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Announcements

• The Mazeppa Area Historical Society sends out a "Huge Thank You" for our successful "Hot Turkey Sundae Supper"! Huge attendance & everyone came "Hungry & Left Happy" Thank you!

• Three Rivers Community Action is currently accepting new Meals On Wheels clients in the communities of Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Goodhue, Pine Island, Kenyon and Wanamingo. Receive a hot meal delivered to your home by a volunteer at lunch time up to 5 days per week. People 60 or older who live within city limits, have limited mobility and or are unable to prepare nutritious meals are eligible for Meals On Wheels. The suggested donation is \$4.50 per meal. For more information, please contact Dana Bergner at 507-421-6067 or dbergner@threeriverscap.org

• Wabasha County Residents - open book Board of Equalization meeting will be open thru May 12, M-F 8:00 - 4:00 at the Wabasha County Courthouse, Assessor's office.

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

Rumors Has It

After many years of operation Leo's Sports Bar has closed. Fred Liffrig has sold the business and Orrin and Dorothy Haugen will be reopening as Rumors Bar & Grill. The transition will take place on June 1st.



In related news Orrin and Dorothy Haugen have also finalized plans for a 6,400 sq. ft bar & grill on the site of the old W-D's Bar & Grill. The couple purchased the property last year and will begin construction later this summer.



Fred Liffrig and staff at Leo's Sports Bar



Local Musician, Bryan Anderson Returns To Volksfest Stage

By Beth Brekke

Bryan Anderson grew up milking cows and working on the family farm near Vasa. He also grew up playing guitar and singing.

On June 10th, he'll be on stage in Goodhue ahead of headliner, Granger Smith. Granger Smith is a country music singer-songwriter, radio host, author, and Baptist minister. He has released eleven studio albums, one live album, and two EPs.

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Pictured to the left: Singer, songwriter and musician, Bryan Anderson grew up on a dairy farm near Vasa. He has been playing in bands and as a solo artist since 2010, has a widely available EP and recently made his red carpet debut at the Midwest Country Music Organization awards in Iowa.

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Valuable?



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the principal leader of the Church of England, said, "The Coronation will be a service of Christian worship, deeply rooted in the wisdom we find in Scripture."

When presenting the Bible to the king, the moderator said: "We present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom; This is the royal Law; These are the lively Oracles of God."

During the coronation, King Charles held the gold scepter with the mammoth Cullinan I diamond, which weighs 530.2 carats. The world's largest cut white diamond is priceless. The king's crown is made of solid gold and is adorned with 444 gemstones, including rubies, garnets, sapphires, and tourmalines. The coronation crown weighs five pounds. The royal orb, a symbol of the king's power, is a golden globe surrounded by a cross set with emeralds, diamonds, rubies, pearls and sapphires, and a large amethyst on top. Yet, the statement was: The Bible is "the most valuable thing that this world affords." Surrounded by priceless but temporary earthly riches, God's Word alone provides eternal value. Instead of eternal value we often think of value as short-term.

People determine how valuable an item is. When you go to a garage sale, or a flea market, or an antique shop- you may see the same exact item- but have 3 very different price tags. If something is old and unique or rare- it can be quite valuable- even then it is only valuable to someone collecting said item. If

no one wants it- and you've run out of storage- and it doesn't sell in the garage sale- then it isn't very valuable anymore. In our society of stuff and collections it is easy to gather things that we think are valuable; sadly though, many of those very nice things have little financial worth.

If we want to understand the true worth of a person- the value of a person- we must see them as Jesus sees them. We must change our mindset on what makes something or someone valuable.

In the latter part of Luke 16 Jesus tells a story of a rich man and a beggar. The rich man is nameless- no doubt to be better applied to the crowd of pharisees standing near and not to take away from the illustration if there were trying to figure out who He was talking about. We are a blessed nation and people. On the average every American makes more than billions of people in the world. Much of the world lives on less than \$50.00 a week. The money we have, the clothes we wear, the car we drive have nothing to do to our 'value' to God and to people.

In our parable we read about the rich man. He wasn't only rich, but he lived it up each day- it was just one party after another. He had an amazing wardrobe and ate and drank his day away each day. He was 'grossly rich' and everyone was aware of it. He flaunted it! He is there to demonstrate opulence and selfishness.

The 2nd person introduced in this parable is Lazarus, not to be confused with Mary and Martha's brother that gets raised from the dead. "Lazarus, a diseased beggar, was laid at his door. 21 As he lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores."

What a contrast. Opulence- and desperate poverty- just a door to separate them. The people listening to this story could identify- they saw the rich each day and there were always beggars around the towns looking for anything to help them stay alive. Lazarus was willing to eat the scraps that were thrown to the dogs- he was desperate and starving. He was to the point of having little hope for his future- even letting the dogs lick his sores! We see these two men- and see the contrast immediately. We all know people on each end of the spectrum- most of us fall near the rich end of the financial line- (even though we don't think of ourselves as rich)

Next, we read that they both die- we all end the same- no one gets out of this world alive! Death is a great equalizer. Lazarus the beggar is taken to heaven, and the rich man- is taken to hell. Another great contrast in this story. There is no middle ground- the decision we make here in this life is the one we will live with forever in eternity! And the rich man in our parable discovered this the hard way.

There in torment the rich man saw Lazarus in heaven with Abraham. This man who probably never even noticed Lazarus on earth finally sees this person that he treated lower than his dogs. This poor unhealthy man that made an unsightly presence at the rich man's gate- is in paradise. On earth the beggar had very little value in the eyes of the rich and famous. Without an income and without his health he really wasn't valuable to this world. Yet, in Jesus eyes- this one man was worthy enough for Jesus to go to the cross for him. This one man was/is invaluable to Jesus. Invaluable: "valuable beyond estimation"; the word describes

something so precious that one cannot assign a price to it.

You and I are invaluable- Jesus said in Matthew 10:29-31, "Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny? But your Father knows when any one of them falls to the ground. 30 Even the hairs on your head are counted. 31 So don't be afraid! You are worth much more than many sparrows."

You are valuable to God. He said in Isaiah 43:4, "You are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you" (ESV).

- You are valuable because God is your Father, and you are his child. The Bible says, "Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are?" (Matthew 6:26 NLT).

- You are valuable because Jesus gave his life for you. The Bible says, "You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him" (1 Corinthians 7:23 TLB).

The fact that you belong to God adds incredible value to your life. If you want to know how valued you are, just look at the cross.



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The Almighty, Gentle God
He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.
— Isaiah 40:11

Isaiah 40 speaks of the power and might of God with amazing clarity. Estimates hold that the observable universe is 45 billion light years across, and yet, according to Isaiah, that is only like the breadth of God's hand. Ultimately, though, comparing the infinite God to the finiteness of this universe—as expansive as it is—would be futile.

Even so, when we consider that the almighty God scoops up his people in his arms and carries them like lambs, close to his heart, we are moved to marvel at his gentle love. Knowing that God has written our names on the palms of his hands (Isaiah 49:16) and that he sings over us (Zephaniah 3:17) as he carries us along is comforting beyond words.

Today some of us need to experience the comfort of our gentle God. Reading of his gentle loving care is a good start. However, God's gentleness is experienced in an incarnational way (in the flesh) when we treat others with the gentleness that God has shown us.

In what ways can you show gentleness to everyone around you today?
Father, you are infinite and almighty. We are small and weak. You pick us up in your arms, and you love us and bless us. May we find shelter in your love today, and may we be shelter for people who are hurting. In Jesus, Amen.

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Free Entrance Days to All Minnesota State Parks

On four days each year, all 75 Minnesota state parks and state recreation areas offer free admission to everyone - no vehicle permits needed! Here are the next fee-free dates in 2023:

- Saturday, June 10
- Saturday, September 9
- Friday, November 24

Minnesota state parks are open year-round, and there's a state park within 30 miles of most Minnesotans. With a free day in each season, it's a great opportunity to get out there and explore someplace new - or visit an old favorite at a new time of year! Whether you stay for the whole weekend or just spend a few hours outside, you'll make memories that will last a lifetime.

The entrance fee waiver for fee-free days does not cover amenity or user fees for activ-

ities like camping, rentals, or special tours.

The goal is to encourage families to spend time together with a walk outdoors. Research shows that walking offers multiple benefits, from increased creativity and better brain function to more flexibility and stamina. So you won't just burn calories, you'll also improve your well-being.

What if I want to stay overnight?

You do not need a to buy a state park vehicle permit when you stay overnight on a free park day. The permit exemption is good until camping or lodging check-out time.

I need help deciding where to go!

Minnesota has 75 state parks and recreation areas - see where they are on the map on the DNR website.

Use the ParkFinder to help identify parks with specific amenities you want, like playgrounds or waterfalls.

Want to see what the park is like before you leave home? Check out the virtual tours!

Explore camping and lodging options, and make a reservation online opens in a new browser tab if you want to stay overnight. Plan ahead - these spaces can fill up early!

I need ideas for what to do!

Many parks hold programs and events throughout the year. Visit the online events calendar to see what's scheduled the day of



your visit.

Check out the web pages for activities to do in the summer - or in the winter.

We've put together a few trip itineraries. Try one, or create your own.

For even more ideas, subscribe to our monthly Trailblazer newsletter or follow us on Facebook opens in a new browser tab, Instagram opens in a new browser tab, or Twit-

ter opens in a new browser tab!

I had a great experience on Free Park Day and I'm ready for more.

Terrific! Buy an annual or daily vehicle permit to keep on exploring all 75 Minnesota state parks and recreation areas.

And did you know, Minnesota's state trails and state water trails are free every day?

United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, & Pierce Counties Announces New Executive Director

RED WING, MN - The United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, & Pierce (UWGWP) Counties is pleased to announce that Nicolle Mechelke has been selected as Executive Director. Her first day will be June 5th, 2023.

Most recently, Nicolle was with Hennepin County as a Program Manager, leading a new program aimed at increasing homeownership.

She holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from St. Catherine University and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Nicolle also serves as an At-large Board Member for Leaders of Today and Tomorrow in Saint Paul and as an Advisory Committee Member for the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee in Ramsey County. In her spare time, Nicolle likes to be active in the outdoors and spend time with family and friends.

We are excited to welcome Nicolle as the Executive Director. She will be leading our small but mighty team into the future of

United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, Pierce Counties (UWGWP). The search committee found Nicolle to be "articulate, engaged and thorough." We are confident that she will bring both enthusiasm and experience to her new role.

Nicolle says, "I am thrilled to join the United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha, & Pierce Counties. Staff, the board and multiple stakeholders have done a wonderful job expanding our reach. We have made great deposits in financial stability, health, and education, but now our communities are contending with housing disparities and hunger as well. We have a bright future ahead of us and we will continue to be an agent of change."

Please help us to welcome Nicolle.



Nicolle Mechelke

South Troy Church Ditch Pick-up Crew



Our ditch pick-up crew on May 17th. Pictured are Ben Borgen, Colleen Hoeft, Keith Danielson, Denise Steinberg, Jarek Mangels, Michael Hoeft, and Eric Hu

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Finding Your Soul Purpose



By Susan Hinrichsen, CHC, CLC

As we now know, our thoughts can convert into our physical body. The physical body is mass, and the mass has energy, and the energy has vibration and waves. If you have a disturbance and this disturbance was created by a conflict or crisis, this creates destructive wave interference (one wave against another). This weakens the vital energy of the cell in that organ, then the vitality will be lessened. When the vitality drops under a certain level it creates disease. The disease is a combination of two things: 1. Stress that consumes energy. 2. The vitality of the cell of the organ.

Health as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO), states that health is the state of complete physical, psychological, and social well-being and not merely a lack of disease. According to Dr. Nader Butto, we need to account for spiritual well-being in addition to the original definition of health by the WHO.

This statement has been furthered by Dr. Butto who states, "Well-being is the state of mind in which the person feels that he/she is able to realize his/her aspiration in life with a sense of love, happiness, and freedom. This is real health that modern medicine does not account for according to Dr Butto. He has created his own healing model in Europe, Unified Integrative Medicine, in which he incorporates modern medicine and other healing modalities (such as chakras and meridian lines in our body) and includes additional therapies addressing the soul and spirit.

He breaks up the soul into three different portions:

- The animal soul which is the magnetic field of the body.
- The physical body.
- The guiding spirit.

For every psychological crisis there is a very specific address in our physical body mathematically. Nothing functions randomly or by choice.

Behind every psychological conflict we have a potential of learning and growing. When we have an experience that keeps happening repeatedly, and we say, "gosh this keeps happening to me." The question we should ask ourselves is "What am I supposed to learn from this experience?" Things don't happen to you; they happen for you. Once we learn the lesson that is being given to us, we will not have that experience again.

To heal from conflict or trauma, our emotions must be released and let go. These traumas can range from birth to a person's current age. When these kinds of treatments are used,

integrating the energy with the information in the soul, the physical body will respond with healing without giving any chemical substance.

Our imagination is our reality of our soul:
4% of our reality is in our physical body.
96% is not in the physical body.
23% is in our psyche.
73% is in our soul.

Our psyche encompasses our emotions, mind, and intuition. Our soul holds energy and information. The animal soul (magnetic field) which is always related to the physical body. The human soul which is joined to us at birth is a quantum state. A state of information, not energy, which came from the positive pole of the quantum potential. The quantum potential has two poles, the positive and the negative. The positive pole is the angelic ward in the spiritual world. The negative pole in the quantum potential is the help, the guiding spirit. We have representatives from each part. We have the human soul from the angelic world, and we have guiding spirit from the spiritual or "genie" world. The genie world is not accepted in western cultures in Christianity or Jewish cultures. There is a full chapter on this in the Koran. The Chinese, Hindu and Indian (India) cultures all are speaking very widely about this world that is completely neglected in the western world and in Christianity.

In religion there are two aspects: Morality and spirituality. Most people take morality as a purpose in their life. They forget what religion was intended to be. It was intended to aid us in growing closer to our creator, evolve our soul, and to teach us to love one another unconditionally as we are loved unconditionally by our creator.

The more we are giving and loving the more we are growing and evolving. We then are freer to be the catalyst of something or for somebody. You start to be the source of love and light for others. Once you do this, you won't need anything from others to fill the void you once had in your life. This lets you serve others and you become the one that is happy. Happiness is related to love although, many people confuse happiness with pleasure. Pleasure is not happiness. Pleasure is something you take for yourself. Happiness is what you are giving for others. When you do something with love you are happy. You don't need anything in return. When you are

happy you are free. Each one of us wants to be happy and free – nothing else. For more information on Dr. Nader Butto and "Unified Integrative Medicine," you can order his book on Amazon.

From my own experience, as I got older, I found I had an inner burning desire that I had to do more for me and help others in the process. I wanted to know why I was here and what was my purpose in life. These questions led me on quite a journey in my life and is also the reason why I started coaching others. I have been on what I call a "Hero's Journey". It is a journey of self at a soul level. I have learned that we all have a purpose to fulfill in life and this purpose was given to you through your soul at birth. The problems and obstacles in life are stimuli or triggers that you experience, and these are here to help you make changes in your life and evolve you and your soul. As humans we tend to get comfortable and into routines. We only make changes through difficulty. If you have difficulty accept it, and work on resolving it, so you can learn the lesson from the difficulty. If you reject it, you will stop the learning process and the universe will give you the same problem again, maybe bigger, or heavier, in the hopes you will learn from it.

When you start on your journey to find your life purpose you need to look at what makes you happy. The things that make you happy are part of your life purpose. All the things that make you suffer are also a part of your life purpose, but this is where things get in-

teresting. The suffering is there for you to learn, to expand your awareness of self, and to help you level up. These things are most likely there to prepare you for executing your life purpose even if you may not know what it is yet. If things are not going as expected be curious, ask yourself what it is that you are feeling, disappointment? What expectations did you have for yourself?

As we expand our awareness of why we are here, what we are meant to do or create in our time here on earth, we begin to evolve our realization that we are all one, a collective consciousness. Our main purpose is to evolve our soul and get to the point where we can find our soul life purpose and live it. We are the universe, and we are co-creators as well.

I would love the opportunity to help you find your soul purpose, what makes you tick, what you love in life, and create more of what you want so you can have improved health, wellness, and live your best life. Please feel free to visit my website susanhinrichsen.com and download my 7-Day Workbook at no cost to you. I also offer a 60-minute complimentary "Seeking Your Next Chapter Discovery Session" where we can get some clarity on where to start, or you can also email me at susiecoaches@gmail.com. I am offering a Memorial Day discount through the month of June if you decide to continue to work together and "Explore Your Next Chapter" after your complimentary "Seeking Your Next Chapter Discovery Session."

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.

Speed cleaning—habits/chores/routines

If I set aside 20 to 30 minutes to clean, my least favorite task is dusting, so that would be the first job I would skip in my speed clean session!

An unwritten rule at my house (and at the cabin), we make our bed first thing in the morning. Whoever gets up last, has to make the bed. When I say we, that means Mike and I and whoever sleeps on the living room hide-a-bed couch or else you wouldn't be able to walk through the cabin, it's so small.



By Missy Papenfus

At home, I would start by making sure the dishwasher is loaded, dishes are done and counter and table is wiped off, wipe out the microwave and the top of the stove. No dishwasher at the cabin, so we sometimes use paper plates and cups to keep the dishes to a minimum. I would pickup the living room, which usually consists of folding clean laundry that was left there. I would set the baskets of folded laundry in our closets to put away later.

Both at home and the cabin, I have a stick vacuum to spot vacuum the rooms (rather than sweeping) which goes long enough to do the entire main floor. We don't use the basement often, so no worries about cleaning up the basement. The cabin doesn't have a basement. Last, clean the bathroom (including the mirror) and make sure the trashes are emptied. Ta da, ta done!

Stay tuned for next month's topic:

A place for everything and everything in its place. There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

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Seasonal Allergies and Exercise for Longevity



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

Exercise is widely considered to be the answer for weight loss, heart disease and diabetes prevention and overall health. When the topic of cancer comes up, exercise is not usually mentioned as a treatment or preventative tool. According to recent research, exercise can help lower your risk of cancer, help cancer patients recuperate at a faster rate and diminish your risk of cancer recurrence. Exercise can also help lower your risk of dementia. If you are a man in your middle age,

exercising on a regular basis cut men's risk of lung cancer by 55 percent, and bowel cancer by 44 percent. It also reduced their risk of dying from lung, bowel, and prostate cancer by nearly one-third. As we age, health concerns start to include the health of our brain. Diseases like Alzheimer's and senile dementia are extremely prevalent in our society. In seniors who are at high risk of dementia, studies have shown that cognitive decline can be reduced with a comprehensive program addressing diet, exercise, brain training, and managing metabolic and vascular risk factors.

Thought for the Week: Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it. ~Plato

Chiropractic and Seasonal Allergies: Although chiropractic care is not normally thought of by the lay public for allergy relief or chronic sinus trouble, it offers a profound and medically sound method for improving well-being and fending against common, everyday afflictions. This is achieved through the release of stress on the nervous system, which then permits the immune system to function more effectively — a requirement for all allergy sufferers. In fact,

recent research has demonstrated a distinct relationship between the two that entails the nervous system "tipping off" white blood cells about the presence of all forms of bodily invaders. Chiropractic performs this task by correcting body malfunctions produced by vertebral subluxations, a common spinal distortion that puts stress on the nervous system. Freed of nervous system stress, the body can then work more effectively to neutralize allergy-causing chemicals, build healthy immune systems and energize malfunctioning defense mechanisms. In addition to the immune system facts, here it is in simpler terms. The nerves that control sinus function are located in the upper neck. If neck vertebra (the bones) are not in proper alignment, there is a resulting decrease in nerve flow to the sinuses which can then cause the sinuses not to function at 100%. This can lead to someone being more susceptible to their allergy symptoms. Correcting the spinal alignment, frees up the nerve flow and will help the sinuses do their job the way they are sup-

posed to. In addition, chiropractors work directly, externally on the sinuses helping them to drain. Sinus massage and repetitive tapping on the sinuses with a technique called acupressure will help the sinuses drain.



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A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

By Missy Papenfus

Monty used to be on the ZM Clay Shooters Trap team, and we enjoyed our time going to watch him at state. One of the ZM Clay Shooters Trap Team coaches stopped in to MotoProz to visit with us. Trap Shooting has been near and dear to our hearts at MotoProz.

Spotlight on Zumbrota-Mazeppa Junior Hayden Ferguson of the Zumbrota-Mazeppa Clay Shooters Trap Team. On May 17th Hayden shot a 113! He is tied for 3rd in the state of Minnesota. Way to go Hayden.





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MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPPENFUS

REPORTING BACK - UP AT 6AM!

I hope everyone is adjusting to the time change like I am. I've gotten used to not hitting the snooze button, and it isn't so bad getting up at 6AM. I like to exercise right away in the morning participating in a class on the internet (strength endurance or yoga), walking with a friend, or walking on my treadmill. Now that the weather is cooperating, I try to take a short walk before work in the morning with Monty's dog Maisy. I call Monty and say, "Can Maisy go for a walk?" We walk by the Veteran's memorial, past the walking bridge and make a loop around the park. We've even taken a few walks after work. Trying to keep active and getting in extra steps when we can along with enjoying the beautiful weather.

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Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

As president of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) I travel across our region nearly every day visiting people and places in the 20 counties that we serve. Over the 16 years that I have worked at SMIF, I have watched farming practices change and adapt. As someone who comes from a farming family, I know what it is like to feel rooted to the land, and how heartbreaking it is to see productive land used for anything but farming.

Fortunately, for those who do not have an heir to transfer the land to when the time

comes, SMIF has a program to help safeguard the family legacy and keep their farmland in production. SMIF's Acres for Good program allows farm families to donate their land as a charitable gift. What makes this model unique is that rather than liquidate the asset as most charities do, SMIF will retain the land and keep it in production by a rental arrangement. This allows retiring farmers the peace of mind that their land will continue to be farmed.

What does it mean to give farmland as a gift? There are three options. You can give a gift during your lifetime and you would get a charitable deduction on income tax. You can wait and give it in your will and it would be released to SMIF upon your passing. Or you can opt for a retained life estate where you keep the right to farm the land until you pass and then it automatically becomes a charitable gift at that point. For those who only want to donate a section of their property, SMIF can accommodate that preference, as well.

As the name suggests, the Acres for Good program is also a way to do good things for your community. The net income stream from the land can be used to support southern Minnesota communities well into the future. Farmers can choose how they want to allocate their gift of land through this program. There are several options.

For example, the benefit can go toward one of SMIF's 31 Community Foundations (Pine Island and Lonsdale are our newest foundations) which invest in their communities



through grants and programs.

Or, for a region-wide reach, farmers can allocate their gift toward SMIF's general endowment, or SMIF's specific funds which support youth and entrepreneurs in the region.

Another option could be setting up a Donor Advised Fund to allocate resources to the donor's specific interests such as a place of worship, an alma mater or a local charity. Whichever avenue, these are all ways to leave a legacy that will make a huge difference in the future of southern Minnesota – and doing it all without having your family farm sold.

Acres for Good is an incredibly unique way to donate and preserve farmland while also creating an ongoing stream of charitable funds to help out your local community or a cause that is dear to your heart. SMIF is here to help you create your ongoing legacy.

To learn more about the Acres for Good program visit smifoundation.org/acresforgood or contact Alissa Oeltjenbruns, Philanthropy Officer, at 507-214-7023 or alissao@smifoundation.org.

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

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Five Ways to Increase Diversity on Your Land



By Kourtney Hammerschmidt

With spring here, I have been thinking about all the birds, bees, and other wildlife and insects that all seem to reappear once again. They all work together to help improve and create the ecosystems that we are all a part of.

With that in mind, I have been coming up with things that I can do to help increase the amount of diversity around my house. I want all of these beneficial insects, pollinators, and other wildlife to stick around and have plenty of good food for them to last through the year.

What are some ways that we can increase the diversity around us? Here are a few things that I have thought of:

1. Plant a diverse mix of pollinator-loving plants in and around your yard to attract pollinators and add diversity to your landscape.

Make sure you add some species that bloom throughout the year. Early blooming plants and late blooming plants are especially important as a food source for pollinator-loving insects, as they are migrating to and from our area during those times.

2. Add native grasses to your pollinator garden. While grasses are not as showy as other wildflowers, they are extremely important for a variety of butterfly and bee species. The larvae of some butterflies and moths will eat the leaves of many grass species, while some native bees depend on these grasses for their nesting sites.

3. Plant a tree or shrub on your property. Trees and shrubs provide important food and shelter for wildlife and pollinators throughout the seasons. It can also help ensure that all the tree and shrub species can succeed. If there are a limited amount of tree and shrub species in an area, some diseases can become prevalent and threaten the livelihood of those populations.

4. Plant pollinator strips in your farm fields. If you own agricultural land, consider planting pollinator strips in or around your fields. Not only does it provide amazing habitat for pollinators and other beneficial insects, but can also improve local water quality.

5. Implement cover crops into your crop rotation. There are many benefits to utilizing cover crops. These benefits can include decreased erosion issues, reduced nutrient runoff, improve water quality and increase organic matter content. Planting cover crops can also result in an increase of beneficial insects in your fields. When diverse mixes are used, it can increase the number of these ben-



A pollinator plot

eficial insects, which might be natural predators to some pests in your fields.

Why should we want to increase the diversity of our landscapes? It can help bring a wide variety of insects and wildlife back into that area. With an increase in the number of species, the risk of diseases can also decrease. They will help increase resiliency, build corridors for a wide variety of insects and animals, and it will help support all the species that will utilize the vegetation. All of the plant species, insects, and wildlife can come together to help create a sustainable, healthy environment.

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Local Musician, Bryan Anderson Returns To Volksfest Stage

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Anderson opened for John Michael Montgomery last year but says it wasn't the first time he played at Volksfest. When Diamond Rio was the headlining act in 2017, Bryan got his guitar out and just started playing around town after the show. This spontaneous act planted a seed and he was eventually hired as one of the official festival entertainers. Opening for a national act is a big deal, even in a small town, but it's not the only excitement Anderson has had recently.

Anderson, along with his girlfriend, parents and siblings, attended the Midwest Country Music Organization (CMO) awards in Arnold's Park, IA on April 22. The CMO is a 501c3 non-profit, volunteer-run organization serving artists, fans and the music industry in the upper Midwest by providing the best resources and services to its members. Bryan was one of their New Artist of the Year nominees and although he didn't win the award, he was happy for the opportunity to meet new people and make connections. He has also played at 3 or 4 venues in Nashville including the popular Texas Troubadour Theatre.

Bryan's music career started to take shape when he was 8 years-old. His 7 year-old sister had a birthday party at the BelleCreek Roller Rink and received an electric guitar as a gift. While she and her friends were more interested in skating, Bryan sat down with the guitar and figured out how to play it and has been playing ever since. He says he learned four notes from a book and the rest on his own. In a similar fashion, he took two piano lessons before he quit, finding it easier to play by ear. In addition to piano and guitar, Bryan also plays bass, banjo, drums, and a little known instrument called the Ocarina, a wind instrument similar to a recorder.

"I don't know how I do what I do, but I do it," he said, giving credit to his paternal grandmother, who was a vocalist, and his maternal grandfather who was also a singer and musician, for his natural talent for music.

Although he has been singing since he was 16 when he was part of a rock alternative band, Bryan says he still gets a little nervous but really enjoys interacting with a crowd. "It makes them happy and it makes me happy". He draws a crowd across Southeast Minnesota having played in Cannon Falls, Zumbrota, Kenyon, Rochester, Stillwater and other towns. He is equally happy to step back as a drummer or as the lead guitar player for Hailey James (www.haileyjames-music.com), a Cottage Grove native whom he has played with at Country Fest and other shows.

Anderson also plays in Western Wisconsin cities including Prescott and Bay City. He is

especially popular in River Falls where he attended college, majoring in crop and soil science. This agronomy degree has been useful for both calculating chemical application rates at his full-time job at Precision Landscaping & Construction Inc. in Hastings and on the home farm. The Andersons milk around 100 cows on the Vasa farm that was established in 1896. They own 500 acres, rent many more and along with other family members do custom bale wrapping and harvesting. When he can, Bryan helps out with milking, animal care, machinery maintenance, and fieldwork, sometimes pulling a 24-hour shift in the combine.

This farm-boy work ethic leads him to think that competing on a talent show such as

American Idol or The Voice equates to the easy way to fame. The humble Anderson says he's more interested in enjoying what he does than making it to the big time. Still, he knows he can't pass up an opportunity when one comes along. "I don't know how any of it happened," he said about receiving a phone call from Red Ridge Entertainment in Nashville asking if he wanted to come and record an EP (an extended play musical recording that is shorter than a full length album).

Bryan was excited to work with the professional musicians and producers that included

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- * 2pm Fire Dept. Water Fight • Fire Dept.
- * 2pm Bryan Anderson Live • Corner Bar

Local Musician, Bryan Anderson Returns To Volksfest Stage

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Bryan Anderson taught himself how to play the guitar and numerous other instruments and enjoys interacting with the crowds when he puts on a show. Shown here opening for John Michael Montgomery at the 2022 Volksfest, He will be onstage ahead of Lost Highway and Granger Smith at this year's festival on June 10.

Tim McGraw's bass player and Wynona Judd's son-in-law. He was impressed with the quality of the recording and they were impressed with the quality of the songs. When he's not farming; landscaping; spending time with his family, friends and dog; or putting on a show; he writes songs including four of the five songs on the EP. "I find humor and comfort in writing about personal experiences," he explained.

Producing and distributing the EP is a paid service of the entertainment company. While this is not cheap, Anderson says his music career pays for his music career. His songs have gotten some radio air time in small markets or in the hours after midnight. You can find Bryan's music on most digital platforms such as YouTube, Spotify, iTunes and Amazon where his songs have been played thousands of times for which he earns a small amount of money. T-shirts will soon be available for purchase at shows and you can buy his CD titled Anywhere But Here. Find a schedule and follow him at <https://www.facebook.com/BryanAndersonMusic>.

Bryan Anderson kicks off the Goodhue Volksfest entertainment Saturday night, June 10th at 6pm. Then see Lost Highway on their "Goodbye Tour" followed by national recording artist, Granger Smith.

Talking Social Media & Mental Health with U of M

Social media has become a major part in the lives of children and teenagers, and its possible impact on mental health is a growing area of conversation. Earlier this week, the American Psychological Association issued recommendations for guiding teenager's use of social media for the first time.

For Mental Health Awareness Month in May, Kathryn Cullen, MD, with the U of M Medical School discusses the impact of social media on children's mental health as well as advice for parents.

Q: What are some of the ways that social media impacts children's mental health?

Dr. Cullen: First, it's important to note that this is still an emerging field, and so we still have a lot to learn. Social media is a phenomenon that impacts people of all ages, but concern has been raised about the potential risks for teens. During this developmental phase, peer relationships are of utmost importance. So, teens may be especially sensitive to the acceptance and rejection that goes on with social media. This is an active area of research. So far, studies have shown both positive and negative effects for media use on mental health outcomes for children and teens.

Social media gives teens the opportunity to learn new things, express themselves creatively, share humor, and receive support from

peers. The latter is especially important for young people from marginalized backgrounds who may not be able to find the support they need in their own 'real world' community. One key potential risk is bullying—social media allows kids to be bullied when they are at home, not just at school. Additionally, through social media platforms, kids can be exposed to false information and harmful content, and potentially manipulated into unsafe situations. Overuse of social media can interfere with learning and other important activities that are critical to mental health such as sleep, exercise, being outside, having real in person contact with others and general engagement with the real world.

Q: What amount of screen time is considered unhealthy for kids?

Dr. Cullen: There is no hard and fast number that should be applied as a screen time limit to all kids. The appropriate amount of screen time will be different for each family. When setting limits, it's important to be both realistic and consistent. In this process, a high priority should be making sure kids get enough sleep and exercise, which are critical for so many aspects of health and development. Some specific recommendations include turning off screens during family meals, and removing them from bedrooms 30 to 60 minutes before bedtime. While homework will often require some kind of internet access, other kinds of entertainment media use while doing homework is discouraged.

Q: Are there specific platforms or social media features that pose particular harm/risks to children?

Dr. Cullen: Social media platforms and features are always changing, so much so that

making a formal recommendation about the risks and benefits of one versus the other is very difficult. By the time we feel we have a firm grasp on a specific platform/feature, it has already changed. The important thing is that parents have an understanding of how their child is engaging in social media and that they can have meaningful conversations with their child about the child's experiences, to provide support and guidance.

Q: What advice would you give parents who may be concerned about their children's social media usage?

Dr. Cullen: I encourage parents to talk to their kids about their social media use. They may find that their kids themselves are also concerned and feeling confused about what to do. Approaching these conversations with curiosity and non-judgment can open doors that allow parents to learn more about what kids are learning and experiencing, which can help them in guiding their kids. Having regular discussions about online citizenship and safety is a good thing and these conversations don't need to be one-way. When it comes to these topics, kids need guidance from their parents. There's a lot parents can learn from kids, too.

Q: What work are you doing to advance research on adolescent mental health?

Dr. Cullen: My research generally aims to try to understand the brain mechanisms underlying depression and suicide risk in teens and use that information to guide the development of new treatments. Lately, my research team has been analyzing the data from the ABCD study, which is a longitudinal brain imaging study of over 10,000 kids who were 9-10 years old when they started the study and will be followed for 10 years. Because this study is collecting data starting be-

fore the prevalence of depression goes up in the adolescent period, it provides a unique opportunity to study developmental trajectories associated with the onset and course of depression in teens. Another direction of my research lately has focused on creativity. We are looking into the potential value of engaging in the creative arts as a way to improve mental health in teens.

Dr. Kathryn Cullen is an associate professor and the head of the child and adolescent mental health division at the University of Minnesota Medical School, as well as a psychiatrist at M Health Fairview. Dr. Cullen leads an NIH-funded research team examining the neurodevelopmental underpinnings of depression, self-injury and suicide risk in adolescents and young adults and investigating interventions aimed at promoting healthy trajectories in these youth.



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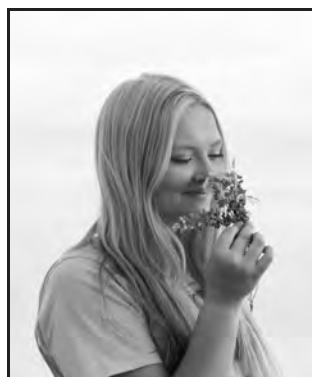
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Zumbrota-Mazeppa Class of 2023 Commencement

Friday, June 2

7:00pm at the High School Gym

Prelude.....	Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Choir and Band
Processional.....	Zumbrota Mazeppa High School Band <i>Pomp and Circumstance</i>
Welcome.....	Mr. Michael Harvey, Superintendent
National Anthem.....	Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Band
Remarks.....	Angela Heitmann
Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Choir.....	Omnia Sol (Let Your Heart be Staid)
Senior Address.....	RJ Sylak & Lola Wagner
Reading of Student Names.....	John Stapleton
Presentation of Diplomas.....	ZM School Board Members and Mr. Mike Harvey
Presentation of the Class of 2023.....	Ms. Tonya Constantine, Principal
Recessional.....	Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School Band



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Bidding Begins: July 7, 2023
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Minnesota Farm Bureau Member-Driven Policy Highlights from the MN Legislative Session

The 93rd session of the Minnesota legislature adjourned on Monday, May 22, 2023. Throughout the session, Minnesota Farm Bu-

reau (MFBF) worked closely with elected officials, agency representatives and the governor's office to ensure the vitality of agriculture and rural communities across the state.

"Despite a long and sometimes tumultuous session, we are proud of what we accomplished in support of the grassroots policy set by our members," said MFBF President Dan Glessing. "Although we did not achieve everything we set out to do our members' voices were heard and we continued to build on our foundation of working with both sides of the aisle."

We want to thank legislators, especially Senate Agriculture Chair Aric Putnam and House Agriculture Chair Samantha Vang, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen and Governor Tim

Walz for their support."

Over the past four months, MFBF had a presence at the capitol every day, in addition to providing over 60 written and verbal testimonies. Members also showcased the impact of agriculture on the state economy during MFBF's Day on the Hill, with over 130 members meeting with their elected officials. Members also shared their stories back home in their districts, including inviting legislative members to hosted events and farm tours.

"The grassroots approach of Minnesota Farm Bureau is unique, and I enjoyed working with our leaders and members to bring a face to proposed legislation that directly impacts them," said Public Policy Specialist Kaytlin Bemis. "Members' voices must be heard, and we hope legislators received those messages."

Highlights from the session relating to MFBF 2023 priority issues set by the Board of Directors with guidance from membership include:

Beginning and Emerging Farmers

MFBF advocated for programming to help the next generation and those interested in entering agriculture:

- Beginning Farmer Tax Credit
- Farm Down Payment Assistance Grants
- Agricultural Growth Research and Innovation grants

Farm Advocate Services

Clean Energy and Sustainability

MFBF helped lead the way in support of climate-smart practices that improve the state's environment through voluntary stewardship, in addition to further development of alternative energy sources:

Soil Health Grants through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Soil Health Grants through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

Biofuels Infrastructure

Healthcare Accessibility

MFBF has long prioritized the affordability and accessibility to healthcare and health insurance, including mental health resources, and emphasized the following issues during session:

Farm Safety Health and Wellness Grants
Mental Health Outreach and Counseling

Research and Investment

MFBF worked to drive the vitality of agriculture in Minnesota by supporting priorities that advance its future through research, education and innovation:

\$48M above base funding for advancements in agriculture allocated

Agriculture Emergency Account

Meat Processing

Wolf/Livestock Prevention Grants

Farm Business Management through AGREETT

International Trade Support

Agriculture Utilization Research Institute facilities

Rural Connectivity

MFBF understands access to reliable and affordable broadband is a key component of a strong rural community, yet much of the state does not have this access. Its advocacy work helped lead to the following investments:

\$100M for statewide broadband coverage

Border-to-Border Broadband grants

Low Density Broadband Program

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Rural Vitality

MFBF acted on issues that strengthen and support communities and economic development for all Minnesotans:

- Grain Indemnity Fund
- Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council funding
- Rural Finance Authority
- Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure Grants
- Workforce Development Grants through Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

\$15 Million in Loans for Meat and Poultry Processors Now Available Through the MDA

Low-interest loans open to small and medium-sized processors

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority (RFA) has opened applications for a new revolving loan program to support Minnesota's small and medium-sized meat and poultry processors.

The Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program (MPILP) offers \$15 million in low-interest loans for the start-up, expansion, or operation of slaughter and value-added processing. MPILP is funded by a grant from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development.

"Investing in local processors is an investment in Minnesota's economy and communities," said Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen. "Thanks to the generous support of USDA, this robust loan program will help increase the capacity of meat and poultry processors across Minnesota, in turn leading to increased access for consumers."

Loans of up to \$7 million will be available at a 3% fixed interest rate with a term

of up to 10 years. Funds can be used to purchase land or equipment, cover start-up costs, and make other business investments. Returned funds will be made available to new borrowers.

"Investments like this go so much further than the dollars provided," USDA Rural Development State Director in Minnesota Colleen Landkamer said. "They open opportunities for further partnerships between the MDA and USDA; sustain and expand opportunities for smaller, independent producers and processors; and ultimately strengthen our independence as a nation on our own food supply chain. USDA will continue to work towards giving farmers and ranchers a fair chance to compete in a global marketplace and help lower food costs for the American people. We can't wait to see what opportunities are created through this partnership with the MDA."

Minnesota was awarded the maximum of \$15 million in grant money targeting meat and poultry processing from the USDA

Rural Development Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program. The USDA is investing a total of \$200 million across the nation through two rounds of program grants.

"Members of Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) have worked for years to expand access to meat and poultry processing and it's exciting to see this money available to grow our rural communities," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "This program will help entrepreneurs grow and expand their businesses and as the loans are paid back, new borrowers will be able to access the funds to grow their operations. It's a win-win for our state and rural communities' economies. MFU appreciates all the partners who have worked together to bring these loans to Minnesota."

Loan applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. To find more information and to access the application, visit the MPILP webpage.

Historical Happenings

Compiled by
Helen Reiland

THE MAZEPPA JOURNAL, Editor and Publisher: Barbara and Reider Tommeraas
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

Obituaries

MRS. MARTIN GORANSON

Mrs. Martin Goranson of Mazeppa passed away at the Lake City hospital at 11a.m., Sept. 22, following an illness of five years. She was 74 years of age.

Mearl PeCoy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar PeCoy, was born in 1881 at Woket, Ind. She was married June 21, 1904 to Martin Goranson at Fort Dodge, Iowa. They lived there for 13 years and in 1917 moved to Blue Earth County, where they resided until 1941, when they moved to Mazeppa.

Surviving are her husband; five children, Oscar of Frontenac, Ernest of Madison, Wis., Letha of Shakopee, Emmett of Janesville and Burton Irving of Mazeppa; 24 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and a brother Ray PeCoy of Pomeroy, Iowa. Four daughters, Verna, Zelda, Joy and Zola preceded her in death.

LOCAL NEWS

A-1c Harvey Tri left on Wednesday after spending a 10-day furlough here. He returned to Hempstead, N.Y. where he is presently stationed.

Glen Goodman, son of Mrs. George Goodman is attending Rochester Junior college, and Lloyd Befort, is attending evening classes there.

The Bear Valley Ladies Aid will serve lunch, Thursday, October 6th. Committee members are Mrs. Laverne Windhorst, Mrs. Wm. Schultz, Mrs. Willous Heitman, Mrs. Allwin Arndt, and Mrs. Frank Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Jackson and daughter have moved from Zumbrota into the J.B. Gregoire house.

The American Legion auxiliary entertained Mrs. Helen Heaney at a farewell party, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Heaney, who leaves Sunday to make her home at Beloit, Wis., was presented with a gift of money. The committee members were Mrs. Leona Reinholz and Mrs. Leo Liffbrig.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1955

Klindworth Heads Chester Farm Bureau

The Chester Farm Bureau unit held its annual meeting at the Maynard Ehlen home, Tuesday evening. Larry Lamberty, secretary of the Olmsted County Farm Bureau, was the principal speaker.

The following officers were elected; Milfred Klindworth, chairman; Ed Corleus, vice-president; Mrs. Ed Corleus, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Art Dammann, home and community chairman; Mrs. Donald Gruhlke, assistant home and community chairman; Mrs. Peter Perrotti, reporter. A potluck lunch was served with Mrs. Ehlen, Mrs. Louis Liffbrig and Mrs. Florian Reding in charge.

The next meeting will be held at the Damon Freiheit home.

Weddings

UDELL-WEBB

Ellen Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, was married Sept. 10 to Robert Udell, son of Mrs. Helen Udell of Beloit, Wis., in the parsonage Cargill Memorial Methodist church

PENZ-MULHOLLAND

Baskets of white gladioli, pine boughs and a white cross in back of a white altar formed the background for the marriage of Janet Ruth Mulholland and David Carlton Penz of Rochester at the church of the Open Door Sept. 16 at Anchorage, Alaska.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mulholland of Mazeppa and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Penz of Rochester.

A Rare Item

Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Tri brought back a rare specimen in the newspaper world these days---a hand-set newspaper, from their recent vacation trip to northern Minnesota.

They obtained a copy of the Pembina (N.D.) New Era while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Peter Tri at Humboldt, Minn. Mr. Tri by the way, is now retired from many years of teaching and is busily engaged in raising bees.

Roy C. DeFrance is the publisher, and it brings back memories to me of my father hand-setting type on The Journal. He could set an ad by hand as fast as we can on the linotype. We thought those days were about gone forever, but apparently there are a few hand-set papers left.

Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, May 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:01 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 Sherriff's Department Patrol Sargent Keith Fratzke and Deputy Matt Cox, Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn, Mike Bubany from David Drown Associates, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, MMLS manager Todd Ihrke, John Clemens, Tara Gullickson, Myra Schuck, Jason Stein, Miranda Ihrke, Jordan Robinson, Phil Olson, and City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Present via electronic meeting: Holly Galbus from the News Record, and Robert Josse-lyn.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffbrig, City Engineer Matt Mohs.

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

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve the April 12, 2023 regular City Council meeting and the April 29, 2023 Quorum of the City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Regular meeting was closed at 6:02 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-02. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 PM.

Ordinance 2023-02 will amend Ordinance 15-1 to lift some limitations on types of goods that can be sold at Community Market events and allows vendors to pay the Community Market event fee to participate and to not have to acquire a Transient Peddlers permit in addition to the event permit.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht and Councilperson Erica Young explained that this would make the process less confusing for Community Market participants.

No other comments were expressed.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-02. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:07 PM.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to open the Public Hearing on creating TIF District 1-3. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 PM.

Mike Bubany explained how a TIF District allows a City help in business development and revitalization, that other taxing agencies have signed off on this TIF District 1-3's creation, and that this is a "Pay-as-you-Go" TIF, so the owner/developer of the area makes the initial investment in the property or properties and the City pays out the tax revenue collected from the TIF to the owner/developer as it is collected, less expenses incurred by the City in administering the TIF district.

No other comment was heard.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to close the TIF District 1-3 public Hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Public Hearing closed at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to re-open the Regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular City Council meeting re-opened at 6:31 PM.

Wabasha County Sherriff Patrol Sargent Keith Fratzke reviewed the April Incident Command Report and introduced Deputy Matt Cox.

Public Works Director Scott Ellingson gave the Public Works report.

Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn gave the Fire Department report.

A written Engineer's report was submitted.

Municipal Liquor Store manager Todd Ihrke gave the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store report.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve a professional services contract with Bolton and Menk to perform a stormwater study. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Administrator Karl Nahrgang gave the City Hall activities report.

Several residents along 2nd Ave. SE expressed concern over the potential route of the walking trail. The planned route uses a platted, unused alley behind these homes. They are concerned about maintaining access to their back yards, ease of access to their yards by users of the trail, and that they had not been consulted during the planning process of the trail.

Mayor Hagfors said that the trail planning process is ongoing. That this is a process that starts with an idea and is in the initial stages of finding funding, and that problems that may come up during the process will be addressed at each stage of planning. As these

issues come up, the volunteers that make up the trail planning committee will consult with parties that would be affected.

Phil Olson expressed that he felt there should not be charges associated with the shared driveway agreement with the City and owner of parcel R23.00446.00.

Council responded that there were no plans to charge for the easement.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2023-23 Approving driveway easement over part of Outlot D, Scenic Heights Subdivision. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve signing a shared driveway agreement with Jacob & Angela Kosec. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Building permits: MZ23-05, 249 6th Ave. NE - Re-roof. MZ23-07, 341 Chestnut St. NE - Re-roof. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Wiebusch to approve signing a shared driveway agreement with Jacob & Angela Kosec. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Ordinance 2023-02 amending portions of Ordinance 15-1. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht updated the Council that the State of Minnesota had accepted the City's changes and is in compliance with pay equity statutes.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve Resolution 2023-22 Renewing the charitable gambling lease with Mazeppa Fire Relief at the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2023-21 issuing a temporary off-site gambling permit to Mazeppa Fire Relief for the Mazeppa Daze raffle. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2023-24 issuing a temporary off-site liquor license to Mazeppa Municipal Liquor to serve at the Community Market events at Lion's Park. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2023-25 accepting donations to the City. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Resolution 2023-26 cancelling "on-sale" liquor license and Sunday "on-sale" liquor license for Mazeppa Inc./dba Leo's Sports Bar as of June 1, 2023. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve Resolution 2023-27 issuing an "on-sale" liquor license and Sunday "on-sale" liquor license to Rumors Bar & Grill LLC. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2023-28 establishing Mazeppa TIF District 1-3. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Mike Bubany of David Drown Associates explained how the interim project financing sponsored by Minnesota Rural Water Association works and that the City can get back funds that were paid out of reserves that would be financed by the loans and grants for the wastewater treatment facility upgrade.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to agree to terms to be included in services contract with David Drown Associates. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to approve recovering funds already spent on wastewater treatment project in interim financing package. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Councilperson Erica Young reminded everyone that the 1st Community Market event of the season would be May 25, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and that the Herb Vik Park cleanup would be Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00 AM until noon.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to adjourn the meeting until June 6, 2023 at 06:00 PM for a Public Hearing to consider a variance request. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - April 12, 2023

The Zumbro Falls City Council met at City Hall. All Council members were present except for Sara Anderson. The meeting was called to order at 6PM by the mayor.

Clerk read to council the minutes of the March meeting which were accepted as read with a motion from Benson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Treasures report given by Phil with acceptance with a motion from Bankers, seconded Benson, all in favor, carried.

Bruce reported to council that the FEMA grant fund should be received in mid May for the Fire Department Air Packs.

Discussion was made on the Community Garden. It was decided to raise the cost per garden to \$25.00 by a motion from Benson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried. This cost increase is due to the expense to get the gardens ready and to maintain the mulch pit.

Motion was made by Bankers, seconded Benson, all in favor, carried to not waive the monetary limits on the municipal tort limits for the current insurance year.

Discussion followed concerning the sales of Hemp in Zumbro Falls. The clerk will contact the City Attorney with questions on how to handle these sales along with the future of legal cannabis.

Council approved the special event to be held by the VFW Post 1802 in May under their Club license. This approved with a motion from Benson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried. Clerk will email the paperwork to Alcohol and Gambling.

Motion made for the clerk to pay all bills and the meeting to adjourn by Bankers, seconded Benson, all in favor, carried.

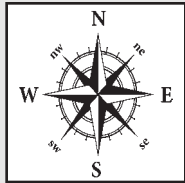
Submitted by,
Susan Eischens, Clerk

This will be the second year that the City of Mazeppa is hosting Community Market/Music in the Park events. These events are held at Lion's Park, 171 1st Ave. S, on the last Thursday of each month May through September. Local producers, artisans, and small businesses have all manner of produce, crafts, and goods available for sale. The Mazeppa Lion's Club generously donates for live music at the venue. Each event will feature a different food truck and a cash bar is available. The volunteers from the Mazeppa Parks and Recreation committee have done a great job of organizing these events.

The first 2023 event was May 25th, and was interesting and fun to attend. Please come and join us in Mazeppa on June 29th, July 27th, August 31st, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and on September 28th, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for evenings of music, fresh produce, unique and interesting goods, food, fun with old friends, and new ones too.

CLERK CHATTER
By
Karl Nahrgang
Administrator Clerk,
City of Mazeppa

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Spring is in the Air



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.

The other night I walked outside and smelled spring in the air. It was actually the odor of a cow manure lagoon being pumped out, but on the farm that can be synonymous. It brought back memories of pumping the pit each spring. I was so happy to get liquid manure storage on the farm in the 1980's. It was so much better than hauling manure in the cold every day. Frozen manure spreaders, fighting snow drifts in the fields with chains on tractors and trying to get the barn cleaner to work on a sub-zero morning in January. But there were some unforgettable experiences with pumping pits as well.

One just got used to the smell on the farm. It was part of livestock farmer's life. Our hog barn had a pit underneath it. Convenient but stinky. One day I was getting ready to pump the pit and that required removing the exhaust fan in the pump out port. A little while later I realized I was missing my cell phone. After retracing my steps all over the farm I thought I would look down the opening where the agitator was going to go. There on a thin crust of hog poop sat my Nokia. I found a piece of flashing and bent the end to retrieve my phone. It was dry and perfectly functional.

Another time I became aware that the water line coming up from the floor of the pit was leaking. When the pit was pumped as empty as I could get it I inspected and found the plastic nipple on the top side of the valve was spraying water. Wearing a pair of cutoff shorts and disposable tennis shoes I climbed down and installed a new brass fitting. When I climbed out, I discarded the shoes and shorts in the garbage and commenced a deodorizing regimen. Hog manure is just about as bad as a skunk.

We had hauled liquid manure with a 3,300 gallon tank for years before purchasing a pump and traveling gun. This was cutting edge. Except for the labor of laying out 4,000 feet of 6" aluminum pipe to reach the field. There was a 660 foot hose attached to a unit that would spray a perfect arc over 100 feet, as it slowly rotated 360 degrees. You would sit out there and watch it operate and then move the assembly ahead with a cable hooked to a tractor. Nothing but the sound of shh, shh, shh as the liquid fertilizer sprayed in endless circles.

Take down would mean rolling the hose up on a hose reel behind the tractor before moving across the field. One day when I was pumping the neighbors pit, I was rolling up the hose while an open station tractor powered the pto driven hose reel and pulled itself along squeezing the liquid out of the hose and through the nozzle on the traveling gun. I didn't pay attention that the nozzle was pointed directly at me and that the hose became twisted. The reel squeezed the contents of the hose into a state of high pressure and suddenly the force untwisted the hose. I could only watch the manure make it's escape out the nozzle and arc towards me. I turned my back to it and was blasted with the full force of the flying poop.

My last memorable experience with the manure lagoon happened while I was agitating my neighbor's pit. There was a large propeller at the end of a 20' boom mounted on the three-point hitch of the tractor. I was backed down over the edge of the pit with the prop running at full rpm to break up the crust on top of the lagoon. When I determined it was completed, I climbed on the tractor and throttled the engine down. What I hadn't factored into the equation was that even though the rear ties were on a slippery slope, the force of the propeller, just like a ship, was holding the tractor on the bank. According to my science teacher the force of the propeller was equal to the weight of the tractor and it stayed put until I cut the power. I suddenly found myself sliding down into a full manure lagoon on what was soon to become a John Deere submarine. I cut the power and climbed on the hood of the tractor hoping the lagoon was not deeper than the tractor hood. To my relief the tractor came to a rest before it was submerged and after assessing the situation I climbed back into the seat, started the diesel back to life and brought the propeller up to full speed. Then drove the tractor right up the bank and onto level ground.

My neighbor Phil was a witness to the last two incidents and we laughed quite hard afterwards about the whole thing. It is much funnier in retrospect.

A Minnesotan: Construction Season



By RosaLin Alcoser

First off, a special thanks to Bill and Marla Adams from Dodge Center, who sent me some lovely stories about geese in response to my last column. It is always nice to hear about braver souls than I, who were able to stand up to the gaggle of geese that reside in Silver Lake Park in Rochester—a place I ran from many times as a child.

Secondly, it has come around to that time of year again, now that we've soldiered through winter, first winter, second winter, and wondered why it is still winter. When the weather gets warmer and the days get longer, that's right—it is once again construction season in Minnesota.

As we all know, construction season means they start doing the serious road work again, not just patching up the potholes created by nearly six months of winter. Even though up in the Twin Cities where I currently reside, the filling of

some of said potholes probably could count as major road work.

Quite recently, I was driving through the construction they are doing on Highway 52 between the cities and Rochester. If you have recently driven that route, you know it means going through two different construction sites that merge down to two lanes. However, these two lanes are placed extremely differently than they were last year or the year before when they worked on a different part of the highway.

Which brings me to the question: Am I the only one who feels like the Highway 52 project has been going on for over a decade now? I know that there were two different projects, with about a six-year gap between the current 52 project and the one that finished in 2015 (not to be confused with the one they did in the mid-2000s), bringing us to a grand total of three Highway 52 projects in this century.

While the many Highway 52 projects, like many highway projects in existence, seem like an ongoing never-ending story, they are not. At least we will always have something reliable to look forward to every construction season, as once this project is over, they will probably start another one in just a few years.



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THEME: OUTDOOR FUN

ACROSS

1. Bryan of "Summer Of '69" fame
6. Lake in Provence
9. _____ good example
13. Hypotenuse/opposite side
14. Fuss, to Shakespeare
15. Pine
16. Filthy dough
17. Marxism or Taoism, e.g.
18. Skylit lobbies
19. *Outdoor repast
21. *Two-wheeling
23. Agreement word
24. *Climbing turf
25. "I wish I _____, I wish I might..."
28. Cracked by yegg
30. Cowardly color
35. Slightly (2 words)
37. Matterhorn location
39. Charles III's ex
40. She played Carla on "Cheers"
41. Nev.'s neighbor
43. Rotisserie skewer
44. Indianapolis team
46. Underwater "nose"
47. Color of a bruise
48. Trying experience
50. "The Breakfast _____"
52. p in mph
53. Ranees's husband
55. _____ de plume
57. *Gather berries, e.g.
60. *Water slaloming
63. Soft single in baseball
64. *Sun "kiss"
66. Beau's and Jeff's acting dad
68. Cut-down sailing sheep
69. How many "if by sea?"
70. Have effect
71. Gibbons, e.g.
72. Coniferous tree
73. Rejuvenate or renovate

DOWN

1. Knee-related acronym
2. Make pretty (2 words)
3. Mushroom spore sacs
4. Shawn Mendes' 2016 hit
5. Parts of a play
6. Secular
7. Commercial break clips
8. Fast food option
9. Looking for aliens org.
10. Get bacon?
11. H.S. math class
12. All Nippon Airways, acr.
15. Rattled on
20. Writer Asimov
22. Like icee
24. Not an original
25. *Call to Polo
26. Opposite of adore
27. Triangular road sign
29. *Capture it!
31. Speech defect
32. Drink like a cat (2 words)
33. Chilled (2 words)
34. *Balloon filler
36. U.K. art gallery
38. Place for a house plant
42. Get an F
45. Serape, alt. sp.
49. Jet follower
51. Water-heating apparatus
54. Bulwark
56. Hundred Acre Wood creator
57. Wing motion
58. Exude
59. Fish eggs, pl.
60. Winter precipitation
61. Person, place or thing
62. Swirling vortex
63. *Part of a bikini
65. Leave speechless
67. Morning condensation

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