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## Hometown Heroes Memorial in Zumbro Falls

This fall the Firefighter and Veterans memorial was erected in Zumbro Falls. It is located at the corner of highway 60 and highway 63. The property was destroyed during the 2010 flood and would not have been used for buildings anymore.

The idea began as a memorial to firefighters and after interest by the VFW post 180 was

expanded to include veterans. A Zumbro Falls resident, who is an art teacher, helped design the memorial. Local residents, businesses and organizations in the area joined to support the project.

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### Mazeppa City Council

At the December city council meeting a budget for 2022 was approved at \$1,168,921, up \$62,660 from last year. The levy for 2022 is \$381,794 up 3% from last year's levy of \$375,735.

The council approved a cable television agreement with Nuvera.

A grant request for the Zumbro River stream restoration project was approved.

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### Announcements

**RENEW YOUR VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION TO THE MESSENGER!**

See the insert in this month's issue.



• The Mazeppa Area Historical Society wants to "Thank You" for all your support shown in 2021. Look for some new & exciting things happening in 2022! Happy New Year!

• 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.

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### A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

By Missy Papenfus

You never know what will happen at MotoProz from day to day, hour to hour...

We held a Christmas color contest in the Messenger. We had almost 20 entries! All entries received a prize, some Moto-munchies and an Arctic Cat pencil. It reminded me of Monty when he was a kid. He made a gingerbread house out of a milk carton. He was so proud. It is great to watch the kids bring in their pictures!

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## The Faithfulness of God



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

“Back in the eighteenth century, a young boy was born into a Christian home. For the first six years of his life, he heard the truths of the gospel, and he was loved. Sadly, though, his parents died. The orphaned boy went to live with his relatives. There he was mistreated and abused and ridiculed for his faith in Christ.

The boy couldn't tolerate that situation, and he fled and joined the Royal Navy. In the navy, the boy's life went downhill. He became known as a brawler, was whipped many times, and participated in some of his comrades' being keel-hauled. Finally, while he was still young, he deserted the Royal Navy and fled to Africa, where he attached himself to a Portuguese slave trader. The young man's pattern of life had become so depraved, he couldn't stay out of trouble. As the story goes, he stole the ship's whiskey and got so drunk that he fell overboard. He was close to drowning when one of his shipmates harpooned him and brought him back on board. As a result, the young man had a huge scar in his side for the rest of his life. After that escapade, he couldn't get much lower. Eventually the young man began to reflect on the Scripture verses he had heard as a child and he was marvelously converted. The new life he found is reflected in his own heartfelt words, familiar to millions now: “Amazing grace! How sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.” John Newton's experience put into words: the ultimate point of Romans 3, “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. 24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes

us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

The law cannot save us, but God revealed a righteousness that will save us, apart from the law. This is the heart of God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. We now have a salvation that is offered apart from the law. We can't earn it and we don't deserve it. It is totally separate from our own doing. Now- instead of a lamb, we bring only ourselves and we will receive forgiveness of our sins. The price of the sacrificial lamb has been paid- once and for all!

Christ died to set us free from the penalty of sins under the first covenant (the law) and to make a way for us to be made right with God. When we have faith in Jesus, we are made right with God. And it's not just true for the people of Israel- the Jewish people but for EVERYONE who believes. Everyone- there is no favoritism. Paul continually reminds the Jewish believers that salvation is not only for them, because Jesus came for all humankind! Every person past, present and future can be made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

As believers, when God looks at us, we are now holy- we are now filled with Christ and free of our sin! God declares that we are righteous. It is all about God's grace- undeserved kindness from a holy, just and loving God.

God is holy and pure. This is the starting point for understanding God and his relationship with people and the world. If we don't feel a sense of awe and fear and admiration for the infinite holiness of God which hates evil and all that it does; we will lose

sight of who God is and what He has done for us. Paul says our acquittal isn't based on following the law- if it were we would be condemned. Our acquittal is based on our faith. We are made right with God through faith! Ephesians 2:8 puts it this way, “God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”

We are saved through faith. This is the truth that rocked Martin Luther's life. Martin Luther came to believe that the Bible is the central source of religious authority, and that salvation is reached through faith and not deeds; which shaped the core of Protestantism. John Newton came to a belief in Jesus Christ through faith- he knew he would never be accepted through his life- he was a notorious slave trader- had lived a terrible life- and yet, he experienced the amazing grace that he received through faith. That he could be forgiven, and he could be righteous in the eyes of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus paid it all.

So one might think that since Jesus paid it all- we can live anyway we want and it doesn't matter- Paul answers that with a resounding; NO! “Of course not! It is only by faith that we can truly obey the law.” Romans 3:30. Seems to be a contradiction- but it isn't. When we have faith in Jesus Christ- our heart is right with Him- the Holy Spirit comes to live within us and to give us His power to live a holy life. God calls us to live like Jesus- who never sinned. On this side of heaven, we won't do it perfectly- but we can live by faith- out of our love for God and our love for people and our obedience to the law will be satisfied. When Jesus was asked

about the most important commandments he responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40

It is by faith we are saved! It is by faith in Jesus Christ that we are made righteous. When we are filled with Jesus- His blood purifies our lives and we are made right with God.

Begin 2022 right by getting right with God today. Believe on the name of Jesus Christ and You will be saved. Be filled with Jesus. Happy New Year!



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*From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him. . . . — Psalm 103:17*

As we enter the new year, we often reflect on the past year. One thing I experience with the passing of each year is that I often look back and wonder, “Where did the time go?”

As we reflect on the past year and the fleeting passage of time, we are reminded that no matter how fast time seems to go by, God is still faithful. As Psalm 103 says, “From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.” As quickly as the time comes and goes, there is one thing that never changes: the Lord's great love for us.

In the hymn “Hours and Days and Years and Ages” we sing about time passing away swiftly. Yet God is still our God, and he is ever faithful. No matter what we have faced in the past year—and no matter what we will face in the year ahead—God remains and will be our faithful, loving God.

What a comforting thought: God's love remains with us from “everlasting to everlasting.” That is a really long time, for eternity!

God's love for us in Jesus Christ never changes. As stanza 3 of the hymn says, “When life's dangers overwhelm us, you will ever be our stay; through your Son you are our Father, always changeless, come what may.”

Thank you, Lord!

*Prayer: Dear God, as we come to the end of another year, we thank you for showing us your love “from everlasting to everlasting.” Amen.*

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## Rose Marie Ferguson

Rose Marie Ferguson, 69, of Dodge Center, passed away surrounded by family on December 4, 2021 at Methodist Hospital in Rochester.

Rose was born on September 11, 1952 in Zumbrota to Bernard and Cyril (Barry) Reiland. She grew-up on her family farm in Mazeppa and graduated from Mazeppa High School in 1970. She married Jerry Richter in September of 1973, they had three children and were later divorced. Rose had met Stanley in high school and were later reunited and married in 1996. Through the years Rose, had worked for a seminary home in Red Wing, Whistle Stop Café in Frontenac and Federated in Owatonna until retirement.

She enjoyed camping, going for motorcycle rides and riding in a side by side, watching the grandkids play sports, being outdoors, cooking, taking mini vacations with Stan, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley; children, Craig Richter, Brian Richter (Megan Steinbauer), Jennifer (Raleigh) Wagner, stepson, Jason Ferguson, 16 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Bernie Reiland; sisters, Liz Melvin, and Helen Reiland.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Margaret Tri; brother, John Reiland; step-



daughter, Jamie O'Reilly.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mahn Family Funeral Home – Larson Chapel in Zumbrota.

Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa at 11 a.m. with one hour of visitation prior.

Burial followed Mass at Mazeppa Cemetery.

## Laura Lynn Kautz

Laura Lynn Kautz, age 55 of Zumbro Falls, passed to her eternal home on Thursday, December 9, 2021 as a result of cardiac arrest. She was born August 8, 1966 in Chicago, IL to William and Nancy (Frahm) Rogers. Laura was baptized and confirmed at the Coon Valley



Lutheran Church in Coon Valley, WI. She had a strong personal relationship with Jesus her savior. Laura graduated from Westby High School in 1984. In August of 1986 she married Danny Mickelson and they had two children together, Skyler and Danielle. She worked as a dental office manager for 18 years, the last 3 1/2 years at Pepin Valley Dental.

On September 14, 2019 she married the love of her life, Kevin Lee at the beautiful Zumbro Falls Golf Club. The two were members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rochester since 2016. In addition to her work at the dental office she helped with her husband, Kevin Lee's golf club in Zumbro Falls. She loved giving guests tours on the golf carts. She loved the outdoors, camping, boating, photographing nature, sunrises and sunsets. She loved working in their grape vineyard and caring for their horses, jersey girl calf, and most of all her special dog Tanner. Laura was a real people person with a big personality and a beautiful smile. She had a big heart and showed her compassion and kindness to everyone. Her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren, and attending their sporting events.

Laura has left the following survivors with a broken heart, husband, Kevin Lee Kautz; daughter, Danielle (Esdén) Schreier; Step-

sons, Kaleb Kautz and Brandon Cragle; daughter-in-law Crystal (Jake) Saunders; grandchildren, Aubrey Mickelson, Brody and Oaklie Schreier, Brynn and Rylie Saunders, Melinda Hyne, Harmony Cragle, Melody Cragle; parents, William and Nancy Rogers; sister, Lisa (Jason Burke) Rogers; in-laws, Dale and Karen Kautz; two brothers-in-law, Keith (Joleen) Kautz, Kurt Kautz; special aunt Sue; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Skyler Mickelson; sister, Angel Olsen; nephew, Zachary Stach; maternal grandparents, Kenneth and Lois Frahm; paternal grandparents, William and Linda Rogers. Her light will forever shine in our hearts!

Funeral for Laura was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rochester. Reverend Benjamin Loos officiated. (Masks were recommended) Burial took place at Pleasant Prairie Dale Cemetery. Visitation was 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Anderson-Peterson Chapel in Lake City and for one hour prior to the service at Church on Wednesday. Memorials are preferred to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## Maureen N. Simmons

Maureen N. Simmons, 86, of Mazeppa, died Monday, December 6, 2021 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Hospital in Red Wing.

She was born on March 7, 1935 in Rochester, MN to William and Irene (Hagedorn) Shea, graduated from Lourdes High



School and lived in Rochester (until 1976), Palisade, MN. (1976-1986), Mazeppa (1994-2020), and most recently in Zumbrota, MN.

On January 23, 1954 she married Patrick Simmons and they were blessed with 5 children. She was a devoted wife and stay-at-home mom who always felt blessed by her love of her family, her caring and concern for others, and her strong faith in God. She worked 2 years as a nurse's aide at St. Mary's Hospital, and she and Patrick owned and operated the Double E Resort on Round Lake in Palisade, MN from 1976-1986. She was a faithful member of SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa.

Maureen enjoyed the outdoors, working and seeing to her guests at the resort, fishing, and took great pride in her gardens. She loved to bake and make jam throughout the year, but especially at Christmas when she put together

her Christmas bags of cookies and jam for each of her children and grandchildren. She was an avid fan of the Vikings, Kansas City Chiefs and the Minnesota Twins. Most importantly and dear to her heart, she absolutely loved spending time with her children and grandchildren and took pride in all of their accomplishments.

She is survived by her three daughters; Deborah (Russell) Frank of Mazeppa, Patricia (James) Beissel of Cannon Falls, and Kathleen (Terry) Pirner of Coon Rapids, one son Daniel (Jan) of Mazeppa, 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter, also her sister, Barbara Thomas.

She is preceded in death by her husband Patrick (2019), her son Dennis (1981), her parents, and a brother John Shea.

A memorial service was held Monday, December 13, 2021. Visitation began at 10:00 AM. The service immediately followed at 11:00, at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa. A visitation was also held on Sunday, December 12, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Mahn Family Funeral Home in Zumbrota. Burial was in Rochester.

## Max Gallimore

Max Gallimore, 80, of Zumbrota, MN, passed away Saturday, December 25, 2021 at Pine Have Care Center in Pine Island. Max Duane Gallimore was born December 20, 1941 in Red Wing, MN to Clifford and Maude (Hall) Gallimore. He grew up in Mazeppa and graduated from Mazeppa High School in 1959. He was united in marriage to Evelyn Kappauf on December 20, 1963.

Max enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting, word searches, keeping up on the Twins and Vikings schedules/results and loved visits from his grandchildren. Max held a variety of jobs through the years ending with the Interstate Rehabilitation Center, from which he retired in 2002.

Max is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children, Joyce (Tom) Ramboldt of Goodhue, MN, Duane (Brandi Richardson) Gallimore of Lake City, MN, Daniel Gallimore of Mazeppa, MN, Jennifer (Karl) Poston of Pine Island, MN and Stacey Gallimore of Rochester, MN; grandchildren, Thomas (Johanna) Ramboldt, Benjamin Ramboldt, Tonya Milliken, Nina Gallimore; sister, Diane (Richard) Pencille; many nieces and nephews.

Max was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Geraldine Gallimore and Gerald Gallimore.

The funeral service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday January 15, 2022 at Mahn Family Funeral Home – Larson Chapel in Zumbrota, with Pastor Dave Mohler officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Mazeppa Cemetery. Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at [mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

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## Duane Klein

Duane Klein, 77, of Zumbro Falls passed away peacefully on December 28, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was born in Lake City to Alfred and Frieda (Prigge) Klein. Duane farmed all of his life, taking over the family farm after his father passed away when Duane



was 16 years old. Growing up he had a love of fast cars. While cruising up and down the streets of Mazeppa, he caught the eye of Dori. They later married and were blessed with two children and 56 years of marriage.

As an avid reader, he subscribed to numerous magazines and newspapers. He could tell you the year, make and model of almost every vehicle and tractor ever made. Duane also enjoyed spending time tinkering with old tractors and machinery. Frugal, Duane was known for stocking up, cutting coupons and would sometimes drive 30 miles to save 50 cents. If he wasn't home watching Gunsmoke, you could find him communing with nature and checking crops in his side-by-side with his white German shepherd. He was also always up for a good game of cards, and family gatherings always included a game of HuckleBuck, euchre or poop on your neighbor.

Duane liked to stay close to home because

someone had to be here to watch the farm and the dog. Although he would often say, "If you've seen one rock, you've seen them all." he supported and encouraged his family to explore and travel.

He is survived by his wife, Dori (Sable); children, Kim and Jeff Klein; grandchildren, Casey (Zuly Moran) and Conner Klein; brothers, Darrel (Gwen) and Jim (Shery) Klein; brother-in-laws, Skeeter Berg and Harold (Linda) Sable; and many nieces and nephews who were dear to his heart.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Fred and Irene Sable; and sister-in-law, Elaine Berg.

A private grave-side service was held. A celebration of his life is planned for summer. Memorials are suggested to Minnesota Farmers Union Foundation Youth Programming and Zumbro Falls First Responders.

Duane will be remembered for his kindness. He had a friendly word for everyone and accepted people for who they were. In remembering him, as he would say, "You have a nice day."

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## Dispose of Holiday Greens and Christmas Trees Correctly to Protect Minnesota's Trees and Forests

### Invasive pests can hitchhike on festive foliage

Holiday greenery and Christmas trees bring joy throughout the season, but they can also hide dangerous hitchhikers. Diseases and invasive species can make their way into our landscapes on trees and boughs brought into Minnesota from other states.

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. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has more information on these threats.

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

The best option is to use a curbside tree collection or bring trees to a designated drop-off site. Check with your waste hauler, city, or county to see what services are offered in your area. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has a map of yard waste compost locations; contact locations directly to see if they accept trees and greenery.

Do not toss trees and greenery into backyard woods or your residential compost pile, which will propagate the infestation.

Wreaths and other decorative greens can be disposed in trashcans.

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, [arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us](mailto:arrest.the.pest@state.mn.us), or through the online reporting form.



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## 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.

### Clearing the Kitchen Counter Tops

Cleaning the kitchen counters is always on my to do list, and it seems to be one of the easier chores for me to put off. I decided to take an hour to get at it, be ruthless, making a good topic for Managing the Manor. Now it's the end of the month, and I need to clean the counters back up to take a picture!



By  
Missy Papenfus

A place for everything, and everything in its place. The less you have on the countertop, the easier it is to clean. I have a special place in the kitchen for papers that need to be filed. I try to file at least once every two weeks. Mail gets handled immediately, starting with tossing junk mail. I keep a basket for papers that I can't take care of right away.

What gets to stay on the counter? A bread basket, the toaster, a banana holder, our canister set, our mixer, my Keurig, a butcher block with knives and a few special family "dishes" for decoration. We have a lot of counter space. We really don't use the mixer much, but it is green and pretty so it gets to stay on the counter. To save some counter space, we have an under the counter holder for our paper towels and an under the counter radio. Our kitchen table has a green 4 slot round basket that to keep the salt/pepper shakers, napkins, and pens.



Quick counter cleanup: First, do the dishes. Second, file the papers. Next, I try to get everything out of the kitchen that doesn't belong in the kitchen. Wipe the counters. Put clean dishes in the sink away. (My favorite trick or tip is to leave this for Mike. When the sink gets full, he always empties it).

Stay tuned for next month's topic: Laundry routine.  
*There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!*



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## Red Cross: Donate Blood Now to Help Patients Avoid Delays in Care

*Chance at Super Bowl LVI  
trip for donors!*

Concern is rising for the nation's blood supply, which has now dipped to concerning lev-

## Hometown Heroes Memorial in Zumbro Falls

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Pull tab sales funded much of the \$120,000 for the memorial. Many volunteers and businesses donated labor and equipment needed to complete the job.

Names of present and past firefighters will be inscribed on one section of the memorial and armed service members will be placed on the other. Benches are planned to be placed to allow seating for those enjoying the site.

els and could force hospitals to hold off on essential blood and platelet transfusions for patients.

Historically low blood supply levels not seen in more than a decade persist for the American Red Cross, which supplies about 40% of the nation's blood. The ongoing decline comes at a time of year when donations typically fall. Holiday get-togethers, school breaks and winter weather often lead to lower donor turnout, potentially further compounding the situation.

Potential donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If there is not an immediate opportunity available to donate, donors are asked to make an appointment in the days and weeks ahead to ensure the Red Cross can replenish and then maintain a sufficient blood supply.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate in January will also be automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for more information.

### Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation

center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

### Save time during donation

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

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### Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood



types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR! NONNEGOTIABLES

Trying to stay on track with a healthier lifestyle can be trickier this time of year. Not wait for the new year to "reset" to better habits. Try a new approach. Set some "nonnegotiables" for yourself.

- Drinking water. I shoot for 8 glasses daily. Its not always doable; I just try my best to get as close to that as I can. Reducing that goal to 7 1/2 glasses seems to work for me. It is almost the same, why is it so much easier to get in 7 1/2 glasses versus 8? Some days I only get

5 or 6.

- Exercising first thing in the morning. I try to do some sort of exercise. I schedule in my exercise ahead, so I have a plan and move to plan B when needed. Taking a walk with a friend, if she can't come, I hop on my treadmill. Last week when the weather was bad, I was scheduled for an early morning exercise class on zoom. The teacher never showed up, so I moved to plan B and hopped on my treadmill. If I am late and can't make the live zoom class, I catch a prerecorded exercise class. This morning I was late getting up, but I jumped on our small indoor trampoline for 20 minutes. I also walk to the post office very day I work at MotoProz. That is a nonnegotiable! Something is much better than nothing. I have 6,000 steps for the day so far and it is almost noon on Saturday. I should have plenty time to get in a few more steps closer to my goal of 10,000 steps a day.

Make your own nonnegotiables. Do what works best for you!

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## Gratitude



**Tim Penny**  
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I have been taking some time to reflect on this past year. It was a year that, although challenging for many, filled me with hope and inspiration for the future of southern Minnesota. It was also a year during which we celebrated an important milestone here at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF): 35 years of investing in our 20-county region.

It is impossible to encapsulate everything that I was grateful for in 2021, but this top ten list is a start (in no particular order):

Early Childhood professionals. Child care providers and educators have continued to support the young children of our region under extremely difficult conditions. The Early Childhood trainings we organized have supported hundreds of individuals with continuing education opportunities that are free and close to home. We were also able to provide direct technical assistance to child care

business owners, increasing the number of child care slots in the region.

Entrepreneurs. Like Early Childhood professionals, entrepreneurs, including our foundation's loan clients, continue to navigate the new world that has been brought on by the pandemic. I have been energized by the innovative spirit of local business owners who attended our business trainings and the Entrepreneurial Bridge event. It was also a highlight of mine to meet with local food entrepreneurs at the annual FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace which was recently held in Rochester.

Our Community Foundations. The 30 Community Foundations under SMIF's umbrella continue to provide grants and volunteers to grow initiatives in their communities. Some of the projects they have funded over the past year include a summer reading program, downtown events, rural ambulance services and food shelf support.

Our AmeriCorps members. Our AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative members worked one-on-one with young children on developing social and emotional development skills to prepare for Kindergarten success. Our VISTA members, who help increase economic prosperity of diverse groups in our region, worked on local food projects and initiatives to create more welcoming communities. I am inspired every day by our members who dedicate themselves to serving our region.

Our program participants. We were excited to welcome a new cohort to our Prosperity Initiative program which offers training and coaching to entrepreneurs who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Color



(BIPOC). We also continued our work with our Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) program which helps small towns create more vibrant economies by finding and supporting local entrepreneurs.

Our grant recipients. Through our various grants, we have been able to support projects ranging from revitalizing downtown spaces to providing critical funding for services that support young children. We also awarded 23,622 children's books to 47 organizations through our Early Literacy Grant program (and many more books through other programs) and a record 554 gallons of paint for community projects.

Our partners. Every day we live our tagline, "collaborating for regional vitality", through the partnerships that have been forged and leveraged to maximize SMIF's impact. From book and paint donations to collaborations on trainings, programs and grants, we simply could not do the work we do without our many partners.

Our incredible donors. Like our partners, none of the work mentioned above would be possible without our donors. These donors are individuals, families, cities, counties,

businesses and organizations. I am humbled by their generosity and their belief in the work we do, especially during this critical time.

The staff at SMIF. They continue to adapt and provide meaningful support to the people and communities in our region. Whether it's through the day-to-day work of our regular programming and operations or working quickly to support our region throughout the pandemic, their dedication to this work makes an incredible impact on our region's vitality.

Last, but definitely not least, southern Minnesotans. You continue to show your resiliency and innovation in the face of immense challenges. I am proud to work alongside you as we navigate this new world together and build a brighter future for our region.

In the past 35 years, SMIF has invested \$136 million in southern Minnesota. Here's to the next 35 years!

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at [timp@smif-foundation.org](mailto:timp@smif-foundation.org) or 507-455-3215.

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## Never Stop Getting Better



By Harvey Mackay

Do you know what makes someone worthy of the title “greatest of all time” or GOAT?

It’s so much more than natural talent, excellent coaching, or dumb luck.

No, it’s the constant effort to improve. Even those at the top of their game must keep getting better no matter how many victories they have amassed.

And this isn’t just confined to sports. The “GOAT” designation can be applied to every kind of occupation.

One example that comes to mind quickly is Tom Brady, superstar quarterback of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, formerly of the New England Patriots. He was recently inter-

viewed in the “Wall Street Journal Magazine” and talked about how he strives to get better every day.

In particular, he was asked “What’s one thing you have too much of?” Brady answered: “I have too many people who tell me too many nice things. I feel like I need more critical evaluation of certain things. So many people want to try and please me. A lot of people don’t want to let me down. But it’s nice to get a real straight, truthful answer.”

Too many people surround themselves with what I call “Yes” people. What I’m referring to are people who kiss up to you and tell you the things you want to hear. When I ask people for advice on something, I always preface it with, “Don’t tell me what I want to hear.”

Like Brady, I realize that the only way to get better is with honest feedback. The amazing thing about Tom Brady is that he is already the GOAT and yet he wants to get better. He knows that if you want to be great you have to continue to improve.

Look at the greats in all sports, from Michael Jordan in basketball to Serena Williams in tennis and Wayne Gretzky in hockey, they all tried to improve every day and season. Jordan picked something to work on during each off-season to be better the following year, be it rebounding, three-point shooting or defense. How many times



have you heard an athlete say they are just focused on getting better every day?

It’s much the same in business. Look at Warren Buffet, investment genius and one of the world’s richest people. At age 91 he is still trying to get better every day. He has no intention of slowing down.

As Will Rogers said, “Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” Complacency is death. Even if you’re doing the right thing, if you’re not moving forward and getting better, you’ll get run over. The competition will overtake you.

Elon Musk is another shining example. From electric cars to outer space, Musk just keeps reaching further and further – and now his SpaceX company has been ranked as the second most valuable private company in the world.

Lifestyle maven Martha Stewart offered this philosophy, “You should never accept what can be offered to you if you feel it can be improved.” She has plenty of experience with improving all sorts of everyday items.

You don’t have to look far to find examples of people who have achieved success and outperformed even their seemingly impossible ambitions. Somehow, they find the inspiration or the courage to take the next step.

They may not become the GOAT, but they don’t quit just because they’ve had a little

success. Half the fun is in the pursuit of greatness.

Every day is a chance to be better than the day before. We can always make room in our lives to get better, whether that means improving our health, our finances or our personal relationships. Even if we think things are perfect, there’s likely an area or two where we could put in a little extra work. That’s not to say that self-improvement is always easy: It’s not.

We didn’t invent this concept. I daresay humanity would still be living as in prehistoric times had our ancestors not tried constantly to improve their lot. Chinese philosopher Confucius, who lived during the 6th century BCE, offered this wisdom: “The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential . . . these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.”

A hundred years ago, who would have imagined the innovations in communication, transportation, medicine and so many other parts of our lives. A hundred years from now, who knows?

Mackay’s Moral: If it ain’t broke, you can still fix it.

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# Local Government & Historical Happenings

## Mazeppa City Council Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 30, 2021

### Reconvened from November 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was reconvened at 6:30 PM, November 30, 2021.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Councilpersons: Erica Young, and Mike Hammes.

Others Present: City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Dan Nelson, Andrew Piva, Beth Hoefs, Joe Sand. Parks and Recreation Committee Members: Stephaney Klein, Shannon Fitzgibbons, Lindsay Wiebusch, and Crystal Hughley.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to reconvene the regular City Council meeting that recessed on November 10, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular City Council meeting was reconvened at 6:30 PM.

A quorum of Council was present at a Parks and Recreation meeting.

The Parks and Recreation committee discussed the following:

Ice rink at Herb Vik Park. Progress of set up, items yet needed to equip dugout at warming house, necessary facility signage, and addition of a secure donation box.

Contacting Lion's Club about upgrading sign at Lion's Park.

Update getting access to website calendar of events to a member of Parks and Recreation.

Update on creation of Facebook page. City will get policy and documents to content creator.

Schedule skating party at rink.

Joe Sand gave trail grant information to Park and Recreation group.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

## Mazeppa City Council Working Session Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 1, 2021

The City Council working session was

called to order at 6:04 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Others Present: City Engineer Matt Mohs, Matt Sveen, Bob Josselyn, John Clemens, and City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffing.

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

Matt Sveen of MB Sveen properties presented his plan for a project on his property at 4th Ave. NE and Chestnut St. (Directly south of the manufactured home park.) This project would require removing the private road through that portion of his property.

The City is concerned about the stormwater runoff from the area and access to the homes in that portion of the community. Timelines and options were discussed about time from private road removal, the benefit

of the self-storage unit project proposed, the cost of extending 4th Ave., improving stormwater management, the need for coordination between the City, MB Sveen properties, and Wabasha County to improve stormwater management in this area.

Potential funding sources and project timelines were also discussed.

The manufactured home park is zoned R2, a higher density residential area. Self-store/mini-storage units are not a permitted or conditional use. Changes in Land Management Ordinance would need to be made.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to adjourn the Council working session. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Regular City Council meeting is 6:00 PM, December 8, 2021.

Administrator-Clerk

## Mazeppa Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, December 8, 2021

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# Historical Happenings

Compiled by  
Helen Reiland

THE MAZEPPA JOURNAL, Editor and Publisher: Barbara and Reider Tommeraas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1953

### Most Successful Dairy Day Held

The biggest crowd ever---more than 500 persons---enjoyed the annual meeting Saturday of Mazeppa Farmers Cooperative association at the high school gymnasium.

Following a delicious lunch, an excellent vaudeville show was presented by Northwester Commission Co., with Santa Claus as a featured.

### SANTA TO VISIT HERE AGAIN SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Santa will make another preview visit here Saturday afternoon, following a most successful appearance last Saturday. "Tis rumored he'll appear in a sleigh, so bring the kids to Mazeppa for a good time Saturday afternoon.

### Santa To Arrive Monday Evening

Plans have been completed for the regular Christmas party for the children of Mazeppa and vicinity. The time and date are: 8 p.m. in the Mazeppa High School gymnasium. The doors will open at 7:20 p.m.

The party is made possible by donations from Mazeppa merchants while Mazeppa Commercial club members are in charge of the details.

**FARMERS! WE ARE PAYING \$3.225 for Premium Milk. Are you getting top prices for your milk? WE HAVE JUST PAID OUT 1944 Equity Reserve in Cash TO OUR PATRONS WHICH AMOUNTED TO OVER.... \$2800.00 Mazeppa Farmers' Cooperative Association**

### TEMPERATURE DIPS TO -21

Local residents awoke to a chilly -21 this Thursday morning in the first cold spell of the season.

The old familiar stories of stalled cars, frozen radiators and gas lines, etc. were prevalent!

### FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED

The Mazeppa Fire Department was called to the Clayton Pfeiffer farm, this Thursday morning and at 8:45 to extinguish a chimney fire. No report of damage had been received here at the Journal.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1954

### District Tourney; Indians Win, Lose

#### Mazeppa 43 - Dodge Center 49

Mazeppa's Indians took it on the chin Tuesday evening, 49-43 against Dodge Center in a poorly played game. The locals, with the home floor advantage, had a bad night as they couldn't keep up with the visitor's fine passing attack and sharp shooting.

Weber led the scoring with 18 and was followed by Osborn of Dodge Center, with 16. Leuth collected 10 as did Paulson and Root of the visitors.

#### Mazeppa 66 - Mantorville 33

Using every man in uniform, Mazeppa overran Elgin last Friday evening at the local court 66-33.

Scoring by the Indians was all divided with Weber leading on 21, Leuth 17 and Sommerfield 11.

Coach Nelson was well pleased with the team's performance as they rebounded well, played a fine defensive game and hustled all the way through.

### ANNA HOFF HOME ROBBED

The Anna Hoff home was entered late Sunday afternoon and \$6.00 taken from her purse. Miss Hoff was visiting a friend and discovered the break-in shortly after 6 p.m. Sheriff John Jacobs was called on the case. Other minor thefts have been becoming increasingly frequent of late in town, but no others have been reported officially.

### Weddings

#### LINDEBLUM-BETCHER

In a double ring ceremony February 20 at Mount Olivet Lutheran church, Minneapolis, Miss Marian Betcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Betcher of Mazeppa, became the bride of Kenneth E. Lindeblom, the son of E.O. Lindeblom, Lashburn, Saskatchewan, Canada.

### Obituaries

#### WILLIAM HENRY NICKEL

William Henry Nickel, 63 died at the Lake City Hospital at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17.

He was born Jan. 2, 1891, in Mazeppa township and spent all his life in this vicinity. He was employed as a farm hand.

Mr. Nickel also was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Paul Goetsch of Mazeppa, and Mrs. Mary Kruger of Racine, Minn. and two brothers, Emil of Mazeppa and Adolph of Wabasha.

### In The Service

Pvt. George Meyer of Ft. Riley, Kansas is spending a two-weeks' furlough at the L.H. Meyer home.

Cpl. J.R. Gruhlke was released from the Marines on February 20 at the United States Naval Shipyards, Mare Island, Vallejo, Calif.

### GILBERT SCHAFFER NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH MONDAY

Gilbert Schaffer narrowly escaped death Monday while using a de-hairing machine at Oelkers' Froz-n Foods during butchering operations.

Electricity from the 220-volt machine caused burns on his chest and needless to say, shook him up severely.

He was taken to Zumbrota Community hospital and remained until Wednesday. He will not be able to resume work until Friday.

## Mazeppa City Council

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The regular City Council meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Councilpersons: Erica Young, Jeff Nelson, and Steve Liffbrig.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law Office, project engineer Luke Lunde of WSB, Jane Gullickson, Ed Vagt, Reva Vagt, Kia Hackman, and Jeremy Tri.

Attending via electronic meeting: Councilperson Mike Hammes, Bob Josselyn, John Clemens, City Administrator Karl Nahrgang, and Holly Galbus from the News Record.

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

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve the November 10, 2021 Regular City Council meeting minutes, the November 30, 2021 reconvened meeting minutes, and the December 1, 2021 Council working session meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Regular meeting closed at 6:05 PM.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to open the Public Hearing meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public hearing opened at 6:06 PM.

A request was brought to the City to annex 3.2 acres of parcel R09.00036.00 in Mazeppa Township into the City of Mazeppa.

The purpose is for a home to be built on this parcel. Building on this parcel remaining in the Township would violate County housing

density rules.

Planning and Zoning committee recommended to Council that this parcel be annexed as R-3, low density residential. The parcel borders an existing R-3 area.

City payment to Township for the lost taxes for this portion of parcel R09.00036.00 was discussed. Typically, the equivalent of 1 year's tax is paid to the government entity that the land is being annexed from.

A finalized survey must be filed and approved by the State Administrative Law Judge.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffbrig to close the Public Hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 PM.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffbrig to open the Regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting re-opened at 6:32 PM.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffbrig to open the Regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

The 2022 City Budget and Levy were presented.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to close the Regular meeting and open the Truth in Taxation hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Truth-in-Taxation hearing opened at 6:39 PM.

The 2022 City budget and Levy was summarized.

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

Truth in Taxation hearing closed at 6:41 PM.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to re-open the Regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting re-opened at 6:42 PM.

The written Wabasha County Sheriff's Office Incident Command Report was distributed earlier, no WCSO representative was in attendance.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang presented the Public Works report.

Administrator Clerk distributed the written Fire Department report and slate of Fire Department officers for 2022.

Motion by Liffbrig, second by Nelson to approve the 2022 slate of Mazeppa Volunteer Fire Department officers. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang gave the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store report.

City Engineer Matt Mohs presented an engineering update. 1) Comprehensive Plan update is in motion. 2) Brief overview of Working Session discussion on 4th Ave. NE, stormwater management, including 6th Ave. NE/Chestnut St. area, and a State of Minnesota grant opportunity focusing on climate resiliency and stormwater management. Grant would require 10% matching funds, or in-kind payment from City.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to authorize Bolton & Menk to prepare a grant application for \$30,000. for the Climate resiliency study grant. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Project Engineer Luke Lunde from WSB Associates updated the Council on the riverbank projects. Another 400 ft of riverbank will be done on the SWCD project north of the Maple St. Bridge this winter. The City's Conservation Legacy Partner's grant application for \$390,500 for riverbank erosion mitigation and stream habitat improvement was approved. The City can get some material from the SWCD project to be stockpiled for its erosion mitigation if it has a place to store the timber/root-balls until it can be used. Timeline would be looking at 2022/2023 for a project start date.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to amend Ordinance 2021-05, Annexing land located in Mazeppa Township into the City of Mazeppa, to read that the annexed land will be zoned R-3, instead of R-1. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to pay Mazeppa Township the equivalent to 1 year property tax payable to Mazeppa Township on the land being annexed into the City of Mazeppa in 2 payments of \$4.35 each. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-04 Renewing the Cable TV Franchise agreement

with Sleepy Eye Telephone Company to operate and maintain a cable television system withing the City of Mazeppa.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffbrig to adopt Ordinance 2021-04 Renewing the Cable Television Franchise agreement with Sleepy Eye Telephone. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve the Summary of Ordinance 2021-04 for publication. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffbrig to approve Resolution 21-31 amending the pur-

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## Mazeppa City Council

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The \$390,500 grant will be used to restore bank stability, improve habitat structure, create a woody habitat structure near the fishing pier, create three instream rock structures and restore the riffle structure. Construction should be completed in the fall of 2022.

The council also approved the application for a MPCA grant to study flooding issues in the Chestnut Street and Sixth Avenue area. The \$30,000 grant would fund a study of the flooding issues and plans for corrective construction.

## Mazeppa School Board Meeting

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa school board met in December and approved pay increases for substitute teachers. The base pay for one day was raised from \$120 to \$130. The also approved a "workforce crisis stipend" of \$20 for a half day and \$40 for a full day of substitute pay for the remainder of the year. Para professional teachers were given a raise from \$15.78 to \$18.23 per hour. There is a shortage of teachers and substitutes and this move was intended to attract more to the district.

A new dashboard was added to the Z-M school website to eliminate the daily e-mails sent to parents. This will track Covid cases and the new guidelines will require masking at a ten percent positivity rate and eliminate the requirement at three percent. Prior it was 3% and 1%.

The semester break will be January 18th with the day off from school and April 14th will also be a no school day. The first five snow days will also not have on-line school.

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

The Zumbro Falls City Council met at City Hall on November 10, 2021 at 6PM in City Hall.

The mayor called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were the council members along with Matt Mohs, City Engineer, and Mike Bubany, our City Financial Advisor.

Clerk read the minutes from the October meeting which were accepted with a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Treasurer's report followed with acceptance from a motion made by Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

Donations from Dallas Adams in the amount of \$500.00 for the VFW memorial and \$5,000.00 from the Zumbro Falls Fire Relief Association for a City Project where accepted with a motion from Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Council decided to not hold the Christmas in Zumbro Falls Event on December 11, 2021 due to lack of public cooperation in planning the event.

The Levy set for next year with a 5% increase will be \$74,449.00 which was verified with a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

A motion was made to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability by Minn. Stat. \$466.04 by Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Resolution 21-06 Limited Use Permit No. 7907-0036 with the DOT was put in place with a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

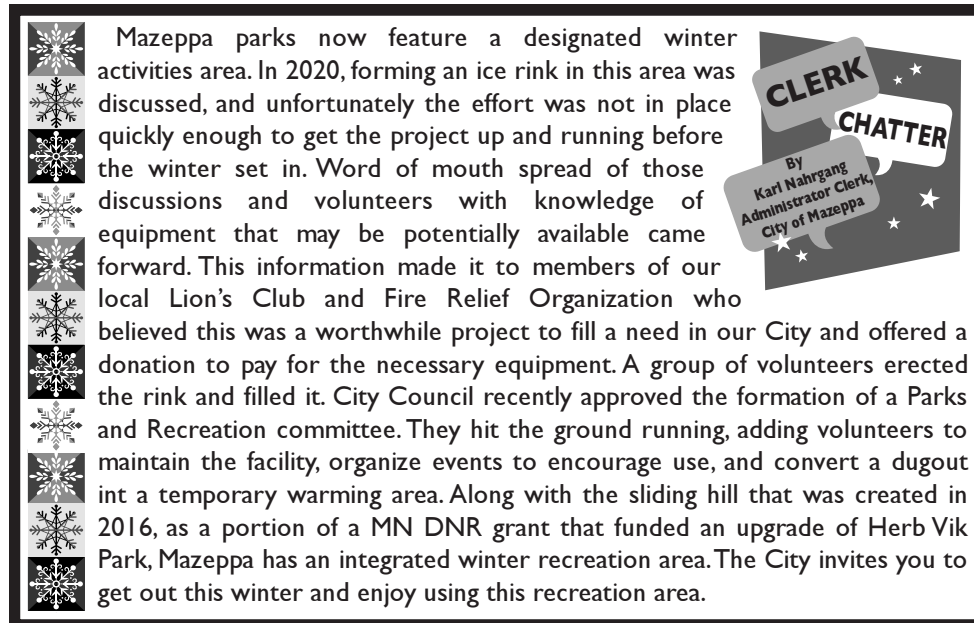
Resolution 21-07 Declaring Election Polling Place for the year 2022 at Wabash County, 625 Jefferson St., Wabasha, Mn. was put in place with a motion from Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Resolution 21-08 accepted with a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried. This Resolution authorizes the issuance, sale and delivery of a \$369,000.00 General Obligation Utility Revenue and Disposal System Note, Series 2021A.

Resolution 21-09 is the special assessments to be applied in 2022 taxes for the delinquent water and sewer bills owed the City. Motion to put in place made by Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Motion to pay all bills and the meeting to adjourn made by Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Submitted by,  
Susan Eischens, Clerk



Mazeppa parks now feature a designated winter activities area. In 2020, forming an ice rink in this area was discussed, and unfortunately the effort was not in place quickly enough to get the project up and running before the winter set in. Word of mouth spread of those discussions and volunteers with knowledge of equipment that may be potentially available came forward. This information made it to members of our local Lion's Club and Fire Relief Organization who believed this was a worthwhile project to fill a need in our City and offered a donation to pay for the necessary equipment. A group of volunteers erected the rink and filled it. City Council recently approved the formation of a Parks and Recreation committee. They hit the ground running, adding volunteers to maintain the facility, organize events to encourage use, and convert a dugout into a temporary warming area. Along with the sliding hill that was created in 2016, as a portion of a MN DNR grant that funded an upgrade of Herb Vik Park, Mazeppa has an integrated winter recreation area. The City invites you to get out this winter and enjoy using this recreation area.

By  
Karl Nahrgang  
Administrator Clerk,  
City of Mazeppa

## Mazeppa City Council

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chase agreement price with Moto-Proz on parcel R23.00160.03 to \$12,820.00. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve 2022 City of Mazeppa Budget of \$1,168,921.

All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Liffrig, second by Nelson to approve the 2022 tax levy of \$381,794. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to approve end of year interfund and reserves transfers. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve raising the pay for Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store staff to \$10.33/hour from \$10.08/hour to comply with Minnesota minimum wage. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to ap-

prove Ordinance 45-1.22 establishing the 2022 fee schedule. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve the 2022 retainer agreement with Lamprecht Law. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht congratulated Council and staff for seeing the riverbank mitigation grant come to fruition and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MMLS was donated a Christmas tree from a local resident.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to accept the donation of a Christmas tree for the MMLS from Josie Banitt. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

A Council working Session is scheduled for December 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to recess until the Council working session meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Next meeting: December 22, 2021, 6:00

PM for a working session.

Meeting recessed at 8:01 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

## A Minnesotan: Snow Fall



By RosaLin Alcoser

It is already a known fact to me that watching it rain from the 11th floor of a high rise apartment can be anti-climatic. However, what I have learned in the last few weeks is that watching it snow from the same height can be extremely pretty.

A couple of weeks ago we got the first really big snow of the year here in the Twin Cities on a Friday afternoon, prompting me to work from home for most of the day. Because just because I can drive through snow and my Subaru can make it through loose sand doesn't mean that I want to do that.

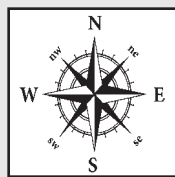
Being high up though makes the snow fall better in a different way from the ground; don't get me wrong I love to watch the snow fall from home on the ground level. But when you're high up, you don't have any chance of having to go out in the snow for the rest of the day, and looking out over the snowfall the world looks like a snow globe.

During that first really big snow of the season when I looked out my window it reminded me of looking into my mother's snow globe that she would put out at Christmas.

That first snow also reminded me that when you watch a snow plow from high up that all the plows- big and small- look a lot like the robots from Wall-E. Which is tons of fun to watch because not only can you watch the plows go while pretending that they're little animated worker robots, but you can also give them names. I for one like to call the one that does the loop for my building 3X7-J; because why not.

At the end of any day when we don't have to go away, watching the snowfall can be pretty and sometimes fun. It can be even more fun when you get to watch it from a different perspective... and when you're not the one who has to move it after.

## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Farmer Seed Corn Dealers



By Terry Campbell

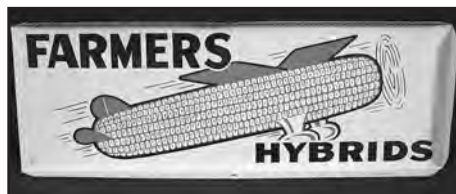
This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell.

Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

Cleaning out some buildings on the farm this fall I came across some metal seed corn company signs. Does anyone else remember when many farmers were also seed corn dealers? It was a common thing in the 1960's. All throughout the country along side the mail box was a tin sign with the seed corn company and often the farmer's name below. Dekalb, Pioneer, Blaney, Funks, Mallard, Lowe, Trojan, Crows, Renk, Supercrost, Northrup King and Farmers Hybrid are a few that come to my mind. I can still remember the farmer's names as well who sold each brand.

Each farmer would grow his crops and try to sell his neighbor on the variety that produced the highest corn yield on his farm. Small pocket notebooks were handed out with a few pages of advertising of the companies seed varieties and plenty of ruled pages for record keeping of planting dates, fertilizer rates and anything pertinent that occurred during the summer.

My dad planted a seed plot every year. In the spring, Wally Thompson, the field rep for Farmers Hybrid would come out and they would measure, mark, plant and record dozens of varieties of seed corn. Four rows of each. Plant to the end of the field and then dump the seed back in the bag and put a different variety in the seed hopper and head back across the field.



Neighbor farmers would drop off a partial bag of seed of their brand to be planted as well.

The fun part was in the fall. When harvesting time came and the field day arrived. Wally would show back up with the weigh wagon and the combining commenced. Farmers showed up to watch the results and the yields tallied on a big tag-board chart. Everyone was excited to see how the corn yields were competing. And there was pop, coffee and doughnuts for all as the results unfolded. The farmer seed corn dealer whose variety did the best would be getting orders for that seed variety for the coming year from all his neighbors. Everyone hedged their bets by ordering a few bags each of the top five or more performers. I was a little kid but this seemed as fun as a day at the fair to me. A couple hours in the middle of a cornfield listening to my neighbor farmers talk farming beats almost anything else hands down. It was a noble profession and I was in the presence of the experts as they passed around their wisdom.

After the harvest was over and the field work done, I could look forward to the seed company meetings in the winter. My dad took me with him and I reveled in the event. It was usually held at a fancy restaurant in the evening and started out with a great meal. Not like the local café or my mom's supper. This was a steak and baked potato, and a couple things I didn't recognize but always delicious. Then came the sales pitch for next year's new varieties and expectations and awards for farmer dealers who sold the most bags of seed corn that year. They passed out pencils, pens, notebooks, stickers and those tin signs that we put out by the mailbox to tell all our neighbors what company my father represented. It made me feel pretty important as a young kid to know my dad was a farmer dealer.

## WINNERS OF THE MESSENGER CHRISTMAS DRAWING

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| Melissa Walerius  | Becky Dominie    |
| Elise Ness        | Deb Gnotke       |
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1. \*Lettuce variety
  5. Drivel
  8. \*CafÉ alternative
  11. \*Cantina cooker
  12. \*Waldorf salad ingredient
  13. Animal trail
  15. Radio knob
  16. Hurry up, acr.
  17. One who accepts the offer
  18. \*Anise-flavored spirit
  20. "Happily \_\_\_\_ after"
  21. Operatic solos
  22. \_\_\_\_ Air in L.A.
  23. Hairy vertebrate
  26. Freed
  30. In the past
  31. Small type of drum
  34. \*Wine in Italy
  35. Charleston, e.g.
  37. Chow down
  38. a.k.a. honey badger
  39. Wet nurse
  40. HervÉ Villechaize on "Fantasy Island"
  42. Expression of doubt
  43. Founding Father
  45. City in Japan
  47. Shock and \_\_\_\_
  48. Jawaharlal's last name
  50. \*Driest type of sherry
  52. \*a.k.a. black treacle
  55. Softly-softly, loris' cousin
  56. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)
  57. \*Cabbage amount
  59. Alexandre Dumas' "The Black \_\_\_\_"
  60. What seekers do
  61. Consequently
  62. Everything
  63. Temporary craze
  64. Swedish shag rugs

- DOWN
1. Physique, informally
  2. Pelvic bones
  3. Spill the beans
  4. Certain fir
  5. \*Fusilli or ziti
  6. Same as #39 Across, pl.
  7. Supreme pontiff
  8. Puff
  9. Field worker
  10. Be off base
  12. Capital of Philippines
  13. Be at the helm
  14. \*Ballerina-inspired dessert
  19. All worked up
  22. \*Granola serving
  23. TĒa Leoni's "\_\_\_\_ Secretary"
  24. Old World lizard
  25. Unicellular organism
  26. Stroke on a green
  27. Lithograph, for short
  28. Japan to U.S. in WWII
  29. \*Stuffed grapevine leaf
  32. \*Flageolet or azuki
  33. \*Popular breakfast cereal
  36. \*Type of #34 Across
  38. Lion sounds
  40. One little piggy?
  41. Easily available (2 words)
  44. One clean one?
  46. \*Betty Crocker fruit snack
  48. Waterwheel
  49. Serengeti grazer
  50. Unplayable baseball
  51. It will, contraction
  52. Irk
  53. Like a ghost
  54. Long novel
  55. School support org.
  58. Opposite of don'ts

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## Minnesota Produce Farmers Asked to Complete MDA 2022 Grower Questionnaire

By Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is asking produce farmers to fill out the annual Grower Questionnaire which will help farmers identify the federal food safety requirements that apply to their operations. Data from the questionnaire also provides the MDA with a more accurate assessment of Minnesota's expanding produce farming sector.

"The Grower Questionnaire is an important tool to help Minnesota's produce farmers navigate the federal produce safety requirements," said Alexandra Cortes, MDA Produce Safety Program Outreach Analyst. "It also helps our program better understand farmers' needs and improve resources and programs for them."

The Grower Questionnaire should be filled out once per year, per produce farm. Participation is voluntary. Farm contact and location information is classified as private and not made public. Produce growers who opt out of the questionnaire will be contacted by the MDA Produce Safety Program to determine any inspection requirements.

The 2022 MDA Grower Questionnaire is available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ProduceSafety](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ProduceSafety).

Data gleaned from previous questionnaires has found that:

41% of Minnesota fruit and vegetable farm-

ers are growing more than 5 crops – with some growing up to 80 fruit and vegetable crops in a season

Tomatoes and apples are the top crops grown by produce farmers

More than half the produce farms are under 10 acres in size

The most current data is available in the 2020 Produce Safety Program Report.

Approximately one third of Minnesota's estimated 3,000 produce farmers participated in the previous Grower Questionnaire and the MDA encourages more farmers to complete the 2022 questionnaire to help raise awareness of their industry and strengthen its growth.

Farmers can contact the MDA Produce Safety Program at 651-539-3648 or email [producesafety.mda@state.mn.us](mailto:producesafety.mda@state.mn.us) to request a paper copy of the questionnaire, or for more information.

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**Dear Savvy Senior:**

***I'm interested in tracking down some old friends I've lost touch with over the years but could use some help. What websites can you recommend that can help me find them?***

**Tracking Tom**

Dear Tom: Thanks to the Internet, tracking down long[1]lost friends from many years ago is relatively easy to do and, in most cases, it won't cost you a cent. Here are some tips and online tools to help you get started.

**Remembering the Details**

Before you begin your search, a good first step is to jot down any information you can remember or find out about the people you're trying to locate. Things like their full name (maiden and married), age or birth date, last known address or phone number, old e-mail address, names of family members, etc. Knowing details can help you turn up clues while you search. **Social Media and Search Engines**

After you compile your information, a good place to start your search is at social media sites like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram. And search engines like Google and Yahoo. When using search engines, type in the name of the person you're searching for in quotation marks, for example, "John Smith." You can narrow your search by adding other criteria like their nickname or middle name, the city or state they may live in, or even their occupation.

**People Search Sites**

If your initial search comes up empty, you can also use people searches like AnyWho.com, Intelius.com or WhitePages.com. These sites will provide a list of potential matches from across the U.S. Because many people share the same name, these sites will also supply details to help identify the right person, perhaps including their age, prior hometowns, names of relatives, colleges attended or employer. While these sites are free to use at a basic level, they charge a small fee for providing certain details like the persons contact information. WhitePages, however, sometimes provides home phone numbers for free. Niche Finding Sites Here are a few other niche people-finding websites to help you with your search. To look for old high school classmates, try Classmates.com. This site has contact information only for people who have registered with it. But even if your friend hasn't registered, it could provide contact info for another classmate who remains in touch with your friend. Another option is to check out your high school alumni website. Not every school has its own site, but some do, and you can look for it by going to any search engine and typing in the name of the school with the city and state it's located in. You can also search at AlumniClass.com, a huge hosting site for thousands of high schools across the U.S. If you're looking for old college friends, look for an alumni directory on the school's website. You might be able to access your friend's contact info by completing an online registration. Or, try calling or emailing your alumni relations department and ask them to pass on your contact info to your friend.

If you're looking for someone you served with in the military, Military.com offers a free "Buddy Finder" service that has a database of more than 20 million records – visit [Military.com/buddy-finder](http://Military.com/buddy-finder). You can also search for free at GIssearch.com, TogetherWeServed.com and VetFriends.com. If you can't find any current information about the person you're searching for, it could be that he or she is dead.

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