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Z-M School to Look at In House Lunch Program

The Z-M school lunch contract with Lunchtime solutions will expire this spring and the school board is looking at taking over the operation of the school lunch preparation. They have worked with Lunchtime solutions since 2013. Carrie Frank presented the school board with a proposal for their own program. She has been the lunch program director at Dover-Eyota schools for fifteen years and is now starting her own consulting business. She proposed a pairing with the Pine Island district for better volume purchasing power. Her program would lean toward more locally produced and grown products and less processed

ingredients. They would employ the same staff who are currently with the schools.

Kennedy Bus Service has sold their transportation business to Palmer Bus Company of Mankato. Palmer Bus company has been a family business since 1976 and provides bus

service for twenty-six locations in Minnesota. The school board was asked to transfer the remaining two year contract with Kennedy Bus Service to Palmer and extend the contract for two more years through 2025-26 school year. Palmer Bus Service

would bring their efficiency of size and in-house safety training for drivers along with company maintenance and fuel storage facility for cost control.

Z-M Vocational Class Completes Home



The Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School vocational construction class has finished their project house and it will be offered for sale by sealed bid to be opened on the 18th this month. The minimum bid is \$449,000. The 3,300 square foot home home is located at 620 Muligan Drive in Zumbrota and is a five bedroom rambler with three baths and attached two-car garage. This is the fiftieth year of vocational class home construction. An open house was held at the address on February 13th to show the home to the public.

Announcements

• The Mazeppa Area Historical Society is closed at this time but can call anytime for information: Helen Reiland @ 507-250-6021. Looking forward to another great 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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Time to Go



By Pastor Colleen Hoefl

We've been going through the book of Romans and as we reached chapter 10 we discovered that Moses said that to be made right with God required obedience to the law. Paul wrote that the gospel is close to us- in fact it is as close as believing in our heart and saying yes to faith in Jesus Christ. Paul wrote in Romans 10:9, "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Pretty straight forward stuff. Everyone who calls- that includes- everyone! No one is left out- Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus is inviting all people to be saved. This is more than a mumbled confession of faith- this is the time to take a stand: Jesus, I believe. We are to be bold and let the world know. It seems impossible for a Christian to remain in the closet- a Christian must be ready to share their faith from the very beginning- to let the people around them know. For us in North America- there's nothing too scary about sharing our newfound faith and conversion- we're still pretty safe here. Imagine being of a different faith and culture and then discovering the truth of the gospel. Those that do often face persecution; as a believer they may be kicked out of their home, they may be disowned by their family, and they may even lose their life. Let's get personal: have you received Christ as your Lord and Savior? Have you let everyone know that you are a believer? This is more than confirmation- this is more than an infant baptism- this is you saying in your

heart and mind- I believe in Jesus Christ- He is my God; my Savior and He is my Lord! If you said yes- that's great! Then think about this question for a minute- If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Jesus said that as a believer our lives will reflect our faith! And for those that aren't producing fruit in their lives- He prunes. Pruning isn't a pleasant process- it's cutting off and removing the branches that are only sucking up the nutrients but not producing anything. The people that are only taking and not giving back- When we produce much fruit, we are His true disciples.

Now for Paul's challenge to each of us today- "But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?"

This is a call to all believers. We are able to do greater things than Jesus, because we have His Spirit living inside of us. He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and fill us with the power to be the leaders- the disciples that He has called us to be! We are called to go and tell them. Paul said, how can they call on Jesus to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? How can they hear if no one has told them? Questions we need to answer today just as Paul asked them in the 1st century.

Did you know that there are 7.7 billion people in the world today? And of those 7.7 billion, 2.2 billion of them are Christians. That's a lot of people and a lot of Christians. I do hope you also notice that that is about 5.5 billion people that don't know Jesus

Christ as their Savior! That's a lot of people that don't know and many haven't heard.

Now you might be thinking that most of those people are in other parts of the world- and you'd be correct in thinking that many are in other parts of the world- but in the United States- the numbers of people that identify as Christians is less than 50%. The fastest growing 'faith' group in our country are the NONES. Nones are people with no religious affiliation at all. Many of them may be spiritual and believe there is a god of some sort out there- but have no personal relationship with the one true God and His Son Jesus Christ. According to an article published by Statista Research Department, Jan 24, 2022, "According to a 2021 survey, 31 percent of Americans never attend church or synagogue, compared to 22 percent of Americans who attend every week. And another 25% say they seldom if ever attend. If I those 2 numbers are added together that tells us that in the US 56% of the American people aren't attending church- and although it is possible to be a Christian without going to church- it is also a good indicator that many of that 56% probably do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. So, let's bring these numbers closer to where we live: in the 55991 & 55956 zip codes there are approximately 3372 people; in the 55991:1464 people & in the 55956:1908 people. Now a lot of these people are already going to church- aren't they? As I shared "According to a 2021 survey, 56% of all Americans never or seldom attend church. Now if we take 56% of the people in these two zip codes we would have 1,888 people that seldom or never go

to a place to worship.

There are a lot of people that are still unchurched in our communities. They are our neighbors, our family, and our community. Jesus came for them- and He calls us to go to them. Paul asked, "how will they know if no one tells them?" Who better to reach the 1888 people in our zip codes than you and me? We live and work with them. We see them in Walmart, on the bus, in our schools, on our walks, in the restaurants, everywhere. God is calling us to go.

It is time we obey the call of Christ to go and tell the good news. We can do that by supporting those in ministry, sharing our faith story, inviting our neighbors to church, and living out our faith daily. It is Time- who will you tell this week?

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"Anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. . . . Anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." — Matthew 5:22

We have a natural tendency to hate or ignore God and our neighbor. We tell ourselves we are good people. But our selfishness and anger lie just below the surface. Anger often erupts in violent, hateful words and actions. If we don't seem angry, it may just mean that our anger has not yet reached its boiling point or had an opportunity to erupt. In fact, we may be seething with inner anger.

Strictly following the command "You shall not murder" is not enough to overcome hatred. We must address the source of that sin. If we keep our anger from boiling over, we do well. But to gain mastery over anger, we need love. And showing love, especially toward people who have hurt us, does not come naturally. In fact, only the supernatural love of Christ can overcome the hatred we may feel for our enemies.

When the Romans and the Jews hatefully killed Jesus Christ, he could have called on God's army of angels to stop and destroy them (see Matthew 26:52-53). But instead he responded in love, asking the Father to forgive them. When Jesus gave himself for us on the cross, he certainly obeyed the law—do not kill. But he did far more: he fulfilled the greatest law of love.

Prayer
O God, help us not to add to the anger in our world today. Help us not only to control our anger but also to overcome it with your love. And thank you for showing us the way of love, through Jesus. Amen.

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Rural Veterinarian Who Offered to Give Away His Practice Gets What He Wanted: A Successor

Dr. Robert Bogan didn't want to leave Faribault County, Minnesota without a vet.

Courtesy of KARE 11

BLUE EARTH, Minn. — A rural Minnesota veterinarian who offered to give away his practice — building and all — to help attract his replacement, now has what he wanted: a successor.

“It lifts the weight off your shoulders,” Dr. Robert Bogan says.

75-year-old Bogan was Faribault County’s only vet. He made the offer after five years of searching for someone to take his place.

A story last summer about Bogan’s offer, featured in a KARE 11 Land of 10,000 Stories segment, was shared more than 8,000 times on Facebook.

“This story spread far and wide and the message got to where it needed to go,” Blue Earth City Administrator Mary Kennedy says.

In the days that followed, 10 young vets and vet students expressed interest. Eight of them made the trip to Blue Earth to meet with

Bogan and tour the town. Five of those submitted formal applications.

From the applicants, Bogan selected Dr. Zach Adams, a 2021 graduate of the vet school at Iowa State University.

“It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Adams says. “I came here and realized it was a good fit.”

Adams was serving his veterinary residency in North Carolina when he saw the story posted on his vet school’s Facebook page.

“I was just sitting in my apartment scrolling through Facebook,” Adams says. “I was like, that sounds like something I could do.”

Adams grew up on a hobby farm near Preston, Iowa, a town of about 900 people.

He says Blue Earth felt right.

“It’s very similar to where I grew up, so it feels kind of like home.”

The opportunity checked another box.

“I’m a die-hard Vikings fan and I’ve always wanted to live in Minnesota so that kind of helped push the way too,” Adams says.

Adams says he’d hoped at some point to own his own mixed animal veterinary practice, but didn’t think the opportunity would come this soon.

Adams started working alongside Bogan in January with an ownership transition planned over the next year or so.

“I think he’s going to fit in very well in Blue Earth,” Bill Rosenau, a Faribault County farmer and banker said.

A shortage of rural vets has plagued, small, rural communities across the country.

As a member of the county economic development authority, Rosenau was among those working to recruit a new vet to Blue Earth.

Like many Faribault County farmers, he’d feared Bogan eventually retiring without a replacement.

“To get somebody to come out and do on-site work would have been almost impossible because they would have been over an hour away,” Rosenau says.

Since moving to Blue Earth, Adams has felt the love, including a welcome from a pizza delivery person his first week in town.

“I think most people know what house he bought, are excited to see him, are excited to meet him,” Kennedy says.

Bogan’s offer to give away his practice in-



Dr. Robert Bogan (right) is giving his veterinary clinic to Dr. Zach Adams

Photo credit: Devin Krinke, KARE 11

cluded his clinic building in Blue Earth, the furnishings and equipment, his pickup truck and even Annie, the office cat — who is written into the agreement Adams signed.

“I had a lawyer take a look at my contract,” Adams says with a laugh. “He called me and was like, ‘You know you’re getting a cat with this, right?’”

Leyton Becker, a second-year vet student who interned with Bogan last summer and

was featured in the KARE 11 story, had initially expressed interest in taking over the practice, but decided it was too early in his schooling to commit.

The University of Minnesota vet student says he met Adams during his visit to Blue Earth and holds open the possibility of joining him later in the practice.

“He’s a great guy and I could totally see myself working with him,” Becker said.



Dr. Robert Bogan (front) and Dr. Zach Adams make on-farm visit

Photo credit: Devin Krinke, KARE 11

Em Yennie

Em Yennie, age 74, of Mazeppa, died peacefully at her home on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Visitation was from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Michaelson Funeral Home in West Concord. A memorial service will follow at 7:00 pm that evening.



Em Lee Yennie, the daughter of John H. and Edith A. (Dawson) Cornwell, was born on October 3, 1947, in Owatonna. She grew up in West Concord and graduated from West Concord High School in 1965. She was united in marriage to Danny Jo Yennie at her parents’ home in West Concord. They lived in Dodge Center, Lake City and Mantorville where she farmed. Em also worked off the farm at Energy Economics, Waters Instruments, Celestica and at Images on Metal where she retired. After her husband died, she moved to Mazeppa in 2003. She enjoyed her animals, reading, words search puzzles and doing laundry. She loved her family and spending time with them. She would travel as far as Missouri just to visit relatives. Everyone that knew her loved her so much.

She is survived by her daughter Shelley Lynn Yennie Voeltz of Mazeppa; grandchildren, Brittany (and Eric) Yennie-Richter of Mazeppa, Nicole (and Alex) Drake of Oronoco, Daniel Yennie of Mazeppa, Nicole (and Tylor) Voeltz of Mazeppa, Kelsey Voeltz of Pine Island; great grandchildren Azrael, Trinity, Brooklyn, Brody, Rylan, and Quintin. She is also survived by her sister Joan Nott of West Concord and nephew Kari (and Marge) Cornwell of Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Danny Yennie, son David Allen Yennie, brother Ronald Cornwell, great grandson Ezekiel David Drake and nephews Dan and Douglas Nott.

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Goodhue-Bellechester Rail Riders

By Beth Brekke

A cold wind on February 5th may have kept the Goodhue-Bellechester Rail Riders from starting a bonfire but it didn't keep them from hosting a vintage snowmobile show and ride. 46 Sleds registered for the showing of models from 1995 and older, up from the 35 entered last year. 25 Participated in the ride to Bellechester and back.

The sleds lined up in the lot behind the Lion's building and riders and visitors could make the rounds and vote for their favorites by year and special categories. Those not

wishing to endure the cold were able to drive by and admire the sleds.

Food, fellowship and photo displays were found inside the club and many door prizes were given out along with the show awards.

Derek Weckerling won the 50/50 raffle and the winners of the classes were as follows:

90-95: Jeff Ryan with 90 Polaris Sport

81-89: it was a tie: Husband and wife Reggie and Tasha Miller had same number of votes, Reggie with 81 Kawasaki LTD 440 and Tasha with 81 Kawasaki Intruder (they have to share the trophy!)

77-80: Steve VanDeusen 79 Arctic Cat El Tigre

74-76: John Little 76 Rupp

72-73: Jeff Ryan 72 Arctic Cat Panther

70-71: Jeff Ryan 71 Polaris TX

69 & Older: Vicki & Rik Stockey 62 Polaris L-55

Best Matching Suit & Sled: Andrew Kenig with 72 John Deere (trophy & \$50)

Most off the wall: Vicki & Rik Stockey 62



Line up of vintage snowmobiles on display during the Goodhue-Bellechester Rail Riders show in Goodhue. The club would like to thank everyone who participated in and donated to the event.

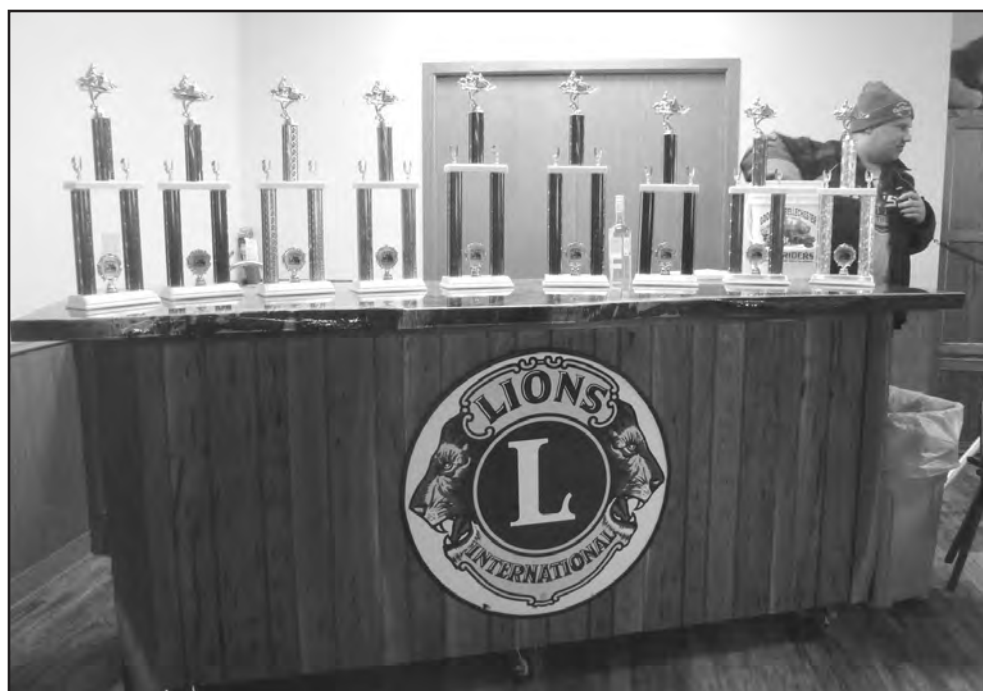
Polaris L-55 (got the entry fee back)

Best of Show: John Little 76 Rupp (trophy, \$50, \$50 gift card from Smokin Oak of Red Wing)

The club had groomed the trail the previous day and although it was not in the greatest shape due to a lack of snow, it was sufficient for the ride to Bellechester. One newer snow-

mobile and a side-by-side followed the group to ensure everyone made it safely. Only one machine needed a little help when it suddenly died close to the destination.

See video and more photos including a list of event donors on the Goodhue-Bellechester Railriders facebook page.



President Treyben Kehren drew for door prizes and awarded the trophies at the Vintage snowmobile show held February 5, 2022.



A unique 2-person sled owned by Tasha Miller of Bellechester. It is a 1974 restored Ski-Doo Elite 440.

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Missy's Managing the Manor

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It's Tax Time...

It's the time of year I hate, tax time prep! Every year is the same for me, I breath easier when it's done. It's on me to collect/get all the information together. Years ago, I discovered the simplest strategy (besides hiring someone else to do our taxes). Keep all the papers needed to complete your taxes as they come in the mail, in the same place. One step further, I have two envelopes, one for home and an envelop for our business stuff.



By Missy Papenfus

I also developed a running list of what I need to collect for the accountant. This includes phone numbers when I have to make a call to get information that does not come in the mail. I always seem to forget something from year to year, but for the post part I know the information I need to compile.

I use Turbo Tax and complete our son's taxes myself. Turbo tax walks you through it step by step. He doesn't have deductions, so it is very straight forward.

Stay tuned for next month's topic: Makeover a room -Simplified Edition
There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

A Monthly Moment at MotoProz



By Missy Papenfus

Valentine's weekend was pretty sweet for all three of us. We headed North after work. We got in a little ice fishing on Saturday afternoon. Sunday we went to the Brainerd fairgrounds to the snocross races. We had a lot of fun helping Mumbles Racing Mason and Brody Helland. Monday we made the trek to Thief River Falls and were able to bring Monty's new 2022 ZR8000 RR Arctic Cat snowmobile home from the factory. He was our first new snowmobile order this spring. We were on the road for 11 hours on Valentine's day. Seeing the smile on Monty's face was worth it!

MISSY'S MESSAGE



CURING A COUGH



MISSY PAPENFUS

I just got over the worst cough. I am not going to use the word "cold", because I only had one symptom bad enough to complain about. The terrible cough. It lasted for over a week. Woke me up 3 times a night at least. I've tried it all. Sometimes time itself is the only cure.

Mike's trick is drinking hot tea with honey. Put it a large Kwik Trip glass in the microwave for 2 minutes. Then he likes to use a Lipton Sweet Tea bag and honey. Drink one of these right away when waking

up in the morning, another when you get home from work, and then another before bed. You don't have to worry about not getting enough fluids!

I like to drink Nyquil before I got to sleep. When I woke up in the middle of the night coughing one of the nights, Mike grabbed a different bottle of Nyquil Cough, and he told me I was taking the wrong stuff! I also tried sleeping with two pillows to keep my head more elevated.

I did not exercise during the week of this dreadful cough, to not exacerbate the cough and to sleep in. I also used a prescription from my doctor for Tessalon Perles.

The weird thing about this cough, it started on a Friday evening. My mom and I left to go to our cabin, so I did not have to go back to work until Tuesday. I stayed home most of Tuesday morning. I did not have a cough during the day, it hit me at night keeping me from getting good sleep. I was finally able to sleep all night the following Saturday, a week later. I went to work, but when I got home at night, I drank my tea and put my feet up. I'm glad that's over!

Memo from MotoProz...

Stay tuned, the 2023 Arctic Cat snowmobile pre-order period information is coming mid March. Find us on Facebook, check out our website at www.MotoProz.com, or give us a call at MotoProz 507-843-2855 after March 15 and we'll fill you in! Check out our list of up-to-date inventory online at www.MotoProz.com.

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

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When is ice safe?

By Minnesota DNR

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

Did you know?

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

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

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

The insulating effect of snow slows down the freezing process. The extra weight also re-



duces how much weight the ice sheet can support. Also, ice near shore can be weaker than ice that is farther out.

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

Schools of fish or flocks of waterfowl can also adversely affect the relative safety of ice. The movement of fish can bring warm water up from the bottom of the lake. In the past, this has opened holes in the ice causing snowmobiles and cars to break through.

For more information on ice safety contact the MN DNR and ask for our free ice safety publications, which include the brochures, "Danger, Thin Ice" and "Cold Water Kills" and the wallet-sized reference card and 11X14 posters titled, "Minimum Recommended Ice Thicknesses." Metro (651) 296-6157 or toll free outside the metro area 1-888-646-6367 or email the Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us.

DNR Hunting, Fishing Skills Webinars Continue this Spring

Registration open for new sessions of Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series

Anyone interested in fishing, hunting, habitat, and the outdoors can learn about activities like sturgeon and steelhead fishing, native plants and pollinators, creating sharp-tailed grouse habitat, wild rice management, and more during webinars hosted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources this spring.

"We've got a great mix of webinars in our spring lineup that will help people of all ages with a variety interests enjoy the outdoors," said Benji Kohn, DNR volunteer mentor pro-

gram coordinator. "Some webinars center on fishing opportunities and skills, while others are about outdoor adventures or learning more about wildlife conservation."

The DNR started the Minnesota Outdoor Skills and Stewardship Series in March 2021 to share how-to knowledge relevant to outdoor seasons and activities. Webinars are at noon on Wednesdays, last less than an hour, and are recorded and made available online.

The webinars are free, but participants must pre-register. More information, including spring session topics and how to register, is available on the outdoor skills and stewardship page of the DNR website.

Fish House Removal Deadlines Loom



The deadline to remove fish houses from inland waters in the southern two-thirds of Minnesota is Monday, March 7. Make plans now to ensure you get your shelter off in time -- and don't forget to clean up everything after you go.

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By Jim Miller

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--Approaching 65

Dear Approaching,

The rules and timetables for Medicare enrollment can be confusing to many new retirees, so it's smart to plan ahead. Here's a simplified rundown of what to know.

First a quick review. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people, and Part B which covers doctor's visits and other medical services, and costs \$170.10 per month for most enrollees in 2021.

When to Enroll

Everyone is eligible for Medicare at age 65, even if your full Social Security retirement age is 66 or later.

You can enroll any time during the "initial enrollment period," which is a seven-month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65th birthday. It's best to enroll three months before your birth month to ensure your coverage starts when you turn 65.

If you happen to miss the seven-month sign-up window for Medicare Part B, you'll have to wait until the next "general enrollment period" which runs from Jan. 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium. You can sign up for premium-free Part A, at any time with no penalty.

Working Exceptions

Special rules apply if you're eligible for Medicare and still on the job. If you have health insurance coverage through your employer or your spouse's employer, and the company has 20 or more employees, you have a "special enrollment period" in which you can sign up. This means that you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B and are not subject to the 10 percent late-enrollment penalty as long as you sign up within eight months of losing that coverage.

Drug Coverage

Be aware that original Medicare does not cover prescription medications, so if you don't have credible drug coverage from an employer or union, you'll need to buy a Part D drug plan from a private insurance company (see Medicare.gov/plan-compare) during your initial enrollment if you want coverage. If you don't, you'll incur a premium penalty - 1 percent of the average national premium (\$33 in 2022) for every month you don't have coverage - if you enroll later.

Supplemental Coverage

If you choose original Medicare, it's also a good idea to get a Medigap (Medicare supplemental) policy within six months after enrolling in Part B to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. See Medicare.gov/medigap-supplemental-insurance-plans to shop and compare policies.

All-In-One Plans

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan instead (see Medicare.gov/plan-compare) that covers everything in one plan. Nearly half of all new Medicare enrollees are signing up for Advantage plans.

These plans, which are also sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs and often have cheaper premiums, but their deductibles and co-pays are usually higher. Many of these plans also provide coverage for extra services not offered by original Medicare like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships, and most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

How to Enroll

If you're already receiving your Social Security benefits before 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

If you're not receiving Social Security, you'll need to enroll either online at SSA.gov/medicare or over the phone at 800-772-1213.

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Brevity is the Soul of Communicating



By Harvey Mackay

A third grader had to do a book report, and he chose a Socrates biography. His report consisted of three succinct sentences:

Socrates was a philosopher.

He talked a lot.

They killed him.

Not much more to say about brevity. Maybe that's why U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "Be sincere. Be brief. Be seated."

Another U.S. President, Woodrow Wilson once said: "If I am to speak for 10 minutes, I

need a week for preparation; if 15 minutes, three days; if half an hour, two days; if an hour, I am ready now."

This is a good explanation for why people are so long-winded. It's easier. You don't need to think and prepare as much. Just let it roll.

Maybe that's why William Shakespeare said, "Brevity is the soul of wit."

One thing I know is that brevity is powerful. People who can speak or write concisely and to the point are more successful.

The late comedian George Burns was right on when he said, "The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible."

I have a little different take on preparation. The nature of my public speaking engagements usually requires me to present for longer periods. But that doesn't mean I don't need to be completely ready and well-researched to keep my points brief and interesting.

If I have to make a 60-minute speech on a new subject, I figure it will take 60 hours of preparation. It's almost one hour of preparation for every minute, if you want your message to be good. You never want your audience to wonder if you will ever stop talking. You want to leave them wanting more – more fabulous content, not just more words.

Are you one of those people for whom conveying information can sometimes turn into the unraveling of a saga? Here are some tips adapted from iVillage.com on how to keep your conversations short and sweet when necessary.

Don't get bogged down with irrelevant details. Get to the meat of the information as directly as possible. "I talked with Jim Thursday, or was it Wednesday? No, I think it was Thursday ...". Does anyone really care? Get to the point.

Don't repeat information. Unless the person with whom you're talking indicates that he or she didn't hear what you said, say things only once. I can't tell you how many times I hear the same message repeated over and over with different words. Don't rehash old news.

Take a writing class. A good writing class can teach you to make your points using the fewest words possible. The training can also benefit your spoken communications.

Eliminate non-word fillers. I am very aware (and annoyed) when people use too many "ums" ... "likes" ... and "you knows." It's better to pause briefly and say nothing.

Bring up information that is relevant to most of the group. Save any questions specific to you or any specialized conversations for later discussion.

Here's a grand example of when short is sweet. One of the most memorable Academy Award acceptance speeches was delivered by

Patty Duke, who won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "The Miracle Worker." She uttered just two words: Thank you.

If all the winners were so succinct, the entire program would last about an hour instead of three or four.

But my choice for best short speech ever goes to Winston Churchill, Great Britain's prime minister during World War II. He led the British through the darkest days of the war, rallying spirits with his soaring rhetoric.

Churchill, rarely recognized as a man of few words, was invited to address the graduating class of Oxford University in his later years. Following his introduction, he walked to the lectern and simply said, "Never, never, never give up." Then he sat down. Memorable? Absolutely.

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The editor's reply said, "Story of world's creation was told in 600 words. Try it."

Mackay's Moral: Short speeches often deliver big messages.

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City Council Working Session Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

The City Council working session 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, Steve Liffbrig, and Mike Hammes.

Others Present: City Administrator Karl Nahrang, City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, and Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law. Motion by Young, second by Hammes to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed.

Follow up on options for 4th Ave. NE and Chestnut St: City engineer drafted a low-cost option for building the road in the right-of-way. Discussions were had with landowner after the results of votes regarding this area at the January 12, 2022 meeting. No updated request for removal of easement for the current 4th Ave. had been received by meeting time.

Change of zoning for this area will wait for an updated request to vacate current roadway easement.

Discussion of Council resignation. 2020 election abstract was reviewed. Candidates that ran for Council and Mayor were discussed as potential appointee to fill the re-

mainder of Mr. Nelson's elective term. The merits of appointing other individuals that serve as appointed members of committees as potential candidates to fill the remainder of Mr. Nelson's term were discussed also. A separate resolution will have to be drafted to appoint Council members to the committees that Mr. Nelson served. Materials to swear in the appointed person will be needed for the meeting also.

Open discussion: Automobiles parked on City property without permission. Nuvera will be upgrading telephone/data lines in the community staying in their current easements. Staff evaluation progress and strategies to improve efficiency with changes in

responsibility and scheduling.

Motion by Liffbrig, second by Hammes to recess until 6:00 PM, February 9, 2022 for the regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Next meeting: February 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM for the regular City Council meeting.

Meeting recessed at 7:47 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 9, 2022

The regular City Council meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:07 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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Historical Happenings

Compiled by
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FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1954

Obituaries

GLEN AHNEMAN

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Robinson Funeral Home, for Glen J. Ahneman, former Mazeppa resident. Rev. Theo. Haar officiated.

The body of Glen J. Ahneman, 58 years old, was found by Bob Jones of Alma, Wis. about noon, Sunday after the Wisconsin man had crossed the river to the Minnesota side to fix up the fishing dock which he owns. Jones found Ahneman's body caught in some timbers beneath the dock.

Coroner Ed Wise of Wabasha ruled that Ahneman was the victim of accidental drowning.

Ahneman was born November 6, 1895, in Mazeppa township, and left here about 20 years ago. He worked in the Wabasha area until his death.

He is survived by a brother, Arthur of Black River Falls, Wis., and a sister Mrs. Theodore Manthei of Zumbrota.

Pallbearers were Emil Sommerfeld, John Tommeraas, Wm. Sommerfield, Henry Prigge, Nicholas LaVan and Sylvester Wild. Burial was in Mazeppa cemetery.

KARL E. SHELDON

Karl E. Sheldon, Berwick, Maine, former Mazeppa resident died at his home at 74 Sullivan street, April 13.

He was born in Mazeppa, April 14, 1886, the son of Fletcher and Josephine (Marie) Sheldon.

Survivors include six sons, Kenneth, Lester and Stanley, all of Berwick, Calvin of Somersworth, New Hampshire, Alvin of North Rochester, New Hampshire, and Sgt Clarence Sheldon of Japan; three daughters, Mrs. Cora Rich and Mrs. Alice Hall, both of Berwick and Mrs. Carlotta Frazier of North Abington, Mass.; two sisters Mrs. Lulu Kuehn, and Miss Minnie Sheldon of Mazeppa; 16 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

MRS. ELLEN DARCY

Ms. Ellen Cotter Darcy, 4945-30th Avenue South, Minneapolis, was born May 26, 1868 in Maiden Rock Township, Wis. She passed away April 13, 1954.

The deceased is survived by two daughters, Miss Marie Darcy, and Mrs. H.J. Steinhagen of Minneapolis and one sister, Mrs. Frank Darcy of Mazeppa.

Requiem services were held at St. Helena's Catholic Church, Monday at 10 o'clock. Interment was at Prescott, Wisconsin.

Grading on Highway 60 Started Tues. Morning

Work on Highway 60 began in earnest Tuesday morning when the road crew of Boyum Construction Company of Spring Grove began initial grading operations.

The grading was started east side of town, and this week the crew is working on the A.R. Hawkinson property, skirting the flat and joining the old road on the hill by Leon Keuhn.

Boyum Construction Company received the contract for \$320,782.

Work on the bridge, a mile and one-half east of town over trout brook, was begun the first part of January and is being done by Brogan Construction Company of Des Moines. This contract was let for \$73,515.

Local News

Mrs. Sarah Jones is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nile Reding at Marion.

Miss Bonnie Colleen Siems, who attends Minneapolis School of Art, returned to Minneapolis Sunday after spending her Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Siems and Quentin.

George Citrowski has purchased the former Albert Betcher home in this village and plans to move there in the near future.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1954

Obituaries

MRS. MAUDE MCHUGH

The community was shocked this week by news of the death of Mrs. Maude McHugh. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Willers and Mrs. Albert Oelkers, neighbors went to Mrs. McHugh's home Monday afternoon, and found her dead. When the coroner arrived that evening, he decided she had died in her sleep early Tuesday morning, April 20, almost a week before. Friends and neighbors believed that she was away visiting relatives.

She was 74 years of age at the time of her death.

Maude Louise, daughter of Perry and Caroline George, was born June 29, 1879, in Belvidere township. She attended Lake City Business College in 1897, and also followed the teaching profession.

Sept. 11, 1901, she was married to Martin McHugh in Belvidere township. Mr. McHugh preceded her in death in 1936.

Weddings

The Christ Lutheran church of Zumbrota was the scene, Saturday evening of the wedding of Marlys Stechmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stechmann and Frank Miller, son of Mrs. Anna Miller of Mazeppa. Rev. H.F. Muenkel performed the double ring candlelight ceremony at 7 p.m.

Approximately 200 guests attended the reception which was given by the bride's parents at the V.F.W. of Zumbrota, assisted by the V.F.W. auxiliary.

DONALD SPICER LOSES LIFE IN ACCIDENT AT TRIESTE

Donald Spicer, son of Mrs. Robert Lortscher, lost his life in an army motor vehicle accident at Trieste, Italy, according to word received here this week.

Donald who has been in the army about 14 years would have completed his tour of duty at Trieste this October. His wife and two children are living at Louisville, Kentucky with her parents at the present.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Councilpersons: Erica Young, Jeff Nelson, Mike Hammes, and Steve Liffrig.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law Office, Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn, Wabasha County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jim Warren, Sara Markham from Kalass Agency, John-Clemens, Dustin Wiebusch, Lindsay Wiebusch, Karen DuCharme from SEMMCHRA, and City Administrator Karl Nahrgang.

Attending via electronic meeting: Holly Galbyn from the News Record and Bob Joselyn.

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

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to approve the January 12, 2022 Regular City Council meeting minutes, January 29, 2022 reconvened meeting minutes, and the February 1, 2022 Council working session meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jim Warren presented the Incident Command Report for January to the Council. Chief Deputy Warren also explained how the "Lights on For Safety" vouchers function.

Mazeppa Public Works Report was read by Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Mazeppa Volunteer Fire Department report was presented by Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn

Municipal Liquor Store report was given by City Administrator Karl Nahrgang.

City Engineer Matt Mohs gave an engineering summary.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to schedule a Council working session for 6:00 PM, March 1, 2022. All in favor, none op-

posed. Carried.

No action was taken on a request for minor subdivision. Due to the number of parcels involved, it is no longer considered a minor subdivision and will require a preliminary plat be filed with the City to move forward.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to schedule Cleanup Day for Saturday, May 14, 2022. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM Wednesday, March 9, 2022 regarding the Small Cities grant being moved by SEMMCHRA. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to approve changes in yearend transfers to reserves. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Sara Markham requested the required votes for property and casualty insurance coverage options.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to NOT waive statutory tort limits. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to waive medical payments coverage. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve open meeting law coverage. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve annual staff cost of living adjustments and merit pay raises effective March 1, 2022. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to renew employment contract with City Administrator Karl Nahrgang including cost-of-living adjustments and merit pay. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve liquor liability insurance quote from

Ebner Insurance for \$3982 with Illinois Casualty. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve Resolution 2022-10 Closing a portion of Cherry St. for MMLS Customer Appreciation event. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to approve Resolution 2022-09 Removing Signature Authority and Acting Mayor Status from Resigning Council Member Jeff Nelson. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to approve Resolution 2022-05 Accepting Resignation of Council Member Jeff Nelson and Declare a Vacancy on the City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to approve Resolution 2022-11 Appointing Dustin Wiebusch to the complete the term of the Vacant seat on the Council of the City of Mazeppa. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Newly appointed Council Person Dustin Wiebusch was sworn in by Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to approve Resolution 2022-12 Amending 2022 City Appointments. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to approve Resolution 2022-13 Granting Signature Authority to Mike Hammes as Acting Mayor for City checking and MMLS checking accounts. 4 in favor, none opposed. Hammes abstained. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2022-14 Granting online Access for Economic Development Authority checking account to EDA Treasurer Larry Liffrig. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to

pay the bills and claims. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht said the annexation was approved by State of Minnesota Administrative Law Judge and is in process of being recorded at the state level and asked for direction on options available in upcoming nuisance trial in Wabasha County. Lamprecht also stated that the title action on the parcel to the north of Herb Vik field had been completed and filed.

Council and Mayor thanked Mr. Nelson for his service to the community and welcomed Mr. Wiebusch to the Council.

Mayor Hagfors also thanked all the Council members that attended the Park and Rec skating party.

New Council member Dustin Wiebusch thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the Mazeppa community though his appointment to the Council.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to close the regular meeting in accordance with 13D.05 Subdivision 3, (B) with regards to attorney-client privilege to discuss pending litigation. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting closed at 7:36 PM.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to end closed meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Closed meeting ended 8:19 PM.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to open the regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting re-opened at 8:20 PM.

No Action to be taken in the matter of pending litigation.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to recess until the February 12, 2022 Mazeppa Volunteer Fire Department sledding party. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:22 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - January 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6:00PM at City Hall. All council members present except council person, Phil Dennison. Also present was Fire Chief Nate Richardson and Matt Mohs, City Engineer.

Clerk read to council the minutes for the December meeting with acceptance with a motion from Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Treasure reported to council all financials with a motion to accept by Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Matt Mohs updated council with conversations with the Public Finance Authority on funding status for the upcoming project to replace the sewer line.

After a few updates the Resolution 22-01 was passed with motion from Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried. This is the 2022 Municipal Schedule of Fees.

Christmas Lighting contest winners are as follows: Dana Oelkers, Virginia and Shaun Magyar, Staci Sexton, Delila's Café, and the Local Pizzeria. All Christmas ornaments were sold.

New elected Fire Department Officials are as follows: Fire Chief, Nate Richardson, 1st Assistant, Scott Kennedy, 2nd Assistant, Chris Conrad, Captain 1, Brad Tighe, Captain 2, Matt Fick, Captain 3, Kurt Schnell, Training, Logan Deobald, and Emergency Manager is Scott Kennedy. Council motion to accept new officials made by Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried. The Fire Department answered 104 calls during 2021.

Donations to Fire Department: Emery Bremer \$200.00, Thoren and Naomi Mangold \$200.00, 1st State Bank Red Wing \$500.00, Rochester Sand and Gravel \$500.00, Dan & Deb Dettmer \$100.00, Dorie Klein \$200.00 and Michael and Mary Kelley for \$100.00. Donations to Memorial: Rochester Sand and Gravel, \$1,000.00 Donation to Christmas Festival: Kennedy Bus Service \$100.00 Donations from Zumbro Falls Fire Relief to Fire Department: \$112,500.00. All donations accepted with a motion from Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

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

Submitted by,
Susan Eischens, Clerk

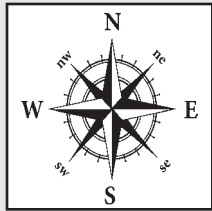
A recurring theme in Clerk Chatter centers around clean. Clean parks, clean yards, clean sidewalks. The City has staff that strives to keep streets plowed, walking paths cleared, trash picked up. Staff can only take care of so much. An inviting City needs the help of its citizens to be well kept. Never litter. If something falls out of your vehicle, be sure to pick it up. Keep sidewalks free from snow, ice, and debris. Pick up after your dog at the park, and please be sure to keep your yards as clutter free as possible.



This time of year, most of the complaints we get are about sidewalks not being cleared of now and ice. Remember, it is the resident's responsibility to clear the walks. The City gives ample warning, but if we must clear the walks, you will be charged \$100 for the City to do so. So please keep your walk cleared, and safe.



Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes **Ambulance Alarm Clock**



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.

We live five miles out of town on a road that leads to Holiday Shores and Loon Bay. These lake communities were built on Lake Barkley and consist of many very fancy water front properties. They were built over forty years ago by folks who were loving the lake life. Now they are barely clinging to life. It seems about every morning we get a wake-up call in the form of a wailing siren.

Somebody wakes up down the road and decides to call for assistance. The dogs hear it first and begin to howl. Then we can hear it in the distance and soon the blue and red lights go flashing by. It may be the EMT in the rescue truck, a Stewart County deputy in a brown SUV or the big, boxy white ambulance.

Down here we joke that the ambulance chasers are not attorneys, but real estate agents looking for a house that will be going on the market shortly. Quite frequently we go out for breakfast at the local diner, just up the road, and usually hear what all the commotion was about that day. Between the waitress and the old farmers at the café, we get the whole story, quite a bit of history and a great commentary of amusing anecdotes.

The other day we heard on the radio what one of the calls was about. It was for an eighty-plus year-old lady who decided to run into town the first thing in the morning. Instead of backing up though, she charged ahead in her Caddy like a battering ram and drove right through the front of the house cruising through the living room, right past the kitchen and came to a stop on the back deck. The medics determined she was alright and the sheriff reported that she mistook the gas pedal for the brake pedal. No news on if she will be driving into town anytime soon though.

A Minnesotan: **Goats**



By RosaLin Alcoser

My older sister believes that everyone has had at least one great goat story in their lives.

For her and I it was the time one of the neighbors down the road received a goat for Father's Day. The goat got out and ended up on our front porch then proceeded to bleat if my sister did not sit outside with it. Our dog went ballistic and had to be kept inside all day until our parents figured out whose goat it was.

While they did that we proceeded to name that goat Kiddie; Kiddie was later renamed by his owners. We only had Kiddie for an afternoon but he was a good goat. About a year or so later our family bought him and he was delicious when we had him for dinner.

One of my friend's goat story is from

when he and his sister kept goats as a 4-H project back in grade school. Once when their aunt was staying over to watch them for a few days she pulled her car up to their car port in the late evening and heard a sound coming from inside.

Apparently the sound sounded like there was someone inside of the car port pretending to be a goat. Naturally since there was a suspected person pretending to be a goat hiding in the car port she called the deputy to come check it out. It turned out to be one of the 4-H goats bleating like a person pretending to be a bleating goat.

For one of my sister's friends their goat story happened after she told her friends about her belief in everyone having at least one great goat story. This friend was from a big city and had never seen a goat in person. So everyone in their group decided that they needed to take him to see a goat.

So his one great goat story is about the time he was taken to a petting zoo and forced to pet a goat.

Everyone has at least one great story about an encounter with a goat. Whether it is having one show up at your door, keeping goats that pretend to be people pretending to be goats or being forced to pet one by your friends. And if you do not have one great story about an encounter with a goat then clearly you have not spent enough time around goats.

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March Winners

Caramel Bars

Submitted by Deb Gnotke

2 cups flour
1/2 cup oatmeal
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup softened butter

Mix these 6 ingredients and reserve one cup for topping. Pat the rest in greased 9x13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes.

Mix one (12 oz) jar caramel topping with 4 Tablespoons flour and pour over the crust.

Sprinkle one cup of mini chocolate chips on caramel and crumble the reserved 1 cup on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 12-15 minutes. Don't over bake, they set up after coming out of oven.

Impossible Pie

Submitted by Linda Gobin

4 eggs
1/2 stick margarine
1 Cup sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp baking powder
2 cups milk
1 cup coconut
1 tsp vanilla

Place all ingredients in the blender at one time, blend until mixed thoroughly, pour into 10-inch pie pan bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. When pie is done crust is on bottom, custard in middle and coconut is on top. So delicious!

Slow Cooker Chicken Tortilla Soup

Submitted by Andrea Dawson

1 Cup Pace Picante Sauce
2 cans (10 1/2 ounces each) Campbells Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
1 1/4 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2" pieces
2 Cups frozen whole kernel corn
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 1/3 Cup water
1 teaspoon ground cumin
4 corn tortillas (6") cut into strips
1 Cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1/3 Cup chopped cilantro

Stir the picante sauce, soup, chicken, corn, beans, water and cumin in a 4 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on LOW for 4-5 hours or until the chicken is cooked through. Stir the tortillas, cheese and cilantro into the cooker. Cover and cook for 15 minutes. Serve with additional cheese and avocado if desired.

Coffee Ice Cream Punch

Submitted by Judy Dyck

1 c. sugar
1 c. water
1 T. instant coffee
1/2 t. vanilla

Boil water, add sugar, coffee, and vanilla. Cool. Pour into 2 1/2 gal. container.

Add:

1/2 gal. (8 cups) milk
1/4 gal. (4 cups) vanilla ice cream, soft
1/4 gal. (4 cups) fudge ripple ice cream

Stir and serve.