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Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

Be sure to enter the Messenger drawing for Minnesota Renaissance Festival tickets. You will be able to enter by e-mailing your name and address to hometownmessenger@gmail.com.

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Kevin Grobe Side By Side Ride



The family of Kevin Grobe outside Neptune in Zumbro Falls

By Missy Papenfus

Saturday, August 27th many came out to support Krowbar (Kevin Grobe) and his family participating in a side-by-side ride with stops at Neptune and Buck Wild in Zumbro Falls, Rock Bottom in Hammond, Stumble Inn and Whiskey Dick's in Millville, Out of Bounda and Black Top in Elgin, and Mac's.

In May, Kevin had a massive stroke. Through his hard work, determination, and an amazing car team at Mayo, Kevin's family is extremely proud to share he continues to make strides in his recovery. *(additional pictures on pages 4 & 5)*

Announcements

• INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT OLD MAZEPPA PICTURES- JOIN IN & HELP ORGANIZE. CALL HELEN 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?

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Mazeppa Lions Club to Hold Drive Through Chicken BBQ

The Mazeppa Lions club will hold a fall drive through Chicken BBQ event at the Lions Park October 2nd. This event is a big fundraiser for The Lions as the money goes back into the community. This will be Pre-sale tickets only. Drive through and pick up your meal and take it home or take a seat in the park to enjoy.

Presale tickets will be available at:

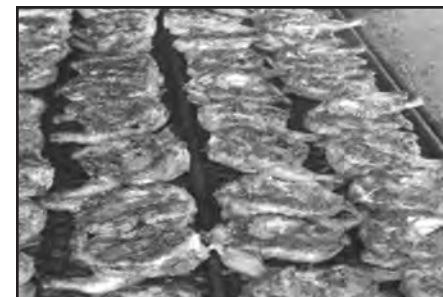
Leo's Sports Bar, 100 Walnut St NE, Mazeppa

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Fork in the Road



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

Gary and I were on vacation the last couple of weeks. We traveled on interstate, county roads, state highways, gravel and rock roads. We understand forks in the road literally. Over the years- we've tried to think of each of these forks as an adventure- they don't all turn out quite like we planned. For instance on our honeymoon, we journeyed up a mountain called Rams Horn. We took a road that led to a great view; we could almost touch the top of the pine trees growing far beneath us as we reached looked over the edge at the end of the road. We discovered as looked around that we were in a place that we could not get turned around. Gary had to back up the pick-up almost a mile down the mountain before there was a wide place in the road. It definitely was an adventure and one he said he doesn't want to repeat! We chose the wrong fork...

When we come to a fork in the road, a decision has to be made. Even by not making one- you end up somewhere- offroad where you don't want to be. Decisions are hard. They all require movement. You can't just stay in one place.

In Revelations 14:6-13 you will see that it is decision time; this is a Fork in the Road decision time. John sees three angels with three messages that he shares with his readers.

The first angel is bringing us the good news! God almost always brings the positive message out before the negative one. The angel brought the eternal gospel- to all people, every nation, tribe and language. There was no one excluded, he wanted everyone to hear this message- it wasn't only for John and the apostles, or for the Jewish people or only for gentiles, but for every living soul on planet earth. This is the last chance for anyone still sitting on the fence, still looking at the fork in the road and trying to decide which way to go.

The gospel is the Good News that saves everyone who believes! That's the best news ever! God provided the answer for our sin, for our corruption, for our moral failures, for our backsliding... He sent His Son to take our place in the punishment that is rightly ours. Jesus never sinned, yet He was crucified for your sins, and my sins, for all humankind's sin. So, when the angel in Revelation says his message is for everyone- he echoes the truth that John himself wrote down from Jesus words to Nicodemus, "16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

As the angel proclaims this message, He says, fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. The hour of judgement has come- here is the fork in the road decision time. The hour of judgement has come. As the end of time draws to a close- the time for choosing Jesus and life with Him forever is running out. The end is in sight. The followers of Christ choose the heavenly route; even though it has been a hard rock path- in the end it will be TOTALLY worth it all!

Even in this life- living as believers is way better than living the life of emptiness and despair. Even when the bad guys seem to have the upper edge- they are missing so much love, joy and peace in their lives. They are missing life made new and free from sin and death. They only have this life and then they die- For believers we have the assurance of a life with Jesus now- and life forever with him in eternity! Even when life is tough- Christ is with us and will see us

through each and every challenge. During the end times- during even our present difficult times- we must hold fast and stay on that road to heaven and help those that find themselves stuck in the muck and the mire between the forks or have started down the other side

The 2nd angel's message is short: "Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great," which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries." This angel is bringing good news to those that have been suffering under the evil of the times- the home and reign of the antichrist is finished.

The last angel proclaims a 2 part message- These people have made their "fork in the road decision" choosing the way to hell. They have chosen to follow the beast. They have chosen the road focused on themselves and not on a relationship with Jesus. Jesus said we can't have it both ways- there is no sitting on the fence- there is no third choice. There is no 'next time.'

We don't know the day or the time that we will face death. Jesus said we need to put Him first, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." All these things will be given to the believer- life forever, the Holy Spirit's power to fill us and make us new in Christ. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 2 Corinthians 5:17-18. We can choose the heaven fork in the road. We can make that choice before it is too late. And when we do- we experience new life in

Christ.

The 2nd part of the last angel's message is a message of assurance to the faithful during the end times. It is a message to each believer even now. When a believer dies, they die in the Lord. Their spirit will be immediately with Jesus- we have that assurance- as we choose the heaven fork in the road- and continue down that path- we can know victory.

Jesus is returning to take care of all the evil and injustice in this world. He will conquer and He will win. When we are Jesus followers we have that assurance- we can rest from our labors and know that we made the right choice- there's no turning back- no regrets!

There are only 2 options- heaven or hell. It's time to make a decision. Get past your fear—take the fork that leads to heaven and discover what is just around the corner!

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Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. — James 1:2-4

When James writes that we should face trials with joy, he is talking about challenges to our faith that can help us learn and grow. He is talking about hardships we may face as believers in Christ, and how those can strengthen our faith and help us discern God's will.

For example, the first followers of Jesus were often persecuted. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit to preach the good news of Jesus and even to heal people in Jesus' name (Acts 2-3). And they were thrown in jail by the ruling authorities who did not believe in Jesus and his resurrection. The apostles were put on trial and asked where they got the authority to do such things. But they did not back down. Filled with the Spirit, they said, "There is no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved," and, "We must obey God rather than human beings!" And even though they were punished and brutally whipped for their faith and their actions, they had joy "because they had been counted worthy of disgrace for the Name" of Christ (see Acts 4-5).

Another example can be that we are always "prepared to give an answer . . . with gentleness and respect" to explain the hope that we have in Christ. "For it is better . . . to suffer for doing good than for doing evil" (1 Peter 3:15-17).

Lord, give us the courage we need to serve you and to face trials when they come, that we may grow mature in you. Amen.

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Gerald R. Fick

Gerald R. Fick, 85, passed away at the Lake City Care Center on August 13, 2022.



Gerald was born on April 15, 1937, to Lawrence and Harriet (Hoeft) Fick in Lake City, MN. Gerald joined the Army in 1957 and served until 1962 when he was discharged and returned home. Gerald married Arlene Moechnig on November 22, 1958, at

the United Methodist Church in Lake City. They lived and farmed in Gillford Township until 1989 when they retired and moved to Lake City. Gerald also drove truck for Ralph Wiebusch and Ag Partners for many years and worked as an insurance agent for Gillford Mutual. They enjoyed spending their winters in Mesa, Arizona for 18 years. Gerald was a member of the American Legion Post 110 in Lake City and the Lake City Sportsman's Club. He enjoyed reading and word find books, but most of all he enjoyed visits with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by his children, Randy (Brenda) of Lake City, Ronnie (Amy) of Lake City, Bruce (Nancy) of Zumbro Falls, Lori (Scott) Rolbiecki of Mazeppa, and Tom (Christine) of Lake City; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Arlene; daughter-in-law, Karen Fick; 2 sisters, Diane Siems-Lemke, Mary Lamb; brother, Emery Fick; 2 brother-in laws.

A Celebration of Gerald's Life was held Friday, August 19th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Lake City Sportsman's Club. The family held a Private Family Service and private burial at Lakewood Cemetery in Lake City. The service was livestreamed on the Mahn Family Funeral Home's Facebook page at 11 a.m. on

Friday. Memorials are preferred to Mayo Clinic Hospice and the Lake City Sportsman's Club. Online condolences can be sent to www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Willard C. Fick

Willard C. Fick, 92, of Lake City, MN died



August 20, 2022 at Elysian Senior Living surrounded by his family. He was born November 27, 1929 in rural Lake City to Clarence and Mabel (Dammann) Fick. He was baptized at St.

John's Lutheran Church in

Lake City and graduated Lincoln High School in 1949. Willard married Patricia (Kluess) Fick on August 16, 1958 in Appleton, WI. They have two children, Mark (Lori) Fick of Lake City, MN and Debra (James) Roschen of Zumbro Falls, MN.

Willard served in the US Army (Fort Leonard Wood, MO) in 1953, but was discharged early due to a medical condition. He returned home to the family farm where he made a life-long career in farming. Willard enjoyed raising beef cattle and crop farming. In addition, he operated a custom round baling business for many years which allowed him to become acquainted with many area farmers.

In 1977, Willard became a Charter Member of the National Cattlemen's Association. He

was also an active member, promoting the beef industry in the Wabasha County Cattlemen's Association. He was a member of the American Legion, a life-long member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he served on past councils, and the Sportman's Club of Lake City.

Willard loved to bowl. Over the course of 35 years, he bowled competitively with a men's league and couple's league. In addition, Willard loved to dance, and would rarely be found without a deck of cards or raffle tickets in his pocket. He was always prepared for a game of euchre.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; two children; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three siblings Marvin (Ruth) Fick, Delores (Dave) Kline, and Richard (Lori) Fick, and sister-in-law Barb Fick. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Mabel, brother Elmer Fick and an infant brother and sister.

Memorial service for Willard Fick was at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake City, MN on Friday, August 26th at 2pm. The service was live-streamed on the funeral home's Facebook page. A visitation was held one hour before at the church. A Celebration of Life was held at the Lake City Sportsman's Club on Friday, August 26th from 5pm - 8 pm. The family requests that memorials be given to the St. John's Cemetery in Lake City.

Arrangements are by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Anderson-Peterson Chapel. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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MNTC Adult and Teen Challenge Choir will be singing at South Troy Church

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A cook-out will follow the service and everyone is welcome. We'll also have a bouncy house for the little ones and other activities for the entire family. It will be a great time to check out South Troy, get connected, and experience who Jesus is and how He transforms lives.

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A group at Stumble Inn in Millville

Missy's Managing the Manor

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



By
Missy Papenfus

Laundry room refresh!

Our laundry room/mud room is the first room when you walk in from the garage. As much as I hate to do this... I know it must be done, and it's long overdue. I need to take everything out and put back in what we use and put like items with like items. I still have not had time to do this, but I am slowly but surely working at it. I bought a few new storage totes. I discovered why I had put shelf liner down on the bottom shelf above the washer and dryer (about 8 years ago when we had the laundry room painted). The piece of shelving was different than the top two shelves. I bought some peel and stick wallpaper to put over the different shelf. It isn't perfect, but it's better than it was! A quick, easy, cheap fix. Mike asked me why I wasn't doing it to the other shelves. I said I like those. Since it's the bottom, it just looks like a countertop, so looks alright being different from the other two shelves.

We have a big counter in the laundry room that becomes the catch-all. Time to clear it out! We have a smaller fridge under the counter so we can grab a pop or water before we head out the door. That also needs a quick cleaning.

*Stay tuned for next month's topic: Pickup the house in 1 week!
There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!*

MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

I like to exercise first thing in the morning, so I cannot come up with an excuse not to do it later. My walking schedule has been lacking the past few weeks, because my walking partner and my schedules were not jiving. I was sleeping in, and forgoing exercise altogether. It takes longer to make a new habit than break a habit. Three days in a row this week, I got long walks in with my walking partner, so I feel like I am back on track now. Sometimes, when you try to do too much, it can be overwhelming and you get nothing done. So, break your plan into small, manageable tasks. My goal was to simply go for a long walk 3 days in a row, which in turn I got in 11,000 steps per day and to drink more water.

When I worked at Mayo Clinic, I loved taking different classes at the Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center gym. My favorites were cycle, water aerobics, and Zumba. This summer, I had the opportunity to attend Aqua Zumba at the Zumbrota Pool on Tuesday mornings at 8AM. I asked my mom if she wanted to sign up with me. It was a lot of fun! It is so much more enjoyable being outside in a pool! We enjoyed it so much, it didn't feel like exercise. The four weeks flew by fast, and now it's over (along with summer). We look forward to Aqua Zumba at the Zumbrota Pool next year!

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 online at www.MotoProz.com. Stay tuned for the latest on the ALL-NEW Arctic Cat snowmobile platform! The place to go is MotoProz!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

Kevin Grobe Side By Side Ride & MotoProz



Tammi and Jay Johnson of Zumbro Falls displayed a sign along side Highway 63 "Krowbar Strong"



Side-by-side participants inside and side-by-sides parked outside at Rock Bottom in Hammond.

A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

By Missy Papenfus

I think we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel for the Highway 60 road construction being complete from Zumbro Falls to Zumbrota. We live in Zumbro Falls and drive the detour 5 days a week. Saturday, August 20th, they were black topping Highway 60, we had to wait a bit, and we were late to work. Imagine that, the bosses were late to work rolling in at 8:05AM! Mike, Monty, and I—all three of us. Lucky for us, our main guy Sam Meyers was there to get the store up and running! Thank you Sam! Bless those construction guys and gals out there day in and day out.



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Goodhue County Child and Family Collaborative Awards Funding For Mental Health Prevention and Intervention

The Goodhue County Child and Family Collaborative (GCCFC) is pleased to announce that \$100,000 a year for three years will be awarded to five organizations throughout Goodhue County as a result of the Mental Health Prevention and Intervention Grant Program. GCCFC was allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Goodhue County to support the mental health recovery of youth, families, and caregivers in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and made these funds available to community organizations through a competitive grant process.

Mental health was already identified as a top health concern in Goodhue County and the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the issue, which makes investing in the mental health and well-being of the community critical. A survey conducted for the Mental Health Coalition of Goodhue County

found that youth, parents, and those who work with youth were among the most likely to report a decline in their mental health since March 2020.

“We are excited to leverage ARPA funds to enhance mental health services throughout the county through both evidence-based and innovative programs for our kids and our caregivers,” said Maggie Cichosz, GCCFC Coordinator. The following projects were selected for funding:

- C.A.R.E Clinic- Bilingual Mental Health Program
- Fernbrook Family Center- Adolescent Day Treatment
- Goodhue County Education District- Care Solace and Mental Health Skills Workshops
- Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center-

Circles of Security

• Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools- Road to Regulation and Mental Health Speakers

GCCFC believes that these grant awards will have a significant impact on the mental health outcomes for youth, families, and caregivers in Goodhue County.

About the Goodhue County Child & Family Collaborative:

The vision of the Goodhue County Child & Family Collaborative is for all Goodhue County families to have the resources, skills, relationships, supports

and opportunities they need to be strong and resilient. The Board of Directors includes representatives from Goodhue County Health and Human Services, Cannon Falls Public Schools, Goodhue Public Schools, Kenyon-Wanamingo Public Schools, Red Wing Public Schools, Goodhue County Education District, Goodhue County Court Services, Three Rivers Community Action, Lake City Public Schools, Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public Schools, Fernbrook Family Center, Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center, United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, and Pierce, and Red Wing Youth Outreach.

Stop for School Buses: It's the Law!

By Wabasha County Public Health

State law requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm fully extended.

Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.

Drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus on the right, passing when a child is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.

Motorists:

Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.

Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.

Students:

When getting off a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.

Wait for the bus driver to signal that it's safe to cross.

When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

Whether you are a student or a motorist, it is important to put the distractions away and be aware of your surroundings at all times. Together, we can move Minnesota toward zero deaths.



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At 105, American Crystal's Oldest Shareholder Has Lived the History of Sugarbeets in the Red River Valley

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OSLO, Minn. — On Aug. 14, 2022, the American Crystal Sugar Company's oldest shareholder celebrated his 105th birthday with over 200 guests.

Earl Mallinger, also the longest resident of Oslo, Minnesota, has been involved in more than 100 harvests during his lifetime. He has farmed with both horses and modern farm equipment, and witnessed firsthand the birth of the American Crystal Sugar Company cooperative. Mallinger's family were among the first sugarbeet farmers in the Red River Valley region. His farming career and the American sugarbeet industry grew and developed together, and Mallinger still actively farms today. He grows sugarbeets, soybeans and wheat on 1,000 acres in the Oslo area.

"I guess what keeps a guy alive at 105 is to keep busy," he said.

Mallinger's father Peter was born in Luxembourg. After working as a butcher in France, he came to America in 1895 at the age of 20. He went to Minnesota because he had a sister living in Barnesville. Shortly after his arrival, he worked at a meat market in East Grand Forks.

"Dad didn't know any English and only spoke German," Mallinger said. "He went to night school to learn English and get an education."

Immigrants started coming to the Oslo area in 1878 because of the fertile soil and abundant timber. They built homes along the river, where steamboats carried cargo and mail from Grand Forks to Oslo. Peter Mallinger arrived in 1905, the year Oslo officially became a town. It is believed that the population at that time was 150, and the population of Oslo today is 347 people.

Peter built a butcher shop called the "Oslo Meat Market." He married a local girl named Hjerda, and the family lived on the top floor of the shop. Earl was born there in 1917. He weighed about 13 pounds at birth and was the fourth of Peter and Hjerda's seven children.

"There were four boys and three girls," he said. "One of my sisters passed away from flu in 1918 and one of my brothers died in the service."

That same year, Peter sold the butcher shop and moved the family to a house he had built on a farm in rural Oslo.

"Dad took one look at me and said I was going to be a farmer," Mallinger said with a laugh. "I'm glad he did that. I really enjoy farming and I always knew I wanted to be a farmer."

The family's new house had running water and electricity, which was unusual for houses in rural areas at that time, according to Mallinger.

"Dad was very progressive," he said. "He began farming in 1918 on land he cleared from timber and he started out with wheat, alfalfa and cattle."

Mallinger attended school in a one-room schoolhouse that had 28 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"I walked two miles to and from school each day. As I walked past people's houses, more kids would join me. Quite a group had accumulated by the time we got to school," he said. "I went to school until eighth grade. I did awful good in arithmetic, but history and geography were my favorite subjects. I wasn't good at spelling."

Mallinger began farming with his father after his eighth grade graduation in 1932.

"Dad was a real hard worker and taught me how to work," he said. "He was willing to try new things, and he first planted potatoes in 1926. That was also the year the East Grand Forks sugarbeet factory started. Before that factory was started, beets were sent to Chaska, Minnesota."

Mallinger has an incredible memory for dates and events throughout his farming career, and vividly recalls his father's decision to start growing sugarbeets.

"In 1927, field men from the new factory visited all the farmers and talked to them about growing this unique new crop called sugarbeets."

They told us beets would help control weeds like wild oats and pigeon grass," he said. "We had to hire people to hoe the weeds out of the beets. It was \$6 a ton for beets then. They were not a high paying crop, but they would clean up the land and help the rotation."

Peter was excited to try sugarbeets and was one of the first farmers in the area to grow the new crop in 1927.

"We had 30 acres of sugarbeets when we started, and Mexican folks helped us by hoeing the weeds," Mallinger said. "We got the beet seed from the factory, and they got it from Germany. It came from Germany in great big burlap bags."

At that time, the factory had a drill that farmers could borrow for planting sugarbeets.

"It was a four row horse-drawn planter. We had a lifter that loosened the beets and the Mexican workers put them in rows," Mallinger recalled. "Then they topped them with beet knives and shoveled them into a truck."

In their early years of farming sugarbeets, the Mallingers hauled their beets to Oslo.

"We loaded the beets into open railroad cars which took them to Grand Forks. After a while, we had a piling site in Oslo. Then, sometime in the late 1930s, we hauled them to Grand Forks in a truck," he said. "I didn't really like that because it was a tough job. Harvest depended on the weather, just like it does now. In 1931, we were still hauling beets on Thanksgiving Day. Later on, when we got pilers in Oslo and Alvarado, it made everything so much easier because we had land in both places."

The 1930s were a trying time for the Mallingers and their fellow farm families in the Red River Valley.

"We didn't have much money then. Nobody did and everyone was in the same boat," Mallinger said. "We all played kitten-



Earl Mallinger sits with his sister, Ina Dahlum at his 105th birthday party. She is 101 and lives in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota. *Contributed / Earl Mallinger*

ball. It was like softball but with a larger ball, a smaller diamond, and an underhand pitch. Everyone formed teams and played together, and we had a lot of teams. Those are some of my favorite childhood memories."

The family farmed with horses until 1936, when Peter bought a combine.

"I was 19 years old. In Warren, Minnesota, the dealership there would take used horses in trade for tractors and other equipment. We traded horses for a combine," said Mallinger. "I ran the combine, but I missed those horses. They were extremely well trained."

A black and white photo of a man in a cowboy hat. The man has his arms crossed. He has a slight smile on his face, which has a substantial moustache.

The following year, Peter retired from farming. In 1938, Earl and his brothers began farming together. Mallinger married his wife Julia in 1946, and the couple farmed together for over 30 years.

"She was a schoolteacher in Oslo and that's how I met her," he said. "She helped me on the farm and loved everything about farming. She drove a big tandem truck and hauled sugarbeets to the factory."

In addition to farming together, Earl and Julia were passionate about 4-H. They both served as club leaders, and he coached 4-H potato judging teams for many years. The couple had three daughters who live in North Dakota and Minnesota.

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In addition to sugarbeets, Mallinger also grew certified seed potatoes for over 50 years.

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"I had some awfully good people working for me, like the Martinez family. They worked with me for over 20 years," he said. "Eugene Dauksavage started working for me in high school. He worked for me all his life. He could run the whole show if I was gone and probably did it better than me."

Today Mallinger hires others to do field work for him but owns some of his own equipment and makes all the decisions for his 1,000 acre farm.

"I never quit farming because it is so much fun," he said.

Mallinger is assisted by his friend and neighbor, Debbie Hanson, a semi-retired Lutheran pastor. The two have known each other for over 20 years, and she calls herself his "enabler."

"I drive him around so he can farm and do the things he loves to do. His day starts around 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at Kitty's Café in Oslo and wraps up around 9:30 in the evening," Hanson said. "We've done a lot of off-roading and I've gotten stuck helping him scout fields, but I've learned a lot about farming from Earl."

Hanson is amazed by Mallinger's incredible memory and life experiences.

"You could go to the Sugarbeet Museum in Crookston to learn about the history of sugarbeets in the Red River Valley or you can talk to Earl," she said. "He has seen the whole industry develop. He remembers it all."

Like his father, Mallinger is progressive and interested in the latest agricultural technology.

"All of Earl's fields are tilled. He has seen what tiling can do because he has dealt with flooding before," Hanson said. "One year he had a field that was flooded. He took the sump pump from his house and put it on a raft he made. He pumped out all the water on 10 acres and sent it down the river."

In addition to tiling, Mallinger has seen many changes in the sugarbeet industry in his lifetime.

"Some of the biggest advances were going from workers topping sugarbeets with knives to 12-row lifters and new beet drills that could space seed 5 1/2 inches," he said. "And, of course, Roundup Ready sugarbeets. That was an amazing advancement."

The sustainability of sugarbeets has remained the same throughout the years, according to Mallinger.

"Sugarbeets are a special crop. They are good for the land and have been helping the environment since the 1920s," he said. "They keep weeds from going to seed and are a very good rotation."

Mallinger said he feels blessed to have spent his life farming and with his large extended family that includes 60 grandchildren and great-children. His sister, Ina Dahlum, is 101 and still resides in her own home in Moorhead, Minnesota.

"We had about 100 people at the family Thanksgiving last year, so I rented the hall in Oslo," he said.



Earl Mallinger still farms, though at 105 he hires people to do the fieldwork for him.
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As Mallinger reflects on his farming career, he says his best advice to beginning farmers is to work hard, be frugal and put God first.

"If you didn't inherit land from your parents, start small. Work hard and don't spend too much money and you'll be successful," he said. "Remember that God is in control. You have got to have Him with you. Also, don't forget to stop and smell the roses. I didn't work much on Sundays and I still made a good living."

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FREEBORN COUNTY, MN

SEPT
9
10:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: NORTHWOOD COUNTY CLUB
1391 490TH STREET, NORTHWOOD, IA

- 93.86 +/- Deeded acres
- 43.41 +/- CRP Acres
- 85.41 +/- Tillable acres
- \$12,811 CRP Payment [2021]
- CPI of 85
- Real Estate taxes \$4,114

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- 2.9 +/- CRP Acres [paying \$536-expires 9/30/25]
- 146.32 +/- Tillable acres
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205.17 ACRES +/-
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SEPT
27
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Look for These Traits in Future Leaders



By Harvey Mackay

I don't care if you're the CEO of a Fortune 500 company, a small business owner or a manager or supervisor; you are only as good as the people around you. In other words, it's important to surround yourself with success-oriented people.

When hiring, always try to pick future leaders. They may not be easy to recognize, but they're crucial to an organization that wants to be innovative and intrapreneurial. Here's a

list of factors that can help you identify and develop potential leaders on your staff:

Collaboration. Look for employees who communicate well, delegate effectively and build strong personal relationships with their co-workers, managers and customers. They're committed to their own personal success, of course, but they're also dedicated to helping other people.

Self-determination. Intrapreneurial employees value their freedom and autonomy. They like being their own boss as much as possible, as long as they're doing something they enjoy. Allow employees to make their own decisions as long as they're moving firmly toward your organization's objectives.

Planning skills. You want employees who look beyond today's tasks, who can focus on the long term as well as the short. They're good at strategizing and weighing options, and at making decisions that minimize risk and maximize opportunity.

Curiosity. Most great ideas start with simple questions: "What if I did this? Why does that happen?" Listen to employees' questions to spot those who are interested in solving problems and learning more about how things work.

Comfort with technology. Every good leader or potential leader stays on top of the



tools that can mean success or failure. He or she isn't afraid to use whatever's available – as long as it works.

Drive for action. Focus on employees who take initiative without waiting until conditions are perfect. They like to try things quickly, experiment and then move on to the next challenge. They're also not discouraged by setbacks.

Those are traits that employees bring to the job. Now it's up to you to help them develop the skills that will enable them use those traits most effectively.

First and foremost, you need to be a role model. People will learn much more from your actions than from anything you say. If you want to be an effective manager, you must be comfortable knowing that your employees might be smarter, more tech savvy or have new ways of doing business. Try to remember your early career and what you did to prove yourself. Give them enough latitude to develop their own style, but be ready to offer a guiding hand when necessary.

Teach the importance of networking. Learning how to make contacts is a necessary skill for every leader. Stress the importance of both internal and external networks. I frequently preach, "If I had to name the single characteristic shared by all the truly successful people I've met over a lifetime, I'd say it is the ability to create and nurture a network of contacts."

Share the value of perspective. Maintaining an even keel in good and bad times prevents the temptation to jump to rash conclusions when a challenge arises, or conversely, when you have had the biggest success of your ca-

reer. Emotions have a place, but not in business decisions. As I like to say, "Make decisions with your heart and you'll end up with heart disease."

Insist on respect: for authority, for co-workers and for self. Good leaders treat people like people, not property. Successful leaders won't stoop to doing deeds that go against their principles just to make a buck. Good leaders have standards that cannot be compromised because it would destroy their self-respect.

Remind them constantly: Cream doesn't rise to the top; it works its way up. There is no substitute for hard work. When employees see you working harder than they do, you are reinforcing that a dedicated work ethic is a necessary characteristic of a good leader.

Instill confidence. Give credit where it is due. Encourage employees to take charge of projects that will allow them to take appropriate risks and take responsibility for outcomes.

Make sure they understand responsibility. As writer Max De Pree puts it, "The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between the two, the leader must become a servant and a debtor. . . . A friend of mine characterized leaders simply like this: 'Leaders don't inflict pain; they bear pain.'"

Mackay's Moral: *If you want to grow tomorrow's leaders, plant seeds of wisdom today.*

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Minnesota Offers Suicide Prevention Training for Rural Faith Leaders

Joint effort from MDA, Minnesota Department of Health set for this fall

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) are teaming up to offer conferences on Suicide Prevention for Rural Faith Leaders in Bemidji on September 27, 2022 and in Mankato on September 29, 2022.

Rural clergy and lay leaders of all faiths and denominations are welcome.

"Suicide can be prevented, and help is available," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm. "When someone is struggling, talking about suicide does not plant the idea in their head. It can help for them to know you are willing to talk about it and creates a safe opportunity to share their thoughts. We're grateful our community leaders are creating a space to have those conversations."

"Rural communities tend to be pretty close-knit, and suicides touch a lot of people when they happen," said Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "Faith often plays a big role in the lives of farm families, so pastors and lay leaders can play a critical role in preventing these deaths."

The conference will:

Increase rural faith leaders' understanding about suicide and how they can play a role in suicide prevention.

Provide high quality information and resources that will help their communities prevent suicide.

Help faith leaders provide care and support to those affected by suicide to promote healing and prevent further suicides.

Speakers will include:

Deacon Ed Shoener, President of the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers
Scott Roeder, Founder of Jackson Roeder Memorial Fund

Dan Reidenberg Psy D., Executive Director of Suicide Awareness Voices of Education (SAVE)

Ann Ellison, Director Interfaith Health at M Health Fairview

The agenda and speakers are identical at both locations, but panelists vary and may include Bishop William Tesch, ELCA; Cassandra Linkenmeyer, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; Chaplain (Colonel-Retired) Glen Bloomstrom, LivingWorks Education; and others.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Register online or by phone at 218-308-2148 (Bemidji) or 507-344-2747 (Mankato).

This event is partially underwritten by Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Program award #2021-70035461 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture. Other sponsors include Alluma, Minnesota State/AgCentric, Jackson Roeder Memorial Fund, LivingWorks Faith, Minnesota Corn Growers Association, Minnesota Farmers Union, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Minnesota.

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Loan Client Spotlight: CannonBelles

By Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation



CannonBelles, an award-winning cheese company based in Cannon Falls, received a Small Enterprise Loan from SMIF in 2021. Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, shared some of the history of how she and her business partners started their business, and how SMIF has supported its growth.

Tell us about your business.

Back in the fall of 2012, my friend Jackie and I decided to try to make cheese for the first time. We had been making beer and wine together for a few years and were ready for a new challenge. Jackie had also married a dairy farmer, so she had a fresh supply of great milk.

The first cheese we made was a quick mozzarella. We thought it was great at first, but an hour later we realized it was a flavorless cross between mozzarella and “the blob.” We decided to try again, but this time we used cheddar cheese cultures and a recipe we got from a local beer-making supply store which also sold some simple cheese-making ingredients. This time, it looked, felt, smelled and tasted like cheese! We thought we’d keep trying, and it just got better!

We liked our cheese so much that we thought we could start to sell it. Our friends and family seemed to really like it, so why wouldn’t everyone else? We knew we needed the help of a dairy expert, so we asked our friend, Kathy, if she’d like to join our venture. I don’t think we got the question out completely before she said yes. She grew up on a dairy farm, used to have her own herd, and has a degree in animal husbandry.

With the three of us ready to go, we really began researching what we needed in order to make this a successful business. We visited numerous cheese plants in Minnesota and Wisconsin, asking questions of anyone we could. We joined the American Cheese Society. We took courses to learn as much as possible. We found contractors who helped us develop business plans and write grant proposals. We also joined SMIF’s Local Food Peer Network to meet with other artisan food-makers from southern Minnesota.

In the Fall of 2015, Jackie got a message from Dave Maroney, the Director of Economic Development and Planning for Cannon Falls. He had heard we were looking for a home for our business, and asked us to come meet with him. We did, and loved what we heard. Thus was born our relationship with our new hometown, Cannon Falls.

CannonBelles Cheese is now an award-winning artisan cheese company. While our business is located in Cannon falls, we had been making cheese at the University of Minnesota Pilot Plan since August 2016 because that is one of the only places in Minnesota to rent commercial cheese-making equipment. How-



Deeann Lufkin, co-owner of CannonBelles, in their new cheesemaking facility in Cannon Falls.

ever, we just opened our own plant in Cannon Falls where we will be making Gouda, Cheddar, Cheese Curds and our American Cheese Society, First Place winning Queso Fresco! We also own CannonBelles Coffee and Ice Cream Shop which opened in 2019 and doubles as a retail location for our cheese.

How did the loan from SMIF help your business grow?

It helped us pay for marketing, such as social media, website and professional pictures. These items will help take our marketing materials to a more professional level as we begin to reach out to more stores to expand our markets.

Why did you choose SMIF as a lender?

We chose SMIF to help grow our business because they are easy to work with and invited us to be a part of their Food Peer Network. Everyone we’ve worked with at SMIF has been nothing but wonderful! They are friendly, patient and very understanding of us. We couldn’t be where we are today without their help! We also received professional help from SMIF after the loan (like help with Quick Books).

What was your experience like working with SMIF?

Our experience with SMIF has been exceptional! We LOVE everyone at SMIF. They truly feel like a partner and not just a lender. They truly care about each of the small businesses they help. SMIF has been a godsend to our company. Without their help and guidance, we would not be in the great position that we are today.

SMIF’s Small Enterprise Loan program provides micro loans through a partnership with the Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans support small business owners or start-up entrepreneurs who create service, retail, local foods, and manufacturing businesses. Small Enterprise Loan recipients are eligible for free technical assistance.

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Special Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes Saturday July 9, 2022

A special meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 10:05 AM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Council Persons Michael Hammes, Dustin Wiebusch, and Erica Young.

Others Present: Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffbrig

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

Motion by Wiebusch, Second by Hammes to approve Resolution 2022-32 Approving and off-site gambling permit for Mazeppa Fire Relief Association. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Administrator-Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 13, 2022

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

Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Council Persons Steve Liffbrig, Michael Hammes, Dustin Wiebusch, and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law, Robert Josselyn, John Clemens, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn, Orrin Haugen, Dorothy Haugen, Jason Klein, and City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Present by electronic meeting: Holly Galbus from the News Record, Monica Hauser from Hawkins and Ash C.P.A.'s, Wabasha County Sherriff's Dept. Chief Deputy Jim Warren.

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

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve the meeting minutes for the June 8, 2022 regular Council meeting, June 11, 2022 reconvened Council meeting, June 30, 2022 Working Session, and the July 9, 2022 Special Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff's office Chief Deputy Jum Warren presented the June 2022 Incident Command Report. Commented that it had been a quiet month in the community.

Monica Hauser from Hawkins and Ash

C.P.A.'s was available to answer any Council questions on the 2021 Audit. No questions were asked by Council.

Public Works report was given by Public Works Director Scott Ellingson.

Fire Department Report was given by Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn.

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

Engineering update was given by City Engineer Matt Mohs.

City Hall activity report was given by Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Orrin and Dorothy Haugen informed the Council that they are planning to build on the property. They asked if Tax Increment Financing is available.

A redevelopment district was formed so TIF is possible if other eligibility requirements are met.

The Haugens also wanted to make sure of the status of the liquor license that was associated with the site previously.

The City will check with the Minnesota Department of Revenue and Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement to be sure the City can re-issue that license.

The Haugens also asked about the water and sewer hooks and what charges they would be charged.

There are new curb stops that were installed at time of demolition. The sewer tel-

evising can be reviewed to get measurements where the sewer stub is located. If a building is replaced, since it was hooked to sewer and water previously, there would not be a charge to the property for hook up to the utility.

Jason Klein asked if he could install a driveway from 2nd Ave. to access the rear lot of 180 Walnut St. NE if 2nd Ave. is re-established as a 2-way street.

A resident had asked about reconsidering the ordinance on back yard chicken flocks, but did not attend the meeting.

Motion by Young, Second by Wiebusch to approve building permits: MZ22-09, 134 Chestnut St. NE -re-roof. MZ22-06, 636 4th Ave. NE -set mobile home. MZ22-10, 374 1st Ave. S -fire place install. MZ22-11, 704 Oak St. NE -re-roof. MZ22-12, 1156 Cherry St. E -re-roof. MZ22-08, 374 1st Ave. S -house addition. MZ22-13, 177 Maple St. NE -re-activate past building permits. MZ22-14, 173 6th Ave. NE -re-roof. MZ22-15, 151 3rd Ave. NW, -water heater install. MZ22-16, 530 3rd Ave. NE -water heater and furnace. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Monica Houser from Hawkins and Ash was available to answer questions on the 2021 City Audit.

Motion by Young, Second by Wiebusch to approve the 2021 City Audit. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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Historical Happenings

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Helen Reiland

THE MAZEPPA JOURNAL, Editor and Publisher: Barbara and Reider Tommeraas
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1955

Two Burglary Suspects

Two Waterville, Minn. young men who have admitted burglarizing the Duck Inn at Mazeppa of about \$75 waived preliminary hearing in Justice of peace court at Wabasha Saturday and were bound over to district court under \$3500 bond each.

Charged with grand larceny in the theft February 10 are Richard Grover, 27 and Eugene Morrell, 20.

The pair also admitted more than a dozen additional thefts in five other counties, according to Sheriff John Jacobs at Wabasha.

Weddings

MEERKINS-MILLER

Bonnie Lee Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lenus Miller of Zumbro Falls, and Martin Franklin Meerkins of Mazeppa, son of Mr. and Mrs. John c. Meerkins of Zumbrota, exchanged nuptial vows at 2 p.m. February 19 at Lincoln Lutheran church. Rev. E. Scharlemann officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Meerkins left on a wedding trip to New Orleans and for travel she wore navy blue with matching accessories. They will be at home after March 1 in Mazeppa, where he is the Standard Oil agent.

The bride and bridegroom both attended Lake City high school., and she has been employed by the Mayo clinic at Rochester.

In The Service

Ft. Campbell, Ky., Feb. 24-Pfc. Ivan V. Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Frank, is an Air Compressor Operator for "A" Company 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) at Ft. Campbell.

Private Frank entered the service in May 1953 and took his basic training at Ft. Campbell. He was then assigned to "A" Company 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) and was with that unit when it participated in "Exercise Flash Burn" at Ft. Campbell. He attends Air Compressor Operator's School here.

West-East Fives Polishing Plays

The secret has finally been found! During the past three years, the east side of main street has walked away with the trophy for winning this spirited contest which is unmatched by any other game in the country. Also, the past years this game has always been called the "East-West" game. The west finally got wise this year and demanded that we put their name first on all advertisements...this they say, will man victory for them.

P.S. I wonder if that 6'7" giant of theirs has been practicing his back shots!

According to the east, the giant will be no problem for them. Alfred Gerken says he will make it his personal business to whittle him down to his size. Anyway, the youngsters over 35 years of age are sure to put on a spectator show.

The surprise feature of this game will be the costumes of the faculty team, which again will be coached by the able and well-known Vessie "Saperstein" Wild.

Price of admission is 50c for adults and 25c for students grades 3 to 12.

Indians Drop Last Game to Elgin Five 73-62

Mazeppa high school dropped its final game of the regular season at Elgin last Friday by a score of 73-62.

Mazeppa players included: S. Frank, K. Sommerfield, A. Grossbach, D. Windhorst, J. Smith, L. Liffbrig & F. Hoefs.

WOODVILLE CHAPEL FOUNDER TO SPEAK THERE NEXT WEEK

James P. Weliver, who 60 years ago, at the age of 22, came to the Woodville community, will again preach there next week.

He held meetings in a nearby schoolhouse, after which he decided to build the chapel where church and Sunday School services have been conducted since.

He will speak there Sunday evening, February 27; Monday evening February 28 and Tuesday evening, March 1, at 8 o'clock.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Discussion of the requested closing of the 4th Ave. extension routed over private land. The City is not ready to reconstruct the roadway currently. No part of the platted 4th Ave. NE would be considered wetland. Although no right-of-way vacations were found, a title search would have to be done before considering moving the roadway to the platted right-of-way. City Council expressed public safety concerns about closing the current extension until a project was ready to move forward and is of the opinion that the City has rights to continue using the roadway in its current configuration.

Motion by Wiebusch, Second by Young to table 4th Ave. NE extension closure request. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, Second by Wiebusch to appoint Blaine Hentz, Theresa Osgood, Zola Harvey, Sharon Gruhlke, Gladys Vagt, Mike Hammes, Judy Hofschulte, Vicki Arendt, Karl Nahrgang, and Sara Betcher as election judges for 2022. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2022-33 Certifying delinquent utility billing amounts to be assessed to property tax. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2022-02 Amending Chapter 16-1 of the revised ordinances of the City of Mazeppa by repealing Section 9 entitled "One-way Street Designation/Diagonal Parking".

Motion by Wiebusch, Second by Liffriq to approve Resolution 2022-34 Accepting a donation to the City from the Mazeppa Lion's Club. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, Second by Hammes to approve Resolution 2022-31 Accepting a donation from a private entity. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, Second by Young to change City employee Dan Nelson from part-time to full-time status. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, Second by Liffriq to accept quote from Next Level Excavating for \$41,937.75 for the 3rd Ave. NE sidewalk project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, Second by Liffriq to pay the bills and claims. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht said he found that a therapy animal must comply with City ordinance if it is an animal not normally kept in a person's home. He also said that the contract considered for approval for joint use of the private drive to the water tower for a home on the annexed land in Scenic Heights should not be signed and executed until the owners of the property close the transaction.

Lamprecht also commented on a resolution from the Wabasha County Board of Commissioners regarding tax forfeited land within City limits. The City has 3 options. If the City were to purchase parcels at market value, the City could use the property for a public purpose, such as a Public Works Garage or Fire Hall, If the City is conveyed the land at no cost, it must be used for a public use such as a park. If the City does nothing, it will be sold at public auction. If the City would want to purchase or be conveyed any or all the parcels, it would have to provide a written plan with a proposed purpose for the land to be reviewed by the State of Minnesota.

Councilperson Young expressed thanks to Mazeppa BP for the donation to be used for the basketball lighting project at the park next to the School.

Councilpersons Wiebusch, Hammes and Liffriq all wanted to thank the volunteers and organizations that plan and coordinate the events for the Mazeppa Daze Celebration.

Motion by Wiebusch, Second by Young to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 10, 2022

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

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors, Council Persons Michael Hammes, Dustin Wiebusch, and Erica Young.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffriq.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law, Laura Schueler from the News Record,

John Clemens, Jason Hughley, Matt Stinson, Jason Klein, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Todd Cordes, Linda Siewert, and City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

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

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to approve the meeting minutes for the July 13, 2022 regular Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Regular meeting closed at 6:02 PM.

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

Public Hearing opened 6:03 PM.

Public Hearing was for a variance for fence height at a commercial property at 180 Walnut St. NE. The fence would replace the wall that currently exists between 180 and 150 Walnut St. St. NE. A fence would also be constructed at the rear of the 2 buildings closing in an outdoor storage area between the 2 buildings. This would be done for safety and security. Land Management Ordinance says that fences height is limited to 6'. There is a precedence in the City that other commercial properties do have privacy/security fences that exceed that height.

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

Public Hearing closed at 6:10 PM.

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

Regular meeting re-opened at 6:11 PM.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve the variance allowing a fence that exceeds the maximum height to be built between the properties at 180 and 150 Walnut St. NE. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

This motion will be recognized as Resolution 2022-35.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Deputy John Schneider presented the July 2022 Incident Command Report. Commented that high number of hours due to Mazeppa Daze. Deputy Schneider said that no major incidents occurred during Mazeppa Daze. Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang asked that attention be paid to speeding on Oak St. NE and to deter some acts of vandalism at Herb Vik Park.

Administrator Clerk read the Public Works Report.

Administrator Clerk read the Fire Department Report.

Administrator Clerk read the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor store Report.

City Engineer Matt Mohs gave a project engineering update.

Todd Cordes from Zumbrota Mazeppa Schools asked Council to consider allowing a play area known as a Gaga pit to be installed by a volunteer group organized by school parents and funded by donations. The plan would be to install the facility to the north of the existing basketball court at the Town Square park next to the school. One has been installed at the Zumbrota facility and it is popular with the kids. He also asked if the City might be able to fund a portion of the asphalt for it to be built on. Council asked Cordes to get an estimate on the cost of

the black to for the area.

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to approve using the requested area in the park to install a Gaga pit. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve building permits: MZ22-17, 371 Maple St. NE -furnace/A-C. MZ22-18, 156 1st Ave. N -re-roof. MZ22-19, 239 4th Ave. NE -window/door replacement. MZ22-22, 345 2nd Ave. SE -window replacement. MZ22-23, 1021 Riverbluff Rd. SE -re-roof. MZ22-24, 133 2nd Ave. NW -re-roof. MZ22-25, 155 2nd Ave. NW -re-roof. MZ22-26, 671 3rd Ave. NE -re-roof/re-side. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

John Clemens asked about progress for getting the ditch cleaned and shaped along 3rd Ave. between Aspen and Oak Streets.

Linda Siewert asked the Council to reconsider the ordinance banning all farm animals in town and amend it to allow chickens. She pointed out that other communities allow for backyard chickens. The Council will do some research on other community's ordinances and in the community to consider the feasibility of such a change.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Ordinance Chapter 16-1 of the Revised ordinances of the City of Mazeppa by repealing Section 9 entitle "One-Way Street Designation/Diagonal Parking".

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Ordinance 2022-03 Amending Ordinance Chapter 16-1 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Mazeppa. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to approve a driveway for the property at 180 Walnut St. NE allowing access from 2nd Ave. NE. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to allow for the sale of the stove from the Mazeppa Community Center. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to approve the maintenance agreement between the City and Wabasha County for snow removal and sanding on County Road 1 and 54 (First Ave. N and Chestnut St. NE). All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Resolution 2022-36 Claiming Tax Forfeited Land PID R23.00429.00. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

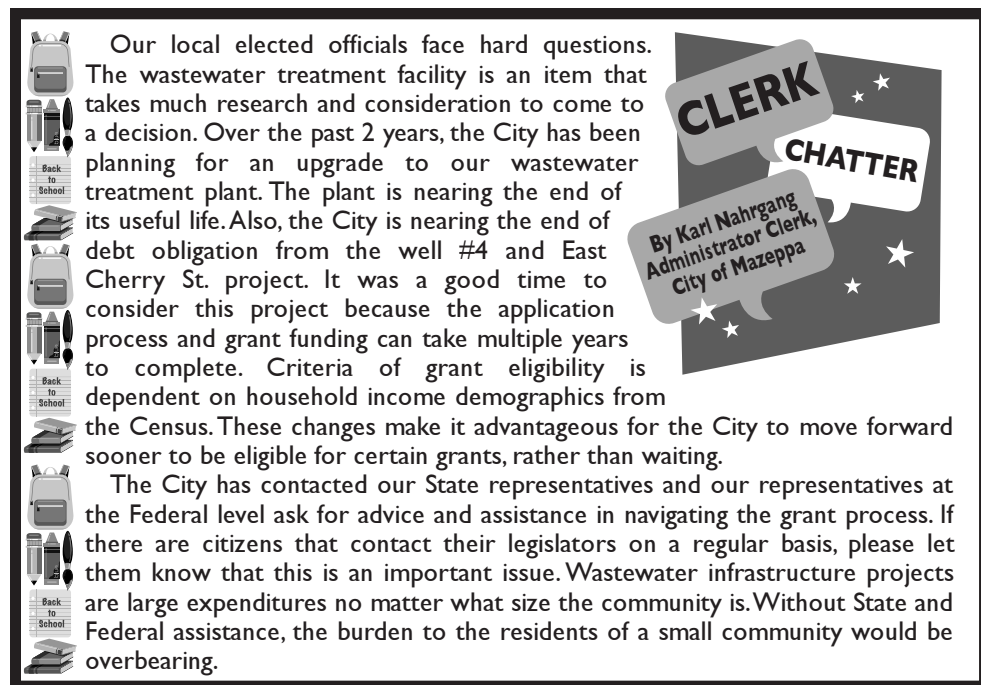
Attorney Comments. Claim on tax forfeiture property allows for 6 months for the City to file necessary documents. Followed by a 3-year period to put plan into action to set up property for public use.

Matt Stinson introduced himself as a candidate for Wabasha County Attorney and took questions from the Council and meeting attendees.

Councilor Erica Young reported that there had been a good turn out for open air market/music in the park. Net month will be a "kid's night" theme.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

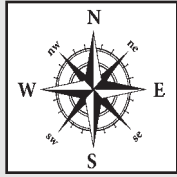


Our local elected officials face hard questions. The wastewater treatment facility is an item that takes much research and consideration to come to a decision. Over the past 2 years, the City has been planning for an upgrade to our wastewater treatment plant. The plant is nearing the end of its useful life. Also, the City is nearing the end of debt obligation from the well #4 and East Cherry St. project. It was a good time to consider this project because the application process and grant funding can take multiple years to complete. Criteria of grant eligibility is dependent on household income demographics from the Census. These changes make it advantageous for the City to move forward sooner to be eligible for certain grants, rather than waiting.

The City has contacted our State representatives and our representatives at the Federal level ask for advice and assistance in navigating the grant process. If there are citizens that contact their legislators on a regular basis, please let them know that this is an important issue. Wastewater infrastructure projects are large expenditures no matter what size the community is. Without State and Federal assistance, the burden to the residents of a small community would be overbearing.

CLERK CHATTER
By Karl Nahrgang
Administrator Clerk,
City of Mazeppa

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Frogs, Friends and Fourth Grade



By Terry Campbell

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

It was September of 1966 and I was in Miss Wick's fourth grade at West Concord Elementary School. We were in the 4E room and it was the week for the Iowa Basic Skills Testing. That was a standardized test that was developed in 1935 to assess the student's skills in reading, language, mathematics, social studies and science. It was boring for a bunch of nine-year old kids.

So, during the recess after lunch break my friend, Lance, and I discovered a frog in the ditch along the play field where all the children went to burn off excess energy. Finding a frog is normal, catching the frog is common, but putting him in a paper cup we found in the ditch and bringing him back to the classroom is a whole new level of crazy.

I, being the consummate risk taker, carried Kermit, our new green captive back from recess, up to the second floor of the school

building and right into the classroom. There I sat, hiding the frog under my desk as class resumed. Our principal, Mrs. Wilson, came around the room, aisle by aisle, handing out the test forms to each one of us. Mrs. Wilson was an older lady, rather short, but kind of intimidating to us students.

When she got to my desk, she noticed something amiss. Both of my hands were not on top of my desk, as directed, and she ordered me to do so. I produced a second-hand paper cup, with my right hand over the top. That didn't satisfy her query and I was told to show her what was in the cup.

When I removed my hand, the frog took one great leap for freedom. Right out of the cup and into Mrs. Wilson's face. To my astonishment, she didn't even flinch. She demanded to know why I had brought a frog into the class and before I could think up a good reason, she told me to catch it quickly. As I crawled across the floor, chasing the hopping reptile, there was laughing and shrieking from my classmates. I believe the boys were all quite amused and the girls exhibiting a much more frightened emotion.

Once the frog was secured, I was instructed to return him to the wild, from whence he came, and as I trudged back to class, I contemplated my fate. This was still during the century where corporal punishment was quite common and expected for an infraction such as this. No amount of soul searching could come up with a logical reason for my latest foolishness.

When I got back to the classroom, I took my seat and started the test, with the certainty of impending doom when I was finished. Much to my amazement, the incident was never mentioned again. I gained a good deal of respect for Principal Wilson after that day.

A Minnesotan: If You Give a Belizean a Ladder



By RosaLin Alcoser

If you give a Belizean a ladder he will use that ladder in an extremely unsafe way, but somehow always be ok.

My father, the Belizean, is extremely comfortable on ladders and going up steep inclines; my mother says it's because Belize is basically a steep incline.

He is so comfortable with them that I have seen him many, many times throughout my life walk across ladders that he's balanced over things as a gangplank and climb up them while they're tittering on uneven ground.

The amazing thing is that he's never fallen off of one of these ladders or gotten hurt doing this.

To my knowledge the ladder has only fallen once, while he was not currently on it, trapping him on the roof for a while until my mother found him.

In addition to being extremely comfortable with ladders my father can become easily obsessed with things; like squirrels.

Back in the summer of 2018 he became particularly obsessed with a squirrel that was jumping from the trees onto the roof and running across the roof. The squirrel running across the roof drove him crazy to the point that he decided that it was using a particular branch from the tree next to the house to do this.

So without any help or the right equipment he took his chainsaw and ladder to go up into the tree, climb into the nook where the base of the limb started and cut off the limb. So that he could stop the squirrel from using the limb to jump onto the roof and run across it.

Now I wasn't there to witness this event, because I was away at college, but my mother was and she sent pictures.

The best part about the whole squirrel on the roof chainsaw incident is that after he did all this the squirrel promptly used a different tree to jump onto the roof so it could run across it.



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Minnesota Renaissance Festival Drawing

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Winners will be drawn for a 4 pack of tickets on September 7th and you may be one of the lucky ones to enjoy the Renaissance Festival on us.

The Minnesota RenFest is the country's largest Renaissance-themed festival, this rousing event will delightfully engage and entertain you as the festival grounds are transformed into a 16th century village, complete with hundreds of unique characters.

You're encouraged to dress the part, too! The authentic village is filled with costumed characters such as peasants, nobles and royal courtiers. On 16 lively stages you'll find magicians, musicians, comedians, jugglers, mimes and more who entertain the kid in all of us. Plus, cheer on the jousting knights who mount their horses to do battle. And, as mentioned, festival goers are encouraged to the



photo courtesy of Minnesota Renaissance Festival

dress the part as well. So plan your costume now.

The festival marketplace features 250 artisans who display and sell their handcrafted treasures. Demonstrations are given daily by masters of historic skills such as armor making, bronze casting, glass blowing and calligraphy. Additionally, visitors have more than 150 food choices including the famous roasted turkey drumstick, scotch eggs, soup in a bread bowl and apple dumplings.

The Minnesota Renaissance Festival runs its 51st season August 20 through October 2, 2022. The Festival is open weekends plus Labor Day September 5 and Festival Friday, September 30, 2022, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., rain or shine. The Festival is located seven miles south of Shakopee on Highway 169. Festival patrons can enjoy 16 stages of live entertainment, 250 artisan vendors for endless shopping, 7 theme weekends, full combat jousting and food fit for a king or queen!

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