WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

FOR MONTHS NOW WE HAVE DEALT AS BEST WE CAN WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS. AND FOR MOST OF US, IT HAS NOT BEEN FUN. NOR HAS IT BEEN AN EVENT IN OUR LIFE THAT WE WILL LOOK BACK UPON WITH FOND FEELINGS. THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT THERE HAVEN'T BEEN SOME GOOD THAT HAS COME FROM IT. I'M THINKING OF GOD'S INSTRUCTION TO US TO 'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD'. FOR SOME OF US, BEING FORCED TO SLOW DOWN HAS BEEN A GOOD THING.

THIS WEEK SEVERAL OF OUR STAFF HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY A BUG THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR A LONG TIME. AMAZINGLY ENOUGH, THE 'CLEANING BUG' SURFACED. I THINK PEGGY STARTED IT. AT THE END OF A HALLWAY IS A LARGE CLOSET. IT'S LIKE GRANDMA'S ATTIC ONLY ON A SMALLER SCALE. SHE DECIDED TO TACKLE THAT THIS WEEK AND WE WERE AMAZED AT SOME OF THE THINGS SHE PULLED OUT OF THERE. THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THERE LONGER THAN I'VE BEEN HERE. SOME EVEN LONGER THAN PEGGY HAS BEEN HERE AND THAT'S OVER 30 YEARS. WELL, SHE INSPIRED ME TO CLEAN OUT SOME OF THE CLOSET IN MY OFFICE. I HAD AN ENTIRE SHELF OF OLD SOFTWARE BOXES. WHY I KEPT THEM, I HAVE NO IDEA. BUT I DID. MOST OF THEM WERE AT LEAST 20 YEARS OLD. I'M TALKING FLOPPY DISCS AND SOFTWARE THAT WON'T EVEN BE RECOGNIZED BY COMPUTERS TODAY. I THING WE'RE DONE CLEANING OUT, FOR A WHILE. OUR DUMPSTER IS FULL.

WORK ON EXPANDING OUR PARKING LOT BEGAN AGAIN IN EARNEST ON TUESDAY WHEN AN EXCAVATOR SHOWED UP AND PULLED UP ALL OF THE TREE STUMPS. THE NEXT STEP IS A TAKING AWAY THE STUMPS IN A DUMP TRUCK THAT WILL THEN BRING BACK FILL DIRT. THEY'RE ESTIMATING WE'LL NEED AROUND 16 TRUCKLOADS. ON TOP OF THAT WILL BE GRAVEL AND THEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED. FOR THIS YEAR. NEXT YEAR, WE PLAN TO BLACKTOP THE EXPANDED PARKING AREA AND THEN BUILD ANOTHER CARPORT USING THE LUMBER FROM THE TREES WE CUT DOWN.

ANOTHER RELATED PROJECT HAS ALSO BEEN UNDERWAY THIS WEEK. WE NEEDED TO REROUTE OUR TELEPHONE SERVICE SINCE IT RAN RIGHT ACROSS WHERE THE NEW PARKING AREA WILL BE. AND THAT'S SOME OF WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES HERE AT WRVM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT. I PRAY OUR PROGRAMMING CONTINUES TO BE A BLESSING TO YOU.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.