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Randolph Woman Remains Missing After 1 Year

Courtesy of KARE 11

RANDOLPH, Minn. — It's been one year since Nicole "Nikki" Anderson went missing after leaving her home in Randolph Township to retrieve her mail.

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Anderson left her home around 10 a.m. on July 6, 2024, and hasn't been heard from since. Officials say Anderson left on foot without her phone, wallet, glasses or medication, adding there is "concern for her welfare."

Anderson's mother, Dorene Mies, told KARE 11 that her daughter left the house that morning to get the mail and never returned. The moment was captured on their Ring camera.



Nicole "Nikki" Anderson

In October, officials announced a \$45,000 reward for anyone who provides information that leads to Anderson's whereabouts or the prosecution of anyone involved in her disappearance.

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The Circus is Coming to Dennison



Thanks to the sponsorship of the Dennison Lions Club & Fireside Lounge, the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to Dennison, MN on Thursday, July 31st, to the lot across from the Dennison Lutheran Church located at 37514 3 Ave. with shows at 5:00 & 7:30 pm.

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Choose the Wise Path

There are all kinds of roads or paths to take. Some are physical- like yellow bricks, highways, trails in the woods or just the road to grandma's house. Others are more philosophical- the road less traveled- the road to freedom, the road to discovery, the road to your future...

The road we take determines where we will end up. The only way to end up at the right destination is to choose the right road. The metaphor of life as a journey is a familiar one. It is found in the Bible as well as in classical literature. The Odyssey of Homer describes Ulysses' ten-year journey from Troy to his home in Ithaca, and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress is an account of Christian's journey from the City of Destruction to the heavenly

city. The Wizard of Oz is Dorothy's journey to Emerald City.

The Bible frequently exhorts us to choose the right path, and sadly all around us the culture we live in thinks there are "many ways to God" and any path you sincerely follow will eventually take you there. No matter someone's sincerity- one can be sincerely wrong.

Jesus made it clear that in this life we can take only one of two ways, and each of them leads to a different destination. Everybody has to choose either the crowded road that leads to destruction or the narrow road that leads to life; "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. 14 But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it." Matthew 7:13-14. There's no middle or alternative way.

You can find steps to discover meaning in life from a number of resources. You can read philosophy, or psychology or self-help books. Yet, the best place to seek wisdom

and direction is still from the book written by the creator of the world and His Words which are: "God-breathed and are useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17. As followers of Christ, we are to desire to learn and grow in wisdom.

It is while we walk with God that we learn to enjoy the blessings of God. People have been trying to discover meaning for their lives since the beginning. Sadly, we haven't always made the best choices nor chose to follow God's design for us. Human and scientific studies agree with the truth and wisdom of the scriptures. When we are contemplating the direction of our lives- the path that God wants us to take we should begin with these 5 areas and include them in our plans. And it's important to consider this for yourself, and if you are married- consider these 5 areas for the trajectory of your marriage as well. As believers- flying by the seat of our pants isn't very honoring to our faith walk with Jesus. Jesus knew His direction,

He knew His path and He never turned from it.. even though He knew the ending. For us- we might think that He had it easier- I'm not so sure- I do enjoy the adventure- most of the time- if I knew the ending- I would probably work less and get a bit lazy in my faith and plans for the future. In our lives as we follow Jesus- as we set our paths on the direction He places before us- we will find a life of joy, purpose and passion ! To find that path you need to begin with-

- Self-Reflection Set aside time to examine your priorities, passions, and values. Journaling or meditating on questions like "What makes me feel alive?" or "What legacy do I want to leave?" can spark new realizations about your purpose. Jesus was on a journey- and He still took time every morning, "while it was still dark" he went up a mountain to pray. Mark 1:35. Jesus knew his path- yet He sought guidance too. I desire to live out my faith one day at a time on the path He has laid out for me. Knowing God has a plan- frees me to be in discovery for that plan. Secondly...

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If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. — Isaiah 58:10

The roles of mom, dad, brother, and sister can be broader than traditional definitions suggest. My mom has embodied an expansive view of motherhood throughout her life. She not only raised my siblings and me alongside our father, but she also served as a Christian school principal for 35 years and as an elder in her church. Her influence reached far beyond our home—spending summers in Ukraine, Uganda, and Russia, as well as three years in Bangkok to help establish Christian schools.

When I was a single father with sons ages 7, 4, and 1, my mom stepped in to help me, sharing as a grandmother the same energy and devotion she had shown as a mother. Her love, especially in times of need, reflected God's calling to spend herself on behalf of others. She's always been a square peg in a world that tries to fit people into round holes, and that uniqueness is her strength. The churches, orphanages, and schools she has served have benefited deeply from her gifts—as have we, her family.

God promises his servants: "You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." Is there someone in your life whose faith and service reflect God's light and bless others in remarkable ways?

Lord, thank you for all whose love and service reflect your light. Bless those who give generously of themselves. May their lives be like well-watered gardens, ever refreshing others. Amen.

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Choose the Wise Path

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life. Nurturing deep relationships with family, friends, or communities helps create a sense

of belonging and can provide emotional and spiritual nourishment. God said in the very beginning, "it is not good for man to be alone." And that isn't only for married couples; Adam wasn't a complete human until there was another person. Elijah needed a helper- God gave him Elisha, Naomi had Ruth, David had Jonathon, and Jesus had his three and his 12. Who is in your inner circle- what relationships are you cultivating? Don't go your path alone.

- Commit to Personal Growth. Purpose evolves as you grow. Seeking knowledge, challenging yourself, and pursuing hobbies

or goals aligned with your values can bring deeper satisfaction over time. We aren't meant to vegetate on the couch- we are to grow and learn. Peter wrote, "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 2 Peter 1:5-7.

- Serve Others Acts of kindness and service often instill a profound sense of meaning. Whether it's volunteering, mentoring, or contributing to causes you believe in, giving to others enriches both their lives and yours. You were created for this very thing- to serve others.

What is God calling you to do? You are created to serve others- is serving others a part of your future path? We know it is if you are following Jesus. That's what you were cre-

ated for! Maybe it's mowing someone's lawn or pulling their weeds. Maybe it's just sitting with a shut in and listening and visiting. Maybe you are called to teach students or adults in your church. Maybe God is calling you to begin another ministry or become a pastor or missionary.

You are created in Christ Jesus- to do good Include service to others in your 'path' for the future.

There is always a risk in stepping out in faith. There is always uncertainty in forging into the unknown. That's where faith, God's Word and prayer converge! We must believe that Jesus came for us- that He has a plan and we must step out in faith and walk in it.

God has given each of us a map- His Word- true it doesn't say- go here or go there- but He gives us the truth and the minds to choose. Are you ready to step out in faith? Are you ready to obey whatever He shows you? Only you can choose your path.



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OBITUARY

Judy M. Guildner

Judy M. Guildner, age 80 of Caste Rock, MN, passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at home.



She is survived by her partner of 46 years Greg, 3 children, Harold of Necedah, WI, Shari (Ed) of Plum City, WI and Steven (Maria) of Mauston, WI; as well as 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Janis Ruetz of Springerville, AZ; and brother, Roger Gardner of West Fork, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by her parents and 3 siblings.

Judy loved watching her soaps and old westerns, she had a passion for decorating on holidays and going to garage sales and thrift store shopping. She really missed her daily coffee buddies who got together for talk and friendship for so many years but have all since passed on. Judy loved her 4-legged furry friends

whether it was horses, cats, dogs or others. Happy trails, Judy!

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Rediscovering Connection: The Benefits of Family Camp



By Emmarie Moon

In today's fast-paced world, it's not uncommon for families to feel more like a collection of individuals than a unified team. Between work, school, sports, social media, and screens, families are busier than ever—often at the expense of meaningful time spent together. That's why Family Camps are making a powerful comeback as one of the most rewarding investments a family can make in their relationship with one another. More than just a getaway, family camps provide an intentional, immersive experience designed to help families reconnect, reset, and rediscover

joy together.

1. Unplugging to Reconnect

One of the most immediate benefits of family camp is the opportunity to unplug—literally. Many camps have limited cell service or intentionally create “device-free” zones to encourage families to focus on what matters most: each other. For parents and children alike, it can be refreshing (and even a little challenging at first) to step away from screens. But once the distractions fade, meaningful conversations, laughter, and real connection begin to take their place.

When was the last time your family sat around a campfire sharing stories, played a board game without interruption, or went an entire day without checking a device? Family camps provide the space and structure to make those moments happen.

2. Shared Adventures Build Stronger Bonds

Family camp is packed with activities designed for all ages and skill levels. From canoeing and hiking to zip-lining, archery, or crafting, families are encouraged to participate together in new and sometimes challenging experiences. These shared adventures create memories that last far beyond the final campfire sing-along.

When families try something new as a unit—whether it's a high ropes course or a silly skit night—they grow closer. Accomplishing goals together fosters trust, communication, and a sense of unity. Even the occasional failure or funny mishap becomes a cherished inside joke.

3. Intentional Time Strengthens Relationships

Family camp offers something that's in short supply during normal life: intentional, uninterrupted time. Meals are eaten together without rushing, schedules are simplified, and the pace is slower. Many camps include guided family devotionals, reflection times, or parent-child discussion moments that help deepen emotional and spiritual connections.

These moments of intentionality can strengthen marriage relationships, open new lines of communication with teens, or simply allow parents and young kids to delight in being together without distraction.

4. Encouraging a Healthier Family Rhythm

Sometimes families don't realize how fast they're moving—or how disconnected they've become—until they experience something different. Family camps often provide a much-needed reset for stressed-out parents and overstimulated kids. The slower pace, natural setting, and wholesome fun help families experience what it's like to live with more balance.

Many parents leave family camp with a renewed commitment to setting boundaries around tech, creating family traditions, or prioritizing Sabbath rest. Camp doesn't just refresh; it reorients.

5. Positive Role Models and Supportive Community

Another great aspect of family camps is the chance to interact with other families who share similar values. Camps are often staffed with caring leaders, mentors, and volunteers who model healthy family relationships, spiritual growth, and joyful service. This environment can be especially encouraging for

families navigating challenges, blended families, or those seeking to establish a stronger faith foundation.

Some families find lifelong friends at camp. Others are simply comforted to know they're not alone in the struggles of modern family life.

6. Faith and Fun Interwoven

Many family camps are rooted in Christian values and offer families a space to grow in their faith together. Through chapel services, worship nights, campfire devotions, and prayer times, families can draw closer to God and each other. Faith becomes not just something talked about at home or church—but something lived out in everyday moments, shared under the stars or after a morning paddle.

It's these spiritually formative experiences that often stick with kids long after the week is over. For parents, it's a rare and beautiful opportunity to disciple their children in a hands-on, heart-first way.

In Conclusion

Family camp is more than just a vacation—it's an intentional step toward building stronger family bonds, creating lasting memories, and rediscovering what it means to rest, play, and grow together. Whether you're looking to reset your family rhythms, unplug from the noise, or simply laugh more together, family camp offers a unique and powerful way to invest in what matters most.

So pack up the car, leave the Wi-Fi behind, and head into the woods—you may just come home with more than mosquito bites and souvenir T-shirts. You might come home with a stronger, more connected family.

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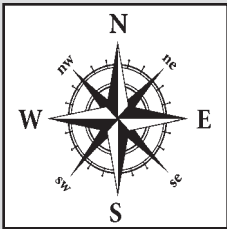
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Retirement, heading south and taking it easy



By Terry Campbell

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

I was born to be a farmer, it was in my blood from birth. I probably got that from my father. I couldn't imagine doing anything else for the rest of my life. It was the greatest vocation you could ever aspire to. Farmers were the best people. Most of them stayed farming until they tipped over. It was the thing a man did. You died with your boots on. Leaving the

farm wasn't going to happen for most farmers. So, I never imagined I might ever move south to somewhere warmer.

In 1964 my dad took the family on a trip south over Christmas vacation. He made the decision after he had survived a helicopter crash, with a desire to spend more time with the family. We traveled through Tennessee. I was mesmerized by the state. It wasn't bitter cold in December like Minnesota. And there was interesting history there. And it was beautiful. Tennessee had rivers, lakes and pine trees. You would think you were in northern Minnesota, without the winter. Those trips as a young child put the bug in me to vacation in the south. Just about every winter after that included the family heading south.

Years of raising livestock through a Minnesota winter takes it out of a guy. Many times, I have been stuck in a snowdrift with a tractor hauling manure into the field, froze my fingers crawling up a silo to fix an unloader, thawed out countless outdoor water fountains for cattle, fought with barn cleaner chains buried in ice and been so cold I couldn't feel my extremities while cutting and splitting firewood to keep the house warm. These memories are permanently imbedded in my mind.

I think of these things over the last eight years that I have spent the winters down south. I wrote this the first week of February while relaxing on my porch where we live on Kentucky Lake. Kentucky Lake is the Tennessee River where it is about a mile wide. The Tennessee River starts in the east of the state and meanders all the way to the west



View of Kentucky lake from Lodge dining room

where it eventually makes its way into the Mighty Mississippi.

Back to the first week in February in Tennessee. It is sunny and well into the 70 degree range. A perfect day by any standard. But even better in contrast to a February day in Minnesota. I went for a walk with the dog along the road by the river. Then we sat on the front porch together and relaxed, the dog snoring while I dozed off. Then I picked up my neighbor, Harry, and we drove to the Paris Landing Lodge Restaurant. This is a great place to eat and is only a few miles from our house. We sat by the window over-looking the lake enjoying a burger and talking for over three hours. He grew up on a farm in Indiana and operated heavy equipment all his life. We have a lot in common and enjoy

doing things together, even though he is more than ten years older than me. Funny how the age difference doesn't mean anything when one gets old.

When I am not on the farm, I do not have the constant call of things to do. No fences to tear down or build, no barns or buildings to maintain, nothing to feed or clean, no mowing, tilling, planting or fixing. Somedays down here I sweep out the shop and organize the tool bench, just because there is nothing else pressing to do. Many an afternoon I have fallen asleep in the porch chair on the front deck with my dog laying their head on my lap. I never saw this coming. But it is hard to beat having lots of spare time and not much to do with it.

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A Minnesotan: Fair Season



By RosaLin Alcoser

We've hit the point in the summer when things start to turn hot and sticky. Which also means that we've hit the beginning of the county fair season.

While the people living in the cities tend to only care about the state fair at the end of the summer. The rest of us know that to get there first we have to go through all of the county fairs.

When I was a kid I clogged at the Goodhue county fair every year until I left for college; right over in the small entertainment tent across from the beer garden. Every year before and after I clogged I spent my time wandering in and out of all

of the fair exhibits.

Now that I'm grown I pretty much do the same things no matter which county fair it is. Because we all know that you have to hit up the 4 H building, all of the barns, plus the craft and agriculture buildings. After all, how else would we know which locals would be going onto state at the end of the summer?

Personally I think that the barns are always some of the most interesting to visit. After all you have wide variety to go to. You have the dairy barn, the goats, the pigs, the rabbits, the poultry, and of course my mother's favorite, the horses. Every year my mother has tried to use the county fair as a means to get us interested in one of her childhood interests. Horses.

This includes this year's visit to the county fair. When we were in the horse barn looking at all of the horses participating this year she was excited about me correctly identifying a Shetland pony. It was once she started pointing out all the reasons that I could tell it was a Shetland pony that I had to admit that I knew none of that. I was doing what I often do when telling people about whatever is right in front of me and was reading the sign telling what I was looking at.

Needless to say she was less impressed with me upon my admittance of this. However, this was soon remedied with the Minnesotan fair staple of cheese curds and a turn around the poultry barn.

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Circus Day Schedule

9:30 a.m. - Tent Raising & Tour

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Tickets

Advance Tickets Prices

Adult Ticket - \$13 Child (2-12) or Senior (65+) - \$8 Advance tickets can be purchased BEFORE Circus Day from these locations:

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A higher percentage of advance tickets goes back to the sponsor, meaning more moneyback into your community! You'll also save money and can skip the lines at the box office!

Box Office Prices

Adult Ticket - \$16 Child (2-12) or Senior (65+) - \$9 Box office tickets go on sale at the Circus grounds starting one hour before each show.



Dennison Farmers Market Wednesdays at 5:00PM

From 5 to 7 pm, you will find not only the vendors you have become accustomed to, but a few new members are there, vending their wares this year!

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As the summer progresses, there will be lots of produce to choose from, too.

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Randolph Woman Remains Missing After 1 Year

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57th Annual Chicken BBQ & Street Dance Saturday, August 16th

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Don't miss this community tradition—see you there!

Today marks one year since Nicole “Nikki” Anderson was reported missing after walking out the door of her home in Randolph, Minnesota.

Over the past year, investigators from the Dakota County Sheriff's Office — in collaboration with federal, state, and local partners — have worked tirelessly to locate Nikki. Our commitment remains unwavering. We will not rest until we find her and bring answers to her family.

We continue to urge anyone with information, no matter how small, to come forward. If you know something, say something.

Our tip line is open 24/7 at (651) 564-9097 or at this link: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/DakotaCountyMN/NicoleAndersonMissingPersonTips>.

All tips can remain anonymous. Please share this post as your share could reach to someone who knows something.

Posted by Dakota County Sheriff's Office on Sunday, July 6, 2025

A man was arrested and questioned about Anderson, but he was released to Le Sueur County, where he had an active felony body-only arrest warrant.

Anderson is described as 5-foot-6, 135 pounds with blonde hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a long gray sweater/shirt, dark pants and sandals.

50th Annual Rice County Steam and Gas Tractor Show August 29, 30 & 31

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Attendees can expect to see many of the familiar attractions as they have in the past including the operating sawmill, corn shelling, thrashing, blacksmithing, and more. The annual flea market will take place on the grounds and additional exhibits are many, including antique tractors, classic cars and trucks along with draft horses.

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There will be live music all three days and a non-denominational church service will take place Sunday at 8:00 AM.

General admission is just \$10 for the entire weekend and all events are free for ages 12 and under.

Celebrating 50 years of shows, the all-volunteer group works hard to preserve history, maintain the grounds and bring new pieces of history to visitors every year. The newest building acquisition for the club was the former Waterford, MN schoolhouse and township building, which was moved to the grounds from its original location in Waterford (Just North of Northfield). Photos of the historic move are available on the Rice County Steam and Gas Facebook page.

Complete information and event listings are available on the group's Facebook page and website at ricecountysteamandgas.com

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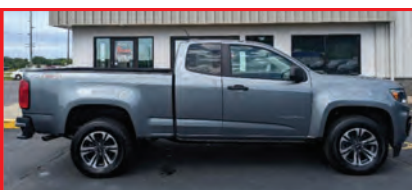
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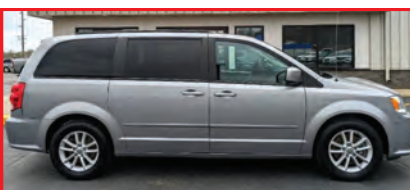
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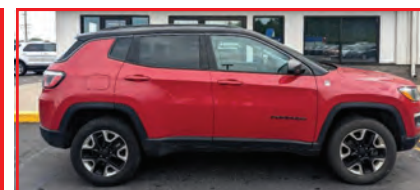
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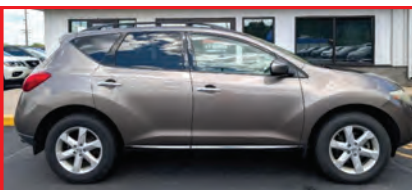
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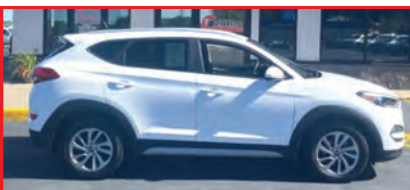
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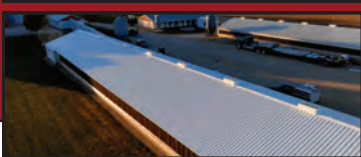
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Multiple Sports Improve Children's Health



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

A study published in the Journal of Sports Science followed 627 children in Finland over three years to explore how early physical activity influenced their coordination and movement skills by age 11. Researchers examined two types of physical activity: organized sports, such as team sports or lessons, and unstructured outdoor play. The aim was to understand how these different forms of movement impacted motor coordination, balance, and overall movement abilities in the long term.

The children underwent assessments that measured jumping, throwing, running, and balance using standard physical skills tests and a jumping test. These tools are commonly used to evaluate basic motor functions. The study categorized movement into four areas: locomotor skills like running and hopping, object control skills such as throwing or dribbling, a combined score of these two, and dynamic balance, which was tested by counting how many side-to-side jumps a child could complete in 15 seconds. Findings revealed that children who participated in multiple sports showed greater improvements in motor skills compared to those who played just one sport or none at all. Specifically, children involved in two or more sports achieved 10.1% higher jumping scores and up to 14.5% better coordination than their peers who did not engage in sports. While playing a single sport still provided benefits, the improvements were less pronounced, particularly in tasks involving jumping and running.

The study highlights the significant advantages of engaging in diverse physical activities

during childhood. Participating in multiple sports appears to enhance a broader range of motor skills, including coordination and balance, more effectively than focusing on just one sport. This suggests that varied physical experiences may better prepare children for physical challenges and activities later in life. Overall, the research underscores the importance of encouraging children to explore multiple sports and forms of physical activity. By doing so, they can develop stronger coordination and movement skills, which are essential for their physical development and overall well-being.

Florida has become the second U.S. state, after Utah, to ban water fluoridation, with the law taking effect on July 1, 2025. Governor Ron DeSantis described fluoridation as "forced medication" without informed consent. Public water systems must cease adding fluoride, and state regulators will enforce the ban. A National Toxicology Program review of 72 studies found consistent evidence linking fluoride exposure to lower IQ scores and impaired cognitive development in children. Research also associates fluoride with thyroid dysfunction and neurological harm, even at doses as low as 2 to 5 milligrams daily. While fluoride was introduced in 1945 to reduce cavities, mounting evidence suggests the risks, including neurodevelopmental and endocrine issues, outweigh the benefits. Many European countries rejected fluoridation decades ago, with 98% of Western Europeans now drinking non-fluoridated water. Other states, such as Ohio and Texas, are considering similar bans, and federal agencies are reevaluating fluoride recommendations. Currently, 63% of Americans drink fluoridated water, but this policy shift may prompt widespread reassessment of its safety.

Sitting too long many decrease your life span: Prolonged sitting has quietly become a major risk factor for heart health, even for those who regularly exercise. Research reveals that sitting more than 10.6 hours daily increases the risk of heart failure by 45% and cardiovascular death by 62%. This underscores the urgent need to break up sedentary time, as reallocating just 30 minutes of sitting to light activity can reduce heart failure risk by 7%. Sitting still for too long impairs circulation, decreases insulin sensitivity, and hampers mitochondrial activity, progressively damaging cardiovascular health over time.

The detrimental effects of sitting aren't offset by regular exercise alone. Movement



throughout the day is critical to protecting heart health and metabolic function. Even active individuals who meet the recommended weekly 150 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous exercise remain at risk if they spend prolonged hours seated. The key lies in shifting how we perceive movement—not just as a scheduled task but as a consistent practice integrated into daily life.

A study involving over 89,000 participants, tracked using wrist-based activity monitors, reinforced this point. It revealed that people who sat for over 10.6 hours daily faced significantly higher risks of heart-related conditions compared to those sitting less than 9.4 hours. Importantly, participants who incorporated small breaks in their sitting patterns by standing or walking benefited from observable reductions in heart health risks. Even

minimal changes, like standing for 10 minutes every hour, have meaningful health pay-offs.

The bottom line is simple yet powerful. Our daily routine, often centered around desks, cars, and screens, may be undermining our health without obvious signs. By incorporating regular movement into our days and breaking up sedentary periods, we can safeguard our cardiovascular health and overall well-being. The solution doesn't require monumental changes but rather mindful action to stand, stretch, or take light walks consistently throughout the day. Small steps can lead to life-changing improvements.

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By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

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Have you noticed how fewer people have flu symptoms and colds during the summer months? A key reason for this is the increased exposure to sunshine. Sunshine is the neces-

sary energy boost your body uses to convert cholesterol into Vitamin D. The ultraviolet light from the sun is a powerful energy packet that transforms cholesterol in your skin into Vitamin D. This is the only vitamin the human body has the ability to construct and it can only be made with the ultraviolet rays from the sun.

Vitamin D is an essential fat-soluble vitamin that has steroid strength in your body. Vitamin D is able to start actions in the nucleus of your cells that no other vitamin can turn on. Bone strength and immune cell response are two key areas of health dependent on stable levels of Vitamin D. This vitamin is essential for a healthy pregnancy and can pass through the placenta to the baby as well as moving through the placenta back to the mother. Vitamin D is essential for a healthy start to life as well as sustaining through all the stages of life.

A healthy level of Vitamin D in the human body is between 40 – 80 ng / ml. According to Grassrootshealth.net, the average American has a measure of about 30 ng / ml. During the COVID pandemic, those individuals who were placed in Intensive Care Units at the hospital typically had Vitamin D levels lower than 30 ng / ml. Contrast with those who work outdoors for a living, such as landscapers, construction workers, and lifeguards, whose average measure is around 50 ng / ml. The sun is not to be avoided as some might suggest, for it is our source of life.

Healthy exposure to sunshine includes timing and quality foods. Sunburn is a result of overexposure and some unhealthy food sources. Spend time in the sunshine before



11 am and after 4 pm to avoid the intensity that can burn. In addition, increase intake of Omega 3 fatty acids like extra virgin olive oil and flaxseed oil while reducing intake of Omega 6 fatty acids, which are found in vegetable oil, corn oil, and deep-fried foods. The high consumption of Omega 6 fatty acids increases the chance of sunburn because Omega 6 fatty acids are unstable in ultra-violet light. An individual who consumes healthy oils can spend more time in the sunshine without concern of getting sunburn.

For those who do not get outside frequently, a quality supplement for Vitamin D is cod liver oil. This supplement is available with lemon or orange flavoring, so it is easy to take with food. I recommend taking cod liver oil with your meal. Cod liver oil is a wonderful combination of Vitamin D, Vitamin A, and omega 3 fatty acids, so you are getting a quality supplement with every spoonful.

Ask your doctor for a Vitamin D test or go online to grassrootshealth.net to request a simple kit to be mailed to your home so you can test where your Vitamin D level is. The common lifestyle of many Americans involves staying indoors out of the sunshine doing office work and sheltered in air-conditioned settings. A test of your Vitamin D level can provide you with a good evaluation of the next steps you need to take in lifestyle and healthy food choices.

Every health challenge you face in the year ahead has a nutritional answer to it. Your health challenge can be successfully addressed with a quality nutrition plan. Contact me to discuss your health goals for the coming year. I can help you realize greater health freedom in 2025. You can contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

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Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
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Question: *I heard something about kids needing to ride in the back seat if possible. What is the age on that?*

Answer: Back on August 1, 2024 there were new car seat guidelines put in place along with this. The back seat is the safest place in most vehicles. Children under 13 must ride in the back if it is available.

- Children under 2 years of age must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they reach the weight or height limit of the car seat. If they are too heavy or too tall for the car seat, they must switch to a front-facing car seat. Once they turn 2 years old, if they are under both the height and weight limits, they must stay in the rear-facing car seat until they are too tall or heavy for the seat.

- Children older than 2 who exceed the rear-facing height or weight limit of the car seat must sit in a forward-facing car seat until they reach the height or weight limit (typically 40-

60 pounds, depending on the manufacturer).

- A child from 4 to 9 years old must use a booster seat and be secured with a safety belt if they are too tall or too heavy for the car seat.

- When a child is 9 years old, or they exceed the weight or height limit of the booster seat, they must sit without the booster and be secured with a seat belt.

Question: *I thought I heard something about a new law in regards to caretaker information included on driver's license or identification card record. Do you have any information on this?*

Answer: You can now use your Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) records to let law enforcement know if you're the caretaker for someone else. That way, if you are involved in a crash, law enforcement officers will know that there is someone at home who depends on you. They can quickly respond and ensure that the people you care for are not left alone. The new law gives you reassurance that your loved ones will be taken care of if something happens, reducing your anxiety and stress about leaving them alone.

Question: *I was just talking with someone the other day and they mentioned there is an age requirement for operating an "e-bike." Can you get me more information on this?*

Answer: When it comes to E-bikes, a driver's license or permit is not required. However, the minimum operator age is 15 years old. E-bikes are primarily regulated in the same manner as bicycles and nearly all bicycle laws apply.

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The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at Hampton City Hall for the regularly scheduled meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter and Council Members Jerry Huddleston, David Luhring, Anthony Verch, and Nick Russell. Also present were Brad Fisher of Bolten & Menk, Marlin Reinardy, and Melissa Timm.

Regular Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Knetter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Disclosure of Interest – None

Approval of May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes – Motion by Verch, seconded by Luhring, to approve the May 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Disbursements - Motion by Luhring, seconded by Verch, to approve the May disbursements. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments: A Deputy Sheriff provided a safety update, noting an increased risk of property crimes during warmer months. Residents were advised to check locks on sheds and storage units, as recent thefts involved criminals cutting locks and returning later. Farmers were cautioned to monitor wiring and cables due to potential copper theft.

Motorcycle safety was also addressed, with a reminder to watch for motorcycles and report reckless behavior. In some circumstances, failure to report a crash may result in legal liability.

Personnel updates included the start of a new deputy on Team One (2 p.m.–midnight shift), a park ranger entering field training later this month, and another deputy expected to qualify in November. Two deputies are currently focused on warrant apprehension and locating high-profile individuals.

Mayor Knetter thanked the Sheriff's Office for his service and for deploying the speed indicator trailer on Belmont Street, which has been effective in reducing speeding.

Marlin Reinardy reported recent vandalism at the concession stand, including a broken toilet in the women's restroom caused by a brick, debris thrown onto the roof, and removal of a privacy panel. He also noted that during a church service two weeks ago, windows were broken in two vehicles. When asked by Council Member Verch whether these incidents were reported, Marlin confirmed they were not but wanted to make the Council aware.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications: Tom's Live Market Proposal

Tom Meyer presented a proposal to establish Tom's Live Market, a USDA-inspected animal processing and live market near the Highway 52 interchange on Hampton's north side. Meyer, formerly operating a similar business in Omaha, Nebraska (sold in 2023), plans to relocate to Minnesota to be near family. The market would cater to ethnic communities and local consumers by offering same-day butchering of live animals (goats, sheep, poultry, etc.) and USDA-inspected processing for local producers.

The proposed 80-by-220-foot building would include species-specific indoor pens

and poultry cages. A commodity shed would store hay, bedding, and wood chips. All animals would be fed and watered per USDA standards and may stay on-site from minutes to several days.

Processing would occur Mondays and Tuesdays under USDA inspection. The live market would operate Wednesday through Sunday. All waste, including blood and offal, would be collected and hauled to a rendering facility. No manure or animal waste would enter the city sewer system. Grease interceptors would prevent fats from entering the lines. Public and employee restrooms would be on a separate sewer line.

Estimated water use is 2,000–3,000 gallons per day. Meyer projected \$980,000 in wages in the first year, rising to \$1.25 million by year three. He emphasized hiring skilled butchers at livable wages and supporting local producers, including 4-H families. The facility could also provide manure bedding for gardeners.

The site includes commercially and multi-family-zoned parcels. Meyer expressed interest in rezoning part of the area and requested preliminary Council support to begin due diligence and infrastructure coordination with the city engineer.

Council members discussed concerns including odor control, sewer impacts, and zoning compliance. Meyer clarified that odors would be minimized through indoor storage, strict pest control plans would be in place, and no wild game would be processed. He acknowledged potential impacts from Highway 52 expansion but emphasized the need for proximity to services.

The Council expressed interest in the proposal but emphasized that no formal approval was being granted. They requested a detailed site plan, zoning clarification, and infrastructure assessments. Meyer will follow up with his engineering team and return with additional information.

Driveway Variance Request – Daryl and Stacey Patrick

Daryl and Stacey Patrick requested approval to expand their residential driveway. Upon purchasing the home, they intended to enlarge the driveway but were informed by the Planning Commission that such expansion was not permitted under existing regulations. Their initial proposal involved a north-side extension along the garage, with an alternative plan to widen the existing drive.

The current driveway is 20 feet wide. City staff clarified that a 10-foot side yard setback applies in residential areas. Based on this, a four-foot expansion to the east could be completed without a variance. A larger expansion—approximately eight to nine feet—would require a variance.

The Patricks explained their need for additional off-street parking for family members and noted safety concerns about parking on County Road 47. A 3x6-foot concrete pad alongside the garage, intended for trash cans only, was also discussed.

Council members reviewed zoning language concerning setbacks and off-street parking. It was noted that required yard setbacks cannot be used for parking, but variance requests are considered on a

case-by-case basis. A similar variance was granted for a neighboring, unusually shaped lot.

In response to Councilmember Luhring's question, the Patricks confirmed the space would not be used for RVs or unsightly storage—only for vehicle parking when family visits.

Councilmember Luhring made a motion to approve the variance request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Russell and passed unanimously.

The Patricks were advised to submit a formal variance application with detailed plans. The Council will conduct a final review upon receipt.

Ordinances and Resolutions: None

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Brad Fisher of Bolten & Menk reported that foundation work for the water tower project is largely complete. Sanitary sewer testing, including televising and mandrel testing, is underway. Pending successful test results, paving, curbs, and driveway work will begin shortly. Water tower components are being fabricated offsite, with steel erection anticipated in late summer or fall.

Fisher also updated the Council on Dakota County road projects. A preservation project on Highway 47 is scheduled for 2026, followed by a major reconstruction project in 2027–2028 affecting Hampton. Fisher will continue to represent the city in planning discussions.

Water / Sewer Report – Mayor Knetter reported the discharge process is complete with good results. He also noted recurring issues with broken liquor bottles in front of the concession stand near the pumphouse on Belmont Street and asked residents to remain vigilant.

Park Report – Councilmember Russell reported on weed control efforts and vandalism concerns. Police reports may need to be filed for recent incidents. The Council discussed options such as increased law enforcement presence, lighting at the pavilion, and the use of trail or dummy cameras with signage. Real surveillance cameras may be considered in the future.

Street Report - Councilmember Luhring reported generally good street conditions, with one exception: a deteriorated paved curb at Hampton and Water Street. A contractor will assess the area. The Council discussed replacing the curb with cement and will seek estimates. Luhring also continues to explore grant opportunities for future projects.

Councilmember Russell commended Mike Thurmes for painting the dugouts and noted the baseball team's request to add a "Home of the Cardinals" sign, which the Council supported.

Unfinished Business: - Councilmember Huddleston provided an update on the city website and mobile app project with D-Tech. He confirmed previous questions were addressed and that example sites meet the city's needs. The Council approved allowing Huddleston and Clerk Kelly Roan to proceed with the project, prioritizing key features such as agendas, minutes, ordinances, financials, and contact information.

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HAMPTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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Motion by Knetter, seconded by Luhring, to proceed. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business – The Council reviewed liquor license renewal applications for The Roundup and Meric’s. Motion by Luhring, seconded by Verch, to approve both. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment - Motion by Luhring, seconded by Verch, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Roan

RANDOLPH REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2025

Call to order:

The regular Randolph City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Mayor Jake Friedrich.

Roll Call:

Present: Council Members Jacob Friedrich, Tony Price, and Randy Ferguson, Clerk Mary Haro

Also, in attendance was Bolton & Menk engineer, Matt Blazer and legal counsel, Greta Bjerkness of LeVander, Gillen & Miller.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Ferguson, seconded by Price. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Public Comments:

Someone asked about the closed session and why it was being closed – it is AttorneyClient Privileged Information. A citizen asked if the mail boxes were going to be reinstalled. Matt will check on this.

Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the March 12, 2025, planning commission meeting minutes was made by Price, seconded by Ferguson. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. A motion to approve the March 12, 2025 council meeting minutes was made by Ferguson, seconded by Price. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Price with the addition of a check to the Randolph/Hampton Fire District in the amount of \$47,262.36 and one to Campbell Knutson for \$25.00, seconded by Friedrich. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Old Business

Mowing contract will be tabled until next month’s meeting.

New Business

Dakota County Deputy

A deputy discussed a few items one of which is mail theft which seems to be an issue. If you are out of town have someone trustworthy pick up your mail. Storage unit thefts continue to be an issue so they indicate you should check your unit often. They have speed signs on trailers and asked if we would like them placed anywhere in the city. We thought placing them at the end of town. They opened up their new jail mental health

unit – this is devoted to inmates with mental health problems.

R Bar Special Event

Nate Icaza came before the board with an application for a special event permit to discuss an event he is going to hold on Saturday, June 21st. The road will be closed between Divers Path and Distad Path from noon until midnight. Friedrich made a motion to approve the special event permit and road closure as long as the fire department has approved the closure, seconded by Price. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Variance Request from Reed Kosir

Reed Kosir presented a variance for property on 290th Street. A 5 foot variance on the west side of the building which is currently set at 10 feet. He has discussed this with the property owners in the area and they are fine with it. The business will be for storage for Reed’s Seamless Gutters. It was noted that there could be water issues with the water runoff from the roof but he indicated he will put gutters on the building. Greta noted the conditions that need to be met before we can approve a variance. It fits all conditions. Friedrich made a motion to approve the variance for Reed Kosir with the requirement that there is gutters on the building, seconded by Haro. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Variance Request from ECO Materials

Steve Kennedy and Greg Dumke on behalf of ECO Materials presented a variance by North Pro Rail LLC for height restrictions from 45 feet to 96 feet for a silo structure. Since it meets the conditions for a variance, Friedrich mad a motion to approve the height variance, seconded by Price. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. EcoMaterials asked to be addressed regarding moving forward with their plans. They received a memo from Bolton & Menk today regarding storm water plans for Phase II and Northern Salt is responding to a flow change and will deliver them to Matt for review. They would like a quick turnaround from Bolton & Menk so they can get ready to break ground in May. Matt indicated they submitted a land use scenario and there were some questions regarding their exterior plans and what was acceptable based on our city ordinances. There is a lighting plan, landscaping plan, and signage plan that have to be submitted. They did submit a drainage plan but they needed to do some revisions to it. They are trying to expediate the process so if they cannot wait until the next council meeting, they can request a special meeting. It was noted to them that e would need to do a public hearing for an ordinance change. They have not submitted a current usage for the lower parcel of the property. It makes it difficult for Bolton & Menk to approve the grading for the northern parcel because we don’t know what the property will be used for. The applicant needs to make an application – they can analyze if they need to split the property. If they met the storm water requirements then they can do the applications separately but looking at the property they may need to submit them together because there are a lot ponds on the lower part that

help offset how much site they are using. It was communicated as it was going to be submitted as one piece and one plan, they have to determine if they will submit one or two applications. If one works and they can configure it and it meets storm water requirements and ordinances, then they can submit it as one. Based on the current layout, Matt does not believe it would.

Sewer Inspection Fees

Mark Ceminsky introduced Travis Dunn as our commercial inspector. He will be working with Mark. Mark discussed the fees for inspection of the sanitary sewer lines when they are installed and recommended a permit fee of \$100 for residential households which would involve the inspection of the hook up and the inspection of the holding tank being abandoned and a permit fee of \$200 for commercial properties plus an hourly rate based on how long the inspections would take. Motion was made by Friedrich for the sewer inspection permit fee of \$100 for residential and \$200 for commercial plus an hourly rate for the inspection, seconded by Ferguson. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

Cannabis

Greta prepared a memo regarding some questions we had at our last meeting. Dakota County has not yet passed an ordinance regarding cannabis. They are in the process of working through it. One question she has is the zoning – it does not allow cannabis activities in residential areas so are we okay with restricting cannabis in the areas highlighted in yellow on the memo she presented. If yes then we don’t need to pass any zoning ordinance amendments. If no, then we want to restrict just to the commercial areas then we need to amend the zoning ordinance to restrict it to just be in that area. Another questions is for registration do we want to delegate it to the county? Should we survey the citizens to see if they want it in the city?Even if we delegate the registration to Dakota County, they will still need to check with us if am applicant meets local zoning. Greta will update us next month with the status of Dakota County and where they are at with their ordinances. State statute does not allow us to ban it but we can require it to be place in certain areas. The county will cap the license at 36 which is based on the population of Dakota County which means they will only issue up to 36 retail licenses within the county. We can restrict the number to 1 because of the population. If there are 36 license holders within the county we can say no because the cap has been met. This will be tabled until we get more information from the state and Dakota County.

Sewer Project

We received a delay claim from the contractor which was due to not having the permit for the project. It was noted that we did not get the permit or tell the contractor to start digging so the city should not be responsible to cover the delay. We hired Bolton & Menk to manage the project. We think Bolton & Menk should be responsible for the payment for the delay. Northland did submit an appeal so we can negotiate or it can go to mediation. This will not slow down the con-

struction while this is taking place. Matt thinks \$833,000 is what they believe is what is owed. There is about \$269,000 left in contingency. Also it was estimated to be 60 days of dewatering and it was needed for 189 days which is almost double from the \$297,000 price to be about \$606,000 but they are negotiating that amount with the company. They do not anticipate any dewatering needing to be done this year. Matt indicated that we should not need to purchase or get any dirt for the holding pond as we can retrieve it from onsite. If we think we are going over \$13,000,000 we had discussed cutting a street from the project or something else so we don’t go over the \$13,000,000; however, we need to get the MPCA’s approval if we change the project and they may not agree to it. Matt indicated they are going to start with Duncan and then move to Danel and they will work around the school during the school year and the fertilizer plant because Spring is their busy time. They will be doing some work on 88 – they have the final lift of pavement east of the railroad tracks and they have to strip the roads. The sidewalks needs to be finished and delay was because of the gas line that CenterPoint needed to move. Also it was noted that two of the Firemen Only Parking signs need to be put back up as parking has been issue in the lot. Matt noted that all the work in town has a 2 year warranty so some work needs to be redone on Dawson as it is breaking up. Matt also mentioned that Dakota County is thinking about redoing the entire County Road 83 and not just the part in Randolph due to the sewer project because the road is in poor condition north of the city. He also noted that Jaime is the new Bolton & Menk individual onsite and then there will be a switch to different person in May.

Council Member Reports

It was noted that the fire hydrants are going to be flushed the week of April 21st. We also received the Drinking Water report so if anyone would like a copy just let me know. Randy noted that he attended the Dakota County Township Officers Meeting and they discussed Cannabis and don’t know what they are doing yet. He will also be attending the Watershed meeting next week.

Acting Mayor Friedrich made a motion to close the regular meeting, seconded by Price. The meeting was closed at 8:45 pm to attend a closed meeting to consider an attorney-client privileged legal matter.

Closed Meeting

Acting Mayor Friedrich moved to open a closed meeting at 8:47 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. 3(b) for attorney-client privileged communication to discuss the sanitary sewer project. The closed meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m. Acting Mayor Friedrich moved to reopen the regular council meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Friedrich, seconded by Ferguson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0.

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8. Refrigerate
9. Commits a faux pas
10. Mont Blanc, e.g.
12. a.k.a. meditation in motion (2 words)
13. Ranch grazer
14. *Bette Midler's 1981 Grammy winning song (2 words)
19. Dungeness one and snow one
22. *Poppy's seed container
23. Banned camera setting, in a museum
24. Falcon's home
25. Boreal forest, in Russia
26. Ma tre d's list
27. Raccoon's South American cousin
28. *2024 Grammy winner for "Flowers"
29. Hop-drying kilns
32. *Lis in fleur-de-lis
33. * ____ Goo Dolls of "Gutterflower" fame
36. *"Flowers in the Attic" author V.C. ____
38. One of journalism's Ws
40. Declare
41. Costing nothing
44. Want to
46. ____ Beach, SC
48. Belonging to duke
49. Miuccia Prada's homeland
50. Like traditional storytelling
51. Lose skin
52. Tea servings
53. Tobacco
54. Strong desire
55. Standard's partner
56. Govt. property org.

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