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## Dennison Lions Spring Breakfast



The Dennison Lions Club will host their spring breakfast Sunday, April 2, 2023 at the Dennison Lutheran Church from 8 AM to 12:30 pm.

Eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, coffee, juice and milk will be served. Adults are \$10, kids \$5 and under 3 are free. Funds raised will support the Lions Club Activities and the church building maintenance.

## Randolph FFA Alumni Hosts Toy Auction



Last week our Alumni hosted a Toy Auction. All items were donated by community members, alumni, and local businesses. We appreciate all of the support from our community. We surpassed last year's numbers and raised over \$22,000 for leadership and college scholarships! Thank you



## Announcements

• **Dakota County Master Gardener Plant Sale - Saturday, May 20th from 8:00am-Noon. Rain or shine. White-tail Woods Regional Park, Farmington, MN.** See what we are growing and start your shopping list by going to: [dakotamastergardeners.org](http://dakotamastergardeners.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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## Paige Ford Named 2023 Athena Award Winner



Congratulations to Paige Ford, our 2023 Athena Award winner! The Athena Award recognizes a female athlete who has distinguished herself as a result of special individual achievements in one or several sports. *Courtesy of Randolph School*

## Randolph FFA's Annual Tractor Parade April 6th, 2023

Line-Up Starts at 8a.m.  
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Sophia Amy at the 2022 Tractor Parade

## Easter Brunch Menu

Sunday, April 9th • Serving 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

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## Love Your Enemies

I don't know about you but that seems impossible. How in the world can you love someone who doesn't love you? How in the world can you love someone who wants to do you harm and tear you down? It's much easier for me to love people who already love me; like my husband, my children and my friends.

We have had times, and still do that we get on each other's nerves. There are times when we have disagreements and differing points of view. But at the end of the day we still love each other. But in today's passage, Jesus comes along and tosses in this monkey wrench of saying that not only are we to love those who love us but we're even to love those who don't love us! Many of us read that and think, "Are you kidding me?" Our more natural reaction is like a certain truck driver:

Late one summer evening in Broken Bow, Nebraska, a weary truck driver pulled his rig into an all-night truck stop. The waitress had just served him when three tough looking, leather jacketed motorcyclists - of the Hell's Angels type - decided to give him a hard time. Not only did they verbally abuse him,

one grabbed the hamburger off his plate, another took a handful of his French fries, and the third picked up his coffee and began to drink it.

How would you respond? Well, this trucker did not respond as one might expect. Instead, he calmly rose, picked up his check, walked to the front of the room, put the check and his money on the cash register, and went out the door. The waitress followed him to put the money in the till and stood watching out the door as the big truck drove away into the night.

When she returned, one of the bikers said to her, "Well, he's not much of a man, is he?" She replied, "I don't know about that, but he sure ain't much of a truck driver. He just ran over three motorcycles on his way out of the parking lot."

That seems fair right? That would be justice. We totally get that. When someone wrongs us our first instinct is to get them back! Our first instinct is to make them hurt as much as they hurt us. That is the world's answer to being wronged. But Jesus gives His followers a different response they're to have. He tells us we're to love our enemies. Luke 6:27-31.

"27 'But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

First, He tells us that you're to do good to those who hate you. It isn't enough to just say it- we've got to live it out! That may mean shoveling the walk of a cantankerous neighbor. It may mean volunteering to help a co-worker that you don't get a long with or speaking graciously to an ex-spouse on the

phone.

The 2nd response you're to have toward your enemies is to bless those who curse you. It certainly goes against our initial response to someone that curses us. Words and actions bring us a lot of pain- so turning around and blessing them instead of cursing them back is very difficult.

When we have held onto the hurt and pain for a long time- it's difficult to let go. Jesus is our example- He didn't dish it out when he was cursed or ridiculed- he walked away. He will give us the strength to do the same. When we have Jesus' love and forgiveness in our life and the freedom, He has given us- even when those feelings of pain and bitterness rise up within us- we can claim Jesus and His power to break the power of sin and darkness in our lives. Over and over again He will remind you and me; "greater is He that is in me and he that is in this world!" Our example, and our strength come only from Jesus.

Third, we must pray for those that mistreat us. That doesn't mean a prayer to get even, or a prayer for vengeance- it's a sincere prayer for that person to find healing, to know Jesus, to experience God's healing for whatever may be going on in their life. Praying for our enemy is not easy. But when we pray for our enemies it can actually serve as a tool to keep us from being destroyed by bitterness and anger.

St. Patrick- the patron Saint of Ireland lived out this principle in his life. Patrick was kidnapped when he was 16 and taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd. Lonely and afraid, he turned to God for solace, becoming a devout Christian. He also had a vision of converting the Irish people to a faith in Jesus Christ.

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. Patrick walked nearly 200

miles from County Mayo to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he returned to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

Patrick understood Jesus' message of loving his enemies. He was willing to return to those that had held him captive and share the message of the gospel with them. Patrick practiced his faith by not just putting up with his enemies- but by loving them enough to share the truth of Jesus and the hope of eternity with them.

If you have someone that you are struggling to love, struggling to forgive- I want to encourage you to bring that hurt, that pain to Jesus and begin today to love them as Jesus loves you. We are called to live above 'pay back and hatred' and take the higher road in loving our enemy. Let Jesus give you His strength to love your enemy. "When He tells us to love our enemies He gives, along with the command, the love itself." Corrie Ten Boom



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From a humble beginning, this church-led movement spread through Western Europe, surviving in some form for about 200 years. Today it is considered one of the first mass peace movements. Nearly a thousand years before Pax Dei, Jesus preached "Blessed are the peacemakers" to the shock and disbelief of his listeners. In those days many of his fellow Jews dreamed of rebelling against the ruthless occupation of the Roman Empire.  
The call to make peace was difficult in Jesus' day and in the Middle Ages, and it is still difficult today. Yet Jesus inspires his faithful followers to seek peace, for that is God's way of restoring us to himself and making us his children.  
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## Harold Orville Lund

Harold Orville Lund, age 87 of Diamond Bluff, WI and formerly of Randolph, died on Wednesday evening, March 1, 2023, at the Prescott Nursing & Rehabilitation Community.



Harold was born on September 30, 1935 in Torquay, Saskatchewan, Canada, the son of Harry and Minnie (Nelson) Lund. In his younger years, Harold worked as a farm hand. After leaving Canada, he came to settle in Wanamingo, MN, where he met and later married Arlene Flaten. They were married on October 8, 1955, at Holden Lutheran Church. They moved to Randolph in the 1960s. He started working in heating and air conditioning and continued this career throughout his life until retiring. Arlene died on April 25, 1994.

Harold was a self-taught accordion player and enjoyed polka and country music. He enjoyed traveling to Texas with his girlfriend, Joan, where he loved to play accordion whenever he could.

He is survived by his children, David of Hot Springs, SD, Rick of Pepin, WI, Jody of Red Wing, Lonnie of Pepin, WI, and Scarlet (Steve Wicklum) of Lakeville; his girlfriend of 26 years, Joan Markfort of Red Wing; 12 grandchildren, Rebecca (Patrick) Robinson, Jason (Sarah) Lund, Krystal (Chris) Rosenthal, Dana Lund (Nick Skogen), Hannah Walker, Melissa Bongard (Mike Christensen), Anthony (Krista) Bongard, Jesse Lund, Cheyenne Lund (Dusty Vagt), Joseph (Brianna) Lund, Megan Morrill (Jason Admonius), and Kaitlyn (Alex) Weeks; 20 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lois Lund of Crosby, ND and brother-in-law, Chet Lund of Williston, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Arlene; and siblings, Dorothy Bickford, Mavis Hagen, Roger Lund, Ruby Benson, Noreen Lund, Beryle Henshaw, and Pearl Kvale.

A visitation was held on Thursday, March 9 from 5-7 pm at Lundberg Funeral Home in Cannon Falls.

The funeral service was held on Friday, March 10 at 11 am, with visitation from 10-11 am, at the funeral home.

Interment followed at the Corinthian Cemetery in Farmington. A luncheon was held at the VFW in Farmington (421 3rd St.)

Active pallbearers were Jesse Lund, Joseph Lund, Alex Weeks, Dusty Vagt, Chris Rosenthal, and Nick Skogen.

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We had a small but mighty showing at the JWP Speech meet!  
 Individual Awards:  
 4th Place Varsity Duo: Maksim and Milar Krech  
 6th Place Novice Humorous: Aubree Paavola  
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## FCCLA Minnesota State Conference



Night #1 at the FCCLA Minnesota State Conference! Opening session included hearing from Casey O'Brien a former Gopher football player and 6 time cancer survivor! Courtesy of Randolph School

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## Celebrating Women Who Make Southern Minnesota Thrive



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Lufkin and her friend Jackie Ohmann started experimenting with making cheese which eventually gained enough momentum to turn into a business once their friend Kathy Hupf, a dairy expert, became involved. Their cheese has won awards and they even opened up a coffee and ice cream shop several years ago in downtown Cannon Falls. SMIF provided a Small Enterprise Loan to help pay for marketing for the cheese company which they were able to use to expand their markets.

Through SMIF's Early Childhood work we have partnered with many women leaders in the field, many of whom are either educators or child care providers. Stacy Boysen, a child care provider from Pine Island, has worked with SMIF many times to provide trainings to other providers in our region. It is clear from these trainings that Stacy is both a positive role model and a mentor to many others in the profession. She has a wealth of information to share, which ranges from standard health and safety education, to more nuanced information about the importance of self care, and ways to incorporate healthy snacks into a child care business.

SMIF also works with many women who are leaders in their communities, especially through our 31 Community Foundations. Liz Krocak, and her daughter Maggie Grimm, are two women who come to mind who have been very active in Montgomery through their Community Foundation. Liz was instrumental in making the Community Foundation a vehicle to help people when the pandemic began. She applied for the matching grants that SMIF offered during that time to support local businesses and the local food

March is Women's History Month, which is both a time to look back at the incredible accomplishments of women in the history of our country, but also a time to celebrate women who are doing amazing things today. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), we know that there are countless women who make our region thrive. I'd like to take a moment to highlight several of these women today.

At SMIF, we work with female entrepreneurs every day through our training programs and business financing options. One of our more recent loan clients is CannonBelles Cheese based in Cannon Falls. In 2012 Deann



**CannonBelles**

shelf. The Montgomery Community Foundation also received a Small Town Grant to support the local farmers' market which Maggie and Liz are both very involved in.

This small list of women leaders in our region just barely grazes the surface of the vast number of women we know who are making a difference in the lives of southern Min-

nesotans. Their innovation, their knowledge and their leadership are truly incredible. We are proud to know, and partner with, the many women who make this region thrive.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.



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## Gemini Announces First Sharon Weinel Stewardship Award Winner

CANNON FALLS, Minnesota - Bob Durdahl, a Customer Service Representative in Cannon Falls, has been named the first recipient of the company's Sharon Weinel Stewardship Award for his caring for others and commitment to community service.

Each year, the award will recognize a Gemini team member with a \$25,000 donation to an organization of the award recipient's choice, given in the recipient's name. The donations will be made based on the merits of Gemini team members who demonstrate Gemini's Stewardship core value, live in service of others, and make noteworthy volunteerism contributions above and beyond what is reasonably expected of a person. Durdahl

has chosen to divide his donation between two organizations -

\$20,000 to St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church and \$5,000 to American Legion Post 142.

Sharon Weinel, the wife of Jim Weinel, was the co-founder of Gemini. Sharon was the common thread and heart of Gemini. She was known for her generosity and unwavering commitment to the community. Her values of humility and graciousness left a mark on many lives. She passed away in February 2022.

"Sharon was one of the inspirations for the Gemini value of Stewardship and was always generous to those in need," said Frederick Oss, Gemini CEO. "She touched a lot of lives over the course of years that she was involved with the company and really helped make it what it is today. We believe this award program honors her life of service."

Gemini team members nominated Durdahl as the award recipient. He has demonstrated Weinel's values of kindness, humility, grace, and generosity through his work with many organizations, including the Cannon Falls Mason's, Color Guard, Veteran's Honor Guard, American Legion, VFW, and St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church.

"I nominated Bob because he gives unconditionally," said Gemini team member Colleen Charnell. "It is not for accolades or positions of power, but to truly serve and



**Bob Durdahl**

show honor to those around him. Bob is a truly selfless person that gives his time and himself because of the values and passion that are embedded in him to make a difference."

Five other finalists were selected, each receiving a \$5,000 donation to give to a charity of their choice.

Finalist, Gemini Location, and Organization Selected for Donation:

Amy McDonald, Neustadt, ON, Launch Pad

Arun Singh, Cannon Falls, MN, Asian



**Presenting colors at high school football game**

- Women United of Minnesota (AWUM)
- Deb Norstad, Cannon Falls, MN, MN Lions
- Childhood Cancer Foundation
- Megan Tellinghiusen, Liberty Lake, WA, Fantasy Flight
- Mike Tollefson, Decorah, IA, Northeast Iowa Wrestling Club



**Veterans Day event at high school**



**Military Ceremony at Fort Snelling National Cemetery**

## Come See the Movies the Media Are Not Promoting

### April 13 Movie: *What is a Woman?*

It's the question you're not allowed to ask. Join Matt Walsh on his often comical, yet deeply disturbing journey, as he fearlessly questions the logic behind a gender ideology movement that has taken aim at women and children.

### April 27 Movie: *Unplanned*

The story of Abby Johnson, a top employee of Planned Parenthood who became a Pro-life activist. Awarded Planned Parenthood's employee of the year in 2008, her life changed when she was asked to assist in an ultrasound guided abortion.

*Movies will be shown at the Cannon Falls Sportsman's Club, intersection of County 24 and Oxford Mill Road*

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"Back in 1998 when Robin Kinney (co-founder) and I discussed ways to better empower women in agriculture, we could only dream of what WALC would become," said Doris Mold, event co-founder. "Each year, we've provided an expanding list of attendees with a balance of personal and professional development programming covering timely, relevant topics. So far, we've been able to reach more than 3,700 women with these valuable sessions, and we look forward to adding to that list this year."

Mold said the planning committee set out to

make 2023 a year to remember for new and repeat participants alike.

"We are bringing together some amazing speakers to really drive home the fact that a sterling future can only be achieved if we continue to build leaders in agriculture that have the skills, talents and resilience to carry them forward in our ever changing world." Mold said. "From ways to prevent burnout to expanding your reach through podcasts, to building networks, we're helping attendees set themselves up for long-term success."

Attendees will begin the conference with a welcome session from Natalie Beckendorf, Minnesota State FFA Vice President, followed by roundtable discussions on how to lay the foundation for a sterling future and ways to mentor future generations. The day will also include mini-sessions focused on current topics, two breakout sessions and an optional historic Red Barn self-guided tour to continue networking after the closing ceremony.

Participants can choose from 10 different breakout topics, including:

View on the 2023 Farm Bill presented by Amber Glaeser, Director of State Government & Industry Affairs, Land O'Lakes, Inc., Staci Martin, Director of Government Relations, AgriBank, and Lauren Servick, Director of Marketing and Public Policy Engagement, Minnesota Pork

FarmHer Nutrition: Fueling Ourselves to Be Better presented by Kennedy Youngren, MS RDN LD, Registered Dietitian, The Legendairy Dietitian

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by Crystal Carpenter, Market Analysis Manger, The Mosaic Company

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## City of Randolph Regular Council Meeting February 8, 2023

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

### Roll Call

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

### Approval of Agenda

There were two items to be added to the agenda, the first being the Randolph-Hampton Fire District City Fire and Rescue Contract and the other is adding signers on our Merchants Bank accounts. Also discuss the tree branch at the well house. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Haro, and seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0

### Public Comments

None.

### Minutes

A motion to approve the January 11, 2023 regular council meeting minutes with the change of adding "splitting the CD's equally" was made by Friedrich, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

### Approval of Treasurer Report and Payment of Bills

It was noted that the water bills did get mailed out and we received a lot of payments towards them. Sandy indicated that the \$90 payment to Mary Haro for cleaning should be subtracted from the balance remaining in our account.

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

### Old Business

#### Civil Defense Director

It was asked if Reed Kosir will accept the Civil Defense Director and he indicated he will accept the position.

It was also noted that the monthly first Wednesday siren did not go off this month. She told Reed about it and he was going to check with Dakota County.

#### ADA Compliance – City Hall Restrooms

Korine prepared a memorandum outlining the ADA compliance. Our building inspector looked into what the occupancy for the building is and indicated it should be 114. The building is classified as an assembly hall. The need for that type of classification is a water closet which is the toilet piece and it needs to be 1 for every 125 men and 1 for every 65 women and the sink piece of it needs to be 1 for every 200 male and female. Suggestion is to convert them to single stalls or make them unisex. We do not currently have this included in our budget for this year but we could look into obtaining a grant. It was our building inspector's opinion to do a major remodel it may cost as much as \$100,000. However he concluded that we could operate with a single-use bathroom for both men and women. Renovating to single-use restrooms the cost would be approximately \$10,000 per bathroom for a total of \$20,000. We should obtain at least 2 quotes from qualified contractors. Korine indicated that the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) have grants avail-

able and they pay for us to hire a grant writer. Essentially it would all be paid for. If the grant is successful we would not have to pay for the cost of the renovations. Korine will send us a link to the program to start the application. We will need to get estimates. We could also do a fundraiser for the costs. Grants are available for small communities to update their facilities to make them ADA compliant. Put this on next month's agenda.

### New Business

#### Gambling Permit for Nates Garage

Nate came before the council to ask for a charitable gambling permit for his nonprofit organization. He needs permission from the city first and then we need to go through the county. It was asked what charitable gambling he wanted to do and he indicated pull tabs, meat raffles and bingo. He indicated the reason for this is he has asked them to offer meat raffles and/or bingo and they don't have the staff available to run these gambling items. He would like to be able to offer these items to customers and the proceeds going to his 501(c) benefit for repairing vehicles for service members and/or low income people. We did ask if he planned to take out the pull-tabs that he currently has for the Fire Department because this is something that benefits the whole community and he indicated he does not plan to do that. It was noted to him that 10% of the proceeds does come back to the city. It was noted that some firemen were not in favor of this permit.

A motion to approve the charitable gambling permit for Nate's Garage 501(c)(3) organization was made by Friedrich, seconded by Carlock. Voting in favor, Carlock, Jacob, Friedrich and Haro, Podritz abstained. None opposed, motion passed 4:0

#### Fire Department Contract

The Fire Department submitted a new contract for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Haro made a motion to approve the City Fire and Rescue Contract for the year 2023 - 2025, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Joint Powers Agreement with Randolph/Hampton Fire Department

We discussed the need to move forward with updating the bylaws and joint powers agreement as we discussed last year. Clerk Haro reached out to Hampton to ask if they had discussed it at any council meeting and was told they have not. Mayor Jacob indicated she will be attending Hampton's next council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th and will be discussing it with them. We need to move forward with this to make sure all parties are in agreement with the procedures. Korine indicated that Hampton told Korine at our council meeting that she needed to talk to their counsel and she reached out to them and they told her that they needed council approval to talk to Korine and she is still waiting. Will include this as an agenda item next month.

#### People Service – Service Maintenance

Matt Blazer asked People Service to attend our meeting to discuss the maintenance for the sanitary sewer in Randolph.

Herb from People Service discussed the type of work they do. He is the Southern Minnesota Region Manager and oversees all of the operators who takes care of the facilities in the cities. They operate and maintain water and waste water facilities. For the

water side they cover from the water pumped out of the well and water tower cleaning, reports, they treat the water, flush hydrants, turn water off and on, will read water meters. For the sanitary sewer side they make sure the collection system is working, man hole inspections, oversee sewer cleaning (this is done by a third party) and they treat the water and make sure it is safe for spraying. They have a typical 30 minute response time. They take care of the lift station but if the pump goes out they outsource that to a company. What level of service do we need to be compliant.

We will be a C-Waste Water Facility which requires a certified operator to be on site for 2 hours a week to cover the certification per the MPCA rules. We do not have to a certified person to fill out the monthly reports it is recommended but it is not required. We have to do quarterly influent samplings which would be the water from town to the ponds. The irrigation site would have to include ground water monitoring wells and they need to be tested 2 to 3 times a year. They collect the samples and report it to the state.

He asked what do we want them to do for us. We will start with the sanitary sewer and if needed, we will add things. We would need to have someone available starting approximately November, 2024 once the facility has been turned over to the city. He indicated we do not need a full time operator.

He will put a proposal together for our next

month's meeting which will be an estimate cost of what we need to do and we can add things or take things off that we don't want included.

### Merchants Bank

Motion to approve the check signers for the City to be Mary Haro, Sarah Podritz and Marie Jacob, and remove Robert Appelgren as a signer on the accounts and to also issue a debit card for Marie Jacob with a limit of \$3,000 and cancel Robert Appelgren's debit card made by Haro, seconded by Podritz. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

### Bolton & Menk Sewer Update

Matt Blazer of Bolton & Menk discussed the need for the city to have a locator to locate utilities. He contacted ZoneOne Locating in Minneapolis and they are willing to do it at a price of \$185.00/trip and \$25/quarter hour. He will ask them to prepare a proposal and invite them to a meeting.

Matt is working on the final plans and he hopes to have them to us by next week so we can review them prior to approving them. We will have to have a special meeting to approve them which we will plan for Wednesday, February 22nd at 7 pm. He will email Clerk Haro a link with the plans so she can forward to council's review prior the special meeting. He will do a presentation at the meeting. The public is invited.

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## Hampton City Council Meeting February 14, 2023

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at the Hampton City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter; Council Members David Luhring, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell. Also present was Chris Meyer, City 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 January 10, 2023 Special and Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes

– Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the January 10, 2023 special and regular scheduled meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Approval of Disbursements** – Motion by Luhring seconded by Verch to approve the February disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Public Comment** – None.

## Petitions, Requests, and Communications:

**2022 Treasurer Year-End Financial Summary – Chris Meyer** – Chris Meyer, City Treasurer, reviewed the 2022 Year-End Financial Summary. Meyer stated that this is a required annual financial report that lists beginning balances, deposits, disbursements, and month-end balances for the year of the City's bank accounts. Meyer stated that, if the City had funds invested in certificates of deposit, those also would be listed on this report.

**2022 City of Hampton Financial Statements – Chris Meyer** - Meyer stated that the 2022 City of Hampton Financial Statements must be prepared within 45 days after the close of the fiscal year. They also must be available for public review and provided to Council members within the 45 days, per State Auditor requirements. Meyer mentioned that he will present the 2022 Year-End Financial Statements at the March Council meeting, where Council will receive bound copies of the financial statements.

**Letter from Dakota County regarding meeting to discuss options and alternatives for funding additional patrol deputies** – Mayor Knetter stated that he would not be available to attend the meeting and asked if any Council Members would be able to attend. Discussion about the City's ability to provide monetary support. Knetter said that he would not be in favor of the City providing monetary support for this purpose. He feels the City supports the Sheriff Department in other ways, such as providing access for deputies to Hampton City Hall for their meal breaks for all shifts. He feels that it would be a hardship to the community to extend funding for additional patrol deputies. Knetter asked the City Clerk to send a letter to Dakota County outlining Council's position on this matter.

**Letter from Randolph-Hampton Fire District inviting Council Members to their March Business meeting** – Mayor Knetter noted the letter included in Council meeting packets, and mentioned that all Councilors are welcome to attend any of the monthly meetings of the Randolph-Hampton Fire District.

**Randolph-Hampton Fire Department Joint Powers Agreement** – Marie Jacobs, Mayor, City of Randolph – Mayor Knetter stated that he had spoken to Mayor Jacobs regarding her request to be on the agenda to discuss this matter. He feels that, after their discussion, Mayor Jacobs doesn't really know what she is asking for and that it is her intention to do more research on the subject before requesting any additional discussions.

## Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

**Engineer's Report** – Brad Fisher, of Bolton & Menk, stated that this month's report is to update Council on the turnback of the eastern frontage road along Highway 52

from MnDOT to the City. Fisher reminded Council that this process was made more difficult in that a portion of the frontage road is located in Hampton Township. Because of that, there needs to be an annexation of the frontage road right-of-way by the City from the Township up to CR 47, which will be accomplished by a joint resolution with the Township.

Per Fisher, the next step in this process is to establish an agreement between MnDOT, the Township, and the City that lays out the roles and responsibilities of each party. Fisher referred to a copy of the resolution for the City to enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1051434, which provides for transfer of the portion of the TH 52 frontage road that is located in Hampton Township. Fisher asked for approval of the resolution by Council in order to proceed with the process of the turnback of the frontage road to the City. As part of the turnback agreement, MnDOT will be performing a mill and overlay of the frontage road. Fisher noted that the risk of entering into the agreement is that the City would be obligated to continue moving forward, so would be in default if it doesn't see the process through until the end, which would result in the City needing to reimburse the state for the mill and overlay of the frontage road. Motion by Verch seconded by Luhring to approve Resolution 2023-03 to enter into MnDOT Agreement No. 1051434. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Water / Sewer Report** – Mayor Knetter informed Council that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency approved the city's Wastewater Treatment Facility permit. Also, January samples were taken and look fine, so things are good going into the spring discharge.

**Park Report** – Councilor Russell stated that, because of warmer temperatures, there will be no more flooding of the hockey rink.

**Street Report** – Councilor Luhring stated that there is nothing to report.

## Ordinances and Resolutions:

**Resolution 2023-02 Approving a Donation** - Motion by Luhring seconded by Russell to approve Resolution 2023-02 approving a donation from the Hampton Cardinals Baseball Team and the Hampton Area Boosters, in the amount of \$1,000, for landscape improvements around the baseball field. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Resolution 2023-03 Entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 1051434** – Covered under Engineer's Report.

**Unfinished Business** - None

## New Business:

**Old City Hall Lease Agreement Renewal** – Discussion about how things have been going over the first year of the lease. Consensus is that things have been going well. Mayor Knetter mentioned that the roof was leaking and a temporary repair was made by the tenant. Permanent repair will be taken care of by the City. Motion by Luhring seconded by Knetter to approve the lease agreement renewal. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Verch seconded by Russell to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy O'Brien

## Randolph City Council Meeting

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### Miscellaneous

#### Tree Limb by Water Tower

Todd Carlock noted there was still a tree limb hanging down that needs to be dealt with. Friedrich thought it was already down so he will contact Otte's Excavating and ask them to take it down.

#### Live Stream Council Meetings

Marie asked about interest in making our council meetings live steamed so the public can watch. There is interest so Marie will do more research on this and report back.

#### CD's

Sandy indicated the process is the close out the 3 CD's at Merchant and then bring them to Castle Rock and open them up there. Sandy wanted to know if we want two signers on the accounts. Sarah indicated she will call and check on this process.

#### Water Bills

Sandy received a call from a company asking about the meter fee that is on their invoice. It is a fee that is charged to everyone who has access to water, including just a curb stop. It is a water utility and it is the price you pay for having property in the city.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Podritz, seconded by Carlock, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Haro

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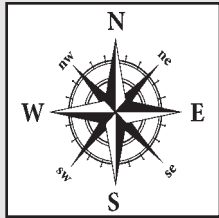

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## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Dyers Creek



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.*

Dyers Creek. I drive past it quite often near our place in Tennessee. We have went kayaking up and down it numerous times. It is very quiet in the evenings and we enjoy the cranes that hunt for fish at the water's edge and the deer that come to the bank to get a drink as we slip silently by. Fish break the surface of the water around the kayak. I always thought it would be interesting to have one hop in the kayak. Much more manageable than a water snake.

We use the boat launch there to put the boat into the Cumberland River. The river is shallow and narrow and one must be careful not to run the prop into the mud right where it meets the mighty Cumberland. Like every place in Tennessee it has over two centuries of history to tell if you look and listen.

Stewart County was first settled by pioneers from North Carolina, who arrived around 1795. The military granted up to 1,500 acres to survivors if the Continental War from 1795 to 1805 and many took advantage of the offer. A party of surveyors arrived first to run the lines of land tracts. One night while the eight men were camped along what is now Dyers Creek, they were attacked by Indians and four of the group were killed. One of the surveyors, Thomas French, escaped the ambush but did return later to claim property. The settlers built two story log house-forts to help protect from the Indian attacks since most of the indigenous people there were very hostile. Up until 1812 the militia made patrols up and down the Tennessee River to protect the settlers from Indian raids.

Some of the locals relate that the name was

a result of the surveyors being left to die after the Indian attack. I soon learned that spelling and pronunciation is not a strong point with long-time Tennessee residents. Dyers Creek was named after Robert Henry Dyer who was a cavalry colonel in the War of 1812 and the 1818 Seminole War. He settled in the area and later became a Tennessee state senator.

Wildlife was available to feed the early settlers in the Tennessee woodlands and game of every description could be found in abundance. Judge James Scarborough lived along Dyers Creek and related a story that happened about 1807. The Judge and his sons left the farm to attend court while his wife, Mary remained at home to tend the livestock. The county seat was some distance and it was necessary to remain overnight. During the evening a large black bear was detected prowling around the place and got in amongst the pigs. The dogs were set on it and the bear climbed a tree by the house. By this time it was dark and Mrs. Scarborough could not distinguish the form of the bruin in the tree so she built a large fire under the tree and waited through the night in vigil. When the morning came, she took her husband's rifle and killed the bear and proceeded to skin it.

In the early days of the settlements there were very few stores in the area. Many supplies came from New Orleans and were brought up the river in Keel Boats powered by hand. They would bring dry goods up the rivers and exchange for furs, skins and other produce. It took a full six months to make a round trip.

In 1804 Mason Bennett opened a general merchandise store at his house and also sold whisky. Most of the early 1800 accounts of merchants were of men who opened a tavern at their house. Due to the extremely hilly terrain and plentiful rivers in Tennessee, most travel was by water and most settlements were along the river. As more settlers arrived and started businesses, many small towns sprang up throughout the state. The Dover Hotel was built on the banks of the Cumberland River in the mid 1850's and is still standing, thanks mostly because it was the location of the signing of the surrender between the Union General Grant and Confederate General Buckner after the Battle of Fort Donelson. It served as the General's headquarters and a hospital during the battle. After the war it continued as a hotel until the 1930's.



## A Minnesotan: Second Winter



By RosaLin Alcoser

Seasons in Minnesota, and the rest of the Midwest, and wild. You've got Per-Witner, Winter, False Spring, Second Winter, maybe Spring, construction season- also known as Summer, and Fall.

False Spring came early to Minnesota this year, I think. If memory serves me correctly it normally does not get into the mid

40s during February. I feel like that is an early March thing most years.

Honestly having that nice of weather in February was excellent. We did not need our coats and could go outside and enjoy being there without freezing.

I fully realize that there are plenty of Minnesotans that enjoy going outside in the winter when it's cold to do things like ski, snow shoe, and snowmobile. I however am not one of those people. Between late November and early April I take to being an indoor person.

With the exception of false Spring. Then I am outside along with all of the rest of the Minnesotans to enjoy the short window of nice weather while we have it.

But alas like all false Springs it came and went in a matter of a week or two. Now we embark into the second Winter.

After all, we already had our first Winter. It's high time that we had a second Winter before we either get adult Spring or skip over the season completely and go straight to Summer.

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  9. Not his
  10. Aquarium show star
  11. Mine deposits
  12. Water lily leaf
  15. One behind the other
  20. \*Like crowd of fans?
  22. "\_\_\_\_\_ the crowd goes wild!"
  24. Misstep
  25. Obelus, pl.
  26. Oddball's attempt? (2 words)
  27. \*Each player gets 5 before disqualification
  29. \*Org.
  31. Witty Coward
  32. Dress up or deck out (2 words)
  33. Blue-Green scum
  34. \*Easiest shot?
  36. Location
  38. Hero shop
  42. Never say what?
  45. Abduction of the \_\_\_\_\_ Women, Roman myth
  49. Farm call
  51. Bewitch
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  57. Elliot Page's 2007 role
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