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## Announcements

### • Lenten Soup Suppers/Bible Study:

The Mazeppa UMC invites community members to join them Wednesday evenings (March 8, 15, 22, 29) for soup suppers and a Bible study based on the book of Esther. Supper 6:30-7; Bible study 7-8 PM. For more information call Ann Neil @507 696 3875.

• **Celebrate Recovery meetings every Sunday night at 5pm at South Troy Church, 56817 Highway 63 Zumbro Falls, MN 55991.** Email for questions is: celebraterecovery@southtroy@gmail.com.

• **The Zumbro Valley Food Shelf is located at South Troy Wesleyan Church, 56817 Hwy 63, Zumbro Falls, MN.** The hours are Tuesdays 11:00am-5:00pm and Thursdays 11:00am-6:00pm. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. For more information contact Pastor Colleen Hoeft at 507-259-1442 or choeft52@gmail.com.

• **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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## Z-M Vocational Construction Project

The Zumbrota-Mazeppa vocational construction program project is nearing completion. They have been building a 1,816 square foot home on a lot at 165 Golf Links Ave in

Zumbrota. An open house was held in February for the three bedroom, two bath, three car garage home. Bids for the sale of the home were due by the last Friday in February

### 2022-2023 Zumbrota-Mazeppa FFA Chapter



1st row: (left-right) Jack Boraas, Katelynn Albrecht, Logan White, Natalie Clemenson, Olivia Amsbaugh, Alyson Dillon, Kaylee Peterson, William Higley, and Jimmy Suess. 2nd row (left-right): Charlotte Haley, Teagan Hagfors, Emma Shofner, Makayla Rodriguez, Gabbie Perrotti, Isabelle Amsbaugh, Elizabeth Winkles, Emerson Bengston, Rachel Earnhart, and Lauren Hahn. 3rd row (left-right): Avery Prink, Alexis Larson, Cole Lohmann, Troy Clemenson, Edward Winters, Wyatt Rostad, Olivia Rockne, Autumn Reese, Maggie Nelson, and Addie Berg. 4th row (left-right): Morgan Proctor, Macy Brady, Miley Durrow, Grace Palenschat, Josslyn Lohmann, Owen Thomforde, Noah Schaefer, Anna Soltau, Sawyer Sheridan, and Emma Hinz. 5th row (left-right) Luther Bauer, Keira Rolland, Aiden Rolland, Caden Gilbertson, Hayden Boraas, Colby Dohrn, Cristina Sandoval, and Tucker Buck



Isaiah O'Reilly and class instructor  
Brandon Roth

and the minimum price was \$385,000.

## Mazeppa Womens Improvement Club Serving Coffee and Treats

Submitted by Pati Liffbrig

On Saturday, March 11th the Mazeppa Womens Improvement Club will be at the Mazeppa Community Center joining the annual friends and family "Attic Sale".

Coffee and treats will be served by the club for a free will donation.

The proceeds will be used for a future community event or improvement request. Some of the groups previous donations were to Mazeppa's main street flower baskets and the annual fireworks fund.

The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please join us for some Mazeppa friendly conversation and tasty sweets!

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## Love Your Enemies



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

I don't know about you but that seems impossible. How in the world can you love someone who doesn't love you? How in the world can you love someone who wants to do you harm and tear you down? It's much easier for me to love people who already love me; like my husband, my children and my friends.

We have had times, and still do that we get on each other's nerves. There are times when we have disagreements and differing points of view. But at the end of the day we still love each other. But in today's passage, Jesus comes along and tosses in this monkey wrench of saying that not only are we to love those who love us but we're even to love those who don't love us! Many of us read that and think, "Are you kidding me?" Our more natural reaction is like a certain truck driver:

Late one summer evening in Broken Bow, Nebraska, a weary truck driver pulled his rig into an all-night truck stop. The waitress had just served him when three tough looking, leather jacketed motorcyclists - of the Hell's Angels type - decided to give him a hard time. Not only did they verbally abuse him, one grabbed the hamburger off his plate, and

other took a handful of his French fries, and the third picked up his coffee and began to drink it.

How would you respond? Well, this trucker did not respond as one might expect. Instead, he calmly rose, picked up his check, walked to the front of the room, put the check and his money on the cash register, and went out the door. The waitress followed him to put the money in the till and stood watching out the door as the big truck drove away into the night.

When she returned, one of the bikers said to her, "Well, he's not much of a man, is he?" She replied, "I don't know about that, but he sure ain't much of a truck driver. He just ran over three motorcycles on his way out of the parking lot."

That seems fair right? That would be justice. We totally get that. When someone wrongs us our first instinct is to get them back! Our first instinct is to make them hurt as much as they hurt us. That is the world's answer to being wronged. But Jesus gives His followers a different response they're to have. He tells us we're to love our enemies. Luke 6:27-31.

"27 'But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

First, He tells us that you're to do good to

those who hate you. It isn't enough to just say it- we've got to live it out! That may mean shoveling the walk of a cantankerous neighbor. It may mean volunteering to help a co-worker that you don't get a long with or speaking graciously to an ex-spouse on the phone.

The 2nd response you're to have toward your enemies is to bless those who curse you. It certainly goes against our initial response to someone that curses us. Words and actions bring us a lot of pain- so turning around and blessing them instead of cursing them back is very difficult.

When we have held onto the hurt and pain for a long time- it's difficult to let go. Jesus is our example- He didn't dish it out when he was cursed or ridiculed- he walked away. He will give us the strength to do the same. When we have Jesus' love and forgiveness in our life and the freedom, He has given us- even when those feelings of pain and bitterness rise up within us- we can claim Jesus and His power to break the power of sin and darkness in our lives. Over and over again He will remind you and me; "greater is He that is in me and he that is in this world!" Our example, and our strength come only from Jesus.

Third, we must pray for those that mistreat us. That doesn't mean a prayer to get even, or a prayer for vengeance- it's a sincere prayer for that person to find healing, to know Jesus, to experience God's healing for whatever may be going on in their life. Praying for our enemy is not easy. But when we pray for our enemies it can actually serve as a tool to keep us from being destroyed by bitterness and anger.

St. Patrick- the patron Saint of Ireland lived out this principle in his life. Patrick was kidnapped when he was 16 and taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd. Lonely and afraid, he turned to God for solace, becoming a devout Christian. He also had a vision of converting the Irish people to a faith in Jesus Christ.

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than 15 years. After his ordination as a priest, he returned to Ireland with a dual mission: to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

Patrick understood Jesus' message of loving his enemies. He was willing to return to those that had held him captive and share the message of the gospel with them. Patrick practiced his faith by not just putting up with his enemies- but by loving them enough to share the truth of Jesus and the hope of eternity with them.

If you have someone that you are struggling to love, struggling to forgive- I want to encourage you to bring that hurt, that pain to Jesus and begin today to love them as Jesus loves you. We are called to live above 'pay back and hatred' and take the higher road in loving our enemy. Let Jesus give you His strength to love your enemy. "When He tells us to love our enemies He gives, along with the command, the love itself." Corrie Ten Boom



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From a humble beginning, this church-led movement spread through Western Europe, surviving in some form for about 200 years. Today it is considered one of the first mass peace movements.

Nearly a thousand years before Pax Dei, Jesus preached "Blessed are the peacemakers" to the shock and disbelief of his listeners. In those days many of his fellow Jews dreamed of rebelling against the ruthless occupation of the Roman Empire.

The call to make peace was difficult in Jesus' day and in the Middle Ages, and it is still difficult today. Yet Jesus inspires his faithful followers to seek peace, for that is God's way of restoring us to himself and making us his children.

*Heavenly Father, thank you for making us your sons and daughters. Inspire us to become your peacemakers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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## Sharon Deyonne Krismer



Sharon Deyonne Krismer, 78, of rural Zumbro Falls, passed away at her home on Saturday, March 4, 2023, surrounded by her family. She was born December 3, 1944, in Mazeppa to Clarence and Lucille (Bannitt) Mehrkens. She grew up in the Mazeppa area and graduated from Mazeppa High School. On February 9, 1963, she married the love of her life, Eugene Krismer at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in West Albany.

Sharon worked at Lakeside Foods in Plainview and at Pace Dairy in Rochester for 19 years. She also helped on the farm and feral pigs for many years. She enjoyed spending time in her flower gardens, her passion was mowing the lawn. She loved to collect angels, and baking for her family, especially her fresh homemade bread. She also liked to go have coffee and visit with the neighbor ladies. Sharon and Eugene loved to go to dances. Sharon loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and going to their activities. Sharon was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Women's Guild.

Sharon is survived by two daughters Lisa (Gary) Rademacher of South St. Paul, and Angela (Joel) Harmon of Lake City; and a son, Joe Krismer of Zumbro Falls; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Darold (Trudy) Mehrkens of Mazeppa; and her faithful dog, Buddy. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Eugene, and two sons, Tim and James.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 10, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in West Albany, rural Millville with Father Joseph Pete officiating. Burial will follow the service in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery. Friends and family may visit from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Arrangements by Schleicher Funeral Homes, Lake City Chapel. Guest register may be signed at [www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com](http://www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com)

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## Zumbrota-Mazeppa Honor Rolls Announced

Named to the Zumbrota-Mazeppa School Honor Roll for the first semester were the following students.

### A Honor Roll

Grade 12 – Olivia Amsbaugh, Zane Angerman, Emerson Bengtson, Kirsten Bettermann, Avery Brown, Natalie Clemenson, Ella DeFrang, Natalie Dykes, Olivia Epps, Gage Goranson, Carly Hauser, Noah Kevan, Gracie Lee, Ryan Lexvold, Malcolm Meyers, Kyle Moyer, Noah Mulholland, Rylee Nelson, Isaiah O'Reilly, Kacey Scholl, Anna Soltau, Katrina Sortland, Natasha Sortland, Torey Stencil, Joselyn Stensland, Richard Sylak, Gage Tedrick, Alyssa Traurig, Lola Wagner, Kamryn Welch, Logan White

Grade 11 – Katelynn Albrecht, Aubrey Allen, Jack Boraas, Mackenzie Boraas, Franki Bremer, Cameron Bruns, Trinity Chapa, Anna Cylkowski, Alexandra Ebertowski, James Eickhoff, Landon Flaaen, Conner Fogarty, Solveigh Goldsmith, Ben[1]jamin Gunhus, Benjamin Helfer, Louis Herges, William Higley, Jaydyn Irish, Megan Jaspersen, Brooke Jensen, Ava Knott, Rachel Krinki, Raymond Li, Kaleb Lochner, Ella Meyers, Cora Ohm, Preston Ohm, Sophia Pasdzior, Kaylee Peterson, Abby Plank, Sommer Post, Melanie Raasch, Isabella Roberts, Cristina Sandoval-Kresal, Jordan Schliep, Madeline Seymour, Gage Starr, Britta Stiller, Ryan Stimets, Hunter Streit, James Suess

Grade 10 – Isabelle Amsbaugh, Cole Banitt,

Mackenzie Cash, Ella Chandler, Dane Damsen, Colby Dohrn, Miley Durow, Autumn Finstuen, Frank Flicek, Molly Grobe, Kyla Hansen, Emma Hatleli, Kathryn Hennig, Taylor Hofschulte, Gavin Hostager, Kaila Huneke, Izabella Johnson, Logan Kevan, Gabrielle Knowlton, Finley Leuning, Tory Magnuson, Aurelia McBroom, William Ottem, Paislee Peterson, Sydney Preston, Taite Raasch, Regan Rasmussen, Isabel Schulte, Paige Schumacher, Lillian Steele, Elizabeth Winkels

Grade 9 – Courtney Andring, Amelia Angerman, Bakster Arendt, Jent Beyer, Mason Boraas, Brooklyn Burdick, Troy Clemenson, Benjamin Flaaen, Svea Goldsmith, Elizabeth Grant, Lydia Hatleli, Anders Hellyer, Lydia Hessenius, Annabeth Hornquist, Clara Hornseth, Brody Hovel, Nolan Irish, Tanner Jennebach, Indiana Judd, Adelaide Kennedy, Genavieve Knaup, Addison Liffriq, Gunner Mancilman, Emily Meyers, Ethan Miller, Olivia Moody, Breanna Moran, Eric Nicholson, Hudson Ohm, Amelia Peterson, Brailee Peterson, Parker Post, Riley Redepenning, Autumn Reese, Wyatt Rostad, Melanie Rude, Antonio Sandoval-Kresal, Logan Schurke, Isabelle Stensland, Evan Stimets, Ryan Tupper, Carlee Vath, Ed Winters

Grade 8 – Leo Beyer, Cambryn Copeman, Emma DeGeus, Clara Eickhoff, Caden Gilbertson, Cadence Hofschulte, Caleb Kevan, Chloe Lochner, Karsten Miller, Carl Murray, Shea Norton, Carter O'Connell, Will Olsen, Savannah Peens, Kora Raasch, Aidan Rolland, Nolan Rude, Jude Schulte, Clara Weiland, James Zinser

Grade 7 – Emma Berg, Scarlett Boyum, Emma Braithwaite, Camden Bredehoft, Bear Carlson, William Corey, Aliviya Crosby, Hans Damson, Landon Decker, Madleon Donohue, Shannon

Donohue, Katelyn Flaaen, Mason Gill, Tyson Gill, Benjamin Hauser, Sophia Hen-

derson, Chloe Henn, Mitchell Hessenius, Kason Hill, Hayden Hinz, Gabriel Hunsucker, Clara Kennedy, Jackson Kennedy, Peter Klapperich, Emelia Knaup, Jackson Korzan, Chandler Lohmann, Jasper Lohmann, Olivia Markson, Delaney Mellgren, Gabriella Miller, Lincoln Moody, Jacob Moran, Stefan Nietz, Liam O'Brien, Gabriel O'Conner, Adisyn Preston, Ryker Proctor, Cooper Rasmussen, Bailey Redfield, Maxwell Rockne, Norah Rude, Elyse Ryan, Nora Schaefer, Karlee Scheffler, Layla Schran, Breanna Schroeder, Isaac Schurke, Ivy Smith, Kloe Smith, Sylvie Staab, Ryley Stutz, Lincoln Toombs, Owen Warweg, Leah Widholm

### B Honor Roll

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Grade 10 – Tyler Bromeling, Owyn Fitzgibbons, Tucker Frederixon, Charli Gjemse, Jayda Hagfors, Keagen Haugen, Joseph Herges, Owen Hoefs, Arianna Jackson,

Austin Jentsch, Logan Lee, Vanessa Minter, Martin Pascacio Villa, Zachary Petersburg, Rachael Roble, Colby Schroeder, Sawyer Sheridan, Ayden Smith, Gage Sorby, Zoey Startz, Bryan Stelzner, Will[1]iam Stene, Wyatt Warweg, Joshua Wedde, Michael Winkels, Paul Woods

Grade 9 – Cora Anderson, Ethan Anderson, Neva Anderson, Isabelle Bruns, Nathaniel Donovan, William Hauser, Emma Hinz, Evan Kutscheid, Cain Lexvold, Teagan Lexvold, Alivia Liffriq, Aaron Miller, Kennedy Mix, Luke Parker, Madelena Peterson, Grayson Redfield, Olivia Rockne, Kirt Rude, Noah Schaefer, Gavin Seymour, Grady Streit, Zakary Treichel

Grade 8 – Hudson Appleby, Caden Boelter, Hadyn Boraas, Riley Bram, Blake Brewer, Anthony Bromeling, Riley Burdick, Mason Counsell, Hailey Dodd, Teagan Hagfors, Charlotte Haley, Hunter Heydmann, Landen Hillshiem, Ambriel Johnson, Simon Karow, Aidan Majerus, Cooper Meyers, Tatum Olson, Zaynah Paider, Avery Prink, Keira Rolland, Macy Schaefer, Emma Schofner, Kinsey Smith, Ryan Tesmer, Addyson West

Grade 7 – Demarion Aguilar, Connor Barrett, Brooke Bruns, Isabella Danberry, Christian Ersland, Brody Gore, Simon Grove, Victoria Haley, Havin Horsman, Tadam Kahl, Owen Lexvold, Tayte Lexvold, Henry Li, Trig Miller, Kate Moldenhauer, Akuach Nhial, Cayden Olson, Ruby Olson, Joseph Ottem, Lluvia Pascacio Villa, Elliana Peterson, Ryan Plank, Benton Radtke, Ava Schoenfelder, Grant Schultz, Quinten Staab, Kylee Tschida

### Mazeppa resident named to Dean's List at Luther College

DECORAH, Iowa— Cole Peters, Luther College senior of Mazeppa, Minnesota, has been named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List.

Luther College's Fall 2022 Dean's List includes 652 students; 134 first-years, 124 sophomores, 170 juniors and 224 seniors. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and must complete at least 12 credit hours with 10 hours of conventional grades (A, B, C, D).

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By  
Missy Papenfus

## 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.

### Kitchen Zero!

If you look up the definition of kitchen zero, it can mean zero food waste. Not the meaning I am talking about here...

I found Sarah Mueller of the Declutter Club on Facebook and her term "kitchen zero". What does kitchen zero mean to me? A quick kitchen cleanup, filling or emptying the dishwasher, wiping the counters and table, and doing those pesky dishes that can't go in the dishwasher. If you keep up working on it every day, it becomes easier to obtain the "kitchen zero". Start with doing the dishes and everything else will fall into

place.

I don't really have many cleaning products that I really LOVE and rave about, but a new product I found recently is Dawn Powerwash Dish Spray. I love using it to clean my counters and table. It also makes washing only one or two dishes a breeze. Is it that hard to wipe the counters? No, but for some reason I hate doing it. Dawn Powerwash dish spray has been a game changer for me. I wish someone had told me about it sooner!

Stay tuned for next month's topic: Organizing the office!

There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

## Minnesota FFA Foundation Partnership with Support Agriculture Family of Brands to Raise Funds

The Minnesota FFA Foundation is excited to announce a new fundraising opportunity through a partnership with the Support Agriculture family of brands. In celebration of National Ag Day on March 21st, we released Support Minnesota Agriculture merchandise for you to show your love of Minnesota agriculture. The t-shirts are 100% grown, sewn, and printed in the USA. T-shirts and other Support Minnesota Agriculture items will be sold and 20% of the proceeds will go back to the Minnesota FFA Foundation.

The Support Agriculture family of brands is an initiative started by Zeke Chapman, owner of Chapman Trading Company and Magnolia Loom, based in Sandersville,



Georgia. Chapman exudes a servant's heart and, with that spirit, spearheaded a project to raise money for the Georgia FFA Foundation. Now nearly three years later, he has been able to give back over \$150,000 to this and many

other agricultural organizations.

The website [www.supportminnesotaagriculture.com](http://www.supportminnesotaagriculture.com) was released on March 7, 2023, for you to view the designs available for purchase beginning on March 21st.

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## A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

Jim and Bev Adams completed The Drunken Dozen and got their t-shirts on Sunday, February 12th. Their last stop was Rock Bottom in Hammond. Stop in to one of the 12 participating bars and get your shirts before they are gone! Must be 21 to participate.

Bellchester Tavern, Black Top Bar and Grill, Buck Wild, Leo's Sports Bar, Mac's Park Place, Mazeppa Liquor Store, Neptune, Out of Bounds, Rock Bottom, Stumble Inn, Uncle John's, Whiskey Dicks.



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## MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPENFUS

I could compare our driveway and gravel road to an ice-skating rink, and therefore, had to find alternatives to walking outside. About 10 years ago, I slipped and fell, hit my head on the ice at home (after a sleet storm), and sorry not sorry, I am not walking outside any more than I have to in icy weather. That is not an open invitation to skip exercise altogether, but time to find some exercise alternatives.

I count snowmobiling as a form of exercise. We have been snowmobiling a lot this winter. The steps really click up on my fitbit riding snowmobile! One of the bonuses of having a newer snowmobile, my body doesn't feel any different after a day of riding.

I try to register for Zoom online exercise classes, so I can exercise in the comfort of my own home. Sometimes I have to modify exercises if I don't have a specific piece of equipment, but I keep moving. Zumba is a great way to get in more steps. Soon the snow will melt, and I'll be able to get walking outside again.

*Memo from MotoProz...*

As you read this, we expect to soon be taking Arctic Cat snowmobile spring pre-orders for the 2024 All-New Arctic Cat Catalyst 600 along with other models. We're told ordering again will be limited, so you'll want to order before it's too late! Checkout all the details online at [MotoProz.com](http://MotoProz.com) or stop in today! Starts March 7, so you'll want to be sure to mark your calendar prior to that!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

## Antique Snowmobiles Hit the Trails

By Beth Brekke

The Goodhue-Bellechester Railriders annual vintage snowmobile show and ride was held February 4th with close to 70 sleds taking advantage of the near perfect weather and trail conditions. Registration began at 9 AM with sleds on display in the Goodhue Lion's parking lot until 1 PM.

arious awards and numerous door prizes were handed out and then most of the participants made an approximately 15 mile scenic loop to Bellechester via the trail to Hogsback and returned to Goodhue.

There were 66 snowmobiles officially registered although there were a few late-comers and others riding along just for fun. Among those attending the show and ride were Dan and Denise Reardon who came from Delano, MN. The couple knew where Goodhue was but had never been to the town and said they had never even heard of Bellechester. They participated on a 1978 Yamaha Exciter and a 1996 Yamaha V-Max.

There were sleds of all ages, sizes and varieties. Some that easily caught the eye were a 1964 Arctic Cat 101 with a 6 horse-power engine owned by Mark Breckenridge, a child-sized Little Indy also made by Arctic Cat and displayed by Leo Wingert, and a machine dubbed "Snow Ranger" homemade by Jesse Frandrup in 1995. The Snow Ranger received the "Most Off The Wall" award.

Nearly 40 sponsors from around the area contributed financially or by providing great door prizes. Trophies and other prizes were



66 Vintage sleds were officially registered for the competition and on display in the Lion's parking lot.



Winner of the "Off The Wall" award went to this Snow Ranger, homemade by Jesse Frandrup.



Among the oldest of the sleds on display was this 1964 Arctic Cat 101 with a 6 hp engine owned by Mark Breckenridge.

given out in 11 different categories as follows:

69 & Older class: Rick Stockey , 1962 Polaris L-55 (4 in the class)

70-71: Greg Gernentz, 1971 440 Rupp with Cutter (7 in class)

72-73: Jeff Ryan, 1973 340 Skidoo TNT (16 in class)

74-76: John Little, 1976 440 Rupp Magnum (13 in clas)

77-80: Renee Hadler, 1977 John Deere Liquifier (4 in class)

81-89: Alexis Van Eps, 1986 Arctic Cat Cougar (6 in class)

90-95: Nathan Skog, 1993 580 Arctic Cat (9 in class)

Best Matching suit and sled: Greg Ger-

nentz, 1971 440 Rupp with Cutter (Trophy and \$50)

Best of Show: John Little, 76 440 Rupp (Trophy, \$50 from GBRR, \$50 from Smokin' Oak of Red Wing)

Best Unrestored: Tim Bergeson, 1985 Ski Doo (\$50 from Smokin' Oak of Red Wing)

Most off the Wall: Jesse Frandrup, 1995 Homemade 2300cc, (\$10)

Members of the Railriders club followed the vintage group on newer sleds to insure that everyone made the trip safely. The club also hosted a sledding party on the hill by AgPartners the following day. For more information on the Railriders and more photos and videos, visit the Goodhue-Bellechester Railriders facebook page.



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## Kids Teach Us Great Lessons



By Harvey Mackay

A little girl visited a farm one day and wanted to buy a large watermelon.

The farmer said, "That will be \$3."

"But I've only got 30 cents," said the young girl.

The farmer pointed to a very small watermelon in the field and said, "How about that one?"

"Okay, I'll take it," said the little girl. "But

leave it on the vine. I'll be back for it in a month."

Now there's a young girl who is destined to succeed.

Children teach us many lessons. For example, kids are more creative and are more imaginative. Children don't know what is and isn't possible. To them everything is doable. They don't have the mental blocks that many adults have and haven't been curtailed by rules and regulations.

Similarly, kids also dream more and dream bigger. If they can dream it, children believe they can do it. They are more ambitious and enthusiastic.

When I speak to business audiences, one of my messages is to believe in yourself, even when no one else does. No one does this better than children. They believe they can do anything and everything.

Children are fearless. They don't fear rejection or what people think of them. They don't think about the future. They are carefree. Tomorrow is simply another day.

Children start every day anew. They are not afraid to try new things. They don't worry and, possibly most importantly, are happy. And they strive to do what makes them

happy. Shouldn't we do the same as adults? You can be as happy as you decide to be. It also helps that kids laugh a lot.

Children forgive and forget. If they get upset they are typically on to something else soon and they forget what was troubling them. They don't hold grudges. It is far better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember.

Children make friends easily. They understand that the best vitamin for developing friends is B1.

Long gone are the days of "children should be seen and not heard." Children of today are not just tech savvy; they are creating apps that will pay their college tuition.

That's pretty amazing for a whole sector of society with no control over most areas of their lives. Someone else is telling them when to eat, sleep and go to school. They can't choose their living arrangements, make their own vacation plans, or set their own rules. They are essentially powerless. And yet, they manage to survive and thrive. What are we adults doing wrong?

Perhaps we have set aside the childlike qualities that keep us excited about getting up every morning. Remedy that problem pronto. If enthusiasm and creativity are lacking, it might be time to reread some Dr. Seuss.

Children are incredibly perceptive. They can spot a phony with dizzying speed, and while tact isn't always among their strongest attributes, their blunt honesty is hard to argue with.

Let me tell you the story about the father of

a very wealthy family who took his son on a trip to the country with the purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They stayed with a very poor family. When they returned, the father asked the son what he thought of their trip.

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us; they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Through the eyes of a child, the father learned wisdom beyond the ages.

**Mackay's Moral: Kids will be kids, but they can be terrific teachers too.**

*Reprinted with permission from nationally syndicated columnist Harvey Mackay, author of the New York Times #1 bestseller "Swim With The Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive."*

## Grants support early literacy and community beautification



Tim Penny  
So. MN Initiative Foundation

This year at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), we will reach a milestone of investing more than \$50 million in our communities through grantmaking since our start in 1986. While these grants support a wide range of projects – from providing books to young children to supporting small town growth – they each have had transformative and long-term impact on the future of southern Minnesota. I'm excited to share about two opportunities that are open this Spring, as well as highlight some impacts of recent projects that SMIF has funded.

We are currently accepting applications for our Early Literacy Grant program. Nearly 100,000 children have been impacted by this grant which aims to enhance school readiness for children from birth to age eight by providing books to families. Schools, libraries and other early childhood-focused organizations have received this grant in the past which has been essential for building children's confidence as readers throughout the region. The program receives books through partnerships with publishing companies, Cap-

stone and ABDO, which helps ensure a diverse selection of books are available for families to read to their children. Applications are due March 15, 2023. Contact Heidi Coulter at heidic@smifoundation.org with questions.

I always look forward to the Paint the Town Grant cycle which will open in early March. As I drive around the region I can see firsthand the impact that this grant has had on our communities. Last summer I was fortunate to attend the unveiling of a new mural in Spring Valley that depicts the trail system and trout fishing – both of which bring tourism to the area. Giants of the Earth Heritage Center in Spring Grove was able to use the grant to update the interior of their building, making it fresh and more welcoming for visitors. By making this grant specific to towns under 10,000, SMIF can help small communities access resources that are sometimes limited. This program, which partners with Ace Hardware stores and Arrow Hardware & Paint stores, will open in early March with an application deadline of April 17, 2023. Contact Jennifer Heien jenniferh@smifoundation.org with questions.

SMIF recently concluded its Inclusive and Equitable Communities Grant cycle which is focused on creating more welcoming communities. I look forward to seeing how these projects unfold – from an initiative to encourage more Somali youth in Faribault to experience the outdoors, to a project in Blue Earth that will foster a sense of belonging in the schools. These grants are an exciting way to support organizations as they work toward more equitable communities.

Over the past 37 years, SMIF's grants have been able to move the needle on school readiness, economic development and community vitality. To see the full range of grants that SMIF offers throughout the year, visit [smifoundation.org/grants](http://smifoundation.org/grants).

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

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## DNR Reminds Landowners to Plan Ahead for Spring Burning Restrictions

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages Minnesotans who intend to burn vegetative debris – such as brush, grass, leaves, and untreated lumber – during spring clean-up to start planning now. The best time to burn vegetative debris is when there is ample snow on the ground, rather than later in the spring when wildfire risk is high due to brown grass and low humidity.

Every spring, burning permit restrictions are put in place after the snow melts. Restrictions remain in place until vegetation begins to “green up” and fire risk declines.

“Vegetative debris burn piles are the number one cause of wildfires in Minnesota,” said Karen Harrison, DNR statewide wildfire prevention specialist. “Chipping and composting are the best options and are encouraged as an alternative to burning whenever possible.”

If vegetative debris is burned, all fires must be supervised and put out by drowning with plenty of water or snow, stirring and repeating until out cold.

If a fire does rekindle or escape, the person who set it is liable for any damages and wildfire suppression costs. It is illegal to burn garbage, including chemically treated or painted lumber, tires, and plastics.

Visit the DNR’s guide on composting for



woodland owners for more information on alternatives to burning vegetative debris. For information and daily updates on current fire

risk and open burning restrictions, visit the statewide fire danger and burning restrictions page of the DNR website.

## Historical Happenings

Compiled by  
Helen Reiland

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1955**

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

**SCOTTIES PLACE PURCHASED BY MR. AND MRS RICHARDSON**

Scotty’s Place, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Prigge for the past 14 years was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Richardson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Prigge took over their place of business, March 10, 1941. Previous to that, Mr. Prigge had been employed in the same location by the late Thomas Holloway. At the present their plans for the future are indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, the new owners, are well-known in this community, having farmed, and operated the restaurant, the R & R Café until just recently.

**BELLECHESTER TO START PLAY-OFF SUNDAY vs. Z FALLS**

The Wabasha County Baseball League ended its regular season schedule last Sunday, with Kellogg taking undisputed first place by virtue of a forfeit.

The standings in the league were: Kellogg 8 ?--3; Bellechester 8—4; Millville 7—5; Zumbro Falls 6 ?--5 ? ; Hammond 5-7; West Florence 4-8; and Wabasha 3-9( The first figure denotes wins.)

The play-off for the right to enter the 19A, Class B regional play-off starts Sunday, August 14 th with Millville the No. 3 team traveling to Kellogg, and Zumbro Falls the No. 4 team traveling to Bellechester. This is a “sudden death” play-off. The winners of these games will have a sudden death play-off to determine the entry into regional play.

Game time at Bellechester has been set for 2 p.m.

**Weddings**

**WARREN-GRABAU**

Miss Mary Grabau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grabau of Spring Valley, and Francis Warren of Rochester, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren of Mazeppa, were united in marriage at Lourdes chapel in Rochester at 11:30 a.m., August 2. The Rev. W.J. Ryan performed the double ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren are now at home in Rochester, following a wedding trip to northern Minnesota.

**Obituaries**

**JANICE KAE MEERKINS**

Janice Kae, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Meerkins, passed away at Zumbrota Community hospital July 31, at the age of four days. Surviving are her parents and twin sister, Joleen Rae.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1 at Lincoln Lutheran church, with Rev. Scharlemann officiating. Interment was in Lincoln cemetery.

The Meerkins family is offered the deepest sympathy in its loss.

**Area 4-H’ers Awarded Many Prizes at Fair**

The Wabasha County Free Fair was a gig success, especially for the 4-H boys and girls who exhibited their projects.

Busy 54’s Win Many Awards: Grand champion-Delvin Tupper-forestry poster; Reserve champion- Nancy Radke- conservation scrapbook; Blue Ribbons- JC Pfeiffer—corn, game bird feeder; Ruth Reiland—white bread; Red ribbons; Nancy Radke-apron and pot holders and gardening; Jane Reiland- baking powder biscuits and garden; Ruth Reiland-skirt and blouse, dress, style revue, flowers, safety, drop cookies, dark bread, pie crust and flowers; White Ribbons—Delores Sommerfield —baking powder biscuits and drop cookies; Jane Reiland—apron, and pot holders, drop cookies and cake; Janet Reiland—baking powder biscuits, drop cookies and cake; Ruth Reiland—baking powder biscuits and cake; Nancy Radke—drop cookies and cake; Delvin Tupper—game bird feeder; Patsy Tupper—dark bread, pie crust, baking powder biscuits and drop cookies.

**KAY KUEHN WINNER OF BUTTER CAKE CONTEST**

Kay Kuehn was the winner of the Mazeppa Livewires 4-H club butter cake baking contest, sponsored by the Farm Bureau. She entered a cake in the Wabasha county fair contest.

**Bernetta Seipel Wins Grand Championship**

A very happy girl last Friday was Bernetta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Seipel when she learned the judges had placed the grand champion purple ribbon on a loaf of bread she had made and exhibited in Zumbrota last week. She won over 43 entries from 30 clubs throughout the county.

Other Bellechester winners were: Blue ribbon winners---Kathleen Strauss- canning; Melanie Majerus—apron; Terry Zimmerman—sheep; Ruth Majerus—gingerbread and apron; Ann Marie Seipel—cookies; Lois Bystrom—duster

Red ribbon winners—Kathleen Strauss—dress; Bernetta Seipel, Patsy Arendt—skirt; Carol Majerus—cookies; Melanie Majerus-blouse; An Marie Seipel—skirt; Billy Bystrom—chickens; Fred Majerus—gardening; Jimmy, Bobby, and Nancy Arendt—gardening; Maureen Mahoney—buns.

White ribbon winners--- Mary Kay Reuter—cookies; Ann Marie Seipel—gingerbread.

Their booth won reserve champion and \$15 for the club. The theme was “Junior Leaders Carry the Ball.”

Melroy Holst of Goodhue is their leader.

**Announcement: We have purchased Scotty’s Place and have immediate possession. Your patronage will be greatly appreciated.  
FREE BEER FRIDAY EVENING ----Jim & Willie**

## Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:08 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, Wabasha County Sheriff Department Patrol Sergeant Joe Schneider, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Andrew Miller, Holley Counsel, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, and City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Present via electronic meeting: John Clemens, Holly Galbus from the News Record, and Robert Josselyn.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffriig.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to amend the agenda, removing a repeated item. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve the meeting minutes for the January 11, 2023, 2022 regular City Council meeting and the January 31, 2023 reconvened City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha Count Patrol Sargent Joe Schneider presented the Incident Command Report for January.

Public Words Director Scott Ellingson gave the Public Works activity report.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang read the Fire Department report.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang gave the Municipal Liquor Store report.

City Engineer Matt Mohs gave the Engineering update.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve the Sewer and Water engineering agreement with Bolton & Menk in accordance with USDA Rural Development guidelines for the wastewater plant and collection system project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

ried.

A concern about drainage issues on 2nd Ave. SE was presented. The complainant will attend the next Council meeting.

The payout of a former employee's Health Reimbursement Account was discussed.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to pay the balance of the existing HRA to the former employee after consulting the City Auditor about tax implications and payout options. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Resolution 2023-08 Removing Signature Authority for former Liquor Store Manager Heather Groby from all Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store Accounts. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch declaring Fire Department Equipment as surplus and authorizing sale of same. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Property and casualty insurance options were offered.

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

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

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffriig Young to keep Open Meeting Law coverage. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Andrew Miller and Holley Counsel from the Mazeppa trail committee updated a DNR connecting trail grant proposal.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to approve Resolution 2023-10 Supporting the Minnesota DNR Local Trail connections grant application. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment and a 2% Merit pay raise for the Deputy Clerk, Public Works Director, and Public Works staff. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to renew the Public Administrator Annual contract with a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment and 2% Merit pay raise. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to set a public hearing on an updated zoning map for 6:00 PM Wednesday, March 8, 2023. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Resolution 2023-11 Approving a permit for a Fireworks display for Winterfest on Saturday, February 11, 2023. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Council members Young, Wiebusch, Hammes, and Mayor Hagfors all thanked the volunteers for the work preparing for the Skating Party at the ice rink. They also thanked the Liquor Store staff for stepping up to keep things running during this transition.

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

Meeting recessed at 7:40 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

## Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - January 11, 2023

The Zumbro Falls City Council met at City Hall at 6PM on January 11, 2023. The clerk read the Oath of Office to new council members. Reelected mayor, Bruce Heitmann, re-elected council person, Sara Anderson, and council elected council person, Bob Benson. Phil Dennison was not at the meeting but has agreed to be the council elected Treasurer. Council elected members will serve until the next official election in 2024. Jason Faas will continue his position as Planning and Zoning Administrator but declined his position as treasurer.

Clerk read the minutes of the December 2022 meeting followed with acceptance by a motion from Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Clerk also reported financials to council which after discussion were accepted with a motion from Benson, seconded Anderson, all in favor carried.

Fire Chief, Scott Kennedy, told council that the new Captains are Philip Heitmann and Matt Poncelet. The Fire Department is looking to replace the Grass Truck since the body of the truck is deteriorating. The Township meeting will be held on February 16 th and the Annual Supper will be held on February 18 th.

Donations: Charles and Bernetta Haeska \$100.00, Bill and Pat Rolsch \$100.00, Glenn Hasse Jr. \$1,000.00, and Gary Roberson, and Rebecca Siems for \$200.00. These were donations to the Heroes Memorial. Emery Bremer \$200.00, Olmsted Medical \$200.00 and Thorn and Naomi Mangold for \$250.00 to be used for Office Supplies for the Fire Department. The Zumbro Falls Fire Relief Association donated \$90,000.00 to the City for the Fire Truck Fund. All donations listed were accepted with a motion from Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Resolution #23-01 City Schedule of Fees for year 2023. Changes made to include the City Club license at \$350.00 and to increase a few costs for tanker #10 from \$150.00 to \$200.00, Ranger from \$100.00 to \$250.00, Boat use from \$100.00 to \$250.00 and the per hour firefighter from \$15.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour. Motion made by Anderson, seconded Benson, all in favor, carried.

Motion by Benson, seconded Bankers with all in favor, put the following in place for 2023.

Official City paper, Lake City Paper, Insurance Agency, Lakeshore Agency, City Bank Minnwest Bank, City Attorney Hoff Barry and Kozar, Bolten and Menk, City Engineering Firm, Acting Mayor, Paul Bankers, Weed Inspector, Bruce Heitmann, Fire Relief Trustees, Mayor and City Clerk, and Posting places, Post Office, Buck Wild, Falls Standard and Rod's Service.

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

Submitted by,  
Susan Eischens, Clerk

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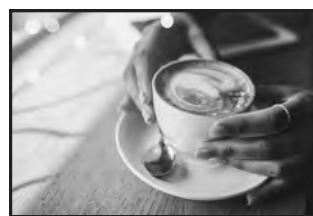
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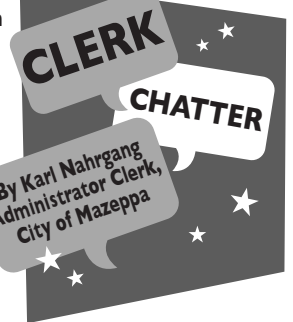
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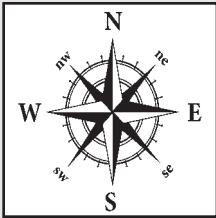
Even in small organizations, staff turnover happens. The City of Mazeppa said goodbye to two long term employees over the past few months. Liquor Store manager Heather Groby took on a new opportunity and Jim Glander achieved a much earned retirement. Jim worked for the City in some capacity for 37 years. We will miss his knowledge and experience. Heather had a vision for the Municipal Liquor store to reach a higher potential. The City will miss the experience and vision of these individuals. The City also hopes that the next phase of their lives are filled enjoyment and success.

We have a quality individual who has moved from part-time to full time to fill the gap in Public Works and are working to hire a quality individual to manage at the Municipal Liquor store. New people can bring new ideas, new vision to the staff of the City of Mazeppa. The City may lose experience and knowledge to retirement or opportunity, but we do our best to make change beneficial.

Good luck to those colleagues who have moved to greener pastures. Congratulations to Mr. Jim Glander on a job well done. Enjoy your well deserved retirement.



## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Dyers Creek



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.*

Dyers Creek. I drive past it quite often near our place in Tennessee. We have went kayaking up and down it numerous times. It is very quiet in the evenings and we enjoy the cranes that hunt for fish at the water's edge and the deer that come to the bank to get a drink as we slip silently by. Fish break the surface of the water around the kayak. I always thought it would be interesting to have one hop in the kayak. Much more manageable than a water snake.

We use the boat launch there to put the boat into the Cumberland River. The river is shallow and narrow and one must be careful not to run the prop into the mud right where it meets the mighty Cumberland. Like every place in Tennessee it has over two centuries of history to tell if you look and listen.

Stewart County was first settled by pioneers from North Carolina, who arrived around 1795. The military granted up to 1,500 acres to survivors if the Continental War from 1795 to 1805 and many took advantage of the offer. A party of surveyors arrived first to run the lines of land tracts. One night while the eight men were camped along what is now Dyers Creek, they were attacked by Indians and four of the group were killed. One of the surveyors, Thomas French, escaped the ambush but did return later to claim property. The settlers built two story log house-forts to help protect from the Indian attacks since most of the indigenous people there were very hostile. Up until 1812 the militia made patrols up and down the Tennessee River to protect the settlers from Indian raids.

Some of the locals relate that the name was

a result of the surveyors being left to die after the Indian attack. I soon learned that spelling and pronunciation is not a strong point with long-time Tennessee residents. Dyers Creek was named after Robert Henry Dyer who was a cavalry colonel in the War of 1812 and the 1818 Seminole War. He settled in the area and later became a Tennessee state senator.

Wildlife was available to feed the early settlers in the Tennessee woodlands and game of every description could be found in abundance. Judge James Scarborough lived along Dyers Creek and related a story that happened about 1807. The Judge and his sons left the farm to attend court while his wife, Mary remained at home to tend the livestock. The county seat was some distance and it was necessary to remain overnight. During the evening a large black bear was detected prowling around the place and got in amongst the pigs. The dogs were set on it and the bear climbed a tree by the house. By this time it was dark and Mrs. Scarborough could not distinguish the form of the bruin in the tree so she built a large fire under the tree and waited through the night in vigil. When the morning came, she took her husband's rifle and killed the bear and proceeded to skin it.

In the early days of the settlements there were very few stores in the area. Many supplies came from New Orleans and were brought up the river in Keel Boats powered by hand. They would bring dry goods up the rivers and exchange for furs, skins and other produce. It took a full six months to make a round trip.

In 1804 Mason Bennett opened a general merchandise store at his house and also sold whisky. Most of the early 1800 accounts of merchants were of men who opened a tavern at their house. Due to the extremely hilly terrain and plentiful rivers in Tennessee, most travel was by water and most settlements were along the river. As more settlers arrived and started businesses, many small towns sprang up throughout the state. The Dover Hotel was built on the banks of the Cumberland River in the mid 1850's and is still standing, thanks mostly because it was the location of the signing of the surrender between the Union General Grant and Confederate General Buckner after the Battle of Fort Donelson. It served as the General's headquarters and a hospital during the battle. After the war it continued as a hotel until the 1930's.



## A Minnesotan: Second Winter



By RosaLin Alcoser

Seasons in Minnesota, and the rest of the Midwest, and wild. You've got Per-Witner, Winter, False Spring, Second Winter, maybe Spring, construction season- also known as Summer, and Fall.

False Spring came early to Minnesota this year, I think. If memory serves me correctly it normally does not get into the mid

40s during February. I feel like that is an early March thing most years.

Honestly having that nice of weather in February was excellent. We did not need our coats and could go outside and enjoy being there without freezing.

I fully realize that there are plenty of Minnesotans that enjoy going outside in the winter when it's cold to do things like ski, snow shoe, and snowmobile. I however am not one of those people. Between late November and early April I take to being an indoor person.

With the exception of false Spring. Then I am outside along with all of the rest of the Minnesotans to enjoy the short window of nice weather while we have it.

But alas like all false Springs it came and went in a matter of a week or two. Now we embark into the second Winter.

After all, we already had our first Winter. It's high time that we had a second Winter before we either get adult Spring or skip over the season completely and go straight to Summer.

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## National Ag Day is Celebrated During National Ag Week March 21-27



**Agriculture Council of America Announces 2023 National Ag Day Date & Theme**

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) will host National Agriculture Day on

March 21, 2023.

This will mark the 50th anniversary of National Ag Day which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The theme for National Ag Day 2023 is "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

On March 21, 2023, the ACA will host a virtual Ag Day event and events in Washington, DC. Additionally, the ACA will bring college students to Washington "virtually" to deliver the message of Ag Day to the Hill. A core leadership team of college students will attend events in DC. Other Ag Day events in DC will be announced soon.

These events honor National Agriculture Day and mark a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. Many agricultural associations, corporations, students and government organizations involved in agriculture are expected to participate.

National Ag Day is organized by the Agriculture Council of America. The ACA is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders in the agricultural, food and fiber community, dedicating its efforts to increasing the public's awareness of agriculture's role in modern society.

The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products
- Value the essential role of agriculture in

maintaining a strong economy

Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry

In addition to the events on March 21, the ACA will once again feature the Ag Day Essay Contest. The winning essay will be presented on National Ag Day.

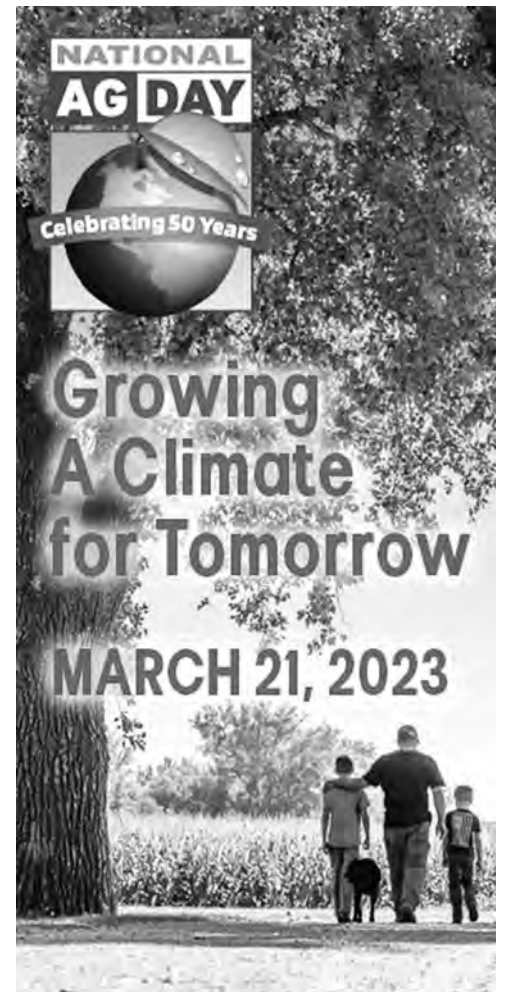
Visit [www.agday.org](http://www.agday.org) for more information on National Ag Day.

### HISTORY OF NATIONAL AG DAY

Almost all of us take agriculture for granted. National Ag Day is arranged by the Agriculture Council of America. This is a non-profit organization that comprises all the leaders in the agriculture and food community. This day is observed to honor the efforts of people related to agriculture and promote awareness about these efforts amongst people.

It is that day of the year when all the producers, agriculture organizations, universities, corporations, and government departments take out some time to recognize the greatness of agriculture.

National Ag Day was founded by the Agriculture Council of America in 1973. The first National Ag Day was celebrated by the ACA in 1979. Since then the ACA has put efforts into creating awareness about the role of agriculture in modern society. So even if we are not involved in agriculture, we should learn about how our food and fiber are produced, as well as how agriculture provides us with safe, abundant, and useful products. Another important thing that agriculture pro-



vides us with is employment opportunities. Therefore, we should also acknowledge the career opportunities in the field of agriculture.




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