

# Mazeppa-Zumbro Falls MAZEPPA and UMBRO FALLS NOBRO FALLS AUGUST, 2022

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### Announcements

• The Mazeppa Area Historical Society wants to thank all who supported us during Mazeppa Daze!

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: OR-GANIZE BOXES OF PICTURES AT THE HISTORY CENTER. CALL HELEN IF INTERESTED at 507-250-6021.

• MNTC Adult and Teen Challenge Choir will be singing at South Troy Church, 56817 Highway 63 Zumbro Falls, MN September 11 at 10:30 am. A cook-out will follow the service and everyone is welcome.

• Celebrate Recovery Begins on October 2 at South Troy Church, Sundays at 5 pm. 56817 Highway 63 Zumbro Falls, MN 55991.

• 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.

Do you have an announcement? Email: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

# Great-Great Granddaughter of Joseph Ford Visits Mazeppa Again

Ann Conklin Erickson along with her granddaughter, Samantha Eckerson and great granddaughter Annabelle Hedwall visited the Mazeppa Historical Society museum on July 16th.

Ann's always has installed with her family the importance of "WHERE YOU COME FROM! Ann's great-great grandfather was Joseph Ford who was the founder of Mazeppa in 1855!

Joseph Ford & Olive Lindsey had a daughter, Adelia Minerva Ford who married Lewis Mathews, who had a daughter, Adelia Eliza Mathews who married Ira Peter Conklin, who had a son Harry Max Conklin who married Helen B. Matthews, whose daughter was Ann Marie Conklin who married Dennis "Sam" Erickson.

Ann married Dennis "Sam" Erickson in 1950 and in 1951 moved to Arizona. Receiving her BS in Education at Arizona State University, she taught elementary school for 10 years. Sam received his BS in Education and MS in accounting. Sam then became a professor tax accounting back in Minnesota at Mankato State University from 1967-1992.



Ann took on the job of working for the state of Minnesota department "Right to Read Program' and made regular trips to the Mazeppa School in 1972, 1973 and 1974. On her many trips she became friends with Bonnie Siems, editor of the Mazeppa Journal. "Bonnie was very gracious and took her all over Mazeppa, visiting Ford homes. "Bonnie was a walking encyclopedia on the history of Mazeppa!"

Sam joined the Mankato Masonic Lodge and became Potentate of Osman Shrine Temple in 1981 and it was with his involvement that they met Allen and Anne (Gregoire) Koenig.

Ann's favorite question to so many people is "Where are you from?"

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**2022 Mazeppa Daze a Success** 

2022 Mazeppa Daze Friday evening headed down to the ballpark to line up for the

parade. Adam Burdick of Zumbrota driving the tractor.

# Religion

#### - MAZEPPA-ZUMBRO FALLS MESSENGER -

## Pit Stop Revelations Revelation 7: 9-10, 13-17



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

A pitstop is when the racing car comes in to get serviced during a race. They come in for new tires and fuel- and sometimes other mechanical issues too. If something major is required, the race will be over- the average time for a pitstop is from 7-15 seconds. That's fast! They need to be fast because they need to get the car back on the track and back in position to have a chance of winning the race.

Jesus is taking John aside to show him something entirely different from the 6 seals that have been broken in chapter 6. It's as if God is pausing for effect. To what purpose? To bring hope to those who believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. As we look at the events of the end of times, you and I can become fearful and wonder, 'will anyone be able to survive?' The answer unfolds during our tire change in chapter 7 of Revelations.

As we read chapter 7 in Revelations, we are seeing a great multitude- many, many people, so many we aren't able to have a number for them. There's so many no one can count, and they are from every 'nation, tribe, people and language.' Jesus doesn't divide by any of these- we are all His creation, valuable and chosen to become a member of His family. This multitude represents all that have received Jesus Christ. This multitude is often considered to be those that survived the great tribulation. They remained faithful during the times of persecution and struggle. This also shows that this refers to Jews and Gentiles because it includes all nations- this is an aweinspiring sight of people from all times and all places gathered to sing praise to God. John



is taking all this in. He's seeing it and probably struggling to understand what it all means. Who are these people and where have they all come from?

This is the church triumphant! They stand before the throne and are wearing white robes. To stand before the throne means they have fellowship with Jesus, that they are in His presence and are ready and willing to serve Him- The Lamb of God, the Redeemer of the sinner. God has saved His people! They are crying out, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Salvation belongs to our God- not to us. We cannot save ourselves- only through the blood of the Lamb. Only because of Jesus great sacrifice can we receive forgiveness and obtain the salvation that belongs to Jesus. We don't, and we can't save ourselves!

In Revelations 7:11-12, The angels are giving praise to God. They are worshiping Him before the throne- they fall prostrate before Him and sing. Only God is worthy and the angels are giving the praise rightfully to the only one that truly deserves it. By writing this, John is making a statement that these attributes only belong to the one and only true supreme being: God.

This is one of the main reasons I personally like Celebrate Recovery's approach to wholeness for anyone struggling with addictions and hurts and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery's 12 steps are basically the same as AA's, but with one major distinction: Celebrate Recovery teaches and proclaims that the supreme being that each of us really need in our lives is Jesus Christ. Without Him, there is little hope of healing and a future free of hurts, hang-ups and habits.

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When we make Jesus supreme, we can truly find freedom from our hurts, our hang-ups and our habits/addictions. The first 3 of the CR steps are powerful:

1 We admitted we were powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable. Romans 7:18

2 We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. Philippians 2:13

3 We made a decision to turn our lives and our wills over to the care of God. Romans 12:1

Jesus alone is worthy of all our praise and honor. The angels have the right idea, and we are directed to do the same. When we keep Jesus at the center- our life will change! We are excited to be able to offer a Celebrate Recovery beginning this fall on October 2. If you or someone you know would benefit from this ministry, please get the word out. Also, if you would like to know more or get involved, please contact me or check out the Celebrate Recovery Website.

We can have real hope for the future when we truly worship God. We can lay it all down before Him-offering ourselves as living sacrifices.

Chapter 7 ends with a beautiful picture of our Savior as our Shepherd. "For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.""

The lamb will be at the center of the throne! He is the one worshiped, He is the one deserving all our praise and He is the one that will lead us and care for us as a



I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge...." — Psalm 91:2

It was a scene of great joy when three siblings and their family members were reunited after a long separation. Seeking safety, they had fled their homeland in the midst of a civil war, and for eight long years they had lived in different refugee camps, moving from one place to another and searching for each other. Now, in a crowded airport, they were finally reunited. Our church, responsible for their resettlement, had provided housing, but it would not be "home" until the arrival of their loved ones.

Home is supposed to mean safety, belonging, and welcome. But for millions of people their home region has become dangerous and unwelcoming. War, violence, discrimination, and even natural disasters have forced millions to leave their homes. Some get to start a new life. Others languish, homeless and growing hopeless.

Baby Jesus was a refugee when his family fled to Egypt to ?escape death (Matthew 2). He later said that he had nowhere to rest his head. He understands the pain and sorrow of a refugee.

God has great concern for ?refugees. Psalm 68 says that God will give the desolate a home, and in Isaiah 65 we read of a "new" time when people can build houses and stay in them. More than that, God offers the deep shelter of belonging to him—under his wings we find refuge.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for our homes. Please care for the homeless. Thank you for being our dwelling place. In Jesus, Amen.

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shepherd care for His flock. (John 10) Jesus is the good shepherd, He cares for his people- and as we enter the great throne in heaven, he will continue to care for us. He is calling you and I by name. He knows you-He loves you! Jesus sacrifice for you prepares the way for you to be with Him forever! That's the good news from chapter 7. That's the message for us today- Who will be saved? Those that have believed on the name of Jesus Christ. He loves you. He wants you to be with Him forever. He is our only hope to survive in the end. When we put our faith in Him now- we are assured of a place with Him forever! There is power in His blood to wash away every sin!



#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Dave Neil 180 2nd Ave NE, Mazeppa • 843-4962 Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. **ZUMBRO COMMUNITY CHURCH** Dave Mohler 58354 Cty. Rd. 7, Zumbro Falls Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. **SOUTH TROY** WESLEYAN CHURCH Pastor Colleen Hoeft 56187 Hwy. 63, Zumbro Falls www.southtrowweslevan.org • 507-259-1442

www.southtroywesleyan.org • 507-259-1442 Wednesdays Supper at 6pm. We have a small group Bible Study meeting on Monday nights at 7:30pm at the church Sundays 10:30am in-person & livestream

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Email your church announcements, schedule, etc. to the MazeppaZumbro Falls Messenger at: hometownmessenger@gmail.com

# **Obituaries & Community**

#### August, 2022

#### Wavne N. Hadler

Wayne N. Hadler, age 80, of Lake City, for-

merly of Mazeppa,

died on Wednesday

July 13, 2022 at the

Mayo Clinic Hospi-

tal, Methodist Cam-

Hadler was born on

October 31, 1941 in

Red Wing, MN the

son of Norman and

Norman

pus in Rochester.

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Evelyn (nee Kuehl) Hadler. He attended the country school for a year and then Mazeppa Schools, graduating in 1959. He farmed near Mazeppa (Chester Township) his whole life, raising Shorthorn cattle. He worked nights at IBM for 30 years. He was an easy-going man who enjoyed family gatherings and family history. He loved the Mazeppa area, enjoying coffee and dining in town. He was always up on current events and attended all the area horse and tractor pulls. As a farmer, he was greatly interested in farm equipment and his cats never went without milk. Wayne was a member of St. John's Lutheran in Bear Valley.

Wayne is survived by his son: Karl (Edith) Hadler of Newcastle, WA, one granddaughter: Audrey Hadler, two sisters: Judy Boxrud of Red Wing and Dianne (Joyce) Atkinson of Zumbro Falls. He is further survived by two nieces: Missy Carlson and Amy Atkinson and one nephew: Jeff Boxrud.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and one brother-in-law: James Boxrud in 2008.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at St. John's Lutheran in Bear Valley at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Dan Reich officiated and burial was in the parish cemetery.

Visitation was held on Monday from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Mahn Family Funeral Home Larson Chapel of Zumbrota is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences can be left for the family at mahnfamilyfuneralhomes.com

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#### **Tom Sand**



2022 at the age of A memorial on Sunday, July 31, Cremation (104 First St. W.) in Jordan. A Celebration Life of

11:00 AM with a time of gathering from 9:30 - 11:00 AM at Ridges Golf Course (21775 Ridges Drive) in Jordan. Tom was laid to rest at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Thomas George Sand was born on June 28, 1946 to Norbert & Lorraine (Reiland) Sand. Tom was the oldest of eight children. He loved growing up in Mazeppa with his siblings and cousins. At an early age, sports became an important part of his life, as he played football, basketball, and baseball. After graduating from Mazeppa High School in 1964, Tom enlisted in the United States Navy. He proudly served on the USS Gurke for three years.

Following his military service, Tom attended Mankato State University where he pursued a degree in education. It was shortly after graduation that he met the love of his life, Sharon Czaplewski. Just two short years after meeting, Tom & Sharon were married on July 27, 1974. They soon learned that when two strong willed people are married, the art of compromise is a vital component. Their marriage was blessed with two wonderful children, Zach and Emily, and the years were filled with happiness and unconditional love. Tom and Sharon created a home filled with love and laughter.

In 1976, they moved to Jordan when Tom was hired as the middle school social studies teacher and football coach. He worked in both of these positions until his retirement. Teaching and coaching were Tom's true calling, and he became a mentor to many col-

**South Troy Ditch Pick Up Crew** 

leagues and students. It was important for him to teach students and athletes how to think for themselves, become good citizens of the world, and share in his pride of the town and high school of Jordan. Tom also worked hard to support the union and helped his fellow teachers know their value and get the respect they deserved. Tom was very involved in JHS athletics. He was the varsity baseball coach for 13 years and is the winningest coach (133 wins) in Jordan history. He also served as assistant football coach for 29 years. Coach Sand was always very passionate about the game and competition, but most importantly, he wanted kids to learn how to play the game right. He believed in the powerful life lessons a person learns from being on a team and competing in a sport.

After retiring in 2005, Tom was able to pursue his hobbies. He enjoyed traveling, attending concerts, taking pictures, grilling, watching the birds, taking walks, and supporting his favorite Minnesota sports' teams: the Vikings, the Twins, and the Gophers. He loved his family bonding weekends, tee times with his golf buddies, and a Bushmills and a good steak. Tom also has a special bond with each of his grandkids and spent as much time with them as possible. He loved playing with them, taking them on adventures, and attending as many of their activities as possible.

During summers, Tom spent most of his time on the golf course. He was a Golf Ranger at The Ridges at Sand Creek. Tom liked to stay busy in retirement. He subbed in the Shakopee and Jordan school districts and served as chair of Jordan's Planning Commission. It was important for Tom to support the Jordan community.

Although Tom had many hobbies and interests, family was always the most important thing in his life. The early childhood bonds that he formed with his siblings grew to include their families as well. He was proud of his nieces and nephews. Tom also set a wonderful example for his kids and grandkids. He was known for his quick wit, strong opinions and endless curiosity. He loved talking with people, and he could give it as well as take it. Once a person met Tom, you usually

#### didn't forget him; and, once you were Tom's friend, he was loyal to the very end.

After a short but determined battle with cancer, Tom passed away on July 23, 2022. During his illness, Tom and his family received excellent care from the staff at St. Francis Hospital and Cancer Center. His family will be forever grateful for their kindness, care and support.

Tom now lives on in the hearts of his family. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; children, Zach (Carrie) Sand and Emily Stertz; grandkids, Nolan, Quinn, Liam, Maddie, Mackenzie and Morgan; siblings, Jon (Anne), Joe (Rhonda), Charlie (Sally), Dick (Cindy), George (Julie), Annie (Steve) Brunelle & Joan Sand; many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Tom was preceded by his parents, Norbert & Lorraine Sand; nephew, Peter Sand; in-laws, Martin & Delores Czaplewski; sister-in-law, Judith Trunecek.

Ballard-Sunder Funeral & Cremation proudly serves the Sand family. www.BallardSunderFuneral.com

#### **Lloyd Harry Banitt**

A memorial service for Lloyd Banitt will be



held Friday August 5th at 11:00 AM at Lutheran Lands Church in Zumbrota. The Rev. David Krinke will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow the service at the church

cemetery. Mr. Banitt, 87, of Zumbrota, died Sunday July 31, 2022 at Zumbrota Care Center.

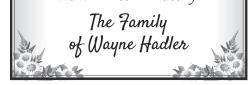
Lloyd Harry Banitt was born February 8, 1935 in Goodhue County, the son of Peter and Minnie (Luetke) Banitt, and he was a lifelong area resident. On June 29, 1954 at Lands Lutheran Church he married Evelyn Louise Johnson. Lloyd worked 36 years as a blade operator and a farmer. An active member at church, he a longtime member of the church's cemetery board, served on the church council, and was a regular usher. He had many interests which he pursued enthusiastically. He loved dancing, hunting and fishing, bowling, and in retirement he pursued golf. He also enjoyed snowmobiling. After retirement, he transported cars, and he and Evelyn wintered in Arizona. He will be remembered as a quiet and gentle man.

Lloyd is survived by his wife Evelyn Banitt of Zumbrota; sons Dayle (Vicky) Banitt of Pine Island, Craig (Julie) Banitt of Zumbrota, and Keith Banitt of Mazeppa; daughters Cheryl (Raymond) Goranson of Zumbrota, Sheila (Ted) Mehrkens of Mazeppa, and Shannon Banitt of Zumbrota; grandchildren Jennifer Kramer, Jeremy Banitt, Tad Banitt, Pete Banitt, Jesse Banitt, Geraud Banitt, Nicklus Goranson, Perian Kummrow, Kyle Mehrkens, Kurt Mehrkens, Casey Mehrkens, Colby Mehrkens, Ray DeWitt, and Joe Schmitz. Also surviving are 30 great-grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Verona Friese, Clarice Flotterud, Mary Ann Burfeind, and a brother Leon Banitt.



Thanks to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the flowers, cards, food, visitation and telephone calls. It was greatly appreciated. Wayne was a true Mazeppan! We will miss him dearly!



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gathering was held 2022 from 2:00 -5:00 PM at Ballard-Sunder Funeral &

Service was Monday, August 1, 2022 at

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## **Great-Great** Granddaughter of Joseph Ford **Visits Mazeppa** Again

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Most of the time she is very persistent about her question and that is how she met Helen

Reiland in 2014 at Reiland's Hair Clinic. Ann was introduced to Helen saying she comes to Rochester from New Jersey to get her hair cut! Helen kept stalling by saying; she was from a small town north of Rochester! Well Ann, being persistent, finally got her to say "Mazeppa"! Well, my great-great grandfather was Joseph Ford! Well, the friendship began.

Ann and Sam did extensive research on their family backgrounds around the world. She expresses that the research department at the Mazeppa Historical Museum is as she ranks them #1! It is your history that is a part of you! Mazeppa should be proud of their museum!

Ann's dad Harry Conklin, started experi-

### A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

#### **By Missy Papenfus**

Mazeppa Daze 2022 is in the books! Weather was great. Just a little rain at the Sunday Tractor Pull. We kept busy with events all weekend. Friday evening parade, Saturday morning Pancake breakfast at the Community Center, a walk around town Saturday morning to enjoy the flags flying at the Field of Honor in Jaycee Park. Saturday evening chicken and beef BBQ in Lion's park and the Fireworks was the best show yet Saturday night! Count down is on, until next year!



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

#### Empty nester decluttering!



Our son Monty bought a house June 30th. I've been determined to pass down household items that he needs so that we can minimize our possessions. We had been keeping a bunch of kitchen items and furniture over the years for when he moved out. We have so many towels, I know we will not miss any that we give him. Same with laundry baskets. There will now be two of us, and no need for 10 laundry baskets at our house!

Bv Missy Papenfus

My sister-in-law and part of her family moved to Arizona the beginning of July. She ran out of room in the moving truck and trailer, so could not take as many items with her as she intended. Lucky for Monty.

Monty has a thing for "cleaners" for his truck. I was happy to reclaim my laundry room shelves back. His supplies took over my laundry room! I'm on the hunt for some new baskets to straighten up the shelves in my laundry room.

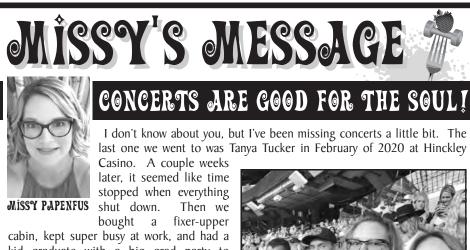
Stay tuned for next month's topic: Laundry room refresh! There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

menting with additives to improve petroleum oils and fuels. He would do this in his basement and would experiment on his daughter, Ann Conklin Erickson. Harry would grease up Ann's hands and then experiment with trying to get her hands clean.

Harry Conklin incorporated his business and founded Conklin Company Inc. in 1954 and manufactured his products in his garage until 1969.

Locals Keith and Janice Jones, the late Dave Jones, Wayne Zimmerman and Gerald Tomfohrde sold Conklin products for years. Ann currently lives in Tinton, New Jersey near another daughter but loves coming to Minnesota to visit her daughter Nancy, granddaughter Samantha & great granddaughter Annabelle.

ALWAYS ON HER BUCKET LIST IS TO VISIT THE MAZEPPA MUSEUM. MAZEPPA IS HER ROOTS AND LOVE!



kid graduate with a big grad party to prepare for. Now our kid buys a house with a whole list of new projects to tackle.

There's never enough time in the day, but we need to make time! Our first concert back was June 11th Morgan Wallen and Eric Church at the US Bank

Stadium. My son Monty asked me if I was going to sing my heart out, and my husband Mike said...I bet she will on Tuesday (when she goes to her next concert), and he was right!

Second concert up (only a few days later) was New Kids on the Block with one of my besties Amanda Oelkers Tweed (she's from Mazeppa). Our last concert was 2019 (also New Kids on the Block). Just like old times and practically every time we go to a concert, we headed up to the cities that morning for some shopping. We got to check in to our hotel early, so we could head over early to the concert for our meet and greets. We had awesome seats! We were so tired after being on our feet all day, we headed back to our hotel and stayed up late catching up.

Our next concert is Billy Joel for my birthday. We are traveling for this one, and I am looking forward to it!

#### Memo from MotoProz...

Arctic Cat Snowmobiles announced July 14th they will be launching all new 2024 snowmobile platform at Hay Days! Haydays in Lindstrom, Minnesota is always the weekend after Labor Day (September 10-11, 2022). MotoProz, formerly Kellys Sales and Service, is the second oldest Arctic Cat Dealer since 1962. Check out our limited number of used snowmobile inventory this year on line at www.MotoProz.com. The place to go is MotoProz!

# Mazeppa Daze

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Field of Honor displayed all weekend by Mazeppa Honor Guard in Jaycee Park



Sheriff Rodney Bartsh (who is currently running for Wabasha County Sheriff) leading the Mazeppa Daze Parade.



Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Marching Band



Jason Bade for Sheriff (Wabasha County)



Saturday morning pancake breakfast at the Mazeppa Community Center.



Sunday Mazeppa Tractor Pull Billy Krusmark on the John Deere and Rob Tiedemann on the Case iH



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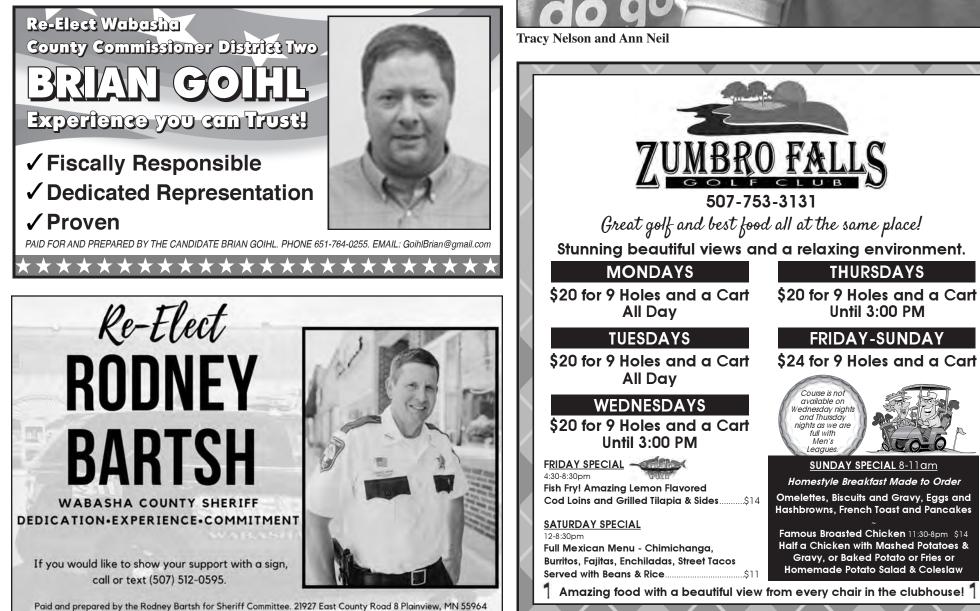
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# Mazeppa UMC Youth Attend STORM Camp 2022



Tracy Nelson, Ariel, and Colton Nelson

Mazeppa UMC youth recently attended STORM Camp 2022 where 35 young people volunteered, completing cleanup and repair projects in the Prior Lake community. There was much painting, scraping, weeding, and brush clearing happening July 13-16. STORM Camp, a United Methodist youth volunteer project since 1991, serves various communities in Minnesota each summer. The focus of STORM Camp is work and worship: Serving Jesus by Serving Others. The local youth were chaperoned by Tracy Nelson and Ann Neil.





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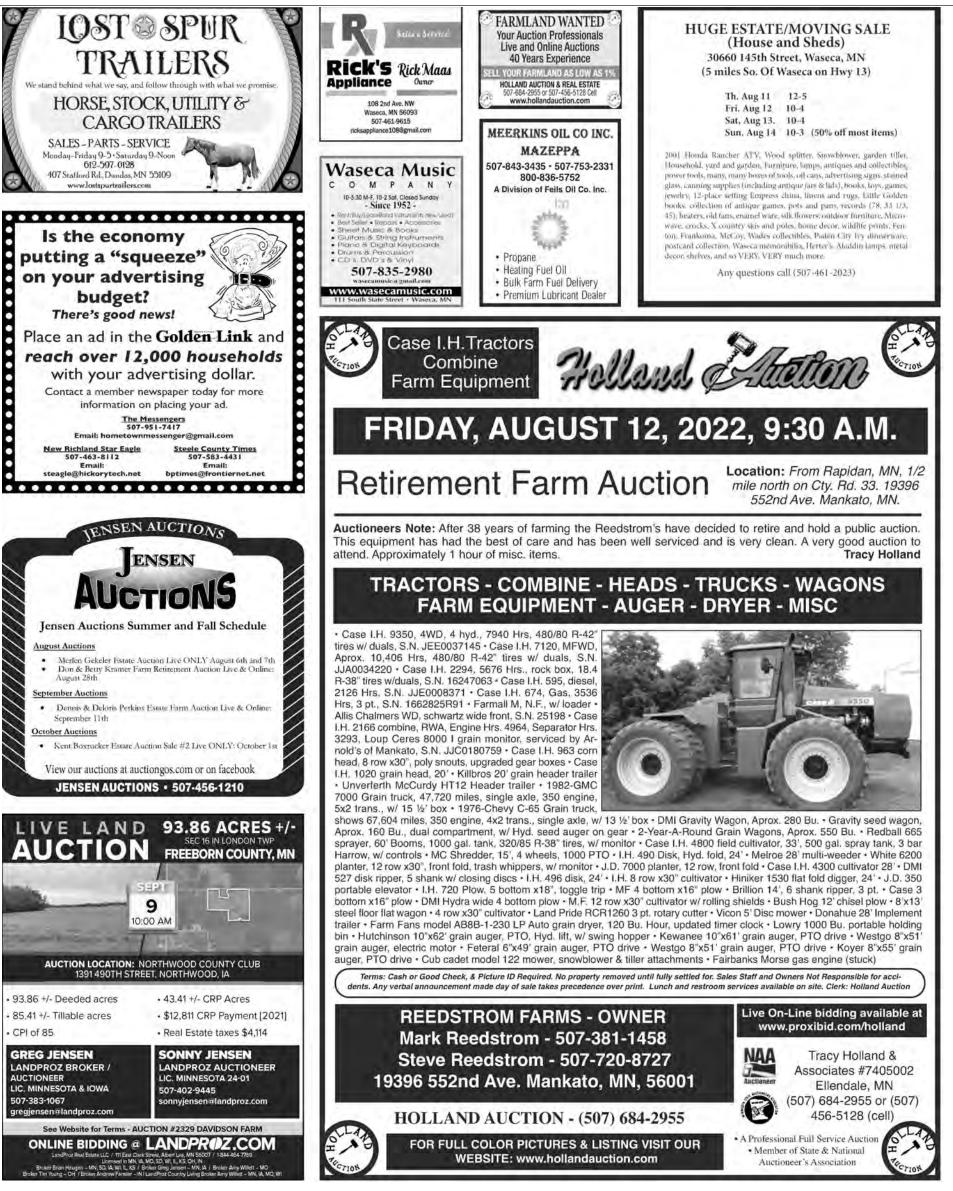




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August 3, 2022





3020 457th Street Way, Kenyon • 507-789-6113 • SALES HOURS: M-T-Th 7:30a.m.-8p.m.; W-F 7:30a.m.-6p.m.; Sat. 8a.m.-4p.m.



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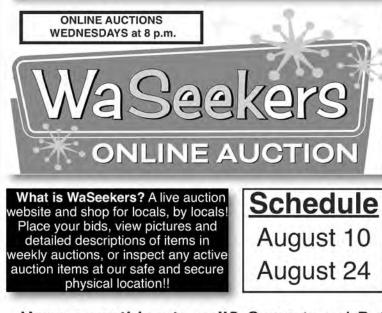
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If we missed your name, please accept our apology. Your support is appreciated.

# WASECA'S NEWEST ONLINE AUCTION SITE

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Have something to sell? Come to us! But first, a few things you should know:

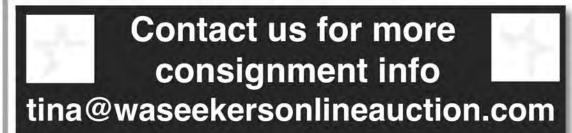
1. Fill out our form, and include a clear description

2. Items must be clean!

LOOKING FOR QUALITY CONSIGNMENTS

Store hours Come see items in person at 1372 S. State St. Wed-Thurs-Fri.... 10 am - 6 pm Saturday...... 9 am - Noon

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### **NEXT AUCTION WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10**



2018 Cub Caset tiller, model Vt- 100, vertical tine. Used six times fresh tune up, new belts. New purchase price of \$900



Old Street Sign, 3rd St- N Broadway Retired street sign from the city of New Richland



Glasstite Fiberglass topper, 21 1/2 high 68" x 96", light grey. Came off 2002 silverado ext cab, 2012 gmc sierra ext cab.





# August 9-13, 2022 Wednesday 2pm-10pm Thursday-Saturday 1pm-10pm

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# SPONSORED CONTENT YOUNG AND MONEY SAVVY! Our son Monty graduated high school in 2020. He saved every penny of his graduation money to put toward buying his first home. The housing market has been erazy: Lucky for Monty, there was no need to rush into buying a house. He had been looking at numerous listings online over the past couple years.



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A couple weeks had passed, and we found a house in Zumbro Falls that looked like it was in foreclosure. V losure We Example raise that would be a good time to contact used in the two of two of

his daughter Chelsie Mont has grown up in the real est obtained her realtor license

We found a property in Zumbro Falls for Monty We found a property in Zumbro Falls for Monty to view It happened be my uncle's old place. We decided to meet with Chelsie, and it happened to be her first showing! I remember my uncle and grandpa building the garage when I was a kid. The place was fixed up very nice. It was hard for me not to get too emotionally attached to the place because of my family history. This is Monty's first house, and he needed to decide what is right for him. He was on the right track but decided it wasn't the one. wasn't the one

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Another two weeks pass by, we are driving home from our cabin, and Chelsie called Monty. There's a home for sale in Zumbro Falls. She sent him the listing, and we went to check it out. This home was built in 2008, has a three-car grate, unfinished basement, and no deck. Monty is very handy and learned so much in construction management when he was in high school. This is exactly what he was looking for. The day had come, he put an offer



I shared with Chelsie the story when we named Monty, I wanted his name to start with an M and be different. My husband Mike worked at Plainwive Powersports. and I suggested the name Montgomery, Monty for short from her last name. Small world that Chelsie would make ber first home sale to Monty!

My mom was a mortgage loan processor for many years, and I used to work as a legal secretary at a law office that handled real estate closings. I have gained a lot of helpful incite and knowledge over the years when it came to buying a house, finance, and how to increase your credit score.

finance, and how to increase your credit score. I had my first credit card when I was 16-years-old at Dayton's (now Macy's). Now, you have to be 18-years-old to obtain your own credit card. When Monty turned 18, I helped him get a credit card. He did not want one, but I said it is necessary to get a credit score. I told him he only had to buy one gallon of milk a month, if that is what he wanted. I helped him set up automatic payments, so the entire bill is paid every month. My mom taught me what I feel the best financial advice of all, if you use your credit card, you pay off the whole bill every month. If you can't pay it off, you don't need it and shouldn't be buying it.

After graduation, Monty bought a side by side, and he took out a loan to continue building his credit. He had the money and was itching to pay it off, but I suggested he keep paying the monthly payment, to keep increasing his credit score. When Monty was a kid, I used to buy him \$1 toy at Walmart

When Monty was a kid, I used to buy him \$1 toy at Walmart about every time we went shopping, to keep him occupied. I learned over time, it's okay to buy something if you really want it and use it. You need to think about the purchase before you buy. Do I really want this? Will I use it? Before my brother (as a single bachelor) bought his first house (in the same neighborhood as Monty's home), he still lived at home with our parents. I told my mom she should collect rent from him, and then when he moved out, give him all the money back. He never knew he was saving money Manth he discuss hear finemaille saving a noney.

Monty has always been financially savvy, so we never charged him rent to live at home. Soon he'll have the p house for him that he's been working, saving, building credit for and something to be proud of. ve the perfect ng his

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# Strusz Hosts Clam-Fest

By Beth Brekke

When you hear the word "Clam-Fest", you may conjure an image of shellfish on a barbeque pit. That is not the type of event Hilbert Strusz hosted on July 30th-31st. When Hilbert uses the word "clam" or "clamshell" he is talking about 1971-1976 General Motors' full-size station wagons, or more specifically, the feature that earned them the nickname. 40 of these wagons and a variety of additional GM sedans converged on the Strusz farm West of Goodhue for this unique show.

The clamshell tailgate was a feature unique to General Motors' vehicles in this era. This GM patent was used on all the big station wagons of the early '70s including Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, and Oldsmobile.

Marketed as the Glide-Away tailgate, it was a power-operated system that would slide the tailgate into the trunk floor while lifting the rear glass window into the hood. Such a design created unrestricted access to the luggage compartment and its cool styling was a

very popular feature.

The station wagon was a transportation staple in America for large families and road trips. Some models had a section of the back seat that would fold-down to allow access to third-row seating and could accommodate up to 9 people. Their popularity started to dwindle in the late '70s with high fuel prices and became nearly obsolete with the introduction of the minivan in the '90s.

As the GM wagons aged and fell out of favor with drivers, they emerged as a favorite among demolition derby participants. At 5500 pounds, they were the largest, heaviest vehicles available and could withstand a lot of punishment in this type of competition. The car is not the only thing that takes punishment in a derby, it takes a toll on the driver's body as well. Hilbert was introduced to the wagons when he participated in this hobby but he no longer cares for the bumps and bruises of the demo but now cares about the preservation of this unique vehicle.

Strusz and fellow demo-derby participant, Mike Bathke of Waseca, started finding it harder and harder to find their preferred crash cars and realized the time had come to see them in a new light. Both men now seek out the clamshell wagons and along with Jason Pagel of Cannon Falls, have a sizable collection. (continued on page 17)



Hilbert Strusz stands next to one of the favorites in his GM Clamshell station wagon collection. The unique Glide-Away tailgate is shown partially open. The 1972 Chevrolet Kingswood has only 22,000 miles and its original headlight bulbs and tires. Strusz hosted the 2nd annual Clam-Fest car show on his farm near Goodhue.



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### Weddings

#### IRWIN-MUSTY

Feathered carnations, stock and ferns at the altar formed the background for the nuptial high mass uniting Lenora Mary Ann Musty and Pvt. Frank A. Irwin in marriage in a double ring ceremony at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 1, Rev. F.J. Felten officiated and mass servers were Bill Smith and Joe Hoffman. A wedding dance was held at the Trianon that evening.

The bride is a graduate of Mazeppa high school and the bridegroom of Lake City high school. Pvt. Irwin will report to Camp Chaffee, Ark., February 4, where Mrs. Irwin plans to join him later.

#### SEVENTEEN ENROLLED IN NIGHT TYPING CLASS

The Wednesday night typing class for adults has 17 enrollees. They are Mmes, E.A. Kuehn, Donald Webster, S.H. Prigge, Arthur Reiland, J.B. Gregoire, G.A. Gahler, Howard Budensiek, Gordon Bright, Ore Oelkers, Clayton Pfeiffer, E.R. Hoefs, Bert Arendt, Max Maas and John Stull, Misses Laura and Ruth Reeve and Eldred Kuehn. Capsule Editorial

Just a word to mention how very much our family enjoyed the final home basketball game, Tuesday evening.

It brought to mind with great clarity how very much the school means to our community---how much more often we should attend school activities.

Tuesday night saw a scrapping game with Goodhue, rough only because the boys were trying so hard. It saw a band which has improved unbelievably since I heard it last---even "The Star-Spangled Banner," a toughie, sounded professional. Little Judy Ehlers gave a charming baton whirling exhibition---and the enthusiasm of the crowd was contagious.

Congratulations to Supt. Eimermann, Coaches Walt Ayotte and Tom Klein, and Harry Prouty for a most vivid example of what the school means to us. 15 Acts Scheduled for Polio Benefit

There is a grand total of 15 acts now scheduled to appear at the BIG March of Dimes variety show at the high school auditorium Friday evening, February 4. The curtains will go up at 8:30.

Latest gal to enter the show is Miss Arlene Rogers of Minneapolis, who will sing popular songs. She is reported en route to New York, but will do this show first.

Also not mentioned last week were three Zumbrota girls, Aurilla Klug, Joanne Hoven and Ann Yunggen, who will do a tap routine, and a family skit with local talent.

The local cast is rehearsing like mad and rounding up costumes. All expectations are for a large crowd for the widely-publicized affair.

#### See you there.

#### Obituaries

#### MISS WINNIE JOHNSON

Miss Winnie Johnson, lifelong resident of Mazeppa township, died in Zumbrota Community hospital Saturday after a short illness. She was 74 years of age. She was born in the township January 19, 1881. A brother, Roy, died about four years ago.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Woodville chapel with burial in Mazeppa cemetery. Pallbearers were Clayton Pfeiffer, Ed Halling, Denny Bowers, Ed Youngs, Claude Mulholland, and Art Griebel. Robinson's Funeral Parlor was in charge of arrangements.

#### ERNEST HOEFS APPOINTED TO HEAD "FREEDOM" DRIVE

Appointment of Mayor Ernest Hoefs to act as chairman of the Crusade for Freedom drive in Mazeppa was announced in Minneapolis by state co-chairmen Ed Haislet and Benjamin Berger.

The Crusade for Freedom is organized for the purpose of maintaining Radio Free Europe, which broadcasts more than 3,000 hours each week over 29 medium and shortwave transmitters, to countries behind the Iron Curtain, and also finances the sending of pamphlet laden balloons across the Iron Curtain.

Local News: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weber moved from the Mrs. Jane Almeter house to the Gruhlke apartment last Sunday.

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many spectators including those interested in creating drone footage and YouTube videos.

# Strusz Hosts Clam-Fest

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Clamshell collecting is not limited to the trio but fans can be found across the USA. A facebook group called GM Clamshell Wagon Fan Club has nearly 8,500 members and was a catalyst for organizing the first annual Clam-Fest held in Ohio with 16 such vehicles.

Hilbert thought his farm had a lot to offer and decided to host this year's event, giving him an ideal opportunity to showcase his own collection of 9 wagons. With the 10 he helped Pagel transport to Goodhue, and Bathke bringing his, they knew the show would easily be much larger than the first. In fact, by Saturday afternoon, there were 40 such wagons parked on the Strusz lawn. Hoping to create an even more interesting exhibit, he opened the show to any full-size 1970's GM sedan and an additional 40 of those graced the property.

Clam owners brought cars from Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio and Iowa. A sedan owner said he drove 300 miles and averaged an impressive 12.8 miles per gallon. Some coming a long distance and those with multiple cars brought them on trailers and there was even a Clam fan from Colorado who swung in on his motorcycle. The vehicles came in a wide variety of colors and conditions, from complete

long distance and those with multiple cars restorations and fancy paint jobs to works in brought them on trailers and there was even a progress.

The Clam-Fest car show drew 40 of the unique station wagons and an additional 40 GM sedans of the 1970's. The show also drew

Mike Bathke has reason to be proud of the cars that have given him a connection to fame. One was pictured in an Explore Minnesota marketing campaign advertising Southern Minnesota tourism destinations. Another of Bathke's wagons might be recognizable after having been used in the "Friday Night Lights" film and television series. Bathke left it as is, including spray paint on the exterior intended to simulate gravel dust. While it's a popular car show entry, Bathke said, "It's nothing great to look at, it's an old car and they wanted it to look that way."

A special find for Strusz is a 1972 Chevrolet Kingswood with 22,000 miles. He purchased the wagon in the Twin Cities after previously seeing it at a car show. The shiny green car still has its original headlight bulbs and tires. He was pleased with the way the show turned out; the weather was perfect, the music worked, the food truck showed up and exhibitors and visitors enjoyed bonding over these non-edible clams.

Clamshell wagons came in a variety of colors and conditions. This one is part of the

Mike Bathke collection he brought from Waseca to the Goodhue show.





This car show favorite owned by Mike Bathke of Waseca was used in the movie and television series "Friday Night Lights". It is one of several Clamshell wagons he owns and had on display during Clam-Fest at the Hilbert Strusz farm near Goodhue on July 30th and 31st.







### Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

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# Unwelcome Road Hazards



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.

One of my concerns with traveling 720 miles in one day across five states is encountering breakdowns on the highway. I am usually pulling a loaded trailer so there are more tires to contend with. I always carry a spare for the trailer along with a jack and wrenches. My first experience was a couple years ago, and the flat was on the trailer. I had just stopped for fuel in New London, Missouri and I noticed a low tire on the trailer. I pulled over to the air hose at the station and pumped up the tire. I could hear it hissing out as fast as I put it in. Since it was 100 degrees and the noon sun bearing down, I decided to pull into town and find a shady spot under a tree to change the tire. What I found was a repair shop and I pulled up and asked the guy if he would do the job for me. He wheeled his five-ton floor jack over and buzzed the lug nuts off with his air wrench. After changing the tire in about two-minutes he told me he had a tire to replace my spare. Another five minutes and the spare was full of air and good to go. I asked him what I owed him and he said \$20. I handed him \$40 and he looked at me and handed one of the Andrew Jackson's back to me.

Last month I had another road hazard. I was coming home one night and just as I swung into the turn lane I heard a bang from the area of my rear tire. Sounded like a gunshot. This was not good, I thought and sure enough, my low tire pressure light came on within in a couple minutes. I backed onto the concrete in the garage and there in the driver's side rear tire was a shiny, large chunk of metal sticking out of the face of the tire. My first thought was to change the tire, but after removing all six lug nuts I found that even with a fence post pounder, I couldn't knock the rim off the hub.

So, the next attack was to plug the damaged tire. I could not pull the object out so I drove it in. Then I had a hole almost big enough to put my little finger in. I got three repair cords in the shank of the tool at the same time and squeezed the tube of glue liberally over all three. Then I plunged them into the face of the tire and slowly worked the tool back out. I pumped the tire up to 40# of air and went to bed. The next morning there was only 20# of air in the tire. I pumped it back up and drove for the tire shop.

I had been laying water and electrical line in a two-foot deep trench in the hot Tennessee sun and the wet chirt soil. Chirt soil is the standard ground covering down there and it is gravel and clay mixed together. Add



sweat and it will stick to you like mud.

So, when I walked into Barrett's Tire shop in dirty jeans and a ripped sweat soaked-shirt and asked for a 275/65 R18 tire, I might have not looked like a promising customer. The girl looked at me and said, "we have an entry level tire for \$149." I said, "I want the best tire you have." Her look back at me was one of disbelief and pity. "But that one is a Cooper and it costs \$229.00." I handed her



By RosaLin Alcoser

I have said it before and I will say it again. Minnesotans live our lives on the lake. We swim in it, we look at it, we fish in it, and we boat on it.

Recently I went home from the Twin Cities, back home to the Zumbro River Valley to the Zumbro Lake. During my visit home I not only spent time looking at the lake but I also went boating on the



my card and said put it on and I would like to see the object that pierced my tire.

Thirty minutes later the Ford F-150 was sporting a brand-new tire and I had I my hand half a wheel weight that was the culprit expensive delay. I was thankful this had happened a couple miles from my home and not out on the busy Interstate somewhere far from help. Both events occurred at a place where I could easily resolve them.

#### lake.

As a Minnesotan I have been boating many, many times, but this time was different because this time my grandpa taught me how to run the boat's outboard.

Now anyone of you who has ever run an outboard knows that you have to steer right to go left, left to go right and push against the torque to keep the boat straight.

It took me a little while, and a break in the middle, to get a handle on everything. I also went fairly slowly so that I would not lose control of the boat and was fairly nervous the entire time.

Learning to do this was great and also overwhelming at times mostly because I was terrified of docks, people and other boats that were also in the water. So, I would say that I did probably like 75% of the boat running and Grandpa did the rest.

Still 75% is not bad for my first time, in fact I even brought the boat into the dock at the end. So, all in all I think that we can count this experience as a massive success.



# Letter to the Editor

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#### Letter to the Editor **Bringing High-Quality Health Care Back Home**

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Today, our rural communities face unique and unacceptable barriers to accessing health care. But, if I learned anything from my time working with Representative Angie Craig and other health care leaders in our area it is that when we work together, we have the ability to ensure that every single Minnesotan can access the health care they deserve.

Last January, I had the opportunity to join a group with the shared mission of eradicating the health care disparities that too often plague our rural communities: Representative Angie Craig's Rural Health Advisory Council. Her council was composed of local health care leaders who shared my dedication to ensuring that all those who live in rural communities are able to reliably access and afford the health care options they deserve. In order to do this, we worked closely with Representative Craig to pass the Affordable Insulin Now Act out of the U.S. House of Representatives, establish a mental health crisis line and lead efforts to expand and modify telehealth services under Medicare.

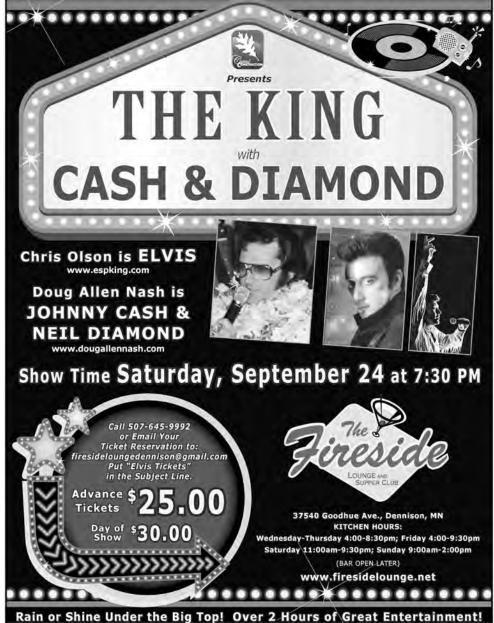
Working with Representative Craig and other council members has been an important reminder of what happens when dedicated people, working collaboratively together towards a common cause, can and take action to improve our communities. I was blessed to

have this opportunity and recognize there is much more we need to do. All of us, living in our rural great communities in Southeastern Minnesota, should have the ability to receive affordable and timely access to both physical and behavioral health care we need it. Our rural communities do so much to keep Minnesota running, and now is the time to take decisive action to make sure we have the resources needed to thrive.

Best. Erik Sievers **Executive Director** Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center

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