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Rice County Steam & Gas Annual Flea Market & Swap Meet May 23rd & 24th

The Rice County Steam & Gas Show has announced their annual Swap Meet and Flea Market for May 23rd & 24th, 2026.

**Annual Swap Meet & Flea Market
Consignment Auction 9am Saturday
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38th Annual Friendship Wagon Train June 20-27, 2026

The volunteers of the 2026 Friendship Wagon Train will assemble at the fairgrounds

Highway 50 Project

Hwy 50 will be repaved to provide a smoother road surface, update drainage, improve safety by adding a right turn lane in Hampton Township, and improving accessibility by adding a pedestrian ramp and sidewalk in New Trier. This project is in coordination with the City of Hampton and the City of New Trier. (continued on page 4)

in Cannon Falls, MN, on Friday, June 19. This dedicated group of individuals will be on their annual mission to raise funds for Special Olympics Minnesota, traveling every day June 20 through June 26, with the final ceremony being held in New Richland, MN, on the morning of June 27. The public is invited to come out to see them as they pass through the countryside, stop and visit with them at breaks and lunches, and if you have extra time, come to visit them at their evening camps. Souvenir hats and t-shirts will be available to purchase from the wagon train's



Peddler Wagon at lunch stops, evening stops, and before they depart town each morning.

In Cannon Falls, they will be camped at the Cannon Valley Fair Association grounds on Friday evening, June 19.

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Announcements

INTRODUCING THE

Class of **2026**
Randolph High School
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• **Randolph Community Food Shelf**, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 289595 Randolph Blvd, Randolph, MN. 507-263-9182. Randolph MN Area Food Shelf. Monthly Food Shelf Hours: 1st Tuesday 8-9:30am. 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tuesdays 4:30-6:30pm. Randolph Community Food Shelf is for anyone in need within the Randolph School District (Randolph, Stanton, Hampton, New Trier areas). We are here to help! Please pull around to the Southwest corner door for easy loading of your items.

James W. Tracy Scholarships



photo courtesy of Minnesota FFA Association

James W. Tracy Scholarships were presented at the Minnesota FFA Convention held in April. Congratulations to Mattea Quigley and Wyatt Herman! Courtesy of Randolph FFA

2026 Randolph Prom



Stella Pagel and Carter Amy

Randolph students celebrated their 2026 Prom Saturday, May 2, with the theme of "Meet Me At Midnight". Dinner and dance was held at Grand '02 with the After Prom Party at the high school.

Photos by Keri Lorenzen
(additional pictures on page 13)



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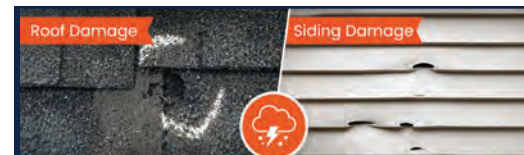
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Anxiety overtaking. Stress overwhelming. Anger arising. Offense brewing. Depression overshadowing. Addiction gripping. Self-critic capturing. Shame and guilt empowering.

Dad's in jail again. I am barely getting by in school. Hardly any money to pay rent. Family conflict is at a high. Parenting skills at a low. Just received a horrible health diagnosis. Sister passed away. I need a job. I'm pregnant. I don't even know if I want to live anymore.

I have no idea what I am going to do.

These are just a few different emotions, thoughts, and situations that some of you, including me, have or are going through. And indeed, we may not know what to do. I wish someone would have told me, when I was going through some of the above, that I could go into the Secret Place and talk to Jesus about these things. Not only would I have wanted someone to tell me I could go to Jesus about the things just listed, but also that if I did, Jesus would guide, speak to, and protect

me in the midst of these things.

Last month I wrote about the Secret Place, and if you missed the article, no worries, I will catch you up to speed.

The Secret Place is partially your one-on-one time with Jesus, with your Bible and perhaps journal out, and at a much deeper level, it is a life that remains in the hiddenness of the Lord. It means you dwell, abide, and stay in all of Jesus's promises, truths, direction, and love for you—no matter what. You talk to Him at your inner core, and you do not stop.

The Secret Place, which is talked about in Psalm 91, will change everything. We first want a relationship with Jesus. To have a relationship with Him means you have acknowledged you are a sinner (we all have sinned), ask Jesus for forgiveness of your sin, and believe Jesus died on the cross for that sin and that God raised Jesus from the dead. It is also believing that Jesus is Lord, meaning He is God. After you have believed and confessed the things just shared, you invite Jesus into your heart, into your life. You talk to Him like a friend, and you do not stop.

When you start talking to Jesus, you have entered into the Secret Place. After you enter the Secret Place, then you want to stay there as you share with the Lord everything, and I mean everything, that is going on in your heart and life. He will indeed guide, speak to, and protect you.

How will He guide and speak to you? He will guide you by the Word of God, the Bible. Being in the Word of God is imperative (see Joshua 1:8). This is the number one way the Lord will teach and lead you. When Jesus speaks, He will speak with the tone and gesture of the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [patience], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22–23a).

How do we know the Lord will protect us? We know Jesus will protect us because that is what the Bible says, especially in Psalm 91. Did you know there are twenty-three benefits of dwelling in the Secret Place? I want you

to find a Bible—a real, concrete Bible—and look up this psalm and study it carefully. In the NKJV it starts off in verse 1 by stating, "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High . . ." It then goes on to list out those twenty-three benefits if you remain (stay) in the Secret Place. Here they are:

- You will abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- You will be delivered from the snare of the fowler (the bait-layer, this is the enemy).
- You will be delivered from the perilous pestilence (epidemic disease/plague).
- You will be covered with His feathers.
- Under His wings you will have refuge.
- God's truth will be your shield and buckler.
- You will not be afraid of terror by night.
- You will not be afraid of the arrow by day.
- You will not be afraid of the pestilence that walks in darkness.
- You will not be afraid of destruction at noonday.
- Only with your eyes will you see the reward of the wicked.
- No evil will befall you.
- No plague will come near your dwelling.
- God will give His angels charge over you.
- You will tread upon the lion and cobra (I see this as, you have authority!).
- The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot (again, you have authority!).
- You will be delivered.
- You will be set on high.
- God will answer you.
- God will be with you in trouble.
- You will be honored.
- God will give you a long life and satisfy you.
- You will see God's salvation.

No matter what you are facing, the Lord is going to guide, speak to, and protect you; you just need to go running to Him. He can remove the grip of the bottle, heal the brokenness of your heart, and calm that anxious mind. He can give hope where it seems hopeless. You just need to enter into the Secret Place and stay there.

When life gets tough for me, and trust me, it can get very dark, I am reminded of Psalm 91. I will read this psalm over and over, out loud. Sometimes I am weeping as I do so, as depression is thick, anger is high, and shame is crippling. After I read the psalm, sometimes many, many times, those heavy emotions eventually lift.

Psalm 91 is a wonderful psalm to read in the midst of spiritual warfare, dark emotions, and hard life circumstances. This psalm reminds as well as declares that the Lord has you and will guide you, speak to you, and protect you. You are going to make it. You are going to make it. You are going to make it. You are more loved by the heavenly Father and Jesus than you will ever realize.

If you have not accepted Jesus into your life and would like to, you can read, believe, and confess the following prayer. If you struggle with being suicidal, no shame and you are not alone. At one time in my life, I did not want to live anymore. If you need to talk to someone, you can dial or text the suicide and crisis life-line at 988. They are available 24/7. It's legit, I tested it. With love and blessings, my beloveds, Ashley.

"Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask that you forgive me. I repent (I turn away from my sin). I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and that God raised you from the dead. Jesus, I believe that you are Lord and Savior! I ask that you come into my life and my heart. Help me grow in my relationship with you. Thank You! Amen." (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:9–10; Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9–10; Ephesians 2:8; Acts 3:26)

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— 1 Thessalonians 3:6

Paul was overjoyed! He had sent his disciple, Timothy, back to the city of Thessalonica to check on the church they had recently planted there. And Timothy had returned with amazing news!

First, the background: Paul had spent only a short time in Thessalonica, establishing a community of Christ-followers, before an angry mob opposed to the gospel chased him off. Paul knew the deep challenges that the new Christians faced there in his absence, living in a culture that was deeply opposed to Christianity. He wouldn't have been surprised if everyone had gone back to their former ways of life in Judaism or Greek tradition.

But Timothy came back with a report that the new Christians in Thessalonica were standing firm despite the challenges. They remained full of faith in Jesus. They even longed to see Paul again!

That doesn't happen by accident. The God who raised Jesus from the dead also brought these people to life in him, and he kept them there. You might say that every standing-firm, new Christian was an ongoing resurrection story, a new creation, proof that God was up to something big: the renewal of all creation.

If anyone is in Christ, as Paul says in 2 Corinthians, there is a new creation. The old has gone. The new has come!

Lord, all of us who are new creations in Christ are glad to have your resurrection power at work in us. Thank you! The old is going away and the new is coming. Help us to see and rejoice. Amen.

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Sharon "Shari" Buchta

Sharon "Shari" Buchta, 82, of Dennison, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, with her loving family by her side. A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Vang Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Dennison with a luncheon to follow. Shari will be laid to rest at Vang Lutheran Church Cemetery. Michaelson Funeral Home in Kenyon has been entrusted with arrangements.



Dorothy Ann Pumper

Dorothy Ann Pumper, age 92, of Northfield, passed away on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Apple Valley Village Health Care Center. Dorothy was born on June 15, 1933, on the family farm in Webster Township to Frank and Lillian (Valek) Malecha. She attended Rosary School and graduated from Northfield High School. In her youth, she met her neighbor, Joseph Pumper, and the two were united in marriage on May 6, 1952, at Annunciation Catholic Church. They made their home in Webster for a short time before moving to Northfield, and in the 1960s, they purchased a farm south of town, where they raised their family.

Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. She found joy in cooking and baking, creating handmade rugs for her family, and caring for her nine children.

She was a longtime and dedicated member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church, where she played an integral role in parish life. Dorothy generously coordinated funeral lunches and provided comfort and care to families during times of loss.

Dorothy and Joe enjoyed traveling together and were faithful supporters of the Dundas Dukes baseball team. As their family grew, they took great pride in attending their grandchildren's activities, and in later years, Dorothy cherished time spent with her great-grandchildren.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Colleen (Tom) Weaver of Wisconsin Dells, Daniel of Northfield, Joel (Jeanne) of Northfield, Corrine (Fred) Beumer of Cannon Falls, Kaylene (Phillip) Little of Faribault, Keith (Nina) of Northfield, Laurie (Lance) Snedrud of Northfield and Jeffrey (Shari) of Owatonna; 23 grandkids; 42 great-grandkids; daughter-in-law, Donna of Northfield; siblings, Adeline Malecha of Lonsdale, Sister Francette Malecha of Shakopee, Jane Shriver of Montgomery, Judy Voracek of Lakeville, Francis "Butch" (Barb) Malecha of Northfield; and brother-in-law, Elmer (Ramona) Pumper of Northfield. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph; son, Craig; daughter-in-law,

Nancy; grandson, Andrew; and siblings, David Malecha, Larry Malecha and Michael Malecha.

Memorials may be made to St. Dominic School in Northfield.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 AM, Friday, April 24, 2026, at the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield. Visitation was from 3-7 PM, Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home in Northfield, and continued one hour prior to mass at the church. A reception followed mass at the church. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Northfield.

Arrangements are with Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home & Crematory. www.northfieldfuneral.com

Jodi Lynn Grundhoefer

Jodi Lynn Grundhoefer, 58, of Northfield, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, on Monday, April 27, 2026.

Jodi was born on October 27, 1967, in Northfield to Fred and Gloria (Woodward) Wroblewski. She was raised in Dennison alongside her older brother, Danny, and younger brother, David. Jodi graduated from Northfield High School and, in 1988, welcomed her beloved daughter, Tawnie, who remained the center of her world.

Jodi began working at the Reub N Stein in 1994, where she became a familiar and friendly face to many for years until its closing. In 2017, she began working at Carleton College with Bon Appétit Catering, where she continued to do what she loved—caring for and connecting with people—until illness forced her to step away in March of this year.

In May 1994, Jodi met Joe Grundhoefer while serving his father, Marv, at the bar at the Northfield Golf Course—a meeting that would change her life. They were married in July 1996 and built a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished traditions. Together, they enjoyed trips to Key West, summer va-

cations on Gull Lake, and simple joys like cruising in their Mustang, playing tennis, and pickleball.

Jodi had a gift for making people feel welcome and cared for. Known as the "hostess with the mostest," she made sure no one ever left her home hungry or without a drink in hand. Her door was always open, especially to her grandchildren, who brought her immense joy. She loved spoiling them and creating special memories, often taking them on shopping trips and spending as much time with them as she could. She even sometimes let them win when playing games.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Tawnie Valek of Northfield; step-children, Mark (Karly) of North Oaks, Nick (Becca) of Northfield, Landy (Michelle) of Zephyrhills, FL, and Jojo of Richfield; grandchildren, Kaia, Magnolia, Levon, Dean, Dawson, Bailee, Rylee, Fynlee, Layla, Cohen, Thea, and Waylon; brothers, Danny, David, Freddy and Michael; father, Fred (Sarah) Wroblewski of Bullhead City, AZ; step-father, Dan Storlie of Dennison; and Tawnie's close friend, like a daughter to Jodi, Jackie Purvis of Northfield. She was preceded in death by her mother, Gloria, and father and mother-in-law, Marv and Jackie.

Jodi's family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Mayo Hospice, Hospice Aide Connie, Becca Grundhoefer, Liz Sandberg, Jackie Purvis, Dan Storlie, and Mary Langan for their compassionate care and support.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 AM, Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the Church of St. Dominic in Northfield. Visitation was from 3-7 PM on Tuesday, May 5, at Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home in Northfield, and continued one hour prior to Mass at the church. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Northfield following Mass. A reception followed the interment at Northfield Golf Club.

Arrangements are with Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home & Crematory. www.northfieldfuneral.com

Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Heikkila

Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Heikkila of Duluth, MN passed away March 27, 2026.

Betty was born on December 10, 1929 in Minneapolis, MN to Loyd and Olga (nee Huseth) Peter of Randolph, MN. She graduated from high school in Randolph, attended St. Olaf

College in Northfield, MN and the Minneapolis Business College. She was employed as a secretary in Minneapolis and later retired from the Duluth School Food Service in 1986.

Betty married Arnold Heikkila on August 8, 1953 in Northfield, MN. Arnold served in the Army military police for two years and then was employed by the University of Minnesota. They resided in Augusta, GA, Minneapolis, Walker, Bagley and Duluth, MN. They spent 26 years wintering in Alamo, TX after retirement.

She is survived by her husband Arnie and their children: Nancy Wagner, Arlington, VA; Susan (Tom) Oland, Casper, WY; Steven, Duluth, MN; Cheryl Ziehl, Douglas, GA; Kevin (Linda), Montesano, WA; and Jeff (Jackie), Duluth, MN. There are 10 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

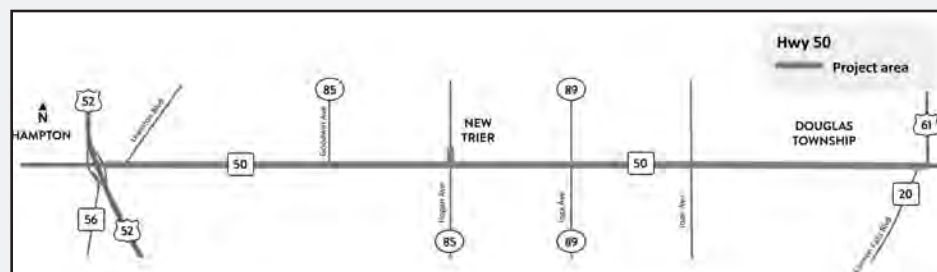
Betty is preceded in death by her parents, sister Elaine Peter, and grandson Travis Ziehl. She was a member of The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd since 1967. Cremation was by the Cremation Society of Minnesota, Duluth. Interment is at the Randolph Lakeside Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



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Highway 50 Project



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Summary of work

- Repave Hwy 50 from Hwy 52 in Hampton to Hwy 61 in Douglas Township
- Reconstruct Hwy 50 in New Trier between Hinton Ave. and Holt Ave.
- Add right turn lane at Co. Rd. 85/Goodwin Ave.
- Update drainage
- Improve accessibility at the intersection of Hwy 50 and Co. Rd. 85/Hogan Ave. in New Trier
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Chrystine Ladeen Eggum

Chrystine L. Eggum, age 64, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026, at her home in Dennison, MN, surrounded by family after a long battle with early-onset Alzheimer's. 'Chrys' was born in Iola, KS, on June 26, 1961, the daughter of Donald and Lydia (Phillips) Paddock. The family relocated to Dennison for Donald's teaching career and Chrys graduated from Northfield High School; she attended Faibault Vo-Tech for secretarial school.

Chrys was united in marriage to Clyde Eggum on January 10, 1981, at the Dennison Lutheran Church. The couple honeymooned in Florida and the weather still managed to be cold; they traveled to Hawaii for their 25th anniversary and the climate was much better to the extent that she didn't want to come back home. They raised two boys on the family farm in Dennison and were very active as parents. Chrys and Clyde loved to travel by motorcycle to local fairs and go to Arizona and California to see family and friends. Chrys crocheted hats for babies and donated them to the local hospitals.

Chrys was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She had a wonderful sense of humor, loved to read, and was an all-in, all-kind person. Her proudest achievement was to be a wonderful, kind and funny mother and grandmother; she was able to dance at both of her sons weddings and appreciated every moment spent with her granddaughter, Kaia. She volunteered her time every year at the Dennison Days kids carnival as well as the famous Vang Lutheran Church lutefisk dinner.

Chrystine is survived by her husband of 45 years, Clyde Eggum; her boys, Andrew (Jenn) Eggum and Joseph (Dena Jensen) Eggum; granddaughter, Kaia Eggum; brother, Mark (Sandy) Paddock; nephews, Erick and Adam Paddock; as well as other extended family and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Irene; in-laws, Obert and Alice Eggum.

A Funeral Service for Chrystine was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, at the Vang Lutheran Church. Visitation was held on Monday, April 27, from 4-7 PM at the Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home

in Northfield as well as one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at church from 10-11 AM. Interment was held at Vang Lutheran Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Bierman, Benson, & Langehough Funeral Home. www.northfieldfuneral.com

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vang Cemetery, Vang Lutheran Church, Dennison Lutheran Church or donors' choice.

Thank you to Mayo Hospice and Cannon Falls Respite Care.

Mary Jane Goertz

Mary Goertz died Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Reflections Care Center in Northfield, Minnesota at the age of 101. A lifelong resident of the Northfield area, she witnessed a century of profound change with grace, love, and a cheerful heart.

Mary began her working career at Malt-O-Meal, then served at the counter at Quality Bakery for several years before hiring on at the Montgomery Ward store in Northfield where she worked for many years. Vibrant and adventurous she became a snowbird after retirement, wintering for 30 years in Bonita Springs, Florida.

She is survived by her five children, Jane Skluzacek (Jerry), Judy Clements, Jim Peroutka, Larry Peroutka, and Shirley Peroutka (Ron Riegert); her nine grandchildren, Lisa Skluzacek, Steve Skluzacek, Aaron Clements, Brent Clements, Cody Peroutka, Josh Dale, Tristan Peroutka-Bigus, Nathan Peroutka-Bigus, and Alex Peroutka-Barcia; five great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild; numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many devoted friends both in Northfield and Florida. She is predeceased by her three sisters (Laura Finger, Eula Trip, Verna Haines) and five brothers (Everette Hamann, Lester Hamann, Maynard Hamann, Milton Hamann, Kenneth Hamann) and her long-term loving partner Ed Miller as well as former husbands Joe Peroutka, Eon Tuft and Ervin Goertz. Mary was cherished by all who knew and loved her. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Northfield, Min-

nesota, on Friday June 5th, 10:00am-11:00am visitation, 11:00am memorial service followed by a casual lunch at the church.

Chad Mitchell Davidson

Chad M. Davidson, age 52, passed away at his home in Dundas on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Chad was born on October 9, 1973, in Faribault, the son of Ray and Nina (Wright) Davidson.

Chad "Hooch" lived his life fully and with intention, making sure that the people he loved always knew how much they meant to him. He had a way of carrying joy wherever he went, rarely without a smile, especially when he was working on the racecar or restoring old buildings, two of the things that he was extremely proud of and brought joy to his life.

He had a natural ability to light up a room, not just with his presence, but with the way he made others feel seen, valued, and important. Chad didn't just care about people, he showed it, consistently and wholeheartedly.

He will be remembered for his warmth, his passion, and the genuine connections he built with those around him. His love and energy leave a lasting impact that will not be forgotten.

Chad is survived by his wife, Katie Nystuen; children, Mason, Conner, & Sydney; mom, Nina Davidson; sister, Shari (Rick) Malecha; nephew, Nathan; Aunt Peg and Aunt Coney; as well as his other extended family and countless friends that Chad considered to be his own family. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Davidson; grandma, Rosetta Wright.

A Celebration of Chad's Life was held from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 26th at the Bierman, Benson, & Langehough Funeral Home of Northfield. www.northfieldfuneral.com

Daniel Joseph Stadler

Dan (Daniel) J. Stadler, 82, Northfield, MN passed away on April 23, 2026. Dan was born in Faribault, MN on April 11, 1944 to Frank and Phyllis (Vailencour) Stadler. He attended Sacred Heart and Bethlehem Academy in Faribault.

Dan spent most of his career at Carleton College (27 years) as Director of Custodial Services and Project Manager. He was in his happy place as project manager overseeing repair of various houses on the campus and interacting with the faculty, staff and students. He was their "go-to" guy if they really needed something done. Dan had a love for car repair and restoration even when a young man. He had several collector cars during his lifetime with a '46 Mercury being his favorite or maybe it was the '34 Ford or maybe the '64 Thunder-

bird.

He will be remembered for his belief in repairing rather than replacing—a car, a snowblower, a toaster all could be repaired (sometimes taking days). The boys would say "Dad, we can buy a new one for \$5" but still he worked until it was usable. His garage was a hardware store—he invited people to shop there before going to Menards.

Dan was a very proud dad but was especially proud of his grandchildren's successes and families.

Survived by his wife, Linda (Niebur), children Jim (Resa), Corey (Darla), Brett, Jay (Tina), Abi, Dani (Jim), Denys (Tony) and many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and his brothers Larry (Judy), Wesley, Mark (Lisa) and sister, Janet. Preceded in death by son Daniel Joseph Jr., brothers, Russ and Butch, and sister Elaine, son-in-law Danny Malecha and his parents.

Donations may be directed to the Northfield Community Action Center or a charity of your choice.

A visitation in celebration of Dan's life was held from 3-7 PM, Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home in Northfield.

Arrangements are with Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home & Crematory. www.northfieldfuneral.com

Kenneth Michael Brady

Kenneth Michael Brady, age 68 of Inver Grove Heights and formerly of Randolph, died on Sunday morning, May 3, 2026 at United Hospital, St. Paul.

Ken was born on January 31, 1958 in Red Wing, the son of Robert and Louise (Glover) Brady. He grew up and schooled in Red Wing, graduating from Central High School in 1976. He attended Red Wing Area Vo-Tech.

Ken owned and operated Country Crossroads in Randolph for many years, later working at Cardinal Glass until he retired. He enjoyed restoring cars, woodworking, and riding motorcycle in his younger years. Above all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and his role as "Papa."

He is survived by his sons, Benjamin (Jennifer) Brady of Randolph, Brandon (Melissa) Brady of Wanamingo and Brian (Amanda) Meyers of Farmington; 8 grandchildren, Haley (Alex) Stanton, Connor and Jayden Brady, Kaleb Zimmerman (Aubrey), Caden and Macy Brady, Paisley and Jaxon Meyers; 2 great-grandchildren, Bowen and Brexley Zimmerman; mother, Louise Brady of St. Paul; siblings, Karen Campbell of PA, David (Juliene) Brady of Stewartville, Judy (Charlie) Mueller of St. Paul, and Allen Brady of Rosemount; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, May 30 from 1-3 pm, with a brief prayer at 3 pm to end the gathering, at Lundberg Funeral Home in Cannon Falls.



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Individual Highlights: Jonathan Tate - 4th overall; Libby Larson - 13th overall; Levi Marthaler - 16th overall; Emery Marthaler - 20th overall. *Courtesy of Randolph FFA*



Congratulations to our Poultry Team placing 4th over all out of 44 teams. Out of 163 contestants: Grady Taylor 3rd over all individual; Faith Resop 20 over all; Jonnie Zweber 37 overall. *Courtesy of Randolph FFA*



Randolph - Gold Award and Superior Chapter
Congratulations, Randolph FFA officers and members. The officer team works each year to create a Program of Activities, set measurable goals, and then reflect. This year, we ranked superior with a Gold Ranking. *Courtesy of Randolph FFA*



Congratulations Graydon Taylor and the Randolph FFA chapter for a successful Poultry Judging CDE at the Minnesota FFA Association State Convention! Graydon placed third individual and the Randolph chapter placed 4. *Courtesy of Randolph FFA*

Congratulations to Logan Tate for trying something new and taking 2nd place in State for his Plant Systems Agriscience project.
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These 6 juniors/seniors who received their State FFA Degree. Their hard work and leadership makes Randolph FFA and amazing chapter. *Courtesy of Randolph FFA*



Plant Systems Division 5 Finalists: Logan Tate, Randolph FFA, and Kylan Payne, KMS FFA
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Thank you Mr. Kelley and Mr. Schmidt for supporting Randolph FFA at the State Convention and throughout the year. *Courtesy of Randolph FFA*



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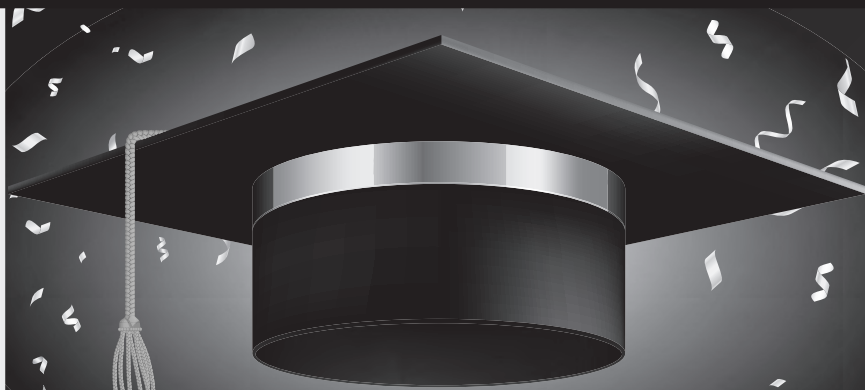
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Tea with the Queen Event

Thank you to all the people that donated items for Tea with the Queen event held April 18 at Randolph High School. Tea cups, made food, volunteered with set up and clean up and to the students that performed at the event. Special shout out to Mrs. Shellen, Mrs. Leonard and all the actors and actresses on their fine performances of Emma.

Courtesy of Randolph Rockets Band



AJ McNamara Selected to Represent Randolph High School in the Minnesota All-State Band

Huge congratulations to AJ MCNAMARA. He will be representing Randolph High School in the Minnesota All-State Band! After a competitive audition process in February, he was selected as one of the top high school tuba players in the state. He will begin rehearsing with some of Minnesota's finest young instrumentalists in the week long intensive music camp this August at Concordia College in Moorhead. He will also perform again in concert during the Minnesota Music Educators State Convention on February, 2027 at ORCHESTRA HALL. Way to go, AJ, your dedication and talent make us EXTREMELY proud!

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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Knot Forgotten



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 can remember as a young kid when feed came in feed bags. Big burlap bags, some were softer cotton bags, and we brought livestock feed home from the feed elevator in them. Sometimes I would get to see them filling the bags with fresh ground feed. The feed came out of a hopper with a slide gate and the

man would wrap the top of the bag around the opening and open the slide and the bag would fill with feed, along with the fragrance of grain and molasses wafting out all over. Then he would wrap the top of the bag together and wrap a twine around and pull it tight. It was secure. They would throw it in the back of the truck and stack them high.

My dad would stack them in the feed room in the barn. I couldn't lift the bag, but I could open it and fill a pail to feed it to the livestock. One day I built some pallets out of 2 x 4's to stack the feed on. My dad commented that it seemed like a waste of effort. The bags were just as good on the floor. One day when I got home from school, he handed me a \$20 bill and thanked me for building the pallets. Seems like a water pipe leak had flooded the feed room that day. Those pallets saved a lot of feed.

Some of the bags were pre-filled and they had stitching across the top. There was a way to open them. My dad did it so simply. He just found the right string and pulled it and magically the string came apart. It looked so easy. I think it was really algebra because I never got it. It was necessary to open it properly as not to damage the bag. These were valuable and we returned them to the elevator each week to be refilled. I usually resorted to cutting the string with my jack knife until I

got the right one or completely removed the offending string holding the top closed. That trick would not be handed down because I could never master it.

I have come across some of these colorful bags around the farm. They bring back memories. A trip to the feed store was always exciting for an 8 year-old farm boy. I remember the jingles on KDHL radio for the feed companies. The Checkerboard song still rings in my mind. Purina Feeds were popular back in the 1960's. Now bags are easier. They have a tab one can pull and usually directions on how to open it quickly. And bags are paper or plastic and you dispose of them after the first use.

I remember my mom telling me about how housewives would clean the soft cotton bags and make clothes out of them. Feed companies during the depression would dye the bags colorful patterns. I don't imagine the burlap bags were used for clothing. I found a white bag used for oats with a picture of a stallion on it when I was young. It had escaped the mice in the granary and was in great shape. My mom sewed a drawstring in the top and I used it as a gym bag at school.

Another knot I was never good at tying was baler twine. Rolls of baler twine had to be connected every time they were replaced. I was too young to lift bales so I drove the tractor and my neighbor Walt loaded the wagons. He would lift the new twine roll into the compartment on the baler and fish the end out of the center and tie them together. If it wasn't done right, it would jam when going through the knotter on the baler. He made it look so simple. Many years later when I was in charge, I discovered it was not as easy as it looked.



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A Minnesotan: May



By RosaLin Alcoser

Spring has finally sprung in Minnesota. Which means it's finally the point in the year when all Minnesotans emerge from the safety of our homes, where we endured the winter, and finally go outside to enjoy the good weather months. The thing that always wows me at this time of year is how suddenly green everything gets over night.

As someone who is not from Minnesota, but has lived most of their life here it is different then other places I have lived before. When I was attending college in the Ozarks the world would gradually become green somewhere between mid February

and mid March. When things that are not quite blooming here yet, such as tulips and daffodils are starting to come out. Whereas every year living in Minnesota I feel like we can go straight from the heart of winter to full on green some years.

And as we all know when that happens just depends on the year. I remember back in 2012 I went to junior prom the same weekend as Mothers day and we had a May blizzard that same weekend.

There are two things I still vividly remember about that May weekend in 2012. The first thing being my mother being woefully upset that it had snowed in May; despite that it was not the first year of us living here that it had done this. The second was that my prom date's mom had us stand in front of a dormant lilac bush in the snow, with no coats on in 30 degrees, for pictures. With the reasoning that it had been in bloom that weekend the year before and it was where she had planned to take the pictures. Needless to say we were cold.

My friends who went that same weekend remember having a snowball fight in formal wear and I remember being cold in front of a dead bush. At the end of the day it is still one of my favorite childhood memories where it snowed in May. Partly due to the fact that I'm able to tell it to people who haven't lived here long enough to know that this has happened.

Congratulation to the Randolph Class of 2026!



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Day 1 – Saturday, June 20

Cannon Falls to Stanton (lunch)
To Herman Transburg Farm

Day 2 – Sunday, June 21

Transburg Farm to Nerstrand (lunch)
To Kenyon

Day 3 – Monday, June 22

Kenyon to West Concord (lunch)
To Dodge Center

Day 4 – Tuesday, June 23

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Day 5 – Wednesday, June 24

Dodge Center to Claremont (lunch)
To Owatonna

Day 6 – Thursday, June 25

Owatonna to Meriden (lunch)
To Waseca

Day 7 – Friday, June 26

Waseca to Wilton (lunch)
To New Richland

Day 8 – Saturday, June 27

Final Ceremony – New Richland, MN

38th Annual Friendship Wagon Train June 20-27, 2026

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Day 1 (Sat, June 20), will take them from Cannon Falls to Stanton for lunch stop then on to the Transburg farm outside of North-

field.

Day 2 they will travel from the Transburg farm to Nerstrand (lunch) to Kenyon.

Day 3 will be from Kenyon to West Concord (lunch) on to Dodge Center.

Day 4 (Tues, June 23) will be a layover day in Dodge Center, where rides on a wagon(s) will be available to the public during the day.

Day 5 will take them from Dodge Center to Claremont (lunch) to the fairgrounds in Owatonna.

Day 6 will be from Owatonna to Meriden (lunch) to the fairgrounds in Waseca.

On Day 7 (the final travel day) they will depart Waseca going to Wilton (lunch) and then on to New Richland.

On Sat, June 27, a representative from Special Olympics Minnesota will meet them in New Richland, and the group will present to them the donations they collected through the week.

Groups along the route who will be helping them by preparing and serving meals are many — Lions Clubs from Cannon Falls, Dennison, Kenyon/Wanamingo, Dodge Center, Owatonna, Waseca, and New Richland; Churches from Nerstrand, Claremont, Meriden and Wilton; American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion from West Concord and Dodge Center, FFA groups, 4H Clubs, and individuals.

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Dakota County General Livestock Knowledge Bowl Team Earns Spot at the National Competition

Big news and even bigger excitement!

A huge congratulations to the senior Dakota County General Livestock Knowledge Bowl team for earning their spot at the National Competition in Denver this January!

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Registration due June 1.

Where: Dakota County Fairgrounds, 4008 220th Street West in Farmington

Who: Youth currently enrolled in Kindergarten through 5th grade

Drop off: 8:00-8:30 a.m. • Pick up: 4:30-4:45 p.m.

Late registration: registered June 2-15; \$35/camper with NO t-shirt

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Farm Girl Chatter

April Rain Brings Muddy Boots

By McKell Lemmerman

Spring doesn't politely show up on a farm—it kicks the door in with thunder and says "IM HOME". One day it's kind of winter, kind of not, kind of hot and the next you're standing outside watching lightning crack across the sky while wondering if you left something important out in the rain. More than likely you left the windows down in your vehicle letting the seats in your car get a much-needed drink.



April rain doesn't just fall, it commits. It turns every road, pasture, and "shortcut" into a full-body workout. You step outside thinking you're going to get one quick chore done, and next thing you know you're 6 inches

shorter in the swamp. Walking becomes less of a stride and more of a slow, dramatic peel with every step. If you don't lose a boot at least once, were you even outside?

And then there's that smell—fresh green grass finally coming back to life.

The storms themselves are something else. Lightning flashing like you are getting your picture taken every 15 seconds, thunder booming like a toddler playing with a drum set, and the wind doing whatever it wants per usual. You stand there counting seconds between lightning and thunder debating if you should run or just accept your fate.

Meanwhile, the animals act like spring is the best thing that's ever happened to them. Cattle start moving around more, calves get the zoomies like they've been cooped up all winter, and the horses feeling like they have never been touched before.

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The Savvy Senior How to Prepare to Be an Executor of an Estate



By Jim Miller

*Dear Savvy Senior,
My uncle recently asked me to be the executor of his will when he dies. I feel honored that he asked me, but I've never done this before and I'm not exactly sure what the*

job entails. What can you tell me about it?
—Helpful Nephew
Dear Helpful,

Being named executor is indeed an honor. It shows your uncle trusts you. But it can also be a significant responsibility, especially if his estate or family situation is complicated. Here's a look at what the role involves so you can decide if it's something you're comfortable taking on.

Executor duties

As executor, you'll be responsible for settling your uncle's affairs after his death. Depending on the estate, your duties may include:

- Filing paperwork with the probate court to validate the will and officially open the estate.

- Locating and taking inventory of all assets.
- Paying outstanding bills, funeral expenses, and any taxes owed using estate funds.

- Notifying banks, government agencies (including Social Security), credit card companies, and the post office of his death.

- Preparing and filing his final income tax return.

- Distributing remaining assets to the beneficiaries named in the will.

Keep in mind that executor responsibilities and deadlines vary by state. Most state bar association websites offer probate guides or

checklists that outline the rules where you live.

Get organized

If you agree to serve, one of the best things you can do now is help your uncle get organized. Make sure his will is up to date and find out where important documents are stored — such as deeds, financial account statements, insurance policies, passwords, and contact information for advisors. Having quick access to these items will save you time and stress later.

If the estate is complex, you don't have to handle everything alone. An estate attorney or tax professional can guide you through the process, and their fees are typically paid by the estate. To find qualified help, you can search directories at the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Prevent family conflicts

One of the biggest challenges executors face is family tension. Ask your uncle to clearly communicate his wishes to beneficiaries ahead of time, including who will receive personal belongings and family heirlooms. Wills often leave these decisions to the executor, which can create unnecessary friction.

If he hasn't already, suggest he create a written list outlining how personal property should be distributed. Clarity now can pre-



vent conflict later.

Executor fees

Executors are generally entitled to compensation, which is paid by the estate. In many states, fees are based on a percentage of the estate's value, often ranging from 1 to 5 percent, depending on size and complexity.

However, if you're also a beneficiary, you may choose to waive the fee. Executor compensation is taxable income, while inheritances typically are not subject to income tax.

If you'd like a step-by-step resource to guide you through the process, "The Executor's Guide: Settling a Loved One's Estate or Trust," from Nolo, is a helpful reference and costs about \$32.

Serving as executor can be time-consuming, but with good organization and clear communication, it's a manageable responsibility, and a meaningful way to honor your uncle's trust.

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Preventing Dementia



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Prevent dementia with movement and proper sleep: A recent study published in PLOS One highlights the significant role of regular exercise and adequate sleep in protecting long-term brain health. The research found that simple lifestyle changes, such as breaking up long periods of sitting and getting seven to eight hours of sleep per night, could reduce the risk of late-onset dementia by up to 25%. Conversely, prolonged sedentary behavior and poor sleep habits were linked to increased dementia risk. For example, sleeping less than seven hours raised the risk by 18%, while sleeping more than eight hours increased it by 28%. These findings emphasize that maintaining a balanced and active lifestyle can be as effective as some medications in reducing dementia risk.

The study analyzed data from 69 studies involving nearly 3 million participants over eight decades, focusing on how sleep, physical activity, and sedentary behavior starting at age 35 impacted dementia risk later in life. It revealed that sitting for more than eight hours a day increased dementia risk by almost 30%, while even moderate physical activity, such as daily walks, reduced the risk by an average of 25%. Researchers stressed that physical activity offsets dementia risks even when other factors, like cardiovascular disease or diabetes, are present. However, they cautioned that exercise alone cannot fully counteract the negative effects of prolonged sitting, underscoring the importance of combining multiple healthy habits.

Exercise benefits brain health by improving blood flow and oxygen delivery, which supports the brain's small capillaries and prevents atrophy. Physical activity also releases

brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a protein that enhances cognitive function, promotes neuron growth, and strengthens neural connections, particularly in the hippocampus. Additionally, exercise reduces chronic inflammation and beta-amyloid buildup, both of which are linked to Alzheimer's disease and dementia. While mentally stimulating activities like puzzles or knitting can also support brain health, they provide different benefits than physical activity, making a combination of both essential for optimal cognitive protection.

Sleep plays a critical role in brain health by allowing the glymphatic system to clear

waste, such as beta-amyloid, that accumulates during waking hours. Proper sleep also supports memory consolidation and helps regulate other healthy behaviors, such as managing stress, eating well, and staying active. Experts suggest that consistent, moderate physical activity and prioritizing quality sleep are more sustainable and impactful than intense exercise or elaborate health hacks. Together, these habits create a foundation for long-term brain health and reduce the risk of dementia, offering a practical and accessible approach to aging well.

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Hunger and GLP-1



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

duce GLP-1, which signals satisfaction to the rest of the body.

There has been increasing popularity in medications that mimic the GLP-1 signal. These medications produce the signal that reduces hunger and results in a decreased desire to eat. These medications were first developed to aid those managing diabetes but have now become popular as a weight loss method as well. However, the original hunger signals that were suggesting nutrient deficiencies are now being ignored because of the artificial GLP-1 signal from the medication. The person may be losing weight and increasing nutrient deficiencies as well.

A report in the February 2026 issue of Clinical Nutrition presented recent cases of brain damage resulting from a depletion of Vitamin B1 following the use of GLP-1 medication. Thirteen cases were found in the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System.

All cases reported significant digestive issues related to taking the medication. While the digestive issues are a well-known side effect with GLP-1 medication, the nerve damage in the brain was a surprise. The damage was the result of significantly lower Vitamin B1 intake because of decreased hunger promoted by the medication.

Within clinical practice, I have seen many clients who are using GLP-1 medications continue to struggle with adopting healthy lifestyle choices that would promote satisfaction naturally. When nutrient rich foods are made a priority for each meal, natural GLP-1 will be produced and greater balance achieved. Without healthy lifestyle choices, a lifelong dependence on medication is the outcome. GLP-1 medications were designed as a lifestyle drug to be used for the rest of an individual's life. The current research reports are beginning to show the negative results.

A healthy weight is the result of healthy choices. A supportive community is needed to help make these healthy choices become a lifestyle. I have written in previous articles about healthy weight and continue to provide resources to support healthy lifestyle choices that can help you reach your health goals. Contact me to discuss your health goals for the coming year. Nutrition is designed for healing. I can help you reach greater health freedom in 2026. 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,
Minnesota State Patrol**



Question: I just purchased a pull behind camper. I have never owned or pulled one before. I have been doing some research so I know what to do and expect. I thought it would be helpful as I know I am not alone in this situation. Can you write about this?

Answer: If you pull a camper or trailer with your vehicle, you must maintain at least 500 feet of following distance from other vehicles.

When loaded, 10 to 15 percent of the trailer's weight should be balanced on the hitch between the trailer and vehicle. When correctly loaded, the trailer's floor should be level. After the first few miles, stop and check

the hitch, tires, lights and load. Repeat this process at all rest stops.

Travel at a slower speed. Many trailers have smaller wheels that turn faster than your car wheels, causing heat buildup that can lead to trailer wheel bearing failure.

Remember that the brakes on your vehicle were probably not designed to handle heavy trailer loads. A sudden stop at high speed could flip both the trailer and the car.

Speed up carefully, using a lower gear if necessary. Maintain enough following distance to prevent the need for sudden stops. When passing other vehicles, remember the additional length of your trailer and be aware that your ability to accelerate is reduced.

Wind and rain will affect your ability to handle and control a vehicle pulling extra weight. When towing a trailer or camper in wet or windy conditions, slow down more than you would normally do in such weather.

Allow plenty of room for turns. Long trailers will swing closer to the edge of the road than your vehicle.

Pay extra attention to your vehicle's cooling system when towing extra weight. Your engine will overheat more easily in warm weather, at high speeds and in hilly areas.

Question: In your last Ask a Trooper article, you provided some information on pulling trailers. Can you talk a little more

about trailer requirements?

Answer: Here is some additional information on trailer requirements:

- Maximum length — 45 feet
- Maximum width — 8 feet 6 inches
- Maximum height — 13 feet 6 inches
- Tail lamps — two red
- Reflectors — two red
- Rear license plate lamp — one white

The 102-inch width limit (8 feet, 6 inches) for recreational vehicles does not include attachments that do not extend beyond the vehicle's exterior rearview mirrors if the recreational vehicle is self-propelled.

The width of a trailer may not extend beyond the exterior rearview mirrors of the towing vehicle.

Type A, B or C motor homes may not be longer than 45 feet. The general length limit for single-unit vehicles is 40 feet.

All trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 3,000 pounds or more must be equipped with brakes.

All recreational trailers must have a clearly visible plate with current registration.

A safety chain must be permanently attached to the trailer and fastened to the vehicle used for towing.

Question: *We are starting to see a lot more fog with spring time. Can you provide some advice for driving in those types of conditions.*

Answer: This is a great topic. Here is some information from the National Weather Service for driving in fog. If you must drive in

foggy conditions, keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Slow down and allow extra time to reach your destination.
- Make your vehicle visible to others both ahead of you and behind you by using your low-beam headlights since this means your taillights will also be on. Use fog lights if you have them.
- Never use your high-beam lights. Using high beam lights causes glare, making it more difficult for you to see what's ahead of you on the road.
- Leave plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to account for sudden stops or changes in the traffic pattern.
- To ensure you are staying in the proper lane, follow the lines on the road with your eyes.
- In extremely dense fog where visibility is near zero, the best course of action is to first turn on your hazard lights, then simply pull into a safe location such as a parking lot of a local business and stop.

- If there is no parking lot or driveway to pull into, pull your vehicle off to the side of the road as far as possible. Once you come to a stop, turn off all lights except your hazard flashing lights, set the emergency brake, and take your foot off of the brake pedal to be sure the tail lights are not illuminated so that other drivers don't mistakenly run into you.

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City of Randolph February 11, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Call to order:

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

Roll Call:

Present were Mayor Marie Jacob, Council Members Tony Price, Randy Ferguson and Keith Sande, Treasurer Sandy Nicolai and Clerk Mary Haro.

Also, in attendance was Bolton & Menk engineer, Brian Hilgardner and legal counsel Greta Bjerkness of Kennedy & Graven.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of adding the purchasing of an air compressor for Station 2 for the Randolph/Hampton Fire Department was made by Price and seconded by Sande.

All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Public Comments:

None

Prior Meeting Minutes

We will put the building inspector as an item on the March agenda.

A motion to approve the January 14, 2026 regular council meeting minutes was made by Jacob, seconded by Haro.

All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Motion to approve the payment of bills was made by Price, seconded by Ferguson.

All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Old Business

Pete Schaeffer – Permit Fee

There was no one in attendance at the meeting but we would like to get this completed. It was noted that they did this work without getting a permit first so that is why there are the extra charges on the permit. After discussion it was noted that they owe the entire amount and Clerk Haro will reach out to them to indicate they should pay this permit fee in full.

New Business

Deputy

The Citizens Academy is coming up and it was highly recommended to attend by Mayor Jacob. He noted they have a new app for Dakota County. Our speed sign at the end of town is not working. Mayor Jacob will reach out to Mike Slavik.

Randolph-Hampton Fire Department

Fireman Andrew Gilchrist came before the council to ask for approval to increase the benefit level for the Firemen's Retirement Fund from \$3,800 to \$4,500 per year of service to be effective this year.

Motion by Jacob to approve the increase to the Fireman's Relief Association Retirement Fund from \$3,800 to \$4,500 per year of serv-

ice, seconded by Ferguson.

Voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. Sande abstained from the vote.

Fireman Kevin Willems also asked that the deferred interest rate to stay at 1.25%. Motion by Jacob to approve the deferred interest rate to stay at 1.25%, seconded by Price

All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. Sande abstained from the vote.

Chris Opelt – Fire Department

Chris Opelt attended the meeting and discussed that they will come before the council for any purchases for the fire department that is over \$10,000 as noted in the JPA. He indicated that they need to purchase a new air compressor for Station No. 2. He received a quote of \$37,000 for a new one and their budget was only \$32,000 so they looked at purchasing a rebuilt one for \$14,100 which they plan to go with so they have budgeted the air compressor at \$15,000

Motion by Jacob, seconded by Ferguson for the fire department to purchase a new air compressor for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 4:0. Sande abstained from the vote.

Chris also invited the council to their annual business meeting which will be held on March 5 at 7 pm with dinner to start at 6:30. We are all invited but asked if we can give him a head count on how many will be attending a week prior to the event.

Water Tower Repairs

Marie indicated that the control panel that needs to be ordered to be updated at the water tower is over 17 weeks out so they would like to order the parts if we are going to move forward with the repairs so that we

have them when we are ready to do them. Tony would like to work with Bryce to see if there are any other alternatives to the repairs so he will get together with Bryce to discuss the repairs needed to be done. Brian Hilgardner is going to check on the PPL submission regarding the water tower repairs that we need to do and will let us know if they have been submitted.

Sewer Project

Brian indicated that they have not heard anything from NGE since they had a meeting with them in December. Greta indicated they are preparing a letter to send to them. We are still looking for a schedule from them.

Council Member Reports

Randy attended a watershed meeting and indicated that anyone with wells can have a free test done.

Marie noted that Dean Sathre passed away and his service will be on Friday from 10-12 for the visitation and the funeral at noon at St. Mark's Church.

Marie indicated that she would like to use city hall for her driver's education class on March 6 because the school is holding a music event at the school that day.

We discussed the need to change a few ordinances such as the building code for permit to per structure and also parking on county roads during winter months. Greta will look into this and get back to us next month.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Price, seconded by Ferguson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

All voting in favor, none opposed, motion passed 5:0.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Haro

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City of Hampton March 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The Hampton City Council met on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at Hampton City Hall for the Regularly Scheduled Meeting. Present were Mayor John Knetter and Council Members Jerry Huddleston, David Luhring, Erica O'Connor, and Nick Russell. Also present were Brad Fisher and Madison Richard of Bolton & Menk, Chris Meyer, treasurer, Pure Jade, Kevin Krech with Dakota County, and Neil Hoadley

Regular Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Knetter called the regular meeting to order at 6:59pm.

Disclosure of Interest – None

Approval of February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes – Motion by Luhring, seconded by Huddleston, to approve the February 17, 2026 regular meeting minutes. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Public Comments: Neil Hoadley, a resident of 23440 Water Street, addressed the council regarding a previously discussed request for assistance with replacing his specialized water heater, which is connected to his floor radiant heating system. He noted that he had submitted an estimate and completed the replacement, which coincided with the same day as a water main break on Highway 50. Hoadley explained that he became aware of issues, including locating shut-offs, after returning home from the incident and inquired whether the City had filed an insurance claim related to the water main break. Mayor Knetter responded that no insurance claim had been filed, noting that a representative from Bolten & Menk was present on-site at the time and that follow-up investigation had been conducted. It was further clarified that the incident was attributed to hot soil conditions and deteriorated pipes.

Petitions, Requests, and Communications: Madison Richard of Bolton & Menk presented the proposed cannabis ordinance and accompanying resolutions to the council, noting this was the third and likely final review. She explained that under 2024 state legislation, cannabis businesses must be allowed within cities, though municipalities can regulate them through zoning and performance standards. The proposed ordinance takes a conservative approach, assigning cannabis-related uses to specific zoning districts: agricultural production in agricultural zones, retail and lower-potency hemp sales in commercial arterial areas, and manufacturing, wholesale, and other operations in industrial districts. The ordinance also includes standards for hours of operation, screening, signage, and lighting. Richard outlined a recommendation to defer cannabis retail registration to Dakota County, which would handle licensing limits, compliance checks, and administrative processes, reducing the burden on the City while still allowing local zoning oversight. The council expressed appreciation for incorporating prior feedback, and Mayor Knetter emphasized the administrative benefits of county involvement for a small city with lim-

ited staff. Additional clarification was provided on the roles of the state, county, and city in licensing and registration, after which the council thanked Richard for the presentation.

Nicole Rash, a cannabis attorney with Hellmuth and Johnson, and Shane Krahn, with Pure Jade, addressed the council regarding a proposed cannabis cultivation project and uncertainty surrounding the zoning of the subject property. They explained that the land had been previously understood to be agricultural, but City GIS and comprehensive plan records indicate it is zoned rural residential, creating confusion and placing the project timeline at risk. With an 18-month pre-approval period expiring in December, the applicants requested guidance on how to proceed and whether they could move forward in a timely manner. City staff and consultants clarified that the project would require a rezoning and likely a comprehensive plan amendment, both involving Planning Commission review and Metropolitan Council approval, and noted these processes are typically completed concurrently but may take several months. Council members expressed general support for the proposed business and economic development but emphasized the need to follow established procedures. Discussion included potential timelines, the option of special meetings to expedite review, and the importance of understanding all requirements before submitting an application. The applicants indicated they are prepared to move forward quickly and requested general feedback from the council, and staff suggested further review of the property to outline necessary steps. The council encouraged continued coordination while acknowledging the timing challenges and regulatory process.

Chris Meyer presented the City of Hampton's fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 financial statements, noting they were submitted in accordance with State Auditor requirements and consist of standard reporting schedules. He highlighted a year-end cash balance of just over \$1.5 million, attributed primarily to remaining proceeds from the 2024 bond series for the water tower project (approximately \$516,000) and strong interest earnings from cash accounts. Meyer reported operating losses in both the water fund (\$34,815), largely due to significant water main repairs and reduced water sales revenue, and the sewer fund (\$19,923), due to decreased dumping fees, increased chemical costs, and maintenance expenses including lift station pump replacements and sanitary line work. Despite these losses, the City remains overall on budget. Outstanding debt totals approximately \$4.937 million across four bond series, with the 2012 bonds nearing maturity in 2028. Meyer stated that the Annual Financial Reporting Form will be submitted to the State Auditor by March 31 and published thereafter. He also introduced the annual internal audit process, requesting council volunteers; Council Member Huddleston declined due to recent participation, and council members Luhring and O'Conner agreed to complete the 2025 internal audit.

Ordinances and Resolutions – Ordinance No. 1135 An Ordinance Amending Chap-

ter 152 The City of Hampton City Code – Motion made by Luhring, seconded by Huddleston to approve the Amending Chapter 152 The City of Hampton City Code, all voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2026__ (3) A Resolution Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 1135 – Motion made by Huddleston, seconded by Russell to Approve Summary Publication of Ordinance No. 1135, all voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passes 5-0.

Resolution 2026__ (4) – A Resolution Consenting to Dakota County Registering Cannabis and Hemp Retail Businesses Within the City of Hampton – Motion made by Russell, seconded by Luhring to Consent to Dakota County Registering Cannabis and Hemp Retail Businesses Within the City of Hampton, all voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees:

Engineer Report – Brad Fisher of Bolten & Menk provided an update on the water tower project, noting no pay applications were submitted in the past month and that progress remains weather-dependent, with coordination underway for eventual demolition of the old tower and salvage of its top section as previously directed by the council. He then introduced two Dakota County projects on County Road 47 in coordination with County Engineer Kevin Krech. The first is a full reconstruction project extending into Hampton city limits, currently in design with minor city comments addressed, and scheduled for construction in 2027; the project will include concrete pavement, utility adjustments, drainage improvements, and detours during construction. Krech added that the broader corridor project will occur over two phases, include safety upgrades such as wider shoulders and turn lanes, and is currently in final design and right-of-way acquisition. Discussion also included the potential for future trail connectivity, with the county expressing support but preferring alignment with future development or a defined city plan. Council members expressed strong interest in trail development for pedestrian safety, particularly connecting the Heights of Hampton to the city. The second project involves a 2026 mill and overlay of County Road 47 through Hampton, including ADA-compliant pedestrian ramp upgrades; the county confirmed willingness to incorporate replacement of deteriorated sidewalk segments within the right-of-way as part of the project. No roundabouts are currently planned within city limits, though future considerations at other intersections were noted.

Water / Sewer Report – Mayor Knetter provided a brief update on water and sewer operations, noting that the water tower project had been addressed earlier in the meeting. He reported that the City is entering the seasonal "ice-out" period for wastewater ponds, and sampling will begin in preparation for spring discharge. He also stated that the replacement of the ventilation fan in the pump house has been completed, ensuring proper ventilation for safety purposes. No additional updates were provided.

Park Report – Council Member Russell discussed next steps for the water tower demolition project, including identifying a location for placement of the salvaged tower top. Mayor Knetter offered to assist and encouraged additional council members and residents to participate in selecting a site. He noted a verbal commitment from Elien Trucking to assist with transporting the structure, with a crane needed for placement, and added that some residents have expressed interest in donating toward development of a pavilion using the tower top. Discussion included obtaining dimensions of the structure, with Bolten & Menk offering to provide standard sketches. Council members expressed support for the pavilion concept, with plans to further develop details and potentially formalize a name at a future meeting.

Street Report – Council Member Luhring had nothing to report at this time.

Social Media/Website – Council Member Huddleston reported that development of the City's new website has been completed, and the domain configuration is being updated to transition the site into production at city-ofhamptonmn.gov. He noted the transition is expected to occur within the week, after which both he and staff will conduct testing to ensure functionality. Once live, the City will work with DTECH to obtain necessary credentials and tools to manage the site, with both Huddleston and staff having administrative access to make updates, including posting meeting minutes. He anticipates the website will be fully operational by the next council meeting, with training to follow to support ongoing maintenance.

Unfinished Business – Mayor Knetter stated that additional research is needed regarding the Ray's Spark escrow matter and recommended tabling the item. A motion to table the Ray's Spark development was made by Council Member Luhring and seconded by Council Member Russell. The motion carried unanimously upon a voice vote.

New Business – Mayor Knetter addressed vacancies on the Planning Commission, noting that one position is currently open following a resignation and that no applications have been received; council members were encouraged to refer interested residents to submit an interest form. He also introduced a draft camera policy for future citywide use, emphasizing the need to establish guidelines—such as data access, storage location, and a proposed 30-day retention period—prior to installing any cameras. The policy would limit viewing access to city staff and council unless otherwise required for investigations. Council Member Huddleston suggested revisions to clarify access control language and agreed to provide edits for further review, with the intent to adopt a finalized policy at the next meeting. In additional discussion, council briefly noted ongoing utility locate activity in the area, potentially related to upcoming fiber installation, and agreed to monitor for any right-of-way impacts requiring city permits.

Adjournment - Motion by Luhring, seconded by Russell, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Roan



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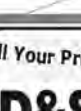


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6. Good times

9. Al fodder

13. Offer two cents

14. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.

15. Interior designer's concern

16. Not fiction, pl.

17. Big head

18. Fear-inspiring

19. "Good Times" mom

21. "The Sopranos" mom

23. Possessive pronoun

24. Gumbo pod

25. Protrude

28. Catcher's catcher

30. *Marvelous Midge Maisel's first name

35. "Metamorphoses" poet

37. Chows down

39. Millionaire maker

40. Time for eggnog

41. Sure sign of fire

43. "Frasier" actress Gilpin

44. TSA PreCheck alternative

46. Mosque V.I.P.

47. Arabian bigwig

48. Received salary

50. At the apex

52. Masseuse's office

53. "Where the Red ____ Grows"

55. Likewise

57. "Arrested Development" mom

61. "Fresh off the Boat" mom

65. Circumvent

66. French vineyard

68. Open disrespect

69. Dewey Decimal System, e.g.

70. 252-gallon cask

71. Cause anxiety (2 words)

72. Back talk

73. Extra point

74. Vanish without this
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1. Take of a hat, e.g.

2. Traditional October birthstone

3. Puerto follower

4. Opening, colloquially

5. #55 on periodic table

6. Part of an eye

7. "Married with Children" mom

8. Investor's asset

9. Hold as a conviction

10. Unit of land often featuring a home

11. Load sixteen tons, e.g.

12. Geometry calculation

15. Divert from course

20. Between washes and styles

22. Casino's pull

24. Foot rest

25. "Stranger Things" mom

26. Throat dangler

27. Mosaic artist

29. "Friday Night Lights" mom

31. Tug-of-War gear

32. List entries

33. Like anchor aweigh

34. "Schitt's Creek" mom

36. Martin of Rat Pack

38. 3-handed card game

42. Bring character to life

45. Response to stimulus

49. Ctrl+Alt+_____

51. Lemony cream dessert

54. Right-hand page

56. Academy Award

57. Orchid garlands

58. Forearm bone

59. Cow chow, pl.

60. "Beware the ____ of March"

61. "The Handmaid's Tale" mom

62. Letter before kappa

63. Nile dweller, for short

64. Writer Rice

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