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Announcements

• **2020 Lighting Contest Winners:** The winners of the 2020 Zumbro Falls Holiday Lighting Contest are **Dana Oelkers, Eric and Jessica Winters, Joshua Defrang, Paul Bankers and Virginia Westlie. Congratulations!** Thank you for making the holidays a little brighter in Zumbro Falls

• **With COVID-19** challenging all of us in one way or another, we know there are individuals and families in need of help.

Several organizations in the Zumbro Valley Area (around Hammond, Zumbro Falls, Mazeppa area) are here to offer assistance and/or resources for you.

If you or someone you know is in need, please reach out at ZumbroValleyHelps@gmail.com.

We will send your email to the appropriate organization or send you information on helpful resources. We will get through this together! Be safe, stay healthy and if you can, stay home!

• **The Mazeppa Area Historical Society sends out a "HUGE THANK YOU" for your memberships, donations, & support in preserving our past & present for the future. HAPPY 2021- Support our local businesses!**

• **The Mazeppa Senior citizens meet on the first Friday of each month.** A catered lunch is served followed by a meeting and bingo. All senior citizens 55 and older are invited to join. We meet at the Mazeppa Community Center.

• **The Mazeppa Area Food Shelf, serving Mazeppa, Bellechester, and Zumbro Falls Area is open the second Thursday of the month from 9:30-11 am and 3:30 - 5:30pm, and the fourth Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30pm.** Food drop off locations are First State Bank of Red Wing, Mazeppa Branch, and Entry way to Mazeppa City Hall.

• **The Zumbro Valley Food Shelf is located at South Troy Wesleyan Church, 56817 Hwy 63, Zumbro Falls, MN.** The hours will be Tuesdays 11:00am-5:00pm and Thursdays 11:00am-6:00pm. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. For more information contact Pastor Colleen Hoeft at 507-259-1442 or choeft52@gmail.com.

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Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Returns to In Building Classes

When school resumed on January 4th the Z-M High School students returned to a hybrid learning (a combination of in classroom 2x per week and distance learning). The change was approved at the December school board meeting. Sports also resumed at that time.

Students are allowed to eat in the cafeteria as long as they follow social distance

requirements. The staff is required to wear masks as well as face shields and may be tested every two weeks via a saliva test for Covid.

The school board also approved the purchase of the property at 178 Maple Street NE in Mazeppa for \$250,000. These lots located near the gym at the elementary school building will be eventually convert-

ed into a parking lot, but for the time the owner will remain in the house and is expected to move or demolish the home after 2022. This will increase the parking near the school, which is quite limited.

Sealed bids were opened on December 17th with over seventy bids submitted for the twenty-one projects proposed. The board approved \$11,580,863 in expenditures for the project so far. Three projects will have to be re-bid as there were no acceptable bids in those areas.

A truth in taxation meeting was held on Thursday, December 17th and the school board approved adopting the new tax rate. The total school levy increased by 4.7% over the previous year for an amount to be collected in 2021 of \$5,921,859.

Annika Angerman of Mazeppa and Soren Hellyer of Zumbrota were named the 2020-21 Triple A (Athletics, Arts, and Academics) Award nominees at Z-M High School

Junior Adelyn Voxland of Zumbrota was ZM's selection for the Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) award

AAA nominees

Every year Minnesota State High School League schools each choose one male and one female nominee from the senior class. The award focuses on students who have a 3.0 GPA or higher and are involved in arts and athletics. Angerman and Hellyer are now eligible to compete for a scholarship award. Of the statewide recipients, two each from Class A and Class AA schools will be chosen to receive four-year \$1,000 scholarships.



Annika Angerman



Soren Hellyer



Adelyn Voxland

Annika Angerman is the daughter of Bill Angerman and Joann Holt-Angerman. She is involved in cross country, basketball, track, and band (she plays the clarinet), and choir.

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Mazeppa City Council December Meeting

The city council voted to approve vacating interest in a 1/2 acre parcel as a city park by a 4-1 vote. This will allow the parcel to be used by the Z-M elementary school for their expansion plans. The plot will be split to identify which part is owned by the Z-M school and which is retained by the city.

The council also approved the 2021 budget at \$1,106,261 and there is no increase in the levy rate which remains at \$375,735.

The council also approved the new roster of Mazeppa Fire Department officers for 2021.

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Hope for 2021



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

From the pages of the Chicago Sun Times, "An Easter like no other. A summer like no other. A World Series like no other. A year like no other." The phrase was worn out over the past nine months by journalists and news media alike. It became a branded logo to rubber-stamp this slow-motion train wreck: COVID-19 pandemic meets civic unrest meets economic disruption." In reality "EVERY year is a year like no other!" Years are unique, like snowflakes. And besides, 2020 is like other years. It's like 1968, 1945, 1918 ... all the way back to 1066, landmark years where you won't have to purse your lips and ponder, trying to dredge up a single event. We all know what happened in 2001. Nobody is going to snap their fingers and try to recall what year COVID struck: 2020, a year to remember, whether you like it or not."

There were plenty of challenges this past year: quarantines that contributed to work slow downs and unemployment. There was racial unrest after George Floyd's death in Minneapolis. Almost every home was affected by the Covid 19 virus- and there are people that won't be around in 2021, because of the virus or some other reason. We can focus on the high unemployment, or restaurants and schools being shut down. 2020 also boast of record storms that hit our nation: a derecho in Iowa, and hurricanes in Louisiana, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. There are many ways that this year will be remembered- and many of them will not be happy memories. But along with the bad- there were a number of good things too. There were other Good things that happened in 2020 Nationally: Scientists responded with unprecedented speed and common purpose to find a vaccine and thousands of people volunteered to take the experimental vaccines. We saw the selfless dedication of nurses, orderlies, doctors and other health workers, and the selfless dedication of truck drivers, grocery stockers, farmworkers and so many more

who risked their lives to keep the economy from collapsing. We learned to connect long and short distances with zoom and the telephone. Drive-ins theaters made a comeback, a record number of Americans turned out to vote in the national election, the United States launched astronauts to the International Space Station on a U.S.-made rocket and a panda was born at the National Zoo!

At South Troy we saw some good things happen this year too: God supplied our needs during 3 months of no in-person worship, and He continues to supply our needs! We were able to go online with our worship services. God supplied the needs of the Food shelf and the PEM Backpack program: both volunteers and finances. We've connected with more people than ever before; online and in-person. Our first caroling event was a hit! True there were challenges; we saw more families than ever make use of the food shelf and we know there are many out of work and our local businesses are suffering. Yet, we continue to believe that God is good and He will continue to provide for our community.

Matthew wrote about Jesus being our Hope, "Look at my Servant. See my Chosen One. He is my Beloved, in whom my soul delights. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will judge the nations. 19 He does not fight nor shout; He does not raise his voice! 20 He does not crush the weak or quench the smallest hope; He will end all conflict with his final victory, 21 And his name shall be the hope of all the world." Matthew 12:18-21

First it says, look at my servant- my chosen one. This is talking about Jesus- God's Son. Jesus came not as a superhero he came as a servant. Mark 10:45, Jesus says, "For even the Son of Man came not to be

served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus was chosen, He was God's one and only Son. God loved Him and was willing to send him to be our redemption. Jesus came not to fight, but to bring hope for the world. Jesus wasn't out to prove a point, or to stir up conflict. He always remained in control of himself. We never see Jesus forcing an issue- He gave all people the right to choose whom they would follow. Jesus won't crush the weak or quench the smallest hope; instead, he gives hope to those that are weak and tired. Like the widow from Nain, her son was in the casket on the way to the final burial- and Jesus saw the pain and sorrow and healed the boy right there! Jesus was filled with compassion for the people- his heart went out to them. Yet, he didn't barge in where he wasn't wanted. He always gave each person an out- to choose to believe, to follow, or to not believe or follow. His life was one of

giving hope to those that were left in the margins of society. He reached out to widows, children, the weak and infirmed. He went out of his way to touch lepers and blind men. We can have faith and hope because our faith isn't in something dead and buried, but in the living Christ. God raised Christ from the dead and because of this we can have hope for every day. Without Jesus there would be no lasting hope. No Hope for tomorrow, and no hope for eternity.

My prayer and hope are that we will focus our attention on Jesus Christ in the year 2021. I pray God will fill your spirit to overflowing, and that deep down in your soul you will discover the great strengths of joy, love, boldness, and endurance, and will go forward and live for the glory of God each and every day. We have a living hope- Jesus Christ! Jesus Christ is our hope- our rock, our help in the difficult times. He is the HOPE OF THE WORLD!!!



South Troy Wesleyan Church caroling in December

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Be Clean

Scripture Reading — Mark 1:40-45
A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." — Mark 1:40

In Jesus' day most people believed that disease and sin were connected. Leprosy, a horrible disease that was often contagious and caused deformity, was thought to be evidence of some horrible sin. There was no cure, and lepers were declared "unclean" unless somehow they recovered and could be called "clean" again (see Leviticus 13:1-8, 45-46). They were generally banished from the community because of concerns about spreading spiritual impurity and death.

When the man with leprosy in this story came to Jesus asking to be made clean, it wasn't just a request to be cured. The man wanted his life back. Lepers were thought of as the walking dead, and he was asking, in effect, to be raised from death!

Jesus, seeming to risk being defiled, does the unthinkable in reaching out his hand and touching the man. And then the unthinkable happens. The contagion of sin and death does not spread to Jesus; instead, the cleansing of heaven spreads to the man! This "dead man walking" is brought back to life by the touch and word of Jesus. We expect the corrosive effect of sin and disease to spread, but the healing power of Jesus prevails against it.

Jesus came in power to take away what is killing us and what we are helpless to get rid of. What is it in your life that you are unable to cleanse yourself of? Jesus can make you clean!

Prayer: Gracious God, cleanse me of my sin and make me whole again. Restore to me the joy of salvation! Thank you for touching me with your healing power. Amen.

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Margaret Ann Hoops

Margaret Ann Hoops, 81, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 29, 2020 at the Bluffs in Lake City. She was born January 8, 1939 in Lake City. After graduating from Elgin High School, she married Ronnie Hoops on November 23, 1957. They made their first home and farmed in rural Lake City until 1991. They then moved to their home overlooking Lake Pepin while continuing to operate the farm.

Margie worked outside the home for IBM, Watersconley, the Lake City Nursing Home and cleaned many homes. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking, playing cards and watching the Twins and Timberwolves. Margie was also a force on the Zumbro Falls softball team in the early 70s. Her greatest pride and joy were her grandchildren. Katie (Jared) O'Connor of Red Wing; Brandon Auge of Woodbury; Amanda (Jeremy) Kohrs, Emily (Jason) Banks, of Lake City, Jacob (Chelsea) Hoops of Eden Prairie, Nathan (Paige) Webster of Eden Prairie and Haley Webster (fiancé Logan Thomas) of Lake City. Her retirement was

spent cheering on her grandchildren at many gymnastics meets, baseball games, tennis matches, soccer games, choir/band concerts and dance line competitions. She loved catching up with them over a meal, appreciated the phone calls from college and the many shopping trips. Margie also enjoyed her five great grandchildren: Harrison and Parker O'Connor, MacKenzie and Connor Kohrs and Jayden Banks.

Margie is survived by her loving husband, Ronnie. Two daughters; Charlene Auge of Red Wing and Nancy (Kevin) Webster of Lake City, and daughter in law, Carol Hoops of Lake City, three siblings Gene (Jan) Hein, Darlene Liesens and Patty (Jerome) Zink of North Dakota. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Hoops, her parents, and one brother.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Reverend Nathan Cordes held a private memorial service Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Mahn Funeral Home in Lake City. Burial will be at a later date. A live stream of the service could be viewed on the Mahn Family Funeral Home Face Book Page Saturday at 11:00 am. Memorials preferred to the Ronald McDonald House or the Lake City School Foundation. Online condolences can be left at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Richard George Tri

A graveside memorial service in celebration of the lives of Richard and Geraldine Tri was held Monday, December 7th at 11:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Mazeppa. The Reverend Shawn Haremza presided. Richard Tri, 92, of Pine Island, died Saturday November 28, 2020 at Mayo Clinic Hospital - St. Mary's campus in Rochester. Mrs. Tri died at the age of 88 in 2014.

Richard George Tri was born March 31, 1928 in Bellechester, Minnesota, the son of Alexander and Dorothea Tri. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1948. He and his wife, Geraldine (Schiesser) Tri were married on August 27, 1949. Richard farmed near Pine Island and had a milk route in the 1950s and 1960s. Following retirement, they lived in Mazeppa, Zumbrota, and Pine Island. Richard has resided at Pine Haven Care Center for the past five years. Mr. and Mrs. Tri were members at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa.

Richard and Geraldine are survived by two sons, Larry Tri of Pine Island, and Dennis Tri of Wanamingo. Richard is survived by a sister, Marce Erickson of Pine Island, a brother-in-law Jan Schiesser of New York City, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Geraldine, brothers Wilfred, Oswald, and Robert; sisters-in-law Lorraine Tri, Irene Tri, and LaVerna Tri; brothers-in-law, Adrian Erickson, Rob Schiesser, and Allen Schiesser.

Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, in Zumbrota is in charge of arrangements.

Ivan Vincent Frank

Ivan Vincent Frank, 88, died on December 19, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Due to COVID, a private family service was held on Tuesday, December 22nd at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa. Fr. John Sauer officiated. Burial was in the Mazeppa Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors provided by American Legion Post 588 and the Mazeppa Veterans' Honor Guard.

Ivan was born on September 29, 1932 on the family farm, Goodhue County, the son of John and Ruby (Tupper) Frank. He attended country school, rural Mazeppa, through 8th grade and high school at Mazeppa Public School, graduating in 1950. Ivan met Darlene Fagerhaug while ice skating on the Zumbro River, and on November 8, 1952 the couple were united in marriage at the Catholic Parsonage in Mazeppa. They made their home in Mazeppa after Ivan returned from the Army where he was stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky from 1953 to 1955. Ivan worked on the family farm, the railroad, construction and at IBM Rochester for 30 years until he retired in 1987. In retirement, he had a snow removal/landscaping business with his trusty blue Ford tractor for many years. Ivan was a member of the Mazeppa Legion for 66 years, Mazeppa Fire Department for 25 years and St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church his entire life. Ivan enjoyed spending time with his family, camping, working in his woodshop, watching tractor pulls, and going uptown for a cup of coffee or a beer and visiting friends.

Ivan is survived by his daughters: Merrilee (Doug) Christianson, Heather (Blaine) Hentz, and son Russell (Deborah) Frank, all of Mazeppa; Six grandchildren, Shawn (Molly) Hentz, Angela (Andrew) Miller, Nichole (Jason) Farnsworth, Tim (Emily) Frank, Annalisa (Bryce) Dohn, Krystle (Kory Matthees) Rude; 14 great-grandchildren, Chloe and Kara Farnsworth, Alaina Hentz, Mark Muenkel, Jr., Carson and Summer Frank, Gabriella, Kjersten and Evelyn Miller, Braxton and Rylee Dohn, Joel, Nathan, and Colton Rude; 3 step-grandchildren, Scott (Wendie) Christianson, Eric Christianson, and Rebecca Christianson; 6 step-great-grandchildren, Norah Savage, Jeric, Ryley, Aubrey, and Lola Christianson, and Gavin Klemmetsen; brothers Sidney Frank, Ralph (Norma) Frank, and sister Marjorie Dahling, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ivan was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, and grandson, Mark Muenkel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Legion Post 588, 655 1st Street, Mazeppa, MN 55956.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Ivan Vincent Frank, please visit our floral store.

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Cemetery Memorial Stolen



In November I went to the cemetery and I didn't have to go far before I saw the tractor that was custom made on a rod missing from my husband's gravesite. This had been in the cemetery for 12 years. I felt very angry that someone would steal from a cemetery.

At a friend's suggestion on Thanksgiving Day, I had my granddaughter, Kelsey, put a picture and post a comment on Facebook. In a few hours she had a lot of feedback.

She called me midafternoon to tell me some of them. Before she was done I was in tears. They really meant a lot. One said that they would pay to have one made. Another said they would make one for me if I wanted one. A third said they would have it clear-coated if I had one made. The last two, from Danny Anderson and Bucky Adams, were the most touching. Danny had restored the real tractor for my husband Jim and Bucky had clear-coated the one at the cemetery. Kelsey asked me if I knew Danny. Of course! He had worked for International in Zumbrota and he said he remembered Jim coming up there.

During these times when people are out of work, having to close their businesses, nurses and doctors being overworked, and people ill and dying, these kind gestures made my holiday season much happier. I was reminded that in the messed up world there are good people out there. It also reminded me of the saying "pay it forward." So I'm making a donation to Ronald McDonald in memory of Jim.

Again a big thank you to those who responded on Facebook, you really made my day.

Bev Poncelet

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Susan Grace (Siewert) Patneadue

Susan Grace (Siewert) Patneade of Nelson WI passed away peacefully on the morning of December 8, 2020, at the Rochester MN facility Mayo Health Systems, after a very short recurrence and aggressive third battle with cancer.



Susan's Christian Faith was strong and she was greeted in heaven by her brothers Fritz and Dwayne, her sister Liyla, mother Lois and father Ben, and two grandchildren Corrin and Ryan.

Born November 11 1957 in Lake City MN to Benard (Ben) and Lois (Warren) Siewert. Married to Paul M Patneade for a lasting bond of almost 43 years. The years sure went by sooo fast and we had many many great, and some not so great, but very survivable years. Susan wanted me to tell those of the so many many good times that she enjoyed all of them, present and past events that she and I shared with all of you in our immediate family and our "circle" of friends. Also, Susan wanted it to be known to all and any out there- that any mishaps, arguments, feuds, and lost friendships- that she wishes the best for everyone, and to please accept the thought she wanted all to become comfortable that she ran out of time to reach out and make it a personally delivered happening. Yes, she will be missed by many.

Susan went to school in Zumbro Falls, and later went to the Lake City school system. She had many Vo-Tec and specific

college certificates, and a few government regulated licenses. Susan worked many places in the Lake City MN area, cooking, tree trimming, firewood sales, orchard work that entails a long list of duties from picking through packing and pressing cider, driving and operating the variety of equipment, supervising the variety of tasks needed. Susan had worked for the then Heat and Glow when the business came to the area, becoming a line leader among many other tasks. Susan worked at Federal Mogul for a combined time of over 30 years, with a wide variety of duties there and finally after a battle with cancer she was forced to medically retire. (if there is such a thing she would say !!) Susan always enjoyed her work, "ya when it went smooth", she added. An avid fisherwoman, hunter, homemaker, gardener, and flower extravaganza expert, and euchre player, (yes, I did catch on to how the girls seemed to always win)!

Surviving family members are Susan's sisters; Shirley (Eddie) Sanders, Jane (Rick) Dettmer; her sons Wade (Belinda) Siewert of Zumbro Falls MN, and Jan (Heather) Patneade of Marinette WI; stepdaughters Sonnet (Steve) Lochen of Hinkley MN, and Elizabeth (Jeff) Bartosch of Medford MN. Many nieces and nephews, and grandchildren and regrets not spending more time with all of them.

Our loss of Susan will be hard to endure, but with each day, we can reflect on the good times, and not the bad or sick times that were shared with the wonderful family and friends. I will share this with all of you, after the passing, I held Susan close to me and asked for god to accept Susan into his arms, give her the well-deserved wings-and take her home with you lord... amen.

Sincerely missing you Sue, your husband, family, and friends.
Paul M Patneade

Due to Covid restrictions a Celebration of Life will be held in the Spring of 2021. Online Condolences may be placed at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

Mary Lou Linder

Mary Lou Linder, 79, of Red Wing, died **Tuesday**, December 29, 2020, peacefully in her home. She was born May 12, 1941, in Lake City to Karl and Jane Anna (Staehli) Tombarge. She attended Red Wing Central High School, and later in



life, was proud to receive her GED. On October 18, 1958, she was united in marriage to Eugene Linder and they made their home in Red Wing. After her children were older, she began working at Rivera Kitchens, staying until they closed in the late 90's. She then worked for Bridgeport Cabinets in Hager City until her retirement. Mary was a member of the Church of St. Joseph and the Red Men Nakomis Council 27. In the past, she and Eugene enjoyed taking the family camping and fishing and she also did some embroidery work and painting. In her retirement years, she kept busy with her friend Lois, and was a part of the Senior Citizens of Mazeppa with her.

She also loved reading and baking, but most of all, loved her family, especially her grandbabies and great-grandbabies. She was a kind and gentle woman, with patient soul—and as a MN Vikings fan, patience is important.

She is survived by 3 sons, Michael (Marcene) of Farmington, Robert (Penny) of Lake City and Richard of Red Wing; 3 daughters, Mary Jo (Gary Nason) Deden and Amy (Tim Hardy) Linder both of Red Wing and Ann (Mike Pinc) Wedde of Sandstone; 8 grandchildren, Mitchell Linder, Melissa Prinzig, Shane Carsten, Ashley Sarvela, Jakob Linder, Denae Ormsby, Tammy Rekstad and Michael Bengen; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Karen (Dale) Fabian of St. Charles and Lois Sommerfield of Lake City and many nieces, nephews and in-laws. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Eugene in 2001; her twin sister, Mavis Naseth; 2 grandchildren, Brett Larson and Kaili Linder and a son-in-law, Gene Deden, Sr.

Mass of the Resurrection was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the Church of St. Joseph. Father James Notebaart presided. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery.

A walk-through visitation was from 5-7p.m. Tuesday, at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Bodelson-Mahn Chapel and for one hour prior to the service at the church. Masks and social distancing were required at all events. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Blue Jackets Awarded to Local FFA Members



The Minnesota FFA Foundation is pleased to announce the presentation of the official FFA jacket to members of the Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA Chapter. Jack Boraas, Ella DeFrang, Kayla Earnhart, Rachel Earnhart, Kaylee Peterson, Owen Thomforde, and Logan White have been selected to receive their own jacket. Thank you the following businesses/organizations who sponsored our members' jackets this year: Zumbrota

Ford, C& G Hardware of Goodhue, and Olmsted-South Wabasha Corn & Soybean Growers Association.

As Minnesota FFA welcomes thousands of young people into membership, the Minnesota FFA Foundation has announced the recipients of the Blue Jacket Bright Futures program. The program provides sponsored FFA jackets to Minnesota youth who are starting their FFA career. This is the eighth year the Minnesota FFA Foundation has offered the program. "The Blue Jackets Bright Future program is a valuable program providing students with an FFA jacket to support their FFA involvement. A personalized FFA jacket provides recipients with a sense of pride while giving them ownership of their FFA experiences," said Lavyne Rada, Minnesota FFA Association Leadership Development Coordinator. "FFA plays an important role in developing agricultural and leadership skills in students while preparing them for their future careers."

"The jacket is a symbol of tradition and pride for those who have worn the official FFA jacket. Many past members have sponsored jackets, but it's not uncommon for individuals and companies to sponsor jackets because they appreciate what the organization does to develop young leaders," says Val Aarsvold, Minnesota FFA Foundation

Annika Angerman of Mazeppa and Soren Hellyer of Zumbrota were named the 2020-21 Triple A (Athletics, Arts, and Academics) Award nominees at Z-M High School

Junior Adelyn Voxland of Zumbrota was ZM's selection for the Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership (ExCEL) award

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She was selected to the HVL Honor Choir and HVL Honor Band. She earned a superior rating in solo ensemble her freshman year. Angerman enjoys reading, running, hiking, and traveling. She plans to enroll in a B.S.N. of nursing program and then work toward a nurse practitioner degree. She would also like to participate in choir in college.

Soren Hellyer is the son of Nathan Hellyer and Joan Henriksen. He is involved in band (trumpet), choir, one-act play, robotics, soccer, and track and field. He enjoys board games and traveling. He hopes to pursue a math-based major in college and continue to participate in activities like band and choir.

ExCEL Award
The ExCEL Award is given by the MSHSL to a junior who is working toward graduation, participates in fine arts and/or athletic activities, holds a leadership position at the school, and volunteers in the community.

Adelyn Voxland, daughter of Collins and Jen Voxland, has been involved with basketball, volleyball, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, symphonic band (trombone), church, and 4-H. She plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth to major in exercise and rehabilitation sciences, and minor in coaching.



Congratulations,
Blue Jacket Bright Futures recipients!

Top row: Jack Boraas, Ella DeFrang, and Kayla Earnhart. Middle row: Rachel Earnhart. Bottom row: Kaylee Peterson, Owen Thomforde, and Logan White.

Executive Director.

The Minnesota FFA Foundation wishes to thank the sponsors of the Blue Jackets Bright Futures program this year. The sponsors of this program are what make it possible for our FFA students to have a successful experience with FFA! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of a student.

For more information about the Minnesota FFA Foundation's Blue Jacket Bright

Futures program, contact Program Coordinator, Amanda Sommers, at 507-461-2214 or visit our website at www.mnfoundation.org.

The Minnesota FFA Foundation partners with individuals and businesses to provide resources that promote and enhance premier leadership, personal growth and career success for Minnesota youth in Agricultural Education.

Self-Storage Complex Opens in Goodhue



Maggie, Macy, Murphy and Steve Voth

A new self-storage unit opened this fall in Goodhue and is located at 103 County 9 East Blvd. The construction was completed in October and they are currently available for lease.

Steve and Maggie Voth are the owners and this is their first venture in the self-storage unit business. Steve is also employed with the City of Goodhue.

The units have 24-hour access and each is locked with adequate lighting and 24 hour video surveillance cameras. There are twenty-six units in the complex and range in size from 10' x 10' to 10' x 30'.

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Achievement Takes More Than a Dream



By Harvey Mackay

A scrawny old man wanted to get a job at a nearby lumberjack camp so he approached the boss who politely tried to talk him out of the idea, thinking the old man wouldn't be able to fell a tree, much less keep up with the daily quotas.

"Give me a few minutes of your time, and I'll show you what I can do," suggested the man.

When the two arrived at a grove of trees needing to be cleared, the scrawny old persistent man picked up an ax and proceeded to chop down a huge tree in record time.

"That's incredible," the boss said. "Where did you learn to fell trees like that?"

"Well," said the old man, "you've heard of the Sahara Forest?"

Hesitantly the boss replied, "Don't you mean the Sahara Desert?"

The old man smiled and said, "Sure, that's what it's called now."

"Achievers are producers," writes Glenn Van Ekeren. "They understand the world will not recognize them for what they could have done, should have done or would have done. Recognition is experience by proving what you can do by doing it."

Achievement is one of the desires that drives us. Why do you think we have various awards like Grammys, Emmys, Oscars, Nobel and Pulitzer Prizes, not to mention numerous halls of fame? "Who's Who in America" grows larger with every edition because people feel the need to be recognized.

"The number of new products available and the new inventions which make life easier from generation to generation all testify to mankind's thirst for more achievement," wrote authors Leonard and Thelma Spinrad. "No matter what kind of society or political system a country may have, it seeks to provide recognition for what it regards as achievement."

Outstanding efforts, great courage, heroic deeds, superior commitment and innovative accomplishments all are spectacular achievements that deserve acknowledgement. But recognition shouldn't be the primary motivation for achievement.

I can tell you from personal experience that achieving a goal or completing a major business or civic project is a reward in itself. Yes, my ego appreciates the kudos,

but it doesn't make the achievement any sweeter. I just want to do the best and most complete job I can do.

Finding the motivation to achieve is sometimes a challenge. You know what you can achieve; it's the getting started part that inhibits results. When you feel stuck, you can pull yourself up with an attitude adjustment. The Success magazine website offers some ideas how to make the change.

Rely on yourself first. You'll have to ask others for advice, assistance, and support, but remember that in the end, your success is your responsibility alone.

Have a plan. Don't go off in all directions at once. Work out a solid, detailed plan for getting from your starting point to the result you want.

Focus on commitment. Are you really committed to your goal? If not, you won't be motivated to pursue it.

Concentrate on gaining knowledge. Don't expect instant results. Instead, work on accumulating the knowledge you need to get to where you want to go.

Have some fun. Don't make the work all drudgery. Set a goal you'll enjoy working toward, and look for opportunities to have fun along the way.

Spark your imagination. Be open to anything, no matter how wild it seems at first. Generate ideas through brainstorming with others, exploring the world around you, and seeking opportunities to learn new things.

Challenge yourself. Don't wait for the perfect moment to take action. Take



chances, get out of your comfort zone, and be realistic about your mistakes and the causes of your failures.

We all have the potential to be great achievers. It may not come with a trophy or a job title, but achievement is measured on many fronts. Don't just dream about achieving something – stay awake and do it!

Gretchen Alexander refused to allow her blindness to limit her life experiences. She mastered archery, golf, softball, sailing and water skiing as well as a number of other activities her sighted friends had yet to learn.

Speaking to a group of high school students about her achievements, one student asked if there was anything she wouldn't try. "I've decided not to skydive," she answered. "It would scare the heck out of my dog."

Mackay's Moral: Getting something done is an accomplishment; getting something done right is an achievement.

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Gratitude



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

With the new year here I have been taking some time to reflect on this past year. While 2020 has been incredibly challenging, I have found myself focusing on the bright spots. It was a year filled with incredible stories of people doing amazing things to help those hit hardest by the pandemic. I am thankful that at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), we were able to play a role, alongside many partners and collaborators, in moving this part of the state toward a more resilient future.

It is impossible to encapsulate everything that I was grateful for in 2020, but this top

ten list is a start (in no particular order):

Early Childhood professionals. They have continued to support the young children of our region under extremely difficult conditions. We were able to provide early childhood trainings and technical assistance, in addition to emergency grants, to support these professionals throughout the year.

Entrepreneurs. So many businesses have been hit hard this year. I have been energized by the innovative spirit of entrepreneurs in the region who have adapted their business models during a period of rapid changes. We partnered with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to disperse more than \$10 million in Small Business Relief Grants directly to businesses in our region. We were also able to provide trainings and technical assistance to businesses.

Our 30 Community Foundations. SMIF offered a matching grant to the community foundations under our umbrella so they could provide relief funding directly to their communities. They were able to help their local food shelves purchase more food, keep essential community organizations afloat, provide critical tools for equitable distance learning and much more.

Local food producers. This year holiday

shoppers had the opportunity to shop online for foodie gifts that were produced by 40 vendors from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. More than 400 unique items were available through the FEAST! Online Marketplace with products ranging from hazelnut oil and smoked salmon patties to maple syrup and jam.

The addition of a new Prosperity Initiative cohort. This program offers business training and mentoring to new immigrant and minority entrepreneurs in our region. We were excited to welcome a new cohort of 13 clients this year and support the growth of their businesses during this difficult year.

Our AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative members serve in preschool classrooms and nonprofits focused on the social and emotional development of young children. VISTA members serve at nonprofits or local government agencies to help increase economic prosperity of diverse groups in our region. We also welcomed a VISTA member at SMIF who is focused on local foods initiatives, and a Lead for Minnesota Fellow who is focused on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Our grant recipients. In addition to the DEED Grants and Emergency Child Care Grants that we have dispersed, we also supported small towns with their COVID response efforts, provided free paint for community projects and launched both the Inclusive and Equitable Communities

Grant program and the Early Care and Education Wrap Around Grant program. We also awarded a record 27,828 children's books to 66 organizations through our Early Literacy Grant program (and many more books through other programs). It is amazing to see how passionate our grant recipients are about serving their communities.

Our incredible donors and partners. None of the work mentioned above would be possible without them. Thanks to our 309 donors – individuals, families, cities, counties, businesses and organizations – we have raised \$1.3 million to date in 2020. I am humbled by their generosity and their belief in the work we do, especially during this critical time.

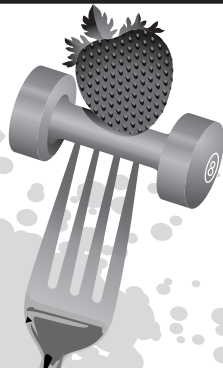
The staff at SMIF. They were able to quickly mobilize and shift operations to process and distribute hundreds of emergency grants and loans, while providing technical assistance and training to early childhood professionals and entrepreneurs in the region.

Last, but definitely not least, southern Minnesotans. You have proven to be resilient in the face of immense challenges. As I have said previously, we are stronger together, and we will get through this together.

Here's to a new year and a brighter future for southern Minnesota.

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

MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

Everyone is going through something right now, in their own way. If you've been reading my articles lately, you know about my unknown situation with my job. I'm still in limbo time. Christmas Eve (tomorrow) I get my "severance talk". We all don't know from day to day what the future holds. With the new year, I don't know about you, but it's time (for me) to make some changes and bring some of my healthy routines back.

I try to be upbeat and positive, but this state of not knowing is physically exhausting to me. We have been busy, so I just keep plugging away, one thing to the next. I know if my situation was a little more clear, I would get more done. In regards to my healthy lifestyle, the first thing to go was my water intake. Next was my healthier eating. I feel like I see vegetables once a week instead of multiple times a day. Third to go was exercise. No more excuses. Time to practice what I preach.

I know, I should give myself a break. It's been a rough time. But everyone is having a tough time in one way or another. One of my best friends had the same surgery as I did. She's had some complications, 1% chance of having these complications, and she ended up having three more surgeries. She was in pain, but more worried about her husband and her boys at home. They could not visit because of COVID. As I type this, she's still not home, but I was assured by her, she is on the mend.

No matter how bad I feel things are, things can always be worse. God will take care of us, and everything will work out. It's time to get back on track, reset, and make some new goals. Number one, starting with exercise first thing in the morning five days a week. Next, increase my water and vegetable daily intake, and keep going forward from there. Just keep trucking! Set some goals! You can do it; I can do it! I've done it before, and I'll do it again. Looking forward to the new year!

Memo from MotoProz...

Missy from MotoProz here, spreading New Year Cheer!! MotoProz in Mazeppa wants to thank all our loyal customers for their support in 2020, and we look forward to serving you in 2021! Winter is here, and MotoProz in Mazeppa is ready to get your sleds tuned up and ready to ride. The Place to go is MotoProz! Online at www.MotoProz.com

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Ice Safety

When is ice safe?

There really is no sure answer. You can't judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors -- plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions.

Ice Safety Tips

There is no such thing as 100 percent safe ice.

The DNR does not measure ice thickness on Minnesota lakes. Your safety is your responsibility. Check ice thickness at least every 150 feet.

Did you know?

New ice is usually stronger than old ice.

Four inches of clear, newly-formed ice may support one person on foot, while a foot or more of old, partially-thawed ice may not.

Ice seldom freezes uniformly. It may be a foot thick in one location and only an inch or two just a few feet away.

Ice formed over flowing water and currents is often dangerous. This is especially true near streams, bridges and culverts. Also, the ice on outside river bends is usually weaker due to the undermining effects of the faster current.

The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also reduces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

Booming and cracking ice isn't necessarily dangerous. It only means that the ice is expanding and contracting as the temperature changes.

Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice. The movement of fish can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake. In the past, this has opened holes in the ice caus-



ing snowmobiles and cars to break through.

For more information on ice safety contact the MN DNR and ask for our free ice safety publications, which include the brochures, "Danger, Thin Ice" and "Cold Water Kills" and the wallet-sized reference

card and 11X14 posters titled, "Minimum Recommended Ice Thicknesses." Metro (651) 296-6157 or toll free outside the metro area 1-888-646-6367 or email the Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us

Historical Happenings

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1950

Weddings

MADSEN-MULHOLLAND

Miss Barbara Jean Mulholland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mulholland, and William C. Madsen son of Mr. and Mrs. Niels Madsen of New Ulm, were united in marriage at 5 p.m., Saturday Sept. 9 at Woodville chapel.

The bride attended the Mazeppa schools and bridegroom, the New Ulm schools. He was employed at Valley Motor & Implement Co. here.

PRE-NUPTIAL SHOWER GIVEN AT LUTHERAN CHURCH FRIDAY

A pre-nuptial shower was given Joan Koenig and her fiancé, Walter Tiedemann, whose marriage is an event of September 24. The shower was given last Friday evening at the church parlor of St. John's Lutheran church of Mazeppa.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Richard Tri purchased the milk route formerly owned by William Skogman last week, Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph McCabe visited her mother, Mrs. Wm. A. Miller at Rochester from Monday until Wednesday evening of last week. While there, she attended the funeral of her brother, Arthur Miller, who died at Denver, Colo., Sunday, September 3rd from injuries receive in a construction accident a few days prior to his death. A military funeral under the charge of the Rochester V.F.W. post was held.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1950

Weddings

MANN-MAJERUS

Miss Patricia Majerus, daughter of Mr. and John C. Majerus of Bellechester and Ralph Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mann of Goodhue, exchanged nuptial vows at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bellechester. The Rev. Peter Berger officiated.

DWELLE-OELKERS

Miss Angeline Oelkers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Oelkers of Zumbrota, and Glenn J. Dwelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dwelle of Lake City, exchanged nuptial vows at a double ring ceremony at St. John's Lutheran church, Mazeppa, Wednesday evening. The Rev. Theo. Haar officiated.

FLETCHER-BATY

Palms, candelabra and baskets of mixed gladioli decorate the First Wesleyan Methodist church in Albert Lea when Miss E. Fletcher and Mr. Burl Baty exchanged vows at an 8 p.m. candlelight ceremony Tuesday, August 29.

LOCAL SERVICEMAN WOUNDED IN KOREA

Louie Meyer of Mazeppa has received word that his son, Chester, 31, has been seriously wounded in action in Korea.

Meyer, a medical corpsman, served five years in World War II, and was stationed in this country.

He received his discharge in Feb., 1946 and was employed in Wyoming and Nebraska. He re-enlisted in August, 1949 and was sent immediately to Japan. He attended a medical school while there and in July of this year was sent to Korea.

His many Mazeppa friends will be praying for his recovery.

CHANGE IN MAIL CARRIER ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

Postmaster Hazel Stull announces the transfer by the Department, of Substitute Clerk, Norbert Sand, to Rural Carrier. He began his new work, Monday, September 18th.

An examination of filling the position of Substitute Clerk will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Sand will replace W. Bright who has been employed at that job since the retirement of C. Dennison last June.

ZUMBROTA BOY, 10, DROWNS IN ZUMBRO RIVER, MONDAY

Duane Charles Zipp, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zipp of Zumbrota, who, drowned when he stepped in to a drop-off in the Zumbro River about 5 p.m., Monday.

The boy's mother is the former Helen Rietmann, who formerly lived in the area.

The Zumbrota youngster and three other fifth-graders, went fishing, and later wading in the old mill pond. When he disappeared, his friends tried to aid him, but failed. A rescue squad used an inhalator on the youngster for more than an hour but failed to revive him.

Three Zumbrota firemen waded into the pond after the boy, Henry Birmingham, Conway Marvin and Donald Werth.

BARN DANCE SUN. NITE, SEPT. 24- KUHFUSS BROS. ORCHESTRA

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Boyd's Resort- On Lake Zumbro, 5 mi. N.E. of Oronoco

Historical Happenings are taken directly from the archives of the original papers as printed. Any discrepancies need to be taken up the Editor and Publisher of the said papers, who are deceased.

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 9, 2020

The regular City Council meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor John Betcher.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor John Betcher. Council Persons Chris Hagfors, Jeremy Tri, and Mike Hammes.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Matt Mohs from Bolton and Menk, Adeline Betcher, Amber Hall, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law Office, Helen Reiland and Fran Reuter.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Council person Jeff Nelson, Bob Josselyn, John Clemens, Holly Galbus from the News-Record, Council person elect Erica Young and Wabasha County Chief Deputy Jim Warren.

Motion by Hagfors, second by Tri to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hagfors, second by Hammes to approve the November 11, 2020 regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Deputy Kayleen Anderson presented the monthly Incident Command Report.

Motion by Hammes, second by Hagfors to close the regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting closed at 6:03 PM

Motion by Tri, second by Hagfors to open the Public Hearing on Resolution 20-23, vacating a portion of the City Park to be conveyed to the Zumbrota Mazeppa School district for the purpose of school building expansion. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing opened at 6:04 PM.

Discussion included why vacation was necessary, compliance with Minnesota Statute and review of dimensions of where the project will be built and what is being conveyed to the school district.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to close the public hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing closed at 6:23 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Tri to open the Truth-in-Taxation hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Truth-in-Taxation Hearing opened at 6:24 PM.

2021 Budget summary and 2021 Levy

were read. No other discussion was offered.

Motion by Tri, second by Hagfors to close the Truth-in-Taxation hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Truth-in-Taxation hearing closed at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Hagfors to re-open the regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular City Council meeting re-opened 6:31 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Hagfors to approve Resolution 20-23 Vacating a portion of parkland for school construction. 4 in favor, Tri opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, second by Hagfors to extend the purchase agreement with the Zumbrota Mazeppa school district for all documentation to be completed for swap of land parcels to be completed on or before March 31, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 20-24 Splitting .54 acres from parcel R23.00043.00. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, second by Hagfors to approve the 2021 budget for the City of Mazeppa. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve the 2021 Tax Levy. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Chief Deputy presented the month Incident Command Report.

Public Works Director Scott Ellingson updated the Council on Public Works Department activities. He also thanked the outgoing Mayor and Council members for their service to the City.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang presented the Fire Department report and the slate of Fire Department officers for 2021.

Motion by Hammes, second by Tri to approve the roster of Fire Department officers for 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Administrator Clerk Nahrgang presented the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store report.

Matt Mohs presented an engineering update regarding setting up Capital Improvement Plans and reviewing sewer televising information.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang also presented updates from WSB, project engineers on the 3rd Ave. SE Zumbro Riverbank

stabilization project grant applications and the WWTP pre-engineering report.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to approve building permits. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, second by Hagfors to dismiss agenda item 7A, a request from LTD Broadband to install wireless antenna to City structures. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 45-1.21.

Motion by Hammes, second by Tri to approve to approve Ordinance 45-1.21 establishing 2021 City fees. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Hagfors to approve Resolution 20-25 Establishing the City's official polling place for 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Tri to approve 2021 Retainer Agreement with Lamprecht Law as City Attorney. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, second by Hammes to approve transfer of \$46,217 in unused budget funds to reserves. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Hagfors to pay the bills and claims. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht wanted to remind returning members of the Council that a quorum will be needed for swearing in of new Council members.

Councilor Jeremy Tri stated that it was a privilege and an honor to serve the citizens of Mazeppa during his time on Council.

Councilor Jeff Nelson thanked departing members of the Council, Mayor Betcher and Councilor Tri, for their service to the citizens of the City of Mazeppa.

Councilor Chris Hagfors thanked Mayor Betcher and Councilor Tri for their service and acting in the best interests of the com-

munity.

Councilor Mike Hammes thanked Mayor Betcher and Councilor Tri for their service and a Happy Holidays to all.

Mayor John Betcher thanked those who had provided assistance to the community including Minnesota State Representative Steve Drazkowski and County Commissioner Brian Goihl, Mayor Betcher also stated it has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Mazeppa as Mayor for the past 6 years. Mayor Betcher also asked that incoming Council makes sure that the investment in the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store keeps getting paid back to the sewer fund and to work closely with the Mazeppa Daze organizers to build back the community's celebration as a source of business promotion and community pride.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Tri to adjourn meeting until the next regular City Council meeting at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, January 13, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:06 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

Mazeppa City Council December Meeting

(continued from page 1)

They are Bryce Dohrn, chief; Brandon Goranson, assistant chief; Jeff Sommerfield, assistant chief; Paul Goetsch, inside captain; Christian Monsrud, outside captain; Jason Klein, truck captain; Rob Hill, safety officer; MacKenzie Peck and Rob Hill, medical directors; Adam Hofschulte, training officer; Seth Beyer, assistant training officer; Paul Goetsch, president; Andrew Piva, vice president; and Ellen Lexvold, secretary.

Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - November 11, 2020

The City Council met at City Hall on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7PM. All Council members were present.

The Clerk read the minutes from the October meeting to council and were accepted as read by a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, Carried.

Treasurer's report followed with acceptance by a motion from Bankers, Seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

The Cares Act Grant received for the City has been spent along with additional funds from Chester and Gillford Townships. Clerk will finalize the report to the State showing all expenditures allowed. Bruce stated that the Buckmann Dry Run Project is near completion. Discussion followed on different light poles that can be leased or purchased for the City. Paul is working on this with Damon Erickson who is the representative in SE Minnesota.

Resolution 20-09 was presented which will impose a special assessment on delinquent water and sewer bills. This resolution was put in place with a motion from Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting and the Clerk to pay all bills was made by Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Submitted by,
Susan Eischens, Clerk

Zumbro Falls City Council Special Meeting to Canvass Election November 12, 2020

A special meeting was held at City Hall with all council members to canvass the election results. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7PM. Results provided by Zumbro Falls polling place, Wabasha County Auditor/Treasurer's office, were reviewed and accepted by council with a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried. Congratulations to Mayor Bruce Heitmann, Council Person Paul Bankers, and Clerk Susan Eischens, for their reelected positions. A motion was made by Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried for the meeting to adjourn.

Submitted by,
Susan Eischens, Clerk

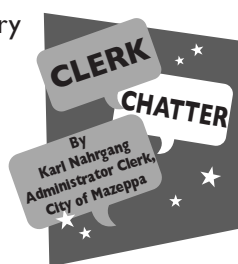


I figured 2020 will be a year that sticks in my memory as a turbulent year that many people endured hardships. Now I will remembered it as the year my granddaughter was born. The year took on a new perspective by that one event.

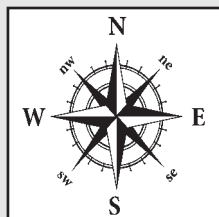
Every year is remembered differently, depending on personal experience. It may be a good year for one person, and a bummer for the next. Everyone goes though struggle and triumph. It may defined by loss of security or a loss of a loved one. It may be defined by new beginnings of success, a life together, or a new member of the family.

The challenges I faced in 2020 were minor compared to others. So I try not to complain. I feel empathy for those who have lost security or a loved one, and I hope that the turn of the new year gives them reasons for hope. One event changed my attitude about year 2020 and I will look back at this and smile.

May you have a Happy New Year.



Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes World Traveler



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.

Little did I think that when I moved to the middle of the south that I would become a world traveler. I didn't even like to go out of the country and was not in possession of a passport. In fact, the only time I left the good old USA was to go skiing in Canada when I was much younger and had better knees.

But here I am and have found that we take frequent trips to Paris, sometimes a couple times each week, often just to eat a great lunch. And most times we pass right by the Eiffel Tower. And I still admire it as we go

by. What a beautiful structure rising above the trees on the north side of town.

Our all-time favorite restaurant is the Paris Southside Restaurant. Great food, incredible prices, friendly waitresses and out of this world desserts. It is always packed and if you come at lunch time you will stand and wait until a table opens up. The last time we were there we saw a table for five next to us with a couple dining there alone. When a party of three walked in the waitress asked if they would mind sharing a table. In a few moments they were seated and shortly all five were visiting like old friends. Everyone is friendly in the City of Love.

I suppose I might have led you to believe we were talking about the Paris in France, but Paris, Tennessee is less than a half hour down the highway from our home. The rest is true however, and there is an exact replica of the Eiffel Tower in Tennessee. Actually, there are nine cities in the United States using the name Paris, but the one in Tennessee has the second tallest Eiffel Tower in the world. It does have a fence around it because college students found it irresistible to climb to the top.

So it is probably a whole lot less romantic now that you know the real story, but my wife and I love going to Paris, Tennessee to shop at Tractor Supply Company and Lowes.



A Minnesotan in the North: Hoar Frost



By RosaLin Alcoser

One of the most beautiful things about living in Northern Minnesota in the win-

ter is the all hoar frost. It sparkles and glistens in the sun light and basically hangs around all.

It also makes up for the fact that it's both freezing cold and the ice fog... and this close to North Dakota there seems to be a lot more ice fog than I remember from growing up in Southeast Minnesota.

I have found two really good things about 2020 as I look back on the year. First is that like many I now work from home most of the time I don't have to drive through the ice fog every morning. Instead I get to enjoy looking at the hoar frost from my window.

Secondly face masks. I have found these to be great in the winter because it keeps my face warm while I'm outside. Honestly, I might keep wearing them outside in the winter after this is all over just to keep my face warm.



By Jim Miller

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Dear Savvy Senior: What types of senior discounts are available to baby boomers, at what age do they kick in, and what's the best way to go about finding them?

Almost 50

Dear Almost:

One of the great perks of growing older in America is the many discounts that are available to boomers and seniors. There are literally thousands of discounts on a wide variety of products and services including restaurants, grocery stores, travel and lodging, entertainment, retail and apparel, health and beauty, automotive services and much more. These discounts – typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent of – can add up to save you hundreds of dollars each year. So, if you don't mind admitting your age, here are some tips and tools to help you find the discounts you may be eligible for.

ALWAYS ASK: The first thing to know is that most businesses don't advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don't be shy. You also need to know that while some discounts are available as soon as you turn 50, many others may not kick in until you turn 55, 60, 62 or 65.

SEARCH ONLINE: Because senior discounts frequently change and can vary depending on where you live and the time of the year, the Internet is the easiest way to help you locate them. To do a search, start by visiting SeniorDiscounts.com, which lists thousands of discounts that you can search for by city and state, and by the category you're interested in, for free. You can also look for discounts at TheSeniorList.com, which provides a large list of national and regional business chains that offer them, or you can Google them individually. Just go to Google.com and type in the business or organization you're curious about, followed by "senior discount" or "senior discount tickets." If you use a smartphone, another tool is the Sciddy app (see Sciddy.com) that lets you search for senior discounts and can send you alerts when you're at an establishment that offers them.

JOIN A CLUB: Another good avenue to senior discounts is through membership organizations like AARP, which offers its 50 and older members a wide variety of discounts through affiliate businesses (see AARPdiscounts.com). If, however, you're not the AARP type, there are other alternative organizations you can join that also provide discounts such as The Seniors Coalition or the American Seniors Association. Or, for federal workers, there's the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association.

TYPES OF DISCOUNTS: Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different types of discounts you can expect to find. Restaurants: Senior discounts are common at restaurants and fast food establishments – like Burger King, Chick-fil-A, Subway, Wendy's, Applebee's and Golden Corral – ranging from free/discounted drinks, to discounts of your total order. Retailers: Many thrift stores like Goodwill, and certain retailers like Banana Republic, Kohl's, Michaels and Ross stores offer a break to seniors on certain days of the week. Supermarkets: Many locally owned grocery stores offer senior discount programs, as do some chains like Albertsons, Kroger, Publix and Fry's Supermarkets, which offer some discounts on certain days of the week but they vary by location. Travel: Southwest Airlines provide the best senior fares in the U.S. to passengers 65 and older, while Amtrak offers a 15 percent discount and Greyhound offers 5 percent of to travelers over 62. Most car rental companies provide discounts to customers who belong to organizations like AARP. Royal Caribbean, Celebrity and Carnival cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over. And, most hotels offer senior discounts, usually ranging from 10 to 30 percent. Entertainment: Most movie theaters, museums, golf courses, ski slopes and other public entertainment venues provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. And the National Park Service offers a lifetime pass for those 62 and up for \$10 (see nps.gov/findapark/passes.htm).

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 9. Bridle parts
 13. Whatsoever
 14. Like tuna tartare
 15. Forearm bones
 16. Plural of #3 Down
 17. Hardware store
 18. "Gladiator" setting
 19. *Ferb Fletcher's stepbrother
 21. *Mr. White's unfortunate student
 23. Welcome spot for weary traveler
 24. It shall, for short
 25. Cul de ____
 28. Young herring
 30. Dieter's cuisine, for short
 35. Gator's cousin
 37. French "place"
 39. Chunk of iceberg
 40. St. Louis monument
 41. Like new TV set
 43. Front of ship
 44. Singular of loci
 46. Additional
 47. Reality TV's Spelling
 48. *Assistant to regional manager Michael Scott
 50. Missing a limb
 52. More, in Madrid
 53. Like acne-prone skin
 55. Pimple fluid
 57. *Shirley's roommate and fellow bottle-capper
 61. *Rory Gilmore's mom
 65. Make an effort
 66. Legal org.
 68. Long stories
 69. Scottish valleys
 70. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
 71. *One of The Carpenters duo
 72. Bone-dry
 73. Opposite of WSW
 74. Red or orange announcement
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 3. Skirt length
 4. Shrovetide dish
 5. *Mary-Kate and Ashley
 6. Geologists' studies
 7. * ____ and cheese
 8. Moved under the rug
 9. "All ____, no bite"
 10. Footnote word
 11. *Amy Poehler's comedic partner
 12. Welsh alternative to Siobh-n
 15. Was almost out of gas, e.g.
 20. Source of indigo dye, pl.
 22. " ____ Be Home For Christmas"
 24. In the best possible way
 25. Coffee burn, e.g.
 26. *Bow and ____
 27. Spherical bacteria
 29. *Corona's main squeeze?
 31. What willow did
 32. Read-only chip
 33. Greek bazaar
 34. *Clark's fellow traveler
 36. College party chant
 38. Celestial bear
 42. Dancer's beat
 45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
 49. "Wizard of Oz" man
 51. Archimedes' exclamation
 54. Furlough
 56. Flower part
 57. Frog delicacy
 58. Wheel shaft
 59. Swerve
 60. European sea eagle
 61. *David and Paul on the " ____ Show"
 62. Italian currency, pl.
 63. Maple genus
 64. Negative contraction
 67. *Jerry's fellow treat-maker

Tax Break Available for Beginning Farmers

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority is now accepting applications for a tax credit for the sale or lease of land, equipment, machinery, and livestock in Minnesota by beginning farmers.

To qualify, the applicant must be a Minnesota resident with the desire to start farming or who began farming in Minnesota within the past ten years, provide positive projected earnings statements, have a net worth less than \$851,000, and enroll in, or have completed an approved financial management program.

The farmer cannot be directly related by blood or marriage to the person from whom he or she is buying or renting assets. The farmer must provide the majority of the labor and management of the farm.

The tax credit for the sale or lease of assets can then be applied to the Minnesota income taxes of the owner of the agricultural land or other assets.

Three levels of credits are available:

5% of the lesser of the sale price or fair market value of the agricultural asset up to a maximum of \$32,000



10% of the gross rental income of each of the first, second and third years of a rental agreement, up to a maximum of \$7,000 per year

15% of the cash equivalent of the gross rental income in each of the first, second or third year of a share rent agreement, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be received by October 1, 2021.

Interested farmers should note that they can also apply for a separate tax credit to offset the cost of a financial management program up to a maximum of \$1,500 per year – for up to three years.

Dispose Holiday Greens and Christmas Trees Correctly

Holiday greenery brings joy and delight, but is there a humbug lurking in your décor? Trees and boughs can provide diseases and invasive species the perfect ride into our landscape.

Pests of concern include elongate hemlock scale, a small insect established in the eastern U.S. where many decorative Fraser firs are grown. Feeding damage from this invasive insect can cause the needles of hemlocks, firs, and spruces to yellow and prematurely drop. Also, boxwood blight and Oriental bittersweet, sometimes found on wreaths and centerpieces, can endanger native trees and other landscaping. More information on these threats can be found at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) website at www.mda.state.mn.us/holidaygreenery.

To protect our environment, the State of Minnesota is asking residents to properly dispose of greenery and trees after the holiday season.

At the end of the season, please remember these guidelines:

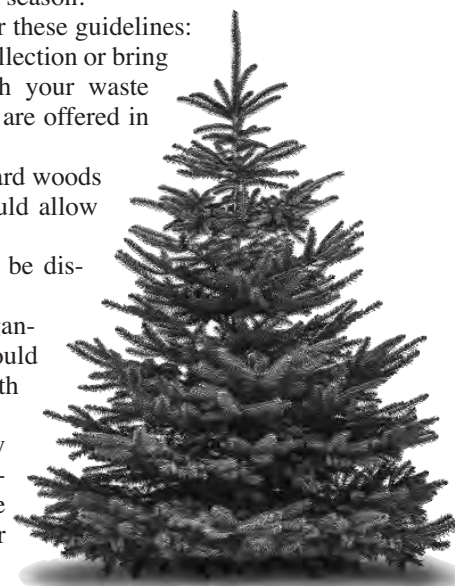
The best option is to use a curbside tree collection or bring to a designated drop-off site. Check with your waste hauler, city, or county to see what services are offered in your area.

Do not toss trees and greenery into backyard woods or your residential compost pile which could allow hitchhiking pests to escape.

Wreaths and other decorative greens can be disposed in trash cans.

If your city or county does not have an organized pick-up or drop-off, the last resort would be to burn the greens. Always check with local ordinances first and follow them.

If you suspect your greenery or tree may be infested with an invasive insect or disease, contact the MDA's Arrest the Pest line at 1-888-545-6684 or arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us.



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