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### **POW's of SE Minnesota**

Jeremy Darst- Minnesota DNR will speak at the Mazeppa Community Center on Thursday, April 28th at 6 pm., sponsored by the Mazeppa Area Historical Society.

There is a little known part of Minnesota's history that occurred during the height of the Second World War. We were host to a number of enemy prisoners of war housed at strategic locations throughout the state. Join us for an hour long presentation about what happened when these prisoners lived among us. Did they cause trouble? Try to escape? Did they get along with the locals? We'll answer these questions and more.

### Announcements

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• MAHS SPRING SUPPER- Scallop Potatoes & Ham, cole slaw, desert & beverages-FREE WILL DONATION-THURSDAY, MAY 5TH FROM 4-7 PM

• 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 Great Time Was Had By All in the Mazeppa-**Zumbro Falls Area on St. Patrick's Day**

A great time was had by all in the Mazeppa-Zumbro Falls area on St. Patrick's day! We were a little late to the game to get some corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's day dinner...Neptune was packed, next tried Buckwild--also packed, so on to Pondy for the win! Pondy was booming too, but we were able to find a table. They had three specials for St. Patrick's day so we each picked a different one. Reuben sandwich for Monty, Corned beef and cabbage for Mike and some stew for me, all excellent!

(additional pictures on page 4)

Mike and Pati Liffrig with Grandson Reu (parents Travis and Kaci Liffrig) at the Neptune in **Zumbro Falls.** 



Mac's Park Place was very festive with a couple gentleman sporting Kilts and a group picture of all those participated in the St. Patrick's Day Festivities at Mac's!

### Walking Bridge/Cooper Park Cleanup Saturday, April 23, 2022, 9:00 - Noon

The Parks and Recreation committee will be hosting a volunteer park clean up event at the Walking Bridge Park/Cooper Park/Jaycee Field complex.

Snacks and water will be provided. The City welcomes Community and school organizations interested in service activi-

ties, as well as service minded individuals to assist us in keeping Mazeppa's parks clean and safe

Contact Mazeppa City Hall at (507) 843-3685 for information.

### **Come to a Hoppy Easter Egg Hunt**

Sponsored by The Zumbro Falls **Lioness Lions** Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:00a.m. Rain Date Saturday, April 23, 2022 Zumbro Falls City Park (Cardinal Field) Children of all ages welcome.



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# Religion

#### - MAZEPPA-ZUMBRO FALLS MESSENGER -





**By Pastor Colleen Hoeft** 

Hope, what is hope? According to Miriam Webster, Hope is: desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment"

Over this past couple of years, we have all faced challenges of some kind. Some were personal, others were concerning the world we live in and the community we are a part of. For some the feeling of hopelessness and depression were daily companions.

I want to share a couple of stories of hope that came out of the last couple of years. In Beatrice, Nebraska Jorja Boller has been a volunteer at her local nursing home, Good Samaritan Society and she wanted to do something to brighten their days. So, Jorja brought Peanut, her pony, to the window so the residents could see her. Robin Gascon, the director of marketing and resource development at Good Samaritan, said they were "so excited."

"They would see the staff come to the window and they would wave and you could tell right when their eyes saw the pony because they instantly lit up with smiles from ear to ear!" she told Insider's Zoe Ettinger.

There are many stories like these over the last couple of years. At the Zumbro Valley Food shelf and at South Troy, we've been a part of stories of hope as well. One day a single mom came and received clothing and food for her family when she didn't know where else to turn after she saw the banner outside for the food shelf. Another had just lost her job and didn't know how she was going to make ends meets- then she stopped and was able to get food from the food shelf. We were also able to pray with her and offer her hope. These are only a couple of the stories that we were humbled to be a part of in our community. Each of these acts of kindness brought hope to their recipients. Hope can turn a very dark time to one with a light at the end of the tunnel.

Easter is all about hope. For believers- followers of Jesus- Easter is culmination of all the hopes that God carries for His people. Hope is powerful. The opposite of hope is despair, which can paralyze us, but hope energizes and mobilizes us. Our hope affects those around us, lifting them up and lifting us up as well.

On that very first Easter morning, the disci-

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For advertising information, call Terry at 507-951-7417 or email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com ples were huddled together feeling defeated, afraid, and depressed. They had lost hope. They had believed that Jesus- their friend was going to be the next King of Israel- they thought he was God- or at least sent by God-But as they had watched his life ebb away 3 days previously, so their hope had ebbed away as well. When 2 followers of Jesus were talking to a stranger (they thought) later, they said, "We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago." Luke 24:21.

It really should be no surprise that on that first Easter morning- it was the women that felt they had to go to the tomb first thing and rightly prepare the body for burial. They felt that Jesus was hurriedly wrapped and placed in Joseph of Arimathea's grave so they needed to go and take care of it—they loved Him, and it was the last outpouring of love they could give their friend Jesus.

When they arrived at the cemetery- to the tomb- they discovered that the huge stone covering the opening was gone! Despite their sadness, despite their hopelessness, they brought the spices to the tomb. When they arrived, they didn't know what to think! The tomb was empty—they were stunned and perplexed. Jesus body was gone! Let that sink in- they went there to put spices on him, rewrap him and prepare him for eternity a gift of love to Jesus through this last act... and their Savior is GONE!

Then 2 men appear in front of them- in dazzling robes. Not what you expect at an empty tomb! When they saw these men- they were terrified- they were experiencing something that they had never seen before! They knew these guys weren't just men--they were angels- These guys had the women's attention the ladies fell to the ground. They had an encounter with God's messengers.

I love the angels question to them: "Why

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would you look for the Living One in a tomb? He is not here, for he has risen!" Why would you be looking for LIVING ONE in this tomb? The tomb is where we look for those other gods- those that aren't real- the statues, those made from wood, stone and crystal- those that neither hear nor speak to us. Muhammad can be found in his grave in Medina, Saudi Arabia, we can visit The cremated remains of what an inscription says is the Buddha, also called Siddhārtha Gautama, have been discovered in a box in Jingchuan County, China, but the grave of Jesus is empty!

The angels ask the women- why are looking for the Living One among the dead—HE is alive—He is real! Jesus had told them several times that this was going to happen. At the time, it was just too crazy to believe. They had no point of reference to turn back too. No one had been dead three days to rise and live again. They saw him brutally beaten, and hung to die on the cross- For Jesus to be alive was IMPOSSIBLE—wasn't it? As the angels reminded them, they remembered, now... Oh – yeah—lightbulb moment- and extreme joy!!! Jesus is alive!

How important is the resurrection to our hope in God? It is what everything hinges on. Without the resurrection we have no living god to believe in. Paul put it succinctly when he said that if our hope in Christ is only for this life—that is, if the resurrection was a ruse, and we have been fooled into believing in a life-after-death that will never come then we are "of all people most to be pitied" (1 Cor. 15:19). The resurrection is foundational.

First, the resurrection is proof that Jesus is who He said He is and that He can do what He said He can do.

Second, the resurrection is our confidence that death will not be the end for us. The last

#### AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY Lord, King, and Savior

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 32:1-8 Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert. — Isaiah 32:2

How amazing parents are! They sacrifice so much for their children and are eager to provide opportunities for them. A key preoccupation of seafarers during their visits to ports around the world is to buy books, toys, and clothes to bring back for their children. Parents show love and protection in so many ways for their children, and God does the same for us. In Isaiah 32, God shares a wonderful announcement.

In Isaiah 32, God shares a wonderful announcement. This comes in the midst of warnings to God's people, who have turned away from him to rely on the power of other nations (see Isaiah 28-31). But even though the people have been unfaithful, Isaiah reminds them that God has promised a kingdom of righteousness. Today we know that the King who "will reign in

Today we know that the King who "will reign in righteousness" is Jesus, and leaders who follow his ways will rule with justice. This means that everyone young and old, men and women, parents and children all will be able to flourish and learn and grow in peace. God's kingdom is a refuge from the storms and troubles of life. The Savior, Jesus, has given us new life and promises it "to the full" (John 10:10). We need not fear or dread the future. Families and communities can thrive. And our King invites us to welcome others in from the storm. *Praver* 

Lord, King, and Savior, you are our refuge and strength. You care for us with love and compassion. Help us to care for and love others as you have done for us. Amen.

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10:00a.m. Worship 20 - 3rd St. SW, Oronoco, MN 507-367-4711 • www.oronocochurch.org enemy that shall be destroyed is death (1 Cor. 15:26), but that's only true if our God has truly defeated it already.

Finally, the resurrection gives us confidence that our King is still alive and involved.

The women at the tomb, and the disciples later-- Their hope wasn't in a dead god that taught a good way to live. Their hope wasn't in a prophet or an earthly King. Their hope was built on the Living One, Jesus Christ- the Risen Savior. They went beyond their fears and believed. They knew that Jesus was alive forever more- they knew that He would be with them to the end of the age, this Hope filled these followers of Christ and they in turn were able to turn the world upside down with the Good News that Jesus is Alive- Hope was born that first Easter Sunday! This same Hope is available to us today too.

Jesus broke through the barriers of death and the grave. He broke through the chains of sin and the pain of this world. Jesus is the hope for you now and for you in the future.



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# **Obituaries & Church News**

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#### **Donald Albert Schreader**



Donald Albert Schreader was born on August 6, 1922 to Albert Schreader and Bertha (Petersdorf) Schreader in Pine Island Township. He was baptized at Poplar Grove Church in Pine Island Township and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mazeppa, Minnesota. He attended Mazeppa schools and served during WWII with the Merchant Marines. Donald married Marcella Klindworth on September 22, 1946 in Bear Valley. Donald farmed and served as a substitute mail carrier, as treasurer of St. John's Lutheran Church and President of the Mazeppa Coop Dairy for many years. He loved hunting, fishing, spending time at his cabin in Hackensack, and spending winters in Texas and Arizona.

Donald is survived by his son James (Jeannie) Schreader and his daughter Judy (Jerry) Liffrig; Grandchildren, Tara

Young (Mark), Matthew Liffrig (Nicole), Laura Danielson (Brian), and Kevin Schreader (Anezka), Great-Grandchildren; Jake and Camden Young, Rem-

mington Liffrig, Hailey, Addison and Kylie Danielson. Donald was preceded in death by his wife Marcella (Sally).

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred, sent to St. John's Church in Mazeppa or the charity of your choice.

#### **Gerald T. Hoffman**



Gerald T. Hoffman, 86 of Davenport FL. Passed away on February 25, 2022. He was born on April 16, 1935 in Mazeppa, MN. He attended Mazeppa schools and graduated with Bachelors degree in college. Gerald served honorably in the U.S. Air

force as a Chief Aviation Mechanic. He volunteered for the fire department, Usher/Greeter at his church, men's homeless shelter and Aviation Museum for more than 25 years. Gerald received presidential volunteer award for his many volunteer hours. He was a member of the American Legion. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; Caroline H. Hoffman (Schumacher) & Theodore E. Hoffman; his siblings, Evelyn K. Hoffman (Sauke) and Michael B. Hoffman. He is survived by his spouse, Donna S. Hoffman (Cates); Children, Mickey E. Hoffman, Robin A. Becker (Hoffman). He is also survived by several grandchildren and several great grandchildren. The family would like to offer our heart felt thanks to the many caregivers, who helped our father during his time on this earth. In lieu of gifts or flowers please make a charitable donation.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may shared at www.nationalcremation.com/locations/oviedo for the Hoffman family.



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### **Members of South Troy Church Visit Feed My Starving Children**



Front row: Conner Hoeft, Dominic Warren Back row: Colleen Hoeft, Christopher Morales, Abigail Eucker, Madeline, Christina Hoeft



L to R Madeline, Abigail Eucker, Christina Hoeft, Conner Hoeft



Filling food bags in center

# St. Patrick's Day

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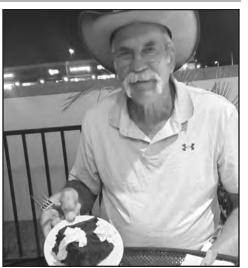
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Some festive perennials available at Calvin Schumacher's celebrated his birth-Jenny's Greenhouse in the next couple day in Arizona! months!





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

Makeover a room–Simplified Edition When I was a kid, I used to rearrange my room for fun, then go get my



mom and dad to come look and see my work. I can't tell you how many times I rearranged my room. Sometimes, it's just time for a refresh. I feel like at our house and our cabin, there is only one good way for the furniture to be configured. I had to arrange it a few times to get to the best configuration, but I got it. I also HATE painting. Painting is not part of my idea of a room refresh!

Our house is a lot of different colors of grey. I pick a different accent color in accessories to give a new look.

Missy Papenfus

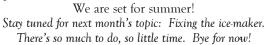
First was lime green, then orange, and now it

is mustard. To change up the bathroom, I keep a lot of the same accessories and just buy a new shower curtain (or put up a seasonal shower curtain) to look totally different without spending a lot of money.

At the cabin, we just finished up a bigger room makeover. We decided to tackle our next project of new carpet. I said if we are getting new carpet, then it's time to get new living room furniture. We've used our hand-me-downs from my parents for almost two years. We went to a furniture store a few miles away and picked out furniture they had in stock. I didn't want to order anything that would take so long to get I would forget what it actually looked like!

They boys headed to the cabin two

nights before carpet laying day along with Mike's dad for a boys trip. They got one last hurrah of snowmobiling and ice fishing for the year. Carpet day, they moved out the old furniture. They went to pick up the new furniture, while the carpet installers were there, and put it in place after the carpet was laid.





"Living the Dream at the Lake Photo on the wall is of Mazeppa Walking Bridge we purchased from a Mazeppa Lions club fundraiser about 10 years ago.

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# Community

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### 2022 AKC USA **Junior World Agility Team Announced -**Team Will Be **Participating at the Junior Open Agility World Championship** in Finland

"23 JUNIORS AND THEIR K-9 PART-NERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE USA IN FINLAND"

On February 24th, Coach Susan Cochran announced the American Kennel Club's 2022 AKC USA Junior World Agility Team. This is the only Junior agility Team in the United States. There is no such thing as dog agility at the Olympics – but to the 23 junior handlers and their K-9 companions who have been selected to represent the USA at THE JUNIOR OPEN AGILITY WORLD CHAMPI-ONSHIP (JOAWC) COMPETITION in Finland - this is just as spectacular! Training daily and traveling the world to compete at the highest level of junior dog agility takes commitment, dedication and heart.

onship (JOAWC) is an agility competition that is officially recognized by the FCI -Federation Cynologique Internationale (World Canine Organization) - and is the largest international federation of kennel clubs. Each country can enter a maximum of 28 dogs. The individual competition is held in categories of Large, Medium and Small dogs and divided into three handler age categories: U12 (under 12 years old) U15 (12-14 years old) and U19 (15-18 years old). The JO AWC dates are July 15-17, 2022

This year the AKC JUNIOR AGILITY TEAM USA has 23 juniors (one U12, two U15 and twenty U19 category handlers) running 29 dogs: 4 All American dogs, 1 Australian Shepherd, 13 Border Collies, 1 American Cocker, 3 Golden Retrievers, 2 Miniature American Shepherd, 1 Miniature Poodle, 2 Shetland Sheepdogs, 1 Belgian Tervuren and a Beagle! The team consists of 21 females and two male juniors. They represent 14 states across the United States of America including: Alabama, Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Congratulations to the USA Small Dog Team: Brie Schaff and Sheltie Streak from Texas; Danielle Wagner and Mini Poodle Rainee from Minnesota; Maddie Koeppe and her Beagle Magic from Washington; Sarah Ford and Mini American Shepherd Hazel The Junior Open Agility World Champi- from Kentucky; Ryan Ford and Mini Ameri-

A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

#### **By Missy Papenfus**

All winter here at MotoProz, we've had a friendly competition going between father and son. After attending a snocross race in Brainerd last year, Mike and Monty decided to both purchase 1997 ZR 440 race sleds. They got them all tuned up and ready to race, to find out that there were not enough participants in the "ditch banger" class, so they would no longer have it! There were a few races at ERX in Elk River, Minnesota, but it never worked out for us. Fast forward to Sunday, April 3rd at Mount Ski Gull, Nisswa, Minnesota Sunday Funday snocross race! Stay tuned next month for the father/son race results! They are both coming out of snocross race retirement!!



am at. Why IO weeks? I found a new food journal I had that is IO

weeks. My last day of the 10 weeks is May 24. This first month along with the daily pre-tracking, my focus is increasing my water intake and my steps, which should be easier with the warmer weather we've been having lately. Follow along; I will check in and let you know how my progress goes in May and lune!

#### Memo from MotoProz ...

The 2023 Arctic Cat snowmobile pre-order period starts Tuesday April 19th.. Find us on Facebook, check out our website at www.MotoProz.com, or give us a call at MotoProz 507-843-2855 and we'll fill you in! Check out our list of up-to-date inventory online at www.MotoProz.com. It looks like 2023 is going to be pre-order only again, so don't miss out!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

can Shepherd Denali from Kentucky; and Meg Loesch and her American Cocker Daisy from Washington.

Congratulations to the USA Medium Dog Team: Ava Gardner and Sheltie Merlee from Minnesota; Allyssa Daube and All American Piper from Illinois; and Abby Zerm and her All American Halley from Georgia.

Congratulations to the USA Large Dog Teams: Abby Zerm and Border Collie Taupe from Georgia; Finley Richgels and Border Collie Joker from Wisconsin; Jada Sawhney and Border Collie Zula from Florida; Maggie Hill and Border Collie Breeze from California; Danielle Wagner and Border Collie Twix from Minnesota; Kinze Williams and Belgian Tervuren Voo from Alaska; Katie Cones and Border Collie Dash from North Carolina; Tian Griffith and Border Collie Luna from North Carolina; Ashlynn Faas and Border Collie Nick from Minnesota; Sterling Wanninger and her Australian Shepherd JT from Alabama; Deltin Cinotto and Border Collie Rascal from Illinois; and Katie Doane and her Golden Retriever Jolt from Wisconsin.

Congratulations to the USA Alternate Teams: Charlotte Gunby and her Mixed



Ashlynn Faas and Border Collie Nick

Breed English Shepherd Archie from Wisconsin; Katie Williamson and her Golden Retriever Voulez from Louisiana; Tessa Trusner and her All American Lina from Virginia; (continued on page 6)



2023 Arctic Cat Snowmobile pre-order period starts April 19th!

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**2022 AKC USA Junior World Agility Team Announced -Team Will Be Participating at the Junior Open Agility World Championship** in Finland

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Chloe Bales and her Border Collie Nova from Virginia; Finley Richgels and her Border Collie Charisma from Wisconsin; Jada Sawhney and her Border Collie Smudge from Florida; Katie Doane and her Golden Retriever Lucy from Wisconsin; and Maggie Hill and her Border Collie Trix.

Congratulations to these juniors and their

K9 partners selected to be part of AKC Junior Agility Team USA! We are incredibly proud of these junior handlers for accomplishing their goal of making the Team and competing at the Junior Open Agility World Championships (JOAWC) July in Finland.

Donations - Unlike the Olympics these juniors do not have sponsors and are responsible for funding their trip. Your donation - your gift of money - may be made through the Team's PayPal account: PAYPAL.ME/AKCEOJ18 NOTE: ALL MONIES GO DIRECTLY TO THE TEAM. You may specifically designate your money to the team, a specific junior or breed. In addition, most of the juniors have some sort of a PayPal account linked to their Face Book page. PLEASE follow their travels and donate to these juniors representing our United States of America.

Fundraising Contact: Debby DuBay, Ret USAF Team Manager ddlimoges@gmail.com

# Share Your Good News with the Community! Submit your engagement, wedding or birth announcement

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Show your friends and neighbors as well as all the readers your culinary expertise! E-mail your recipe to **April Winners** 1 box of lemon cake mix 3 oz pkg of lemon jello 4 eggs 1 cup boiling water 3/4 cup corn oil 35-40 minutes 2 medium onions, chopped 2 stalks celery, chopped Saute in 1/4 cup butter, then combine with: 1 10.5 ounce can mushroom soup 1 4 ounce can mushrooms, undrained 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1 teaspoon parsley flakes 10 ounce bag frozen broccoli, thawed Pour into a buttered 2 quart casserole. Top with crumbs: 10 Ritz crackers, crushed 1/4 cup melted butter Mix well and sprinkle on top of casserole. Bake at 325 degrees for 30-35 minutes until lightly browned. 1 3oz. cream cheese 1/2 cup sour cream 1/2 cup mayonnaise 1/2 t. chicken bouillon granules 2 T. parmesan cheese 4 strips of bacon, cooked and crumbled 3/4 cup cooked chicken 1 tomato chopped Swiss cheese dip. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 1 cup sugar 1/4 cup soft butter 1 egg 1/4 cup molasses 2 cups flour 2 tsp soda

Recipe Contest

- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

dough

Shape into 1 in. balls. Roll balls in sugar. Place balls 2 in. apart on greased baking sheet. Bake 9-12 min. until edges are set. Allow to cool on baking sheet for a couple of minutes before removing to cooling rack.

Just send us your recipe with the ingredient list and preparation instructions and we will draw 4 recipes each month to run in the Messenger with your name as the submitter.

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If we use your recipe and print it, you will receive a free certificate. Be sure to include your name and address so we can mail you a gift card if your entry is the winner.

Lemon Jello Cake (easy, great Spring Easter dessert!) Submitted by Tami Peterson

Dissolve lemon jello in boiling water. Set aside to cool. Place cake mix in a bowl. Add oil and mix well. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add jello and mix well for 2 minutes. Bake in a greased angel food pan. Bake at 350 for

#### Broccoli Casserole Submitted by Cyndie Nosek

#### Chicken and Bacon Dip Submitted by Connie Turner

Mix in a bowl cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise and bouillon. Refrigerate overnight. Spread on plate, sprinkle with parmesan cheese, bacon, chicken and tomato. Top with Swiss cheese. Serve with tortilla chips. This is everybody's favorite

#### Soft and Chewy Gingersnaps Submitted by Shelly Donkers

- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger

Cream sugar and butter. Beat in egg & molasses. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill











# Community

- MAZEPPA-ZUMBRO FALLS MESSENGER -

### Letter from our sister city, Mazepyntsi, Ukraine Dated: January 8, 1995

Mayor and Chamber of Commerce

Village of Mazeppa Mazeppa, Minnesota

Gentlemen,

\We, the Village Council and people of Mazepyntsi, Ukraine wish to invite you to form a bond of friendship—a sister-village relationship, based on the common origin of our name and because both of our villages are agricultural in nature.

\Our village is located in the state or oblast of Kyiv (Kiev), the county or raion of Bila Tserkva about a hundred kilometers fro Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine.

It was founded in the seventeenth century by the grandfather of the chief of the Ukrainian Cossack state, Hetman Ivan Mazepa (1687-1709), for whom both are villages are named. Our village has a population of one thousand who live in three hundred houses and our people cultivate sugar beets, plant wheat and potatoes and raise cattle.

\Recently we have helped to erect a monument to our most illustrious son, the leader of the Cossack State Ivan Mazepa. At this dedication ceremony, the ambassador of the United States, Mr. William Miller has graciously consented to aid in the realization of our project. Now, therefore, we are asking for your consent to such a bond between our villages in principle and to look for ways to visit each other's villages, exchange students and maybe even farmers for a period of time to get to know each other better.

Our best wishes to you and the people of Mazeppa in the New Year.

Anatolii Karpenko, head of the Village Council Our address: Ukraine-Kyiv Oblast

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Anatolii Karpenko

\*\*\*October, 1959 Mazeppa, Mn. – Ukrainian Festival-1000 people attended



### Apple Cider Vinegar is Good for You!



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

I have always been a big proponent of apple cider vinegar and have written many times on its health benefits. According to my research on vinegar, it is said to have been discovered around 5000 BC, when unattended grape juice turned into wine and then vinegar. Originally used as a food preservative, vinegar's medicinal uses soon came to light. Hippocrates used vinegar to manage wounds, while medical practitioners in the 1700s used it to treat everything from poison ivy and croup to stomach aches. Vinegar was even used to treat diabetes. Vinegar, which means "sour wine"



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quality. Most manufacturers pasteurize and filter their vinegar to prevent the mother from forming, but the "murky" kind is best, especially if you're planning to consume it. Vinegar is not only useful for cooking, it's useful for health purposes, cleaning, garden care, hygiene, and much more. In fact, a jug of vinegar is easily one of the most economical and versatile remedies around." Here are some of the health conditions that AC vinegar can benefit the most: Diabetes, heart health, weight loss, sinus congestion, sore throat (as a gargle), acid reflux, skin irritations, warts and energy boosting. I recommend taking organic apple cider vinegar with the "mother" daily as a health tonic. 2 tablespoons of vinegar to 6-8 oz of water. Always buy organic AC vinegar with the "Mother" intact.

in French, can be made from virtually any

carbohydrate that can be fermented, including grapes, dates, coconut, potatoes, beets

and of course, apples. Additionally, vinegar

is made through a long, slow fermentation

process, leaving it rich in bioactive compo-

nents like acetic acid, gallic acid, catechin,

epicatechin, caffeic acid, and more, giving it

potent antioxidant, antimicrobial, and many

other beneficial properties. "Mother" of

vinegar, a cobweb-like amino acid-based sub-

stance found in unprocessed, unfiltered vine-

gar, indicates your vinegar is of the best

Thought for the Week: An apple a day is thought to keep the doctor away, but an apple turned to vinegar will really keep the doctor away!

Chiropractic Thought for the Week: An egg is cracked, a spine is adjusted. When the chiropractor adjusts your spine it is not a hap hazard random manipulation. Anybody can give a person a squeeze and get the bones to move with audible noises or "cracks." Chiropractors use a specific analysis to find fixed, misaligned vertebra call subluxations. The analysis not only finds the joints that are problematic, it also lets the chiropractor know the direction of the alignment and therefore the specific adjustment needed to correct the body's structural issues that are causing symptoms. Chiropractors use spinal reflexes, muscle testing and motion palpation to figure out the best care for each patient.



# Local Government & History

- MAZEPPA-ZUMBRO FALLS MESSENGER -

April, 2022

#### Mazeppa Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022** 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, Dustin Wiebusch, Mike Hammes, and Steve Liffrig.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law Office, Karen DuCharme from SEMMCHRA, Bob Josselyn, Donald Dahl, and City Administrator Karl Nahrgang.

Attending via electronic meeting: Wabasha County Sherriff's Chief Deputy Jim Warren, Holly Galbus from the News Record, and John Clemens.

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

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried. Regular meeting closed at 6:04 PM.

Public Hearing opened at 6:04 PM.

A public hearing was held regarding the

Small Cities Development Program Grant. Karen DuCharmes from SEMMCHRA (Southeast Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority) presented details and a progress report on the grant process.

A grant request has been made by SEMM-CHRA for funds used to assist low to moderate income homeowners to repair and improve housing units within the City. The max grant amount is \$600,000. Information from a community wide survey was used to measure initial interest. 13 homeowners and 12 rental units expressed interest in applying for funds from this grant. The 12 rental units are SEMMCHRA operated.

Once funding has been secured, interested persons will be contacted for application and additional applications will be taken. Projects will be covered up to \$24,000. For this grant the matching funds (based on household income) have been waived.

The public hearing is another required step in the grant application process.

No other comments were made.

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

Public Hearing closed 6:19 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to re-open the regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried. Regular meeting re-opened 6:20 PM. (continued on page 13)

### Mazeppa's Namesake Known to Few

Mazeppa, the town in the valley on the Zumbro River, Wabasha County, founded in 1855, was named after Ivan Mazepa, a Ukrainian Cossack chief of the seventeenth-eighteenth century.

Ivan Mazepa was the subject of an epic poem by Lord Byron which has become legendary.

Ivan Mazepa was a Ukrainian Cossack Hetman, or Leader, in those early days of battling national factions, both in the palaces and on the battlefield. The Great Northern War was fought 1700-1721.

Mazepa was known for his efforts, to bring his army to the assistance of King Carl XII, the King of the Swedes, who was about to do battle with Peter the Great's large Russian army at Poltava.

In those days, the Ukrainians were no more fond of Russians then now. The influence of the Swedes was considerable, in that they were all over Eastern Europe, all the way to the Black Sea.

Unfortunately for Ivan, Peter the Great was victorious. The Swedes were overwhelmed at Poltava in 1709.

Ivan Mazepa was captured, tied to his horse, and his horse was set free in into the wilds, with the assumption that eventually Ivan would die on his horse after the horse died.

Such was nearly the case, but Ivan was saved from death when rescued by a beautiful maiden who found him still tied to his dead horse.

Ira Seeley was given the opportunity by Joseph Ford in naming the village and he chose his favorite poem "Mazep" written by Lord Byron.



#### THE MAZEPPA JOURNAL, Editor and Publisher: Barbara and Reider Tommeraas Friday, May 7. 1954

### **Obituaries**

H.G. Scharfenberg

H.G. Scharfenberg, well-known resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa, died last Thursday evening, following a heart attack at his home. He was 65 years old.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial in Oakland cemetery. Masonic rites were conducted by Ashlar lodge.

Survived by his wife and one daughter, four sisters, Mrs. Elsa Maas and Mrs. Emil Schroder of Bettendorf, Miss Anna Scharfenberg of Minneapolis, Mrs. John Meyers of Houston, Texas, and two brothers, Carl Scharfenberg of Deer River, Minn., and Frank Scharfenberg, of Bettendorf also survive.

#### Local News

Manley Busse, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Reinholz, Mrs. S.H. Prigge and Mrs. Leona Reinholz attended the funeral of their uncle, Henry Scharfenburg at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Monday.

#### JUSTICE COURT NOTES

Appearing before Justice of the Peace, Richard Hammes, the past week were Arnold Borgschatz, and Geroge Citrowski on a disorderly charge, and Fred Nettekoven, Plainview, illegal parking.

The disorderly conduct charge brought fines of \$10 and costs each, and the legal parking, \$5.00 and costs.

MRS. CATHERINE BARTHOLOME MARKS 101ST BIRTHDAY AT ST. CLOUD

served by Mrs. Richardson and her helpers, and a good time was had by all.

Mrs. Catherine Bartholome, mother of the Most Rev. Peter W. Bartholome, bishop of the St. Cloud Catholic diocese, observed her 101st birthday Monday.

She was the guest of honor at a party in the bishop's residence, where she lives. Present were priests of the diocese, relatives and close friends.

#### Friday, May 14, 1954

#### Obituaries

#### NICHOLAS J. LIFFRIG

Nicholas J. Liffrig, 79 years of age, died at 5:45 p.m. Monday at Zumbrota Community hospital. He had been ill for 12 days following a stroke.

He was born June 16, 1874, in Heinstart, Belgium. He was married to Barbara Schafer Feb. 22, 1909 at Bellechester. He farmed for 30 years in North Dakota, and he and his family moved to Mazeppa in 1937.

Surviving are his wife and the following children: Walter, Clifford, Leo, Wilfred, and Cpl Daniel, all of Mazeppa, Sylvester and Verna (Mrs. Paul Lee) of Plaza, N.D., Gilbert of Makoti, N.D. and Raymond of Lake City. One son, Robert, died in infancy. Also surviving are nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic church, with the Rev. W.J. Ryan officiating. Interment was in Mazeppa Catholic cemetery. Robinson's Funeral Parlors was in charge of arrangements.

#### Local News

Cpl. Daniel Liffrig arrived here by plane Thursday evening from Trieste, Italy, where he has been stationed for 16 months. He was called here by the critical illness of his father, Nicholas Liffrig. Cpl. Liffrig will report to Fort Sheridan, Ill., June 9.

District 66 Votes for Consolidation

Consolidation of the local school made further progress this week with District 66 indicating their favor on a straw vote held last week-end. They voted 21 for and 16 no. This is one of the larger districts in the area.

To date, the following districts have indicated their preference for consolidation; 51, 13, 14, 76, and 66. Voting against was 54.

The Mazeppa Commercial club, at its regular meeting Monday evening, went on record in favor of consolidation.

#### Painting Bee

Patrons of Richardson's Café rubbed their eyes Tuesday morning. The entire place had been rejuvenated with a most attractive color scheme. Seems that after Commercial club Monday evening, 14 painters and numerous other helpers had a bee, and by midnight the café was entirely repainted. Refreshments were

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

### Local Government

- MAZEPPA-ZUMBRO FALLS MESSENGER -

#### April, 2022

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffrig to approve SEMMCHRA to move forward with the grant submission. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to approve the February 9, 2022 Regular City Council meeting minutes, March 1, 2022 Council working session meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Jim Warren joined via electronic meeting and

presented the Incident Command Report for February to the Council. There was brief discussion over an item in the report involving the Municipal Liquor Store.

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

Mazeppa Volunteer Fire Department report was read by Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

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

#### Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - February 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 6PM. All Council members present along with Fire Chief, Nate Richardson and Chief Deputy, Jim Warren, Wabasha County.

Clerk read the minutes of the January meeting accepted as read with a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

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

Donations presented for acceptance are as follows: Dolores Komisar for \$50.00 to the memorial fund, Betty Baer \$10.00, Ruth Vandeweerd \$50.00, and Helen Reiland \$20.00 given in memory of Duane Klein. A motion to accept made by Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Motion for the City of Zumbro Falls to become a Purple Heart City was made by Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7PM and the clerk to pay all bills presented with a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried..

Submitted by,

Susan Eischens, Clerk

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Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve \$2250 to A.E.T. for soil borings in the areas that sewer mains will be replaced during the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Hall activity report was given by City

City Engineer Matt Mohs gave an engi-

A letter from Marie Josselyn was read to the Council regarding watershed runoff. Bob Josselyn followed up with a description of the water in his yard. It was higher than it had been in the past. Speculation was made that the culvert down stream had been installed higher than the previous culvert or was not large enough.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to approve the Fire contracts with the Townships in the Fire Department service area. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to set the Board of Equalization Hearing for April 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2022-15 Closing portions of 2nd Ave. NE and Walnut St. for Citywide cleanup day. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Liffrig, second by Young to approve Resolution 2022-16 Issuing a dance permit to Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store for the Customer Appreciation event. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2022-17 Transferring Signing Authority on the Economic Development Authority checking account from John Betcher to Sara Betcher. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2022-18 issuing an offsite temporary gambling permit to the Mazeppa Lion's Club for the Mazeppa Daze Duck races. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Discussion between the owner of 180 Walnut St. NE, the Council and prosecuting attorney Elizabeth Deming on the total amount of the fines for nuisance violations at the property. Council gave prosecutor guidance on lowering total amount of fines.

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

Regular meeting was recessed at 7:59 PM. Motion by Young, second by Liffrig begin closed meeting in accordance with 13D.05 Subdivision 3, (B) with regards to attorneyclient privilege outweighing the benefit of open meeting rights to discuss pending litigation. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Closed meeting began at 8:01 PM.

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

Closed meeting ended at 9:19 PM.

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

Regular meeting re-convened at 9:20 PM. No participants were in the physical or electronic waiting room.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to respond to Mr. Sveen and MB Sveen properties regarding the City's position regarding easement over parcel R23.00249.00 and offering to split said parcel to purchase approximately 1.5 acres for \$62,000 and 50% of the costs of surveying and platting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Bolton and Menk to research information regarding 4th Ave. NE right-of-way on the official plat. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to recess the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:25 PM. Administrator-Clerk

#### **Reconvened City Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

A quorum of the Mazeppa City Council was present to observe the Parks and Recreation meeting.

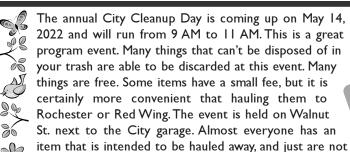
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Councilper-

sons: Erica Young and Mike Hammes. Others Present: Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

No business was transacted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.





R. able to make the arrangements to do so. This is that opportunity. The City encourages you to use this as a start to declutter your yard. No one wants to see a collection of non-licensed vehicles, recreational equipment, or furniture in your yard. We take a great deal of pride in our hometown and want it to be clean and inviting. So, if you have items to large for cleanup, call a junk service, or a salvage yard for your non-running vehicles, old appliances, old bathroom fixtures, or whatever may be lying about the yard. Use Cleanup Day as a start 2Q point to declutter the community. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

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### We Sell Farmland



By Terry Campbell This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when its warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

I saw an ad in the local paper saying "we sell Farmland". It struck me as such an over simplification. It should have read, "We sell the lifetime hopes and dreams of a farmer." March is the month most farmland is sold. Land transactions are completed before the crop season starts. This last year has seen a 26% increase in the price of farmland over the previous year. Not sure the price of crops and cost of inputs makes that logical.

It may seem like a simple sale, just a business deal for the ever expanding and enlarging farms. But for a farmer, land is their lifeblood. They are intimately attached to it. They raise their crops, livestock, families and dreams in the land. They care for it and it rewards them with its bounty. It is planted in

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hope, cultivated in hard work and harvested in thankfulness. Some years the return is meager, some years plentiful.

When I grew up there were small farms everywhere across the county. Little family run businesses that provided a good living and a great lifestyle. No better place to raise a family. The kids went to the local school, the parents patronized the small-town businesses, dads and moms were active in the community in a myriad of ways.

I was blessed to grow up on a small farm and I was fortunate to raise my children on a small farm. My daughters played with barn cats, raised calves, operated machinery and even learned that the little pig they fed daily and named "Porker" went to the butcher shop in the livestock trailer and came back in freezer wrap.

My great grand-father broke this land with a horse and plow. I often thought about him listening to the birds sing as the horses pulled the steel wheeled implements across the field. I covered the same ground in a John Deere diesel powered tractor, while listening to the radio. I had it easier than he ever dreamed.

In the end, one gets old and decides to hang up his farm hat. You smell the dirt being worked in the spring and feel the draw of the land. You smell the fresh scent of corn at harvest and remember the pride of a good harvest. Each year farmland will be sold and change hands. The land is timeless. It will produce another crop. Someone else will farm the land. You doubt that they will take care of it like you did though.

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### A Minnesotan: Seven Dozen Easter Eggs



**By RosaLin Alcoser** 

Easter 2004 was my all time favorite Easter of my childhood. I was seven years old that year and it was the Easter of seven dozen Easter eggs.

That year we spent Easter Sunday at my adopted grandparents house.Which is where we had one of the most memorable Easter Egg Hunts of my childhood. It is the most memorable for two reasons. First off it was the most eggs we ever had outside of a church egg hunt and secondly not all the eggs were found on Easter Sunday.

Why seven dozen Easter eggs you might ask? That's simple, my older sister and I dyed three dozen eggs at home, a dozen each and a spare incase some of them broke during the dyeing process. Then two dozen were dyed at my adoptive grandparents house then their friend dyed another two dozen and left them at the house for us on Easter Sunday. Which is why there were seven dozen eggs that year.

The best part was not dying the Easter Eggs but Easter Sunday itself. After church we went over to my adopted grandparents house and everyone was there; my mom, sister, grandparents, a set of their parents, and their son.

That year their son was about 25 yearsold and he hid the seven dozen eggs while we were at church. This was the only year that I can remember that the eggs were not found and hidden multiple times throughout the afternoon to keep us amused. Because he hid all seven dozen eggs way too hard for children.

They were hidden in places we would never think to look; inside and outside of the house. Up high out of our line of sight and if memory serves me correctly in a couple of places that we were not allowed to be in because we were children.

The eggs were so well hidden that my older sister believes that after spending all day looking we found a good 75-80% of those eggs on Easter Sunday. Then Grandpa was finding the rest well into July of that year, because his son forgot where he hid the ones that we could not find.

I have done dozens of egg hunts in my childhood and helped with many more as a teen and young adult. But the Easter of 2004 where seven dozen Easter Eggs were hidden and not all found will always be my favorite egg hunt of my childhood.

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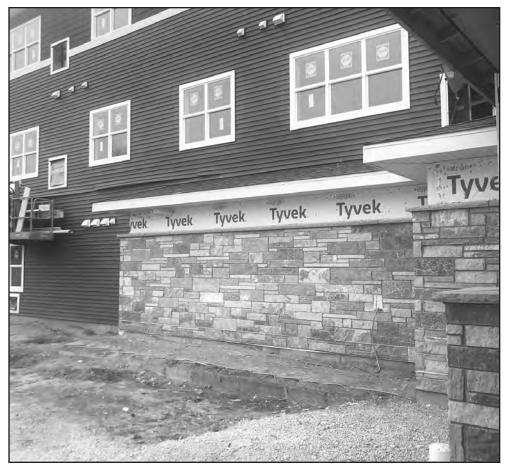
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Painting has begun too - hallways on 2nd and 3rd floors, these are where the Independent, Assisted and Closer Care apartments are located.



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