



RIVER FALLS READS 2012 Essay Contest

“You want to be where everybody knows your name.”

The novel **GRAND OPENING** by Jon Hassler focuses on a family’s move from Minneapolis to the fictional, small Minnesota town of Plum, and the resulting triumphs, challenges and trials they go through in adjusting to their lives there.

Did you grow up in a small community? Move to one?

Perhaps you have lived in River Falls all your life?

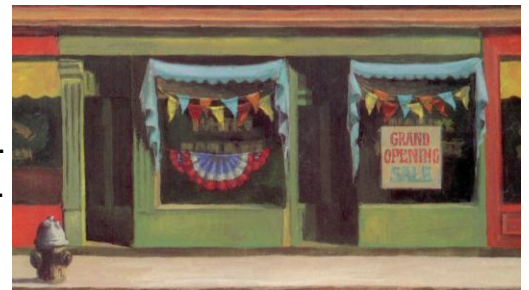
Do you have a story about one of those people or situations that make small town living unique and special?

If so, you are invited to take part in an essay contest focusing on something humorous, poignant, endearing, or just plain silly on the theme of:

“MY FAVORITE MEMORY OF LIVING IN A SMALL TOWN”

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

- Two contest divisions: Youth (under 18); Adult (over 18).
- Deadline for entry is 5 p.m., Tuesday, January 31, 2012.
- Each essay is limited to a maximum of 600 words.
- Essays must be typed and double-spaced.
- Essays may be submitted in either hard copy or electronically.
- Please include a separate title page with your name, age, address and a telephone number at which you can be reached during the day. Do NOT put your name anywhere on the essay itself.



A panel of three distinguished River Falls residents will judge the essays.

Winning essays will be read, either by the author or a designee, at a special River Falls Reads program on Sunday, February 12 at 1 p.m. featuring Mayor Don Richards who will read from his book KINNICKINNIC COUNTRY.

Submit essays in person or by mail to:

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