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## Announcements

• **The Mazeppa Seniors will meet on Friday April 9th at 11:30am at the Mazeppa Community Center.** We will have a catered lunch, a short meeting followed by bingo. All persons 55 and older are invited to join.

• **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](mailto: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 continues to do research into our past for the future:** Check your attic's, in need of the 1940's & 1950's Mazeppa Journals. Thank you for your support in preserving our history for the future! Let's have a Great 2021!

• **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](mailto:choeft52@gmail.com).

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## Dignity Quilts Presented to Zumbrota Health Services

On March 12, 2021 Catholic Daughters of the America's Court St. Mary Peter and the Bellechester American Legion presented handmade patriotic and community dignity quilts to Zumbrota Health Services. ZHS staff Laura Erickson (Administrator), Lacey Boesen (Activities Director) and Catherine Keller (Activities Staff) accepted the quilts. The Catholic Daughter members are from Belle Creek, Bellechester, Goodhue, Lake City, Mazeppa, Pine Island and Zumbrota Catholic Churches. *(continued on page 4)*



**Patriotic Quilt (starting lower left corner):** Danielle Welscher, Beth Arendt, John Huneke, Bellechester American Legion Post #598 Commander, Anne Varner, Nita Gadiant, Patrice O'Reilly, Marlys McNamara, Margaret Tri, Laura Erickson (ZHS) and Catherine Keller (ZHS).

## ZM School board to Hire Student Wellness Coordinator

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa school board discussed the School Resource Officer position at the March meeting. The school district has paid \$51,000 annually for the SRO salary. The new contract will increase the amount for the SRO exceeding the amount available in the Safe School levy funds. *(continued on page 9)*



## Dave Stevenson Sharpening Service

A small Zumbro Falls business with broad connections. The company started in 1999 after with a box full of dull chain saw chains. I took them to Selmer Gramstad sharpening in Rochester to get sharpened. A good friendship and business partnership began. Selmer had been sharpening for over 60 years at that time and was looking to sell his business. At that time their where over 60 cabinet shops within 80 miles of Rochester.

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## HE is RISEN!!!



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

He is Risen- He is Risen Indeed. That is a traditional Easter greeting. "He is risen!" and the response is "He is risen, indeed!" This Easter tradition has a lot to say to us today as we prepare for Easter Sunday. The history behind it is pretty vague, but regardless of its origin it is a great way to greet one another on Easter. One of my favorite accounts of Easter is from Matthew 28:1-7, "Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. 2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. 3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. 4 The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. 7 And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

What glorious news!!! He is Risen from the dead! Just three days before, these same women- were on the hill of Golgotha outside of Jerusalem, where they saw Jesus die. Where they saw all their hopes dashed to the ground. They saw the prophet, the man they had followed some of them for three years- totally defeated and hanging on a cross with criminals. They saw him carried off to this same tomb and left there. They had no hope of seeing him again. They had lost hope. Yet, they wanted to do one last thing for this great teacher and leader among them and make sure he was buried correctly-- They gathered their supplies and waited until the Sabbath was over and then they could head over to the cemetery and take care of their friend and teacher.

As they approached the area, the ground shook—rocks are rolling around, the trees are swaying wildly, they lose their footing and stumble. Then they see and hear- He is Risen. It is a message full of meaning still today.

#1 – He Is Risen Means Jesus Is Alive. As believers we are saying that we believe that Jesus is still alive and living forever. Paul said that if the resurrection didn't happen, we are most to be pitied. But the resurrection of Jesus IS true, which means that Jesus is alive, which means that everything he promised will happen. It's not a myth, fairy tale, or children's tale. The disciples were firsthand witnesses- and Jesus appeared to over 500 people after his resurrection! That's very good evidence!

#2 – He Is Risen Means Jesus Is Reigning: Our risen Lord is just that – Lord. He sits on the throne of heaven, on the right hand of God the Father. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Our lives and the world may seem insanely chaotic

but there is nothing outside of the sovereign rule of King Jesus. Politics can't stop Jesus. Our sin and weakness can't stop him. Satan can't stop him. One day all the world everything and everyone must bow before the risen and ruling Christ. There is no better news than that.

#3 – He Is Risen Means A Man Sits Upon the Throne. This just blows me away! The incarnation, death, and resurrection of Christ mean that a man, a human, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, is seated on the throne of heaven. Christ knows the struggle and striving and suffering that come with living in a fallen, broken world. He has been here and done that. He was tempted, it says in all ways that we too have been tempted. Yet, as He sits on the throne- he is approachable—I can walk up to his throne—and like a little child that crawls onto their daddy's lap, I can come to Him and share my heart, my hurts, my joys and my struggles and He will listen—and He understands. When we share with Him our anxiety over the uncertain times before us—He understands our burden and asks that He can carry it for us.

#4 – He Is Risen Means the Penalty for Sin Has Been Paid: We are all sinners—born into sin from day one. And God cannot let any sin to enter heaven. The punishment for our sin is death. Because of the love that God has for His creation He has provided us a way out—Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord." It is free for us—but it cost Jesus His life.

#5 – He Is Risen Means Jesus Will Make All Things New: One day—as we join Him in heaven there will be: No more cancer. No more depression. No more COVID-19, no more wars or hunger, or shootings.

Right now, we live in a dark and dying world, but the king is returning.

#6 – He Is Risen Means We Will Receive New Bodies. Right now, our bodies decay. Fall apart. Go to pieces. We are afflicted with migraines, heart disease, PTSD, Alzheimer's, and ALS. But this won't always be the case. Christ will return and we will receive new, resurrection bodies that don't feel the crippling effects of sin.

#7 – He Is Risen Means We Have A Sympathetic Great High Priest. We all want someone that understands how we feel and what we are going through. Jesus knows us inside and out (and loves us anyway!) The risen Jesus is our Great High Priest, taking us into the Most Holy Place, and praying on our behalf. Because he suffered, he can sympathize with our weakness and our pain. Jesus is near to us, helping us, praying for us.

#8 – He Is Risen Means We Have the Holy Spirit. Now that Jesus is alive, he gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe in Him. The Holy Spirit is no longer reserved for prophets and mighty men and women. He comes to all who believe, weak and strong, young and old, mature and immature. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are brought into a relationship with God. Jesus Christ sends the Holy Spirit to us and brings into the presence of the Father.

#9 – He Is Risen Means We Have Hope. We have hope because we see in Jesus Christ the agony of the Cross- and how great His love for us.

He is ALIVE! The resurrection of Jesus changes absolutely everything. Because He lives, we have hope for today, tomorrow and forever! He is risen! He is Risen indeed!

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**In the Middle of the Garden**

*Scripture Reading — Genesis 2:8-9*  
*In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. — Genesis 2:9*

In the school where I serve as a campus pastor and as an English teacher, we talk about metaphors and how important they are in a piece of literature. We also pay attention to imagery used by an author to show meaningful threads throughout a narrative.

The Bible is God's Word to us, revealing to us the grand story of creation, salvation in Christ, and life with God and his people forever. The Bible is also a literary masterpiece, filled with imagery and metaphors that carry through in meaningful threads from beginning to end.

For example, of the many trees described in the Bible, the two here in Genesis 2 are prototypes for other trees mentioned later on: trees that indicate life and fruitfulness, and trees that represent potentials for brokenness and disobedience. The tree of life presented abundant life and intimacy with God, while the other tree presented consequences connected with choosing and doing wrong.

The tree of life especially prefigures many stories featuring hope, redemption, promise, and comfort, indicating that even from the beginning, people were not left to live here alone but were given a protected place of abundance and well-being. Emphasis is placed on the loving relationship between God and creation, summed up in the rich image of the tree of life—and later we find this tree again in the new heaven and new earth, where we will live with God forever (Revelation 22:1-2).

*Prayer; Lord, thank you for showing us your loving and generous promises in the imagery of the tree of life. Guide us to hope and truly live in you always. Amen.*

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## Michael Robert Koball

Michael Robert Koball, 63, passed away Tuesday March 9, 2021 at home after a courageous battle with cancer. Michael was born August 31, 1957 to Robert and Marleen Koball. He graduated from Grand Meadow High School in 1976.



On September 8, 1979 he married Barbara Tiedemann at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mazeppa, Minnesota. Michael worked at K-Mart, DFA, Seneca Foods, and Walmart. He took pride in his strong work ethic. He enjoyed taking his family on yearly trips to South Dakota, and also watching the Twins, wrestling, and the Vikings on TV. He was a member of Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island.

Survivors include his wife Barbara of Pine Island; daughter Alicia (Zlatan) of Ames, Iowa; grandchildren Luka and Mia of Ames, Iowa; brother Daniel (Cathy) of Grand Meadow, sister Anne (Eric) Pederson of Buffalo, Minnesota; brother-in-law Kenneth of Dodge Center; and sister-in-law Nancy of La Crosse, Wisconsin. He is preceded in death by his daughters Tiffany and Bridget Koball; his parents Robert and Marleen; his parents-in-law Walter and Joan Tiedemann; and brother-in-law Russell Tiedemann.

A memorial service was held Monday March 15th at 1:00 PM at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Pine Island. The Rev. Chris Miller officiated. Burial of the urn followed at Pine Island Cemetery.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Michael Robert Koball, please visit our floral store.

## Eugene William Krismer

Eugene William Krismer, 81, of Zumbro Falls, passed away on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Hospital - Rochester, Methodist Campus. He was born February 29, 1940 in Lake City to Christopher and Dorothy (Ryan) Krismer. He gradu-



ated from Elgin - Millville High School. On February 9, 1963 he married Sharon Mehrkens at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in West Albany.

Eugene farmed in High Park Township, Wabasha County his entire working career. He also drove truck hauling livestock for 40+ years. Eugene loved horses and going on trail rides, attending auctions, and having coffee at Delilah's Café. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Eugene served as High Park Township Supervisor for 56 years. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Eugene is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Sharon Krismer of Zumbro Falls; two daughters, Lisa (Gary) Rademacher of South St. Paul, and Angela (Joel) Harmon of Lake City; a son, Joe Krismer of Zumbro Falls; 12 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren; a sister, Veronica (Gene Plantz) Stevens of Rochester; and his faithful dog, Buddy. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two sons, Tim, and Jim.

A walk-through visitation was held on Thursday, March 11, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church - West Albany in rural Millville. The Funeral Mass was on Friday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Father Matthew Fasnacht officiated, a visitation was one hour prior to the service also. Burial followed the service in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery - West Albany in rural Millville.

Arrangements by Schleicher Funeral Homes, Lake City Chapel. Guest register may be signed at [www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com).

## Donald Henry Donlinger

Donald Henry Donlinger, 87, of Millville, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Health Center - Lake City Nursing Home in Lake City. He was born January 20, 1934 in



Whitewater Valley in Winona County, to Leo and Agnes (Stroot) Donlinger. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Minneiska.

Don attended country school in the Valley and later attended Plainview High School until 1951, and graduated from St. Casimir's High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1952. He then attended St. Mary's College in Winona from 1952 - 1954 where he played basketball and baseball. In January 1955 he joined the US Army and was a radio teletype communicator. He served in Germany mostly on the Czechoslovakian border and was honorably discharged in December of 1956. Don then attended the U of M from 1957 - 1959 and worked at a financial institution for three years before returning to Millville. Don and his brothers innovated much of today's growing and marketing of vegetable techniques. He was a member of the Millville Valley Legion Post #579.

Don was a true extrovert and enjoyed meeting and conversing with most anyone. He had a great compassion for good people and was always concerned about how

young people were treated. Never married Don had a loving relationship with Jean Rabe Springer for 45 + years and was extremely close to her daughters Janalee Cooper and Janeen Kappauf and their families.

Don is survived by his special friend, Jean Springer of Millville; two sisters, Charlotte (Richard) Spurck of Rochester and Kathleen Blattner of Millville; three brothers, Kenneth (Rita) Dondlinger of Kellogg, James Donlinger, and Dale (Judy) Donlinger both of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Leo, Jr., Richard, Robert, and Jack, and a sister Shirley.

A walk-through visitation was held on Tuesday, March 9 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Schleicher Funeral Homes, Plainview Chapel. The funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church - West Albany in rural Millville. Father Matthew Fasnacht officiated. Burial followed at Lakewood Cemetery in Lake City, with Military Rites by the Millville Valley Legion Post #579. Masks were required and social distancing was practiced.

Arrangements by Schleicher Funeral Homes, Lake City Chapel. Guest register may be signed at [www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com).

## Sandra Carol Brunner-Gerken

Sandra Carol Brunner-Gerken, 58, of Lake City, was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She passed away suddenly at her daughter's home on March 8, 2021 in New Richmond, WI. Sandra was born to Marlan & Carol (Dietsch) Staff on June 9, 1962 in Fort Madison, IA. She graduated from Danville High School in Danville, IA, graduated with a Bachelor's in Art history and Teaching from Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville, MO. Sandra was married to David Brunner on June 30th, 1984 at the Shinar Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Grove, IA. Sandra later remarried Thomas Gerken April 25th, 2005 at Trinity Lincoln Church in Lake City.

Sandy loved spending time with her grandchildren, enjoy life on the farm, spending every Christmas baking cookies with her daughters and grandchildren, creating crafts and lending her creative talents where she could. Sandy was involved in local community events, produced crafts for many boutiques, involved with both the Wabasha County Fair board, and the Wabasha County Pork Producers. Sandy was a comedian who had no boundaries between her stage show and regular life. She kept people rolling in laughter because she could find humor in the most mundane life circumstances. Sandy was the most generous person, a giver when there was nothing to give, a helping hand when needed and simply ready to get out there and get it done. Sandy will be greatly missed by all who knew her and brought so much light and joy to everyone's life, kept the room bright with her humor and always kept life colorful.

She is survived by her husband Tom; her 4 daughters, Ashley (Steven) Mueller of New Richmond, WI., Alyshia Brunner of Roberts, WI., Melissa (Jason) Mehaffy of New London, IA., Heather Gerken of Cushing, MN.; 4 grandchildren, Corbin Brunner, Aria Mueller, Brandi Mehaffy, Willow Mehaffy; mother, Carol Staff of New London, IA.; sister, Paula (Robert) Mehaffy of New London, IA and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her father, Marlan Staff; her brother, Leon Staff, and her nephew, William (Billy) Mehaffy.

A private family service was held at Mahn Family Funeral Home in Lake City. Reverend Daniel Reich officiated. The Service was Live Streamed on the Mahn Family Funeral Home Facebook Page on Saturday March 13th at 11:00 AM. A walk-through visitation was held Thursday, March 12th, from 5 to 7 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home Anderson - Peterson Chapel Lake City. Masks and social distancing are required. On-Line Condolences may be placed at [mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com)

## Kenny Hunsley

Kenny Hunsley, 76, died Sunday, April 4, 2021 at his rural Mazeppa home surrounded by his wife (Jan) and immediate family.

Kenneth Lane Hunsley Sr. was born October 6, 1944 in Denver, Colorado to Ralph and Elveda (Myers) Hunsley. He is survived by his wife, Jan Kylo; sons, Kenny Jr. (Kansas), Ray (Vivian of Maryland); daughters, Jennifer (Maryland), Tiffany (Bill Hall of Rochester); and their mother Judy Hunsley-Smith (Rochester); stepchildren Doug (Brandi of Kenyon), Todd (Kim of Stewartville), and Jenny (Pine Island); 18 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; brother, Ronnie Hunsley (New Mexico); sister, Veda Miller (Rochester); and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Richard and Jerry; and brother-in-law, Rodney Miller (Rochester).

Kenny's hard work ethic had him known as a jack of all trades and a master of many. Kenny always loved the outdoors. His hunting and fishing skills started as a way to put food on the table that became life-long hobbies, which he passed on to his children. Kenny could often be found cooking around the campfire with family and friends or off riding his ATV with his buddies. He loved bird-watching and had about a dozen feeders in the backyard to attract different birds. In retirement, Kenny and Jan enjoyed traveling, Vikings, NASCAR and motocross racing events.

A celebration of life with family and friends will be held 4-7 pm on April 21, 2021 at his home.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to Recovery Is Happening, 25 16th St. NE, Rochester, MN. 55906.

Rochester Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences of Kenny may be shared at [rochestercremationservicesmn.com](http://rochestercremationservicesmn.com)



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## Dignity Quilts Presented to Zumbrota Health Services

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These quilts will help protect the dignity of deceased care center residents while being escorted out by funeral home staff after they have passed.

The Community Quilt is made following a stained-glass window design. The Patriotic Flag Quilt embroidered with "Duty-Honor-Country" will be used for deceased Armed Forces Veterans. Both quilts are embroidered with "Property of Zumbrota Care Center donated by Catholic Daughters of America #1864 and Bellechester American Legion Post #598".

Funds for the quilts were donated by American Legion & Sons of the American Legion of Post #598 in Bellechester. C.D.A. members designed and sewed the quilts. Volunteers Lora Keller, Bellechester, embroidered the personalization and Cindy Arndt, Zumbrota, did the long arm quilting.

## Dave Stevenson Sharpening Service

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He did not of the type of sharpening machine to do the quality of sharpening required for cabinet building. After some thought and planning, he and I flew to Detroit MI. one day to see the best sharpening machine made. We ordered the machine that day and came back home to get my shop ready for it. Even though he was 80 years old at that time, he did lots of the work for me to get the shop ready. His 60 years experience in sharpening helped greatly in layout of my shop.

At that time with over 60 cabinet shops in the area that was our main target for business. In 2008 when the economy crashed. So did my business. It dropped 70%. And most of the cabinet shops closed.

Since then I have broadened the business. I do a wide variety of sharpening, I have sharpened blades that were used in the construction of many of the largest build-

ings in Rochester and all over the world.

If you ride a motor cycle I probably sharpened the blade that made the first cut on the engine.

If you have been in an ambulance, I may have sharpened the blades that cut the materials to build it.

I have a machine to sharpen reel mowers and I sell them also.

I sharpen for plumbers, electricians, medical facilities, home owners, tree trimmers, logging, farmers, foundries, fireplace manufacturing.

I have showed several of my customers ways of cutting that has saved them thousands of dollars.

On the average sharpening is 10 – 20% of the cost of a new tool.

I sell new and used tools form most major saw blade suppliers and several specialty companies.



Community Quilt (starting lower left corner): Danielle Welscher, Ellen Huneke, Beth Arendt, Anne Varner, Marlys McNamara, Nita Gadiant, Patrice O'Reilly, Margaret Tri, Laura Erickson (ZHS) and Catherine Keller (ZHS).

## MISSY'S MESSAGE



### MOTHER-DAUGHTER R&R TIME!

I have been a working machine the past year (along with my husband and son). If you have read my articles, you know how much our family enjoys (shall I say enjoyed...) traveling. The last time we stayed in a hotel was the end of February 2020 when we went to see Tanya Tucker in Hinckley. We have not flown on airplane since we went to South Padre Island, Texas in January of last year to visit Mike's parents.

I was hesitant to travel for a few reasons. I did not want to have the hassle of rescheduling or losing money for a trip that would not happen. I did not want to book any travel until I knew what my future would be at Mayo Clinic. I wanted to wait until after my last day of work (February 3rd), so I could fully enjoy the trip. March is my Mom's birthday MONTH, so I thought it would be fitting to take a trip over her birthday. We are going to Cape Coral, Florida to visit my uncle on a mother-daughter trip. We have not taken a mother-daughter trip since I was 15 when we went to Washington DC with my grandparents. And everyone kept asking if we were sisters on that trip. I am sure it will be the same case all these years later! To be honest, it kind of annoyed me back when I was 15, but now I appreciate all the hard work mom put in to keeping healthy over the years and being a good role model to look up to. I am looking forward to this trip as much as she is. The past few years my mom and dad have left for the month of March, but not this year. Dad said he was not going anywhere during the pandemic. I thought it would be a good idea to take Mom on a trip over her birthday.

*Memo from MotoProz*

Order your new 2022 Arctic Cat Snowmobile through April 30, 2021. Hustler Mower season is here! Come see what a Hustler Zero turn is all about! The place to go is MotoProz!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

## Missy's Managing the Manor

A monthly read with tips and tricks (that work for me) on my quest to becoming more organized while decluttering.

### Papers, papers everywhere...



By Missy Papenfus

Many years ago, I took a class on how to make filing easier at home. I used to file everything by the bill, and that is how I file at the store. In this class, I learned to file by the month. I bought a file box, and I file bills, probably once a week, into the monthly slot. I keep the file box in a handy spot (so I actually do it)! When it comes to the next year, the whole contents of the monthly file gets tossed. I have been doing this for 18 years, and I never tossed a piece of paper I needed to keep using this system.

Before this system, I would never get my filing done and would literally have six months of papers to go through. I went to a friend's house once and will never forget, instead of completing her filing, she put different bills on her stairs after not filing for a year. Each step got a different bill. All it would take was one little kid going down those stairs and mess up all those papers again!

I do keep receipts for big purchase items like when I buy a pair of glasses for example. I also keep the XM radio statements together so when I call to haggle them to get a better price, all the information I need is together. We have important items like passports, titles, and abstracts kept in a safe place.

They say you can toss your taxes after 7 years. By now, I have now tossed all tax statements prior to MotoProz. Mike's grandparents passed away, and they had every single bank statement and taxes back thru the 1970s. It was neat to look at, but do you want anyone to see it? That is something to think about. Toss it today, so someone does not have to handle it later on down the road.

Recipes are another source of paper. I do not really like to cook, but we eat at home a lot. I have a nice recipe box. Over the years it blows my mind how many recipes I kept and never used. I usually google recipes on my phone. Although my Grandma's waffle and dumpling recipes in my recipe box are priceless!

Stay tuned for next month's topic "Never hesitate to ask others for help".

There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

## Livin' the American Dream



By Missy Papenfus of MotoProz

I was furloughed from my job at Mayo Clinic most of the summer.

August 12th, the week before I was to return to work, I found out my position along with two others had been eliminated as a part-time Development Clerk at Mayo Clinic. Most everyone working in Development would now work from home. I help out around our family business on my days off.

We bought a cabin mid-May. Our son graduated high school the end of the May, and we had his party. We fixed up the cabin. We kept busy.

I never saw that phone call coming all summer long. I got a little teared up.

I was in shock. My goal was to work at Mayo Clinic until our son was 26 and no

longer on our insurance plan. I never once thought I would leave my job any time before. I started looking for jobs immediately. Replacing a job with what I had was difficult, part-time, set-schedule, days, and no weekends.

I immediately knew I had to face it. I may never find something that would work for me, but I would try my hardest and trust the Redeployment Hub process.

I felt terrible for my supervisor who had to make that call to me. Right away I thought to myself, I wonder who will be next? I wonder if she thinks her job is safe? And guess what, a month or so later, it happened to her too. She found another job right away.

I landed a temporary position as an Associate Research Study Coordinator.

This was a new job to me. Lots of training. I used to work with the supervisor. She was great. She was willing to lend an ear and give me advice whenever I needed it. I am usually the one to give people advice. I never ask for it.

First thing is first. Time to take care of myself. I made an appointment to discuss my options, and I had a hysterectomy. I should have taken care of my issues long ago. I had six weeks off. I shut my brain off, enjoyed spending time at our cabin, and did not think at all those entire six weeks about finding a new job at Mayo.

Back to work. Back to the job hunt. I applied for a couple jobs. Lots of nights and weekend part-time positions and not many



Anna Lowrie (Monty's girlfriend), Mike, Monty, and Missy Papenfus ice fishing up North.

set-schedule jobs out there.

I was extended in the Redeployment Hub 30 more days which took me to February 7, but because I am part time, my last working day was Wednesday, February 3.

My last week working at Mayo, I went to 99 Giggles in the subway and bought myself a going away necklace with 3 sea glass stones to symbolize Mike, Monty, and I. Of course, it was green, light green, and charcoal the perfect colors for our Arctic Cat family who loves anything in the color green.

Am I upset? No way am I upset. No doubt, I could have stayed at Mayo. If you get an interview, you are bumped to the top of the list being in the HUB.

At this point in my life, nights and weekends were a hard no for me.

They say everything happens for a reason. I needed six months to figure out what I was going to do on my own time and really become okay with this big change. I found



Missy, Monty and Mike at Monty's Graduation celebration.

what would have been my ideal Mayo job two weeks before my last day, but it didn't work out. It was a Research Study Coordinator, part-time, from home. This is what I spent the past six months learning to do.

I always called Mayo my real job. When Monty was a kid, he always asked me, "Mom, do you got to work at your real job tomorrow?" He still asks me that. It feels good to be needed.

We had a good test over the summer of being around each other 24/7.

It was a very emotional six months for me. The hardest six months of my life. Always calculating my every move what I should do, what not to do. Should I do what I want? Should

I do what my husband wants? My first job out of college was a legal secretary, and I went to college first for legal secretary. So I understand the importance of really thinking about every move I made.

I can feel my blood pressure already going down. I am at peace. I know this is what we all three want. And I am where I was always meant to be, with my perfect little family paying the big bucks for insurance. From day one owning our store, when someone comes in and asks my husband "How are you doing today?" Mike would say, "Livin' the dream, what do you know?" I was livin' the dream half the time, but now it's my fulltime gig.

I want to set the record straight and tell my story. So please, any of my former coworkers, family and friends, there is absolutely no reason to feel sorry or bad for me. One thing I do know throughout my 24.75 years working at Mayo Clinic, we always get excellent care at Mayo. Whatever insurance does cost, we will be keeping our care at Mayo Clinic!

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## Decide, Commit, Succeed



By Harvey Mackay

President Dwight Eisenhower was raised on a Kansas farm, and he never forgot its lessons. In response to a difficult question put to him at the National Press Club, Eisenhower said it reminded him of an incident in his boyhood.

"An old farmer had a cow that we wanted to buy," Eisenhower recalled, "so we went to visit him and asked about the cow's pedigree.

"The old farmer didn't know what the word pedigree meant so we asked him about the cow's butterfat production. His answer was that he didn't have the foggiest idea. Finally we asked him if he knew how many pounds of milk the cow produced each year.

"The farmer shook his head and said, 'I

don't know. But she's an honest cow, and she'll give you all the milk she has!"

"Well," Ike concluded, "I'm like that cow. I'll give you everything I have."

President Eisenhower didn't just want to get by. He was committed to do his best. You can see when people are committed to a project or cause; they refuse to settle for anything less than their best. They are willing to learn and work hard.

Steel magnate Andrew Carnegie said people fall into three basic categories: those who did not do all their duty, those who only professed to do their duty and those who did their duty plus a little more.

If you make a commitment, you need to see it through. No slacking off, no excuses. Commitment must start from the inside out. Commitment means staying loyal to what you said you were going to do, long after the mood you said it in has left you.

"Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision and gives us the right stuff to turn our dreams into reality," said James Womack, founder and chairman of the Lean Enterprise Institute.

Some might be tempted to back off those dreams when the going gets tough – which it often does. But being truly committed provides the motivation to persevere, another word that is important in seeing projects and dreams through to the finish.

Commitment is a prerequisite to success. Commitment is the state of being bound – emotionally, intellectually, or both – to a course of action. Commitment starts with a

choice and is sustained by dedication and perseverance. Actions speak louder than words.

"There's a difference between interest and commitment," said Ken Blanchard. "When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when it's convenient. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results."

Lou Holtz, the Hall-of-Fame college football coach, believes there are four things any person or organization needs to be successful.

"First," he says, "you have to make a commitment to excellence. Second is complete attention to detail. The third thing is to have sound fundamentals, and the fourth requirement is discipline."

Lou says: "Have you ever seen a team run on the field yelling, 'We want to be number two?' Everyone wants to be number one. Those who actually achieve it are those who are willing to put the blood, sweat and tears into their effort."

I will add another essential element of commitment: confidence in your ability to succeed. Ask any successful entrepreneur how often they questioned their judgment, their sanity. I'd wager that any who were truly committed had some moments of uncertainty. But they believed in their potential. As I've preached so many times, it's important to believe in yourself, even when no one else does.

I'm not sure how people can be totally

satisfied with themselves if they are not committed to doing their very best. Sure, there are

going to be failures, but that's no excuse for not trying your hardest. You can't hold back because of fear of failure.

I firmly believe that all human success is the result of persistent commitment. Not luck, not just being in the right place at the right time. Commitment is a decision that is easier to make than to see through. Commitment is what keeps you forging ahead once the initial glow has faded.

We'll go back to the barnyard for some perspective. A chicken and a pig were talking about commitment.

The chicken said, "I'm committed to giving eggs every morning."

The pig said, "Giving eggs isn't commitment, it's participation. Giving ham is total commitment."

**Mackay's Moral: Motivation is what gets you started. Commitment is what keeps you going.**

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# Government & Historical Happenings



## Governor Walz and the Never Again Act

I have signed on as a co-author of HF 2204. This bill is known as the Never Again Act and is authored by Rep. Erik Mortensen. The concept behind this bill is simple. I do not believe that any governor should have the power to unilaterally change laws, restrict rights, or impose a totalitarian agenda on the people. The Never Again Act would prevent Governor Walz and any future governor from circumventing the Minnesota Legislature when an emergency is declared.

HF 2204 would strip the governor of the power to declare an emergency and give that authority to the Minnesota Legislature. Specifically, a two-thirds vote of both the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate would be required to declare an emergency. After that emergency is declared, the governor would have the ability to take appropriate measures to address the situation.

The voice of the people should not be stifled. The current system allows Governor Walz to totally ignore elected legislators and the constitutional role of our state legislature. In Minnesota, we have now lived under Governor Walz's unchecked rule for over a year. This is wrong. Total authority should not be given to one individual. The Never Again Act would restore the people's voice in determining how emergencies should be handled.

## Democrats and Tax Increases

Last week the Democrats in the Minnesota House of Representatives unveiled their plan for Minnesota's state budget. In their proposal, the Democrats crafted a two-year budget that would total \$52.5 billion. This budget proposal is larger than the budget proposals of both Governor Tim Walz and Senate Republicans. If enacted, the \$52.5 billion biennial budget would be the largest budget in Minnesota history.

Despite a projected budget surplus of \$1.6

billion and the federal government sending nearly \$8 billion to Minnesota, Democrats want to prioritize more spending rather than helping businesses who have been devastated by the shutdowns of Governor Tim Walz. In my view, there should be no spending increases at all. We need to cut taxes to give businesses and individuals the help they need.

Historic spending requires raising taxes, and that is exactly what the Democrats plan to do. This is absolutely the wrong approach. Government has grown rich while working people have suffered, and the Democrats do not seem to care. I came to St. Paul to work on behalf of people, not government. The best way to help people right now is to get businesses open, cut taxes, and let people live their lives.

## Government Mandates and Businesses

Last week the Minnesota House of Representatives voted on three bills that would be devastating to businesses in our state. The bills were HF 7, HF 39, and HF 403. I voted against all three of these bills.

HF 7 would require every business in Minnesota to provide paid sick leave to their employees. Even if you had a small business with just one employee, you would be forced to provide paid sick leave. HF 7 is nothing more than a sweeping government mandate that will harm businesses and increase unemployment.

The Democrats who supported this bill

were clearly disdainful of business owners. Most of the Democrats' arguments in support of this bill characterized business owners as cruel individuals who cannot wait to fire people. As a business owner myself, I know that such a characterization is totally inaccurate. We want the best for our employees. Moreover, we will always work hard to accommodate whatever needs our employees have. Democrats need to stop demonizing business owners and start helping Minnesotans get back to work.

HF 39 would require shuttered hospitality businesses to rehire employees who were laid off due to the pandemic. This bill simply subjects businesses to more mandates after having to suffer a year of dictatorial mandates from Governor Walz.

When this pandemic began, the government told everyone who was allowed to work and who was not. This was entirely unconstitutional and wrong. Now, government is trying to do the same thing again. Government should not be dictating who should work or who should be hired. Business owners must have the right to hire who they want. Unfortunately, the Democrats do not care about the rights of business owners.

HF 403 would prevent businesses from inquiring about the past wages of a prospective employee.

# Historical Happenings

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1951

## Work Commences on New Bridge

Preparation for construction of the new Highway 60 Bridge got underway Monday morning.

Contractor for the bridge, which will consist of three cantilever beam spans totaling 221 feet in length, is L.M. Klehr of Minneapolis. The contract was for \$91,210.

The bridge will span the Zumbro near the Gilbert Schmitt residence and is part of the improvement and relocating project on T.H. 60 by the state.

## Everything at Once

Just happened to be thinking of all the improvements begun here this summer for which we have been waiting so long.

First and foremost, of course, is the start on the new bridge this week. 'Tis rumored grading on the new road will start this year, also, but that we have no information on.

Then of course, there are the various blacktopping projects---south of town, east of town, and even part way up the Larson hill.

Add to that, completion of the municipal building, and it makes quite a year for Mazeppa.

Now we're just waiting for that local doctor.

## Obituaries

Mrs. John B. Heber of Harvey, N.D. died at St. Aloisius hospital there last Thursday, from a heart ailment. She was 80 years old.

Josephine Mary Conrad was born at Bellechester July 19, 1871. She was married to John B. Heber at Bellechester Feb. 21, 1898 and moved to Wells, eight miles southwest of Harvey that year.

Among relatives attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gregoire, Frank, Joe and Robert Heppelmann of Mazeppa and Art Gregoire of Red Wing.

## Local News

Mrs. Alex Tri and Marcellene and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tri returned Monday after a two weeks trip Ekalaka, Belt, and Great Falls, Montana and Hot Springs, S. Dak., where they visited the former's brothers, one of whom she hadn't seen for 41 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Siems and family accompanied by Mrs. Reinhart Perry of Zumbrota attended a family picnic at the Mrs. Nettie Arnold home at Cannon Falls, Sunday.

FRIDAY, September 28, 1951

## Obituaries

### CLARENCE M. ROCKWELL

Clarence Madison Rockwell, 42, was found dead about 9:30 Saturday morning in the barn of Amos Ondler farm between Mazeppa and Oronoco. Coroner E.B. Wise was called and death was pronounced accidental. He apparently fell through a hay chute sometime Friday evening.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in Robinson's Funeral Chapel with the Rev. T. Haar officiating. Pallbearers were Walter, Leonard, Raymond and Reuben Scheffler, Amos Ondler and Lester Hofstad. Burial was in the Mazeppa cemetery.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1951

## MR. AND MRS. VEN MAAS GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY FRI.

Local businessmen, school board members and teachers and their wives gathered at the Nite Club, Friday evening to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Ven Maas. The evening was spent in dancing and singing "Auld Lang Syne," before lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Maas were presented with a Friendship plaque, signed by Mayor Ernest Hoefs.

Mr. and Mrs. Maas and Janet, Judy, David and Margo left Sunday for their home in Zumbrota. Mr. Maas is office manager of Cresthaven Dairies.

## Local News

Two real estate transactions were completed this week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reiland purchased the Ven Maas home, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lemmerman, the Ignatz Grossbach home.

Pfc. Carol Grossbach of Camp McCoy, Wis., visited his wife and baby daughter at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Grossbach. Mrs. Grossbach and baby came home from the Lake City hospital, Saturday.

Elmer A. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Miller has been promoted to corporal.

Lightning hit the power house during last Wednesday's rain storm and burned out a generator.

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.



## Mazeppa Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Council Persons Steve Liffriq, Mike Hammes, Jeff Nelson and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Matt Mohs from Bolton and Menk, Bill Hedin, Mike Lange, Nancy Lange, Charise Mehrkens, Harper Mehrkens and Melanie Mehrkens.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Bob Josselyn, John Clemens, Holly Galbus from the News-Record, and Wabasha County Sherriff's Deputy Joe Schneider.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to approve the agenda and addendum. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve the February 10, 2021 regular City Council meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Regular meeting closed and public hearing was convened at 6:03 PM.

Discussion of Ordinance 2021-01

Adopting the Official Zoning Map for the City of Mazeppa.

Question: Do any changes being made change the zoning on existing properties? Zoning is not changing from the unofficial map that was in use previously.

Question: Why are some zones that are not buildable show as commercial or residential? The zoning in the map covers certain areas that City planning considers best for certain types of uses, based on multiple factors. Areas withing the zone may have other factors that would be a barrier to building and to separate those small areas into a separate zoning category would not serve useful purpose.

There was also a small parcel showing as commercial surrounded by and agricultural zone that should have been changed with the surrounding area. A correction to the map will needed.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffriq to approve close the public hearing and re-open the regular Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing closed and regular meeting re-opened at 6:23 PM.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Patrol Sargent Joe Schneider presented the monthly Incident Command Report. A discussion of follow-up on a nuisance property cleanup and vandalism to Herb Vik Park grounds by vehicles was discussed.

A written report was submitted by Public Works and reviewed by Council.

A Fire Department written report was submitted and reviewed by Council.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang presented the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store update.

City Engineering update was given by Matt Mohs of Bolton & Menk.

Council members Erica Young and Mike Hammes were appointed to serve as a temporary committee with Public Works Director Scott Ellingson and City Administrator Karl Nahrgang to meet with City engineer Bolton and Menk to study and discuss options and steps to proceed regarding the wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

Charise Mehrkens proposed the Girl Scouts install a self-service food pantry Community Cupboard at Lion's Park. The Girl Scouts and Stabilizing Zumbrota Mazeppa Families have installed 2 of these in Zumbrota.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to allow the Girl Scouts to place a Community Cupboard at Lions Park. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

A group of students from Zumbrota Mazeppa schools requested permission to place a memorial bench near the playground equipment dedicated to a classmate.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to allow the student class from Zumbrota Mazeppa Schools place a dedication bench in the park next to the school. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve building permits MZ20-54, Abby Hjernstad -garage and MZ21-01, Valley View Mobile Home Parks – set manufactured home. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffriq to approve Illinois Casualty as the liquor liability insurance provider for the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 21-06 Adopting Findings of Fact for Approval of Conditional Use Permit for Independent School District 2805 for Lost 3 & 4 Block 16. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffriq to table Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-01 Adopting the Official Mazeppa Zoning Map. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffriq to set the Board of Equalization meeting for April 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM. All in favor, none

opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffriq to approve Resolution 21-07 Closing Portions of 2nd Ave. SE and Walnut St. from 08:00 AM to 12:00 PM on April 24, 2021 for City Cleanup Day. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve Fire Protection Contracts with Chester Township, Pine Island Township, Zumbrota Township and Mazeppa Township. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to approve an on-sale liquor license and Sunday on-sale liquor license for Mazeppa Inc. dba Leo's Sports Bar and a club on-sale liquor license and Sunday club on-sale liquor license for American Legion Post 588 pending payment and submission of insurance certificate. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to pay bills and claims. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht said that W.S. Beng Associates had finished the process of re-writing the Land Management Ordinances involved regarding the platting process and the full document should be ready for review after the corrections to the zoning map can be updated.

Councilperson Mike Hammes asked about street repair priorities.

Councilperson Erica Young thanked Councilperson Steve Liffriq for his early morning efforts to repair the disabled snow-plow truck.

Motion by Nelson, Second by Hammes to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:50 PM.  
Administrator-Clerk

## ZM School board to Hire Student Wellness Coordinator

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Over the last three years, the school has not incurred many law enforcement issues and feel that the position could be filled by hiring a student wellness coordinator. Much of what the SRO does would be comparable to the new position and the school is looking to take a more proactive approach rather than a reactive method.

Middle School principal Anderson reported that the Polar Plunge raised \$12,213 for the Special Olympics in March.

## Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - February 10, 2021

The 2nd council meeting for the City of Zumbro Falls was called to order at 7PM by the Mayor with all council members present.

The Clerk read to council the minutes from the January meeting which were accepted as read with a motion from Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.


The Treasurer's report followed which was accepted with a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

A three year extension contract from MMS Environmental was presented to council, with no increase for the current year but a possible 3% increase moving forward. Motion to agree to these terms was made by Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Bruce reported to council that Hunter Harvel did not meet the requirements for the six month probation period to join the Fire Department. The annual Fire Department Budget Meeting will be held on February 23rd starting at 7PM. The new 2020 Pierce Enforcer Pumper Truck is here and in service.

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


Submitted by,  
Susan Eischens, Clerk




**As we all hope that things are slowly returning to normal, the City is going to be trying to return to its normal schedule too. Cleanup Day will be held on Saturday April 24, 2021 from 9:00 to 11:00. The City will have pick up available on Friday, April 23 for Senior Citizens, so call the office to make a pickup appointment if you qualify for this service.**

We have sent out a flier on the items we will take and the cost of extra items if you exceed the limit on certain items or if you are not a resident of the City of Mazeppa. If you have large items such as furniture or appliances that need to be disposed of, this is a great deal. It is paid for by a \$15 annual fee that will be on the water/sewer bill that gets mailed out at the end of April. Facilities in Rochester or Red Wing charge that much or more for just one appliance. Using the Cleanup day as an incentive to get other items taken care of is a good strategy also. If you have old cars or equipment that are too big for Cleanup, there are scrap dealers in the area that will pick up those types of items.

**The City will also be sponsoring the City Wide Garage Sale on May 7 & 8, 2021. Stop by an pick up a registration form. We hope that holding these 2 events is the start of the return to normal scheduling.**

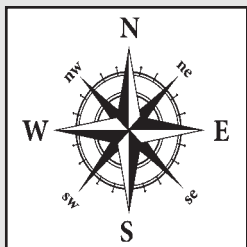


CLERK CHATTER  
By Karl Nahrgang  
Administrator Clerk,  
City of Mazeppa



GARAGE SALE

## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes



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 am sitting on my front porch this morning with my dog. Eating a granola bar and drinking ice water. The morning sunrise is beautiful. The only sounds I hear are the birds singing in the branches and a distant rooster crowing. Our neighbor has peafowl and the lonesome call of a peacock can be heard from time to time. The daffodils are smiling at the sun with their cheerful yellow petals everywhere. There is a magnolia

tree beside the house and light pink blossoms are opening up in the warm spring releasing a fresh fragrance.

It is a peaceful time of the day. I love to relax here in the morning and again late in the evening and think. I look at nature and I reflect on miracles all around me. It is such a wonderful experience to take in all that is welcoming the creation we live in. Then I think about something from church Sunday morning.

One woman related about her week, and how she was at the hospital with her dying mother. The family was there and they were praying for a miracle. For two days the elderly lady had not opened her eyes or said a word. A nurse came in to check on her mom and the family went out into the hall to visit.

Suddenly they heard her call out and the daughters rushed back into the room. Their mother opened her eyes, looked at them and smiled. "Do you see the angels?" she asked. With that she closed her eyes and then she was gone. Carried by angels from this life to her eternal home. That, I would say is a miracle.

## A Minnesotan: In the Cities



By RosaLin Alcoser

Back in the late fall there were two things that I said I would not be doing ever. The first was change jobs in the middle of the pandemic. The second was move in the winter. So of course I did both this year.

My parents moved in February of 2019 during a polar vortex which they described to be one of the most difficult moves that they have ever moved and they have moved a lot. After hearing all about that move back when it happened I decided that if I moved back north I would never ever move in the winter.

February of this year I moved from northwestern Minnesota to the Twin Cities on one of the coldest weeks of the year. Needless to say while it was not a polar vortex nor was there much snow moving in the dead of winter was not in my original plans for this year.

I definitely did not plan on moving during the pandemic to go from fairly remote, sometimes, news reporting to an in person marketing job. However, over all the moving on one of the coldest weeks of the pandemic went well. Even if it does mean that I now have to be a city person for the foreseeable future.

## Maple Syruping



Teri Knight



The sap is flowing! It's not too late to tap your trees for some golden goodness. Although it looks like water coming out of your tree! You don't have to have Sugar Maples to make some great syrup. The only difference is the percentage of sugar content in the tree sap.

Years ago we tapped Silver Maples that produced delicious stuff. You can also tap Boxelder trees. So, apparently there is one good thing from a Boxelder tree.

You need about 40 gallons of maple tree sap to make 1 gallon of pure maple syrup.

Interestingly, the United States and Canada are the only countries in the world to produce maple syrup. Interestingly, only 19 states produce Maple Syrup. It's a completely natural food, meaning nothing is added. Only water is evaporated from the sap. You need several freeze/thaw periods for a good

sap flow. So the temps need to drop below freezing at night and then rise above during the day.

A tapping tree should be at least 10 inches in diameter from 4 feet above ground. You can generally get 10 to 12 gals of sap per tree. So if you have a few Maples in your backyard, you could make yourself a good batch of maple syrup and there is NOTHING like the real deal.



Silver maples tapped

March is a key month for sap flow as the trees stop flowing once their buds set. Many area parks tap trees and some of them have yearly pancake breakfasts, except for this year and last... alas!

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, [www.gardenbite.com](http://www.gardenbite.com), that supplements her daily radio program which has aired Monday thru Friday on radio stations throughout Minnesota since 2007. In 2017, several stations in Wisconsin began airing her show. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations! Besides all that, Teri is News Director at KYMN Radio and can be heard weekdays on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM The One, From Northfield, MN.



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  9. \*Oscar-nominated black and white movie
  13. Treeless plain
  14. Grazing field
  15. Moses' mountain
  16. Sty sounds
  17. Nelson Mandela's org.
  18. Like beer at a kegger (2 words)
  19. \*Posthumous nominee
  21. \*Anthony of "The Father"
  23. "What's up, \_\_\_?"
  24. Huge pile
  25. Protestant denom.
  28. Feed storage cylinder
  30. Load again
  35. Relating to ear
  37. Flighty one
  39. Proclaimed true without proof
  40. Musician David Lee \_\_\_\_
  41. Ascetic holy Hindu
  43. Eastern European
  44. Plural of #10 Down
  46. 500 sheets
  47. Looking for aliens org.
  48. Kitchen whistler
  50. Wails
  52. Bad-mouth
  53. Medieval torture device
  55. Pied Piper follower
  57. Politburo hat fur
  61. \*Daniel of "Judas and the Black Messiah"
  65. Raspberry drupelets
  66. Fuss, to Shakespeare
  68. Void, as in marriage
  69. Defective car
  70. Given name of Jack Kerouac's Paradise
  71. \_\_\_\_ of Honor
  72. Adam and Eve's first residence
  73. Money in Myanmar
  74. Shoemaker without shoes, e.g.

- DOWN
1. Undesirable roommate
  2. Medley
  3. Grannies, in UK
  4. Tattooed
  5. Universe
  6. Panache
  7. \*Most 2021 Oscar nominations for one film, #9 Across
  8. Secret storage
  9. Stole fur
  10. One opposed
  11. Indian restaurant staple
  12. U.S. customary unit of force, pl.
  15. Soaked
  20. DNA and RNA
  22. Argonaut's propeller
  24. Shared work surface at an office
  25. \*Sasha Baron Cohen's "Subsequent Moviefilm" role
  26. Be sorry for one's wickedness
  27. Pita, in UK
  29. \*Like Roberto Benigni's fictional son
  31. Husband to a widow, e.g.
  32. Checked out
  33. Stradivari competitor
  34. \*"Fences" winner and "Ma Rainey" nominee
  36. Poker ante
  38. \*"Nomadland" director
  42. Shadow
  45. \*The Trial of the Chicago 7" screenwriter
  49. Greek "t"
  51. Sandwich sausage
  54. Necklace lock
  56. Radio receiver
  57. Nutritious leafy green
  58. Got A+
  59. Ice on a window
  60. Happening soon, old fashioned
  61. Caffeine-containing nut tree
  62. Editing arrow
  63. Chinese monetary unit
  64. Friend in war
  67. \*Nominee for Billie Holiday role

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