2000s by demographic changes is likely to continue.

"Minnesota is a hard-working state with labor force participation rates that are consistently far higher than the national average," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "Yet like every state, our participation took a hit during the pandemic. This research helps us better understand these trends - and reveals opportunities for both business and government to grow participation in various sectors of the economy."

Schaffhauser's research could help employers, workforce development specialists, educators and others explore ways that labor force participation could be increased, working within the constraints of an aging population.

Some measures could include increased flexibility to allow more high school age students to enter the workforce, and ensuring enough affordable, high-quality child care for parents of young children. In addition, an expansion of work-based learning opportunities would allow people to earn while they learn, which would help people acquire needed skills while still earning a paycheck. Finally, employers could take steps to urge recent re-



tirees to "unretire."

Minnesota's Labor Force Participation Rate (LFPR) was 68.2% as of August 2022, the latest period for which data is currently available. Immediately prior to the pandemic, Minnesota's LFPR reached a high of 70.8%. It is important to note that Minnesota's LFPR of 68.2% remains well above the national average of 62.4%. Minnesota's rate has been higher than the national average since LFPR started being tracked at a state level in 1976.

While an older population usually leads to a lower LFPR, the decline in LFPR is not due entirely to demographic change. COVID-19 has prevented some people from returning to work due to health impacts, such as Long COVID, or due to health concerns among those at higher risk of complications if they contract the virus. In addition, COVID dramatically slowed immigration from other countries, thwarting people who otherwise

would have been expected to join the workforce here. Dramatically reduced immigration did have an impact on labor force participation, because foreign-born residents have a higher LFPR than native-born residents; therefore, more foreign-born residents increase the LFPR. Just over 50% of Minnesota's recent labor force growth has been driven by foreign-born workers.

Read Will a Record-Setting Hot Labor Market Bring Labor Force Participation Back to Pre-Pandemic Levels? in the current edition of Minnesota Economic Trends.

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Top 3 Things to Do for HEALTH



By Shauna Burslem, D.C.

I would like to present to you my top 3 healthy living tips that I have personally found to be essential for every single living person on our entire planet. If the population would adhere to the advice offered below, I am quite certain that health care costs in our country would plummet. The number one health tip is increasing the serum levels of vitamin D3 in our bodies. This could prevent chronic diseases that claim nearly one million lives worldwide each year. Vitamin D3 can significantly lower your risk of a variety of cancers, including bladder, colorectal, and breast cancer. There appears to be a causal relationship between vitamin D3 levels and death; this relationship is strongest when it comes to death from cancer. In addition, D3 is a potent immune system enhancer and has been shown to prevent and reduce severity of

the flu and common cold. D3 is the sunshine vitamin and is the reason why there is a flu season in the winter time, not the summer season. Healthy sun exposure creates vitamin D3 in the body. Scientists suggest that the optimal D3 supplement dosage during the winter months is 35 units per pound of body weight (ex. 150 lb. person would need just over 5000 units a day).

The next two health tips involve weight gain. Obesity is the leading cause of overall ill health and disease in the United States. By paying attention to the following health tips, the general population would lose weight, thus improving health and lowering health care costs. Research shows that the artificial sweetener aspartame (as in Nutra Sweet) worsens insulin sensitivity to a greater degree than sugar. Artificial sweeteners promote weight gain by tricking your body into thinking it will receive sugar (calories); when the sugar doesn't arrive, carb cravings can result, making you even hungrier. Artificial sweeteners likely also cause weight gain by disrupting your intestinal microflora, thereby raising your risk of both obesity and diabetes. In addition, aspartame is a neurotoxin and can lead to the same symptoms of multiple sclerosis. Popular artificial sweeteners to avoid are Nutra Sweet (aspartame), Sucrolose and Splenda.

The last tip for promoting health involves exercise and boosting the metabolism for weight loss. Interval cardio training has been shown to be the most effective form of car-



dio training for the entire body. Not only is it the most effective way of increasing the body's metabolism (the ability to burn calories at rest), interval training increases heart and lung volume, improving cardiovascular health more than typical endurance training like distance running, distance biking or distance swimming. The whole idea of interval training is that you do an exercise that gets the heart pumping for 20-40 seconds non-stop. You then take a 10-15 second rest break and repeat. Beginning trainers would do this for only 6 minutes a day. As endurance improves 12-20 minutes is all that is needed for optimal benefits. Researchers in Japan have found that 5 minutes of high intensity interval training is the equivalent of jogging / biking / swimming for 40 minutes. So not only is interval training better for you, it saves you time! Example exercises include running, swimming and biking (run, swim or bike hard for 20-40 seconds than rest 10 and repeat). Skipping rope, jumping jacks and or a combination of calisthenics could also be performed in this style of training. In summary, these three health tips could have a major impact on your personal health and wellbeing as well as the having an impact on the ever increasing health care costs in our country. The only problem is the old horse adage about leading the horse to water!!

Chiropractic Info: Chiropractic care is on

the front lines of battling opioid addiction. Inadequate pain management coupled with the epidemic of prescription opioid overuse and abuse has taken a severe toll on the lives of tens of thousands of people in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as many as one in four patients who receive prescription opioids long term for non-cancer pain in primary care settings struggles with addiction. Every day, more than 1,000 people are treated in the ER for misusing prescription opioids. Beyond the risks of addiction and overdose, prescription drugs that numb pain may convince a patient that a musculoskeletal condition is less severe than it is or that it has healed. This misunderstanding can lead to overexertion, a delay in the healing process or even permanent injury. Chiropractic and other non-drug approaches to pain management can be an important first line of defense against pain and addiction resulting from the overuse of prescription opioid pain medications. Chiropractic is a 100% natural drug free healthcare profession that has an impressive history of caring for patients with musculoskeletal pain. In addition, chiropractic's holistic approach to health care by improving neural impulse flow from the spine improves function and performance in the entire body, promoting overall health and wellness.

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The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting.

Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members Cindy Flodeen, David Luhning, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell. Also present was Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, Chris Meyer, Treasurer; and Brad Fisher with Bolton & Menk.

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

Disclosure of Interest – None

Approval of the August 16, 2022 Special and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes and September 6, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes – Motion by Russell seconded by Luhning to approve the August 16, 2022 special and regular scheduled meeting minutes and the September 6, 2022 special meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Approval of Disbursements – Motion by Luhning seconded by Flodeen to approve the September disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Public Comment – None.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

Mayor Knetter mentioned that an item needed to be added to the agenda under New Business. The item is in regard to the Bryan Skillestad water bill. Motion by Knetter seconded by Luhning to add the request to the agenda under New Business. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Special Meeting for Final Approval of Levy - The Special Meeting for Final Approval of the 2022 Tax Levy to be collected in 2023 will begin at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Regular December City Council meeting on December 13th.

Mayor Knetter acknowledged a Dakota County deputy in attendance at the meeting, and asked him if he had anything to report. He stated that there is an ongoing problem with vehicle thefts. Also, there was a string of break-ins in Hastings where the perpetrator entered the buildings by breaking glass and then was in and out of the buildings in less than a minute. The deputy doesn't feel that Hampton is at risk. Councilor Luhning asked about catalytic converter thefts. The deputy stated that it is still occurring, but not as much of a problem as it had been. Mayor Knetter informed the deputy that a street maintenance project is scheduled to begin on Monday.

Hampton 2022 Pavement Maintenance Postcard Mailing – Bolton & Menk – Brad Fisher of Bolton & Menk reported that the 2022 pavement maintenance project is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 19th. Postcards were mailed on Friday to residents who have property adjacent to the pavement maintenance project areas. Fisher further stated that concrete valley gutter work was done the previous week. It is anticipated that there is a one to two week timeframe for completion of the project, weather permitting. Signs will be erected in and near construction project areas.

Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, asked Fisher if the company doing

the pavement maintenance project could also repair the driveway of the resident in the Heights of Hampton whose driveway needed to be dug up to fix a leaking water shut-off valve. Fisher said he could ask, but that might not be the best option for the repair. Discussion. Councilor Verch offered to contact Randy Peterson about the repair, as he is currently working in the area.

The other item that Fisher reported on was the Water St. lift station generator project. The electrical portion being designed is currently ongoing. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in the fall.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2022-__ (12) – Approving the 2022 Tax Levy – Mayor Knetter asked for a motion to approve the 2022 tax levy. Judy O'Brien, City Clerk, stated that the amount that was budgeted for casualty/liability insurance expense when budget documents were reviewed at the August Council meeting was \$10,000. Since then, she found out that annual premiums will be just under \$12,000, so an additional \$2,000 needs to be added to the insurance expense, and the levy amount will then increase from the \$319,791 proposed at the August meeting, to \$321,791. Motion by Luhning seconded by Verch to approve the 2022 tax levy, in the amount of \$321,791. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Covered under Hampton 2022 Pavement Maintenance Postcard Mailing – Bolton & Menk.

Water / Sewer Report – Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, reported that he and Mayor Knetter recently attended the MRWA Expo as a training opportunity. He also recently completed an online training regarding water copper and lead pipes. In the training, he learned that the City needs to complete a survey of all lead pipes going into residences, and it must be completed by October 16, 2024. All lead pipes will need to be replaced. If during the survey lead pipes are found, the homeowner needs to be informed within 3 days, and the homeowner has 30 days to replace the pipe. There is grant funding available for 50% of the cost of the replacement. Additionally, low-interest loans are available for the other 50% of the cost. For homeowners, the loans are available at an interest rate of 1%, at a loan term of 20 years. For the City, if pipes need to be replaced, loan funding would have a 0% interest rate. Discussion about various locations throughout the City and whether or not homes would have lead water pipes. Brad Fisher interjected that if a home was built after 1980, the City can assume that the pipe is not lead. There was additional discussion about when the survey should be done and who would do it. Councilor Luhning suggested that the City might want to hire a contractor.

Mayor Knetter asked Fisher if pipes would have been replaced during street construction projects on Main St., Water St., and Park St., to which Fisher answered yes.

Reinardy continued his report with sewer topics. He told Council that he had learned of a new process for measuring sewer pond sludge levels. The way it works is through

the use of a remote-control boat that is equipped with a sonar scanner. The scanner will scan the entire pond and will reveal the sludge levels and locations. Reinardy stated that he would prefer to use this service rather than purchasing the Sludge Judge that Council approved he purchase at the August Council meeting. The cost of the service is \$1,200 per pond. Reinardy stated that, after the scan is complete, he will get a cost estimate to get the sludge down to a level where it just needs to be maintained. He feels that the annual cost will be around \$3,000. Discussion. Mayor Knetter stated that he thinks the City should get a baseline measurement of the entire pond that maps the pond and produces a report of sludge levels at the various areas of the pond. Then the sonar scan should be done again in a few years to determine if the City is properly maintaining the pond sludge levels.

Park Report – Councilor Russell stated that he received cost estimates from Randy Peterson, of Shakopee, for hockey rink and basketball court improvements. Copies were distributed to Council members at the meeting. The cost for dirt/grass removal, application of tack coat primer and crack filling, installation of 2" 42a bitumen asphalt, and power rolling the asphalt at the hockey rink will be \$35,000. The cost for dirt/grass removal, application of tack coat primer and crack filling, installation of 2" 42a bitumen asphalt, power rolling the asphalt, and installing court stripes at the basketball court will be \$9,000. Discussion about other options and funding for the projects. There is \$25,000 in this year's budget for park improvement costs. City Treasurer, Chris Meyer, stated that \$25,000 was also budgeted for in 2021 for park improvement. That funding was not spent last year, so that is available in the Diamond Money Market account to be used for park improvements if Council chooses to do that. Motion by Luhning seconded by Verch to approve the proposed improvements to the hockey rink and the basketball court, and award the project to Randy Peterson. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Councilor Russell also pointed out that new wood chips and swings are needed in the parks.

Street Report – Councilor Luhning stated that the street sweeping contractor has been contacted regarding setting up the City's fall

street sweeping.

Unfinished Business: None


New Business:

Bryan Skillestad Water Bill – Marlin Reinardy, Water/Sewer Superintendent, explained that he has been in contact with James Burkhardt, the attorney that handled the closing for the sale of the 7-plex apartment building that was owned by Bryan Skillestad at the time of the water main break that occurred in April. Bryan Skillestad is disputing that he should be held responsible for the cost of the 6 shut-off valves with fittings, at a cost of \$3,710, that did not fail that day. At the time of the repair, the contractor discussed replacing all 7 of the shut-off valves, as long as the location had been dug up in order to replace the valve that failed. In his discussion with the contractor that day, Reinardy agreed that it made sense to replace all 7 because simply digging up the area could cause some of the valves to shift and then break after they were again covered. Reinardy explained this to Mr. Burkhardt, who agreed that Mr. Skillestad should have to pay the bill. Burkhardt asked Reinardy to have Council act on this issue again prior to his discussion with Skillestad regarding payment of the invoices. Motion by Knetter seconded by Luhning to demand that Bryan Skillestad pay the Valley-Rich invoices in full. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0.

Knetter further stated again that the same standards were applied in the case of the water main break at the Skillestad property as have been applied to other residents/business owners in the past with regard to responsibility for the repair costs. The City bears no responsibility for any of the costs and will not pay. Additionally, if there is any further delay in the payment of the Valley-Rich invoices by Bryan Skillestad, the City will be submitting an invoice to Skillestad for the Water/Sewer Superintendent and City Clerk time that has been spent dealing with this matter.

Adjournment – Motion by Luhning seconded by Verch to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy O'Brien



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September 14, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order:

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Mayor Robert Appelgren.

Roll Call:

Present:

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

Public Comments:

None

Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the August 10, 2022 regular council meeting minutes was made by Friedrich, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy noted that we took in approximately \$5,000 in water payments this month. The CD's are earning .3% interest. The CD was renewed in July. They are currently paying 1.1% for 9 months or 1.6% for 19 months. The penalty would \$32.42 if we pulled it and reinvested. Sandy will check Castle Rock Bank to see what they are paying for interest rates and she will get back to us.

Sandy indicated that the fraudulent check was cashed at the Bank of America in Chicago. Merchants Bank is aware and they have a case number and are working with the sheriff. It was noted that whatever bank takes

the check is responsible for the money. They are working on refunding the money to us.

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

Approval to Pay Bills

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

Old Business

There was no old business this month.

New Business

Preliminary Budget for 2023

After review, Haro made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-11 setting the 2023 preliminary levy at \$172,842 and the debt levy at \$4,279, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

City Hall Restrooms

Todd Carlock passed around the Title II of the ADA rule governing ADA compliance.

It was asked what is wrong with the bathrooms and what needs to be changed. He said they are not compliant for people with disabilities. He said a contractor can tell us but he noted the doors, the handles and the sinks and need to be changed. A wheel chair needs to spin around and everything has to be at a certain height. The stalls should come down. Because we are a public entity, we have to have it accessible for people with disabilities.

It was noted this could cost about \$50,000

- \$75,000. We should have estimates so we can budget it. Carlock asked the Clerk to publish an ad to get some bids but he was told to get some estimates so we have some costs before we do any further work on this. It was asked when we have to set the final levy which will happen in December but since we already approved the preliminary levy we cannot raise it for 2023.

It was asked that Carlock get an estimate of what needs to be done to bring them up to code and the cost that would be involved. Since legal counsel was present we asked if she will check into the legalities of this code.

2040 Comprehensive Plan

This is the final piece of getting our comprehensive plan approved for 2040. Motion to approve Resolution 22-10 to adopt the 2040 City of Randolph Comprehensive Plan made by Friedrich, seconded by Appelgren. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County re Highway 88 Project

Matt Blazer discussed the joint powers agreement with Dakota County for the Highway 88 project. They want to do this project when we do the sewer project.

He presented an agreement that should be added to the Sanitary Sewer project. The county gives the city the funds for the construction and the design. It will start off with the design funds and once the bids are approved then the funds for the construction will be paid. The city pays the contractor, engineering firm, and other costs associated with the project. This is open for input but the county has the final say. The county is planning to hold an open house soon regarding this project. The agreement was reviewed by our attorney and she approved it.

Motion to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County made by Friedrich, seconded by Carlock. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Reed Kosir

Reed submitted a data practice request to the City Council for documents from the Fire Department. We asked him what he was looking for. He would like to see how they came up with telling him he had to go to counseling. They should have records from their meetings. What role does the City have in this request. The city is responsible for the data it has under the request unless it is confidential. It was asked of the fire department if they fall under the same guidelines as the city for data request. They believe so but they are not completely sure since they are a fire district. We asked if they have minutes available. They indicated there were two meetings that did occur that they will provide the meeting minutes to him.

The city has had little involvement with the fire department and we feel they should manage themselves. We noted we would like to stay out of this and the fire district just give him the documentation he is requesting which is:

1. Written documentation of the Fitness of Duty Evaluation done by Randolph Hampton Fire District that states the requirement for me to contact a counselor.

2. Written documentation and meeting minutes regarding my disciplinary process in the Randolph-Hampton Fire District bylaws.

Until our attorney tells us what we can and

cannot do, we are asking that they work this out among themselves so the city is not involved. If that is not possible we will have to address it at a later date when we learn more as we will be having a meeting with the Fire Department. The Fire Department indicated this was the first that they learned he was asking for meeting minutes. We asked that he be given to him. We asked that they give the minutes to Clerk Haro and she will get them to Reed; however our counsel that was present advised against the plan of Clerk Haro as we should only give him the data that the city has in its possession. If we don't have any documents that he requesting them we don't provide anything to him. We were advised that he make a data request directly to the Fire Department. Clerk Haro advised Reed to send the data request to them indicated what he wants. He indicated that he already did that verbally and via a text message. They were asked to move the discussion outside so we can move forward with our meeting.

Randolph/Hampton Fire District

Chief Kevin Whitson indicated that they plan to start attending our council meetings going forward. He expressed his concern of some issues recently in the paper regarding moral issues and some response times issues and he did not nor did any assistant chief get a phone call on those issues from the City. They have had some struggles over the last several years do to COVID – do they have a meeting or not have a meeting. He indicated they have an average of 4 firemen per call and they currently have 27 active members and 80% of the calls are medical. They are strictly volunteer. They are short on personnel but so are the neighboring cities. They would like to have 32 members. He also noted that they received a \$177,000 federal grant which they are going to use to upgrade 32 SED's which is just under \$180,000.

Sewer Update

They have been working on the railroad crossing. They are working on the final design and still hoping to have the meeting in January or February to announce the joint powers. They have been working on the county portion as well. The County is planning on having another neighborhood meeting especially for the properties along the county road and will be sending out some notices within the next month. We asked that Bolton & Menk schedule another meeting to update the public. They are moving forward with the appraisal for the land. It was asked what kind of fees will be involved for the sewer fees. One of our bigger costs will be the maintenance person. Also we will need to start saving for future costs of updating, repairs, etc. Do we do that right away or wait until more people are hooked up? We need to keep the costs low. There are companies that you can hire to take care of the system or you can enter into a joint powers agreement with another city or hire someone. It would be nice to start getting some numbers. He will bring some numbers to next month's meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Carlock, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

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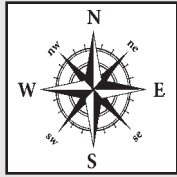
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes The State Fair



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.

Not many events were as exciting to me as a kid as the Minnesota State Fair. I anticipated our annual trip all summer long. Were a farm family and the main reason for going was machinery hill. Eighty acres of farm equipment of every imaginable kind. The Minnesota State Fair machinery hill was larger than the entire Iowa State Fair, we were told. At least that helped to fuel our feeling of superiority over our neighbors to the south.

Our State Fair trip was always between the morning and evening chores, so we woke early and worked fast to get on the road by 8am. We also knew that chores would still be waiting when we returned that night.

My dad would park the car in the lot at the top of machinery hill and we would begin to hike along each street admiring the displays. It smelled of fresh sawdust and delicious food everywhere. The Patz company had a barn cleaner running continuously conveying wood shavings that went up the chute and dropped back into the gutter to make another trip. Were amazed because never before had a barn cleaner looked so clean.

My dad knew most of the sales reps at each booth and they were primed to try and sell him the newest and best they had that year. My favorite was the John Deere exhibit. I would check out the riding lawn mowers. The John Deere 140 was the biggest lawn tractor available in the late 1960's, with a huge 14 horsepower engine. I was in awe and never dreamed I would mow lawn with a 27 hp zero turn when I grew up.

A couple of the farm machinery companies

would have a tent set up with bleachers where you could sit and watch a tractor parade while the announcer pointed out all the features of each model. Our blood was green but we still sat there and admired the orange, yellow, red and blue tractors as they chugged through. The dairy building was always on the agenda to visit. There we would get a milk shake and watch as one farmer's daughter had her life size likeness carved in butter. They would even bring out a tray of butter chips served on crackers for us to taste, as the artist shaped the block into a pretty girl's face.

As the day progressed, we would head toward the grandstand to see three levels of merchandise waiting for us to purchase. I still recall one year as we walked down Dan Patch Avenue, one of my dad's friends saw us and headed toward us. His greeting to my father was, "the things you see when you don't have a gun." And then they laughed and talked, leaving this ten-year-old boy contemplating their silly banter.

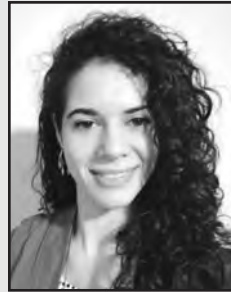
One of the less pleasant experiences of my life took place in the grandstand one year. There were salesmen pitching their vacuum cleaners, mops, sewing machines and every house hold appliance made. For some reason the guy demonstrating a liquefier caught their attention. He would chuck every inedible food product into this machine and after grinding it into a juice, he would pour some into a tiny Dixie cup and hand it out to the observers. I watched in horror as vegetables and a whole egg went in the top and then was dispensed into sample size portions for unsuspecting kids to consume. My parents bought this contraption and seeing he had a captive audience, the hawker poured us each a large cup of the brew. I could barely choke down the first batch and now I was given a second large helping. As an obedient child I

knew that I couldn't refuse food offered with such good intent.

All of the delicious smells of fair food were

suddenly drowned out by this unwanted health drink. I mean how many ten-year-old boys have a taste for vegetable juice?

A Minnesotan: Trick-or-Treat



By RosaLin Alcoser

Trick-or-treat as a kid is the most magical night of the year. Dressing up and going from house to house getting candy was absolutely one of the best nights of the year growing up.

Don't get me wrong I still love Halloween now that I am an adult; a little too much according to my mother. Every year I still dress up in custom, decorate my home and take part in all of the Halloween activities.

As a kid going out trick-or-treating was one of my favorite events of the holiday. But now that I am on the other side of the door handing out the candy a little bit of the magic of trick-or-treat has vanished.

The first Halloween I was out of school, I didn't get the chance to participate in

trick-or-treat on Halloween night because I was traveling and then the second year was the pandemic which frankly was a lost year for us all.

Which means that last Halloween was truly the first one that I was the one on the other side of the door handing out candy and listening for a knock at my door.

Now I live in an apartment building that gives every resident an orange paper sign to tape to the door to let the children in the building know that it's OK to trick-or-treat at that apartment.

I think that night I had made 5 or 6 trick-or-treaters in total for the whole night; mainly the ones who live on my floor and a few who were clearly going to every floor in the building.



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 - European "curtain"
 - Mustangs, e.g.
 - Campaign pro
 - Cause of wheezing
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 - "Bon Jovi: "Take my hand, we'll make it I swear. Woah, livin' on a _____"
 - The only thing to fear?
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 - James Corden's network
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 - World-weary
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 - "Aerosmith: "Sing with me, sing for the year. Sing for the _____"
 - Siberian prison
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 - Rapidly
 - Cheese app
 - "Cogito, _____ sum"
 - Diamond's corner
 - European Economic Community
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