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## Where to go locally for Christmas activities

### Announcements

• **South Troy Wesleyan Church plans to have an in-person Christmas Eve service at South Troy at 5 pm Christmas Eve.**

We will also have the service available online all day Christmas Eve for those that want to share it in their homes.

[www.facebook.com/southtroywesleyan](http://www.facebook.com/southtroywesleyan)

• **With COVID-19** challenging all of us in one way or another, we know there are individuals and families in need of help.

Several organizations in the Zumbro Valley Area (around Hammond, Zumbro Falls, Mazeppa area) are here to offer assistance and/or resources for you.

If you or someone you know is in need, please reach out at [ZumbroValleyHelps@gmail.com](mailto:ZumbroValleyHelps@gmail.com).

We will send your email to the appropriate organization or send you information on helpful resources. We will get through this together! Be safe, stay healthy and if you can, stay home!

• **The Mazeppa Area Historical Society sends out a very Merry Christmas & let's hope 2021 is a Great year for all of us!** Thanks for your continued support! Let's preserve the past & present for the future. Mazeppa has a very "Rich History" that we should be proud of!

• **The Mazeppa Senior citizens meet on the first Friday of each month.** A catered lunch is served followed by a meeting and bingo. All senior citizens 55 and older are invited to join. We meet at the Mazeppa Community Center.

• **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.

• **The Zumbro Valley Food Shelf is located at South Troy Wesleyan Church, 56817 Hwy 63, Zumbro Falls, MN.** The hours will be 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](mailto:choeft52@gmail.com).

Do you have an announcement?  
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Goodhue is hosting a Christkindmarkt on Saturday, December 5th from noon to 6pm. This will recreate a German Outdoor Christmas Market and is held on Second Street, which will be closed for the festivities on that day. There will be music, German food and beverages, baked goods for sale and over thirty artisans, crafters and vendors will be offering unique gift items for sale. There will be horse drawn wagon rides around town as well.

Christmas in Kenyon is planned for Saturday, December 5th this year. There will be a do it yourself photo booth, virtual Santa visits, a scavenger hunt, coloring contest, cookie and holiday treat sale at the

Gunderson House, an online auction, a virtual Christmas concert and variety show and a tree lighting ceremony.

West Concord is hosting Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 5th with pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus at Centennial Park from 10am to noon. A Toys for Tots collection will be handled by the fire department at the same time at the park. Horse drawn wagon rides will be held on Main Street from 10am to noon as well as Christmas on the Farm at the barn at the east end of Main Street with food trucks, treats with the animals and a photo booth. The West Concord City Council will host a box lunch at the municipal liquor store

parking lot for \$10 each from 11am to 2pm. The liquor store will be serving Bloody Mary's, Irish Coffee, Hot Coffee and Hot Chocolate from 11am to 3pm with a fire pit for S'mores and fun activities for the kids along with live music inside and out. A virtual silent auction took place from December 1st until 3:30pm and on December 5th. Baskets may be picked up in front of city hall from 3:30 to 5pm. You may view and bid on the silent auction items at [citywestconcord.betterworld.org/auctions/christmas](http://citywestconcord.betterworld.org/auctions/christmas). Wescon Lanes will be offering dinner specials and free bowling from 5 to 7:30pm.

### 2020 Lighting Contest



Courtesy of the City of Zumbro Falls

Brighten the 2020 Holidays with Lights! Zumbro Falls will hold the Christmas lighting contest this year. Businesses and Residents within city limits can participate. There will be 5 \$100 winners chosen the 2nd weekend of December. Due to covid concerns, Christmas in Zumbro Falls remains cancelled this year. Join us in spreading some holiday cheer.

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## Christmas isn't Cancelled!!! Focus on Community



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

What are some things that make a great neighbor? This year more than ever; it will and is important for us to be good neighbors. To focus on our communities. Many of us are staying close to home this year for the holidays. Our calendars are aren't filling up with Christmas parties, sports, and school concerts, that usually typify a normal Christmas season. Even the church calendar is a little more subdued. Normally our schedules are so full we struggle to even enjoy the season. With everything around us cancelled- it is a great time to remember that Christmas is not and will never be cancelled, because Christmas doesn't depend on activities, but on a person, the person of Jesus Christ. He came to earth to be the ultimate 'good neighbor.' He was willing to come from heaven-down to earth and become like the beings that He had created. He went from creator of the universe to become one of the created! He became a neighbor, a part of the community. He became one of us beginning as a baby. Isaiah wrote about his coming in chapters 7:14, "All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). God would send us a child- born of a virgin- and this 'baby' would be God himself-

he would be "God with us!" God wrote Himself into the story of our lives. For all humankind God became one of us and He continues even now to be 'God with us.' He became the central character of our world and history. Now the one that created us and has given us life is with us in the midst of our lives and stays with us until our life in Him is completed His way, in His time for His glory. He chose to become a part of the entire world's history to become man and live within a community.

We are called to Love God and to Love our neighbors. To love and be a part of our communities. For 2020 we've had to stay closer to home and slow our lives down. Our calendars aren't as full, and we have a lot more time in our homes- at least most of us. For those that are in the health profession, many of them are working more and longer hours. And many in other essential services continue as well. But the rest of us have less activities on our schedule than previous Christmas seasons. There are those that want to tell us that Christmas is cancelled this year and that couldn't be further from the truth. This Christmas may be the one that brings us home to experience a Christmas filled with the true meaning of Christmas. What does it look like to love our neighbors? What does it look like during this pandemic to love others more than we love ourselves? Christmas is not Cancelled! Christmas is a time for us to focus on our communities more- to be good neighbors. Christmas is a time for us to live out our faith and be ready to share the reason for our faith. Jesus came to give us hope. Jesus came to be "with Us." With you, with me. He calls us as believers to share ourselves with others—to point people to Him. We do that by loving Him, and Loving People. Here are 10 ideas to Love

our neighbors:

- **Check in.** If you have elderly or mobility-challenged neighbors, give them a to find out if they're doing okay or if they need any help.
- **Donate good winter clothes.** I realize we are already in our winter here in SE MN, but our clothing closet is running short on winter hats and mittens, snow pants and coats. If you are talented in making mittens, hats, or scarves those are great additions to clothing closets and homeless shelters.
- **Feed the hungry.** Spread some warmth by donating hot, nutritious meals to neighbors in your community that may be housebound and unable to get out for supplies. Donate to the local food shelf- Zumbro Valley Food Shelf or Mazeppa, Oronoco or Elgin. Money is always appreciated and there is always a need for volunteers.
- **Clear your snow.** For those of you in town, be mindful that walking on snow and ice can be dangerous, so clear your driveway and sidewalk as soon as you can after a snowfall to keep everyone passing by as safe as possible.
- **Know who to call.** If you see someone who is out in the cold and in need of help, you can get them the care they need much faster when you already know who to call. Keep the number of local homeless outreach programs in your phone so help is always just a quick call away. The Landings (507) 884-0423 and the Salvation Army (507) 288-3663 are great resources for people in need.
- **Stock your car with (bleeding bags).** Keep a few Ziplock bags filled with basic hygiene supplies and nutritious snacks to pass out to those who may need them.
- **Go on a grocery run.** If you're heading



out to pick up supplies, call neighbors to find out if there's anything you can pick up for them, so they don't have to venture out in the cold weather.

• **Adopt a family.** Find out if any local organizations have holiday program in support of lower-income families who need a bit of support to celebrate the holidays. Christmas Anonymous in Plainview is taking applications for people to adopt families as well.

Lots of great ways to encourage and to support and help your community. Jesus said he came to bring good news to the poor—we can do that... share the true meaning of Christmas with our neighbors through our actions! Jesus said he came to set the captive free- we can help those that feel confined to their homes but calling them and reminding them that they are not alone, and that we care. We can encourage and pray for those that are stuck and are feeling alone. The first thing we can be a part of to show that, "Christmas Is Not Cancelled!" is to Love our neighbors. To serve and to find ways to bless them this Christmas season "God is with us." Jesus is still with us. Jesus calls us to focus on God, and on others. As we begin this Christmas season, I trust we will not be focusing on all the things that have changed, all the activities we can't do, but instead focus on bringing God's love and joy to our communities.

*God is with us  
Christmas Is Not Cancelled!!!*



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Due to COVID-19 check your church website or Facebook page for updates.

**AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY**  
**The King's Grace**

Scripture Reading — Revelation 22:12-21  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. — Revelation 22:21

It has been said that the last pages of our Bible bend around to touch the first pages. They bring full circle the one big story of God's love and salvation of the world. In the beginning, God the King creates the world and proclaims it good, good, very good. "Good" is the most important word describing God and God's world in the beginning.

But much that unfolds later in this story—and in our world—is not good. There is sinful rebellion, guilt, shame, corruption, violence, injustice, and disintegration. The world is broken, and we feel it in the depths of our souls. The world's history books and the daily news proclaim it unceasingly. But unceasing too in the Bible's big story is something that transforms and redeems all this brokenness: grace.

The King's grace is a phrase often used to refer to a king's favor or presence or to simply a king himself. In the Bible, it is finally the King's grace that gets the last word. Grace comes in the person and work of King Jesus. He is the one who is King of kings and Lord of lords. The first chapter of the Bible proclaims, "Good." The last chapter proclaims what is greater still: "Grace." God's big story moves from good to grace.

Whatever we face in terms of struggle, guilt, or sorrow, the King's grace gets the last word. The King's grace is the world's—and our—great hope!

**Prayer**  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with all God's people. Amen.

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## Kevin Carl Larson

Kevin Carl Larson, 59, of Mazeppa, passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Mayo Clinic Hospital – Rochester, Saint Marys Campus. He was born July 6, 1961 in Red Wing to Carl and Joyce (Mehrens) Larson. He attended school in Mazeppa graduating from Mazeppa High School. In 1988 he married Sheila Larson and they were later divorced.

Kevin worked for his father at Kelly's Sales and Service in Mazeppa until he started farming on his own. In 2007 Kevin started working at Zumbrota Bearing & Gear and worked as a drivetrain rebuilder to the present time. He enjoyed spending time constructing anything with his hands.

Kevin is survived by his sons, Kaleb Larson of Mazeppa, and Kelvin Larson of Pine Island; step-son, Zane VanSchaick of Zumbro Falls; step-daughters, Tasha Goranson of Pine Island and Alicia Mulholland of Zumbrota; four grandchildren, Allyson Schuchard, Cloey VanShaick, Wyatt VanSchaick, and Kirstin Larson; parents, Carl & Joyce Larson of Mazeppa; ex-wife, Sheila Larson; sister, Julie (Jim) Burdick of Zumbrota, and Jennifer Larson of Pine Island. He was preceded in death by his significant other, Kay McBride.

A Celebration of Life Gathering was held on Friday, November 13, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Mazeppa Community Center in



Mazeppa. Masks were required and social distancing was practiced.

Schleicher Funeral Homes, Plainview Chapel, assisted the family, a guest register may be signed at [www.schleicherfuneral-homes.com](http://www.schleicherfuneral-homes.com).

## Gerald Walter Maass

Gerald Walter Maass was born in 1943; his parents Richard and Lucille Maass had lived in Rochester, Minnesota where Gerry was born. Gerald graduated from Rochester and went to college originally for architecture. After his schooling he

went on to Quarry Anderson to start his first career. Then he moved on to work in the field of plumbing and heating. The job he was noted for was his one man demolition company of his own. Gerald later married Greta Margareta Lang and had his only son Christopher John Maass. They resided in Rochester and then settled in Zumbro Falls. In late they had divorced but still remained close friends. Gerry felt most happy spending time with his family. He hosted every holiday and every family member's birthday at his residence. He loved cooking the meals for everyone when they had visited. Gerald flourished with his only son Christopher and his wife Cathy, His two grandchildren Spencer and Izabella along with Spencer's wife Katrina and soon to be born great grandchild. Also



with his late spouse Greta Krueger; Gerald's sister; Kathy and her husband Doc Shutter; his brothers David and wife Jackie Maass, and Stan and wife Marrion Maass. Their parents have long preceded in passing away.

We celebrated Gerald Maass's legacy and life on Saturday, November 7th. It started at 1:00pm and ended at 4:00pm at his home in Zumbro Falls: 889 Appledale Dr., Zumbro Falls, Mn, 55991.

## Norbert Edwin Holst

Norbert Edwin Holst was born on June 15, 1925 to LeRoy and Elsa Holst. He grew up on a farm and attended a one-room schoolhouse south of Lake City. He graduated from Lake City High School in 1943. Norbert married Donna Mae Heitmann on

September 11, 1946 at the Bear Valley Lutheran Church parsonage. For the next few years, they lived in Oak Center; Zumbro Falls; Modena, WI; Austin; Lake City; Goodhue as Norbert did various jobs to support his family. Norbert and Donna have three children: Norbert Gene, Duane Lee, Debra Mae. Norbert and Donna moved from Goodhue to Rochester in 1954 and lived there until they moved in 1971 to Pueblo West, Colorado. In the Fall of 1979, they moved to Green Valley, Arizona. In August 2002 they returned to Lake City. Norbert was a salesman for many years selling radio and TV supplies to TV dealers when they lived in Minnesota, Colorado, and Arizona. He also was a maintenance man for Green Valley Recreation. He liked to fix all kinds of things. Norbert was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church of Lake City. He enjoyed being with his church family. Norbert and Donna enjoyed dancing, riding their motorcycle, and traveling with their RV trailer.

Norbert passed from this life and entered his eternal home to be with his Lord on November 10 at the Lake City Care Center. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Arleigh, brother Carl, sister Gloria, wife Donna, son Gene, and granddaughter Nikki. Survivors are son Duane (Marcia) of Lake City, daughter Debra Smith (Dick) of Green Valley, Arizona, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren, sister, Gladys Johnson, of Old Hickory, TN., brother, Gary Holst, of Idaho Falls, ID.

There was a private graveside service for family only. Memorials may be given to Bethany Lutheran Church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com)



ing with his sons, grandson, and great-granddaughter.

Mel was born in 1939 in Chatfield, MN to Gustaf and Lillian (Lehmann) Domke. He was the youngest of five. After graduating from high school, he did odd jobs here and there until he settled in as a welder at Crenlo in Rochester. He spent 42 years working at Crenlo and making many friends, some of whom became lifelong hunting and fishing buddies.

Mel married LaVonne Laskowske in 1959 and had two sons, Randy (Randall) and Jim (James). They resided in Hammond their entire married life. Family was everything to Mel. He loved spending time teaching his sons to hunt, fish and be responsible men. He loved teaching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren to fish and was just starting to share hunting with great-grandchildren.

Mel and LaVonne liked to travel in their early retirement years. More recently, they had a weekly trip to Plainview for cards with friends at the Plainview Community Center. Their summers were usually spent at the family cabin in Waskish, MN on Upper Red Lake where they enjoyed quiet time, nature and visits from the kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. The cabin was a favorite place of theirs to spend time with family and friends. Mel also enjoyed sitting by the fire late into the night, talking with the next generations, sharing stories, and getting in a smart remark every chance he got – he loved a good laugh!

He will be greatly missed by his wife, LaVonne of 61 years, his two sons, Randy (Janice) Domke and Jim Domke of Hammond. Grandchildren Shawn (Jeremy) Jensen of Plainview, Chad (Stephanie) of Zumbro Falls, Mickel (Jeremy) Thompson of Mantorville. Phoebe (Jason) Wagner of Rochester and Miles Farris of Rochester. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Holmes of Red Wing, 9 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

The family would like to thank Mayo One and the Mayo Clinic Ambulance crew for your work in trying to keep Mel with us; your efforts and graciousness during a difficult time are greatly appreciated!

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Ranfranz & Vine of Rochester, MN. There was a visitation from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, November 27th at the Community Presbyterian Church in Plainview followed by an "invitation-only" service at 1 PM (due to COVID-19, attendance at the service was limited). A graveside service was at the Millville Cemetery around 2:15 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Community Presbyterian Church in Mel's name as he found great comfort in their services or the Zumbro Valley Foundation which supports residents in the Hammond area.

Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Domke family. To share a special memory or condolence, please visit [www.ranfranzandvinefh.com](http://www.ranfranzandvinefh.com)

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## Melvin LeRoy Domke

Melvin LeRoy Domke, 81 years young, was called home by his heavenly father on Sunday, November 22, 2020 while doing what he loved most – hunt-



## Minnesota DNR Warns of Cold Water Dangers



Over 30 percent of boating fatalities in Minnesota happen in cold water with a victim not wearing a life jacket.

Falls overboard and capsizing are still the most common cause of boating fatalities in the state.

Falling into icy water can be deadly because many boaters do not think about the effects of cold water immersion. Wearing your life jacket could be the single most important factor in surviving cold water immersion.

Cold water immersion can kill in several ways, and most people die long before they become hypothermic.

### Cold shock response

#### Within the first 2 to 3 minutes:

- Gasping, hyperventilation, panic.
- Drowning if not wearing a life jacket.

### Swim failure

#### Within the first 30 minutes:

Rapid cooling of arms and legs impairs the ability to keep the head above water.

Effects occur regardless of swimming ability.

Drowning if not wearing a life jacket.

### Immersion hypothermia

#### After at least 30 minutes of immersion:

Cooling of the body's core temperature results in gradual loss of useful consciousness.

Drowning if not wearing a life jacket.

### Fight for survival

If you are wearing a life jacket, the 1-10-1 principle may save your life:

#### 1 Minute

Get breathing under control

#### 10 Minutes of meaningful moment

Assess the situation and make a plan.

Perform most important functions first, such as locating other party members.

Self-rescue if possible.

Practice emergency communications and signaling.

#### 1 Hour (or more) of useful consciousness

Focus on slowing heat loss.

### Stay with the boat

If the boat capsizes or the victim fall overboard, stay with the boat and try to reboard.

Most capsized watercraft will still float.

A craft in the water is easier for rescuers to locate.

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## Hindsight is 2020. Don't look back, keep looking forward to the future

2020 has truly been a year to remember... Our son officially becoming an adult, celebrating our 20th anniversary, updates to our store, and spending extra time with family.

"The best thing we have ever done, our son Monty" (I'll steal my husband Mike's favorite line) turned 18 years-old in January. We decided to take a surprise trip to visit Mike's parents in South Padre, Texas to celebrate his birthday. Monty graduated from Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School the end of May. He adapted and thrived completing the remainder of his senior year of school



from home. He wanted to have his graduation party at our house. It was a good thing we went ahead with a party

at home or he probably still would not have had one.

When Monty was finishing up high school from home, he worked a lot more hours at our store. He was very responsible getting the majority of his school work done on Sundays and Mondays when we were closed, so he could get more hours in at the store whenever he could. Monty has never once complained of having his senior year cut short. He had the best grades of his life, his senior year. In addition to his general classes, he took marketing, accounting, statistics, and construction management to prepare him for working fulltime in lieu of college. He just jumpstarted his future plans. Monty has been working full-time at MotoProz since his graduation. That has always been his plan since he was only 5 years old when we bought the store. Monty is a very hard worker, dedicated employee, and he plans to take over some day.

Last year, we decided to remodel the front of our store. The remodeling project started the end of April. We had

no idea Monty's graduation ceremony would turn into a graduation parade from Zumbrota to Mazeppa on Friday, May 29th right past MotoProz. The guys worked extra hard to finish up the front of the store before the parade went by. The white store with forest green trim has now transformed into a charcoal grey and black modern-looking building.

We also made some transformations inside the store as well starting with a new Stihl power equipment display. We took on selling the Argo line of amphibious machines made to drive on both land and in the water.

We bought a small cabin mid-May. We spent a lot of our time making improvements to the cabin and inviting family to visit. Our biggest milestone this year was Wednesday, October 21st when we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary at Mac's Park Place with our family.

To sum up this year, we've been keeping busy. We got stuff done. Some days, we have so much to do, it can be hard to



deciding where to start. Like I have told Monty since he was a young little boy, "just do your best, that's all you can do." We've spent a lot less time traveling and a lot more time with family this year. Hindsight is 2020. Don't look back, keep looking forward to the future.



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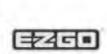
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## Support Local Businesses this Holiday Season



**Tim Penny**  
So. MN Initiative Foundation

This time of year is traditionally a time of giving. Minnesotans in particular are known for their charitable contributions – a fact that was solidified recently during Give to the Max Day when Minnesotans set a record by giving more than \$30 million to local schools and nonprofits. In addition to November being a charitable time of year, it is also the launch of the holiday shopping season. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we know that Minnesotans will extend their generosity by supporting local businesses during this particularly difficult year.

At SMIF, we know that small businesses are the backbone of our communities and local economy, and for many of them, this is a critical time to help keep them afloat. In addition to safely shopping at retailers that are still open, we know that many people will be buying gifts online. While online shopping has historically been an easy way to purchase items that are not available locally, this year it will be important to find ways to use that platform to purchase gifts from local places. Buying gift cards from places like restaurants, breweries and fitness or yoga studios that are currently closed to the public is a great way to support them during this time. Many local retailers also have gift cards, online stores and curbside pickup as an option this year for those who would prefer to shop from home.

Local foods businesses are another dynamic sector that rely on the holiday shopping season as an important source of income.

This holiday season looks different for everyone in a lot of ways. When it comes to holiday shopping, please consider shopping local. These entrepreneurs are our friends and neighbors and we give thanks to them as they continue to contribute to the vibrancy of our region during this difficult time.

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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## Stir Up a Recipe for Success



By Harvey Mackay

A sixth-grade girl was running for the post of secretary of her elementary school class. A major part of her campaign was a speech to be given to her classmates, but she had no idea what to say. So she asked her mother for ideas.

"Well, you love to cook," her mom said. "Why don't you look in a cookbook?"

It was the stupidest idea she'd ever heard, but, desperate, the young girl followed her mother's advice. Then, flipping through the pages, it hit her: Why not write a recipe for what would make a good class secretary? Two cups of good handwriting, one cup of dependability, and so on.

Jan Bolick, now a management coach, won the election. But she also learned to look in unusual places for creative solutions. As it turns out, creativity is part of

the "recipe" for attaining success.

What is success? The answer might depend on whom you ask and the particular stage of their own journey. Yet no matter your age, occupation or dream for the future, achieving success comes down to a few basic factors that will likely shape your future.

**Know what you want.** Build your dream, craft your vision, write down your goals and then create a plan. Whether you ask for advice or not, never let someone talk you out of something that you have your heart set on doing. As I always say, believe in yourself even when no one else does.

**Search for creative approaches.** Sticking to the old formula will produce old results. If you can find a new or better way to build the proverbial mousetrap, more power to you. Even little tweaks and bright ideas can make the difference.

**Avoid comparisons.** You have goals and aspirations that have little to do with what your friends, neighbors or colleagues are doing. Focus on what you are trying to accomplish and your plan for making that happen.

**Cultivate patience.** Worthwhile success takes time. If you're in a rush, you'll cut corners and ignore warning signs. Take a step-by-step approach that's focused on long-term results. Go for quick wins only when they're realistic and valuable.

**Cut out negative self-talk.** Perfection often gets in the way of achievement. Successful people stick to a path of continual growth and self-improvement so they



are constantly working to become a smarter, better version of themselves.

**Admit your mistakes.** Failure/mistakes are not fatal. When they happen, learn from them. Figure out what went wrong, if you can. Then pick yourself up, get back on your feet and keep moving forward.

**Don't go it alone.** Network. Get involved with a group or professional organization of individuals in your field. Include people at all stages of their careers. Stay connected through social media channels, and make an effort to meet in person regularly. Don't take these relationships for granted.

Life should teach you who you are, Oprah Winfrey said in a commencement address she gave at Wellesley College. The media mogul and former talk-show host says for a long time she spent her life wanting to be someone else. She says when she first saw Diana Ross with the Supremes on "The Ed Sullivan Show" she thought, "I want to be like that." However, she says it took her some time to realize that no matter how many diets she tried – she was never going to have Diana Ross's thighs.

Oprah also says she wanted to be like legendary television personality Barbara

Walters, and discovered she was not when she could not pronounce "Barbados" on air. "That may be 'Barbados' to you but it was 'Barb-a-does' to me," she said. She said she started to laugh on air, which was not very Barbara like. From that moment on, Oprah says she knew that she could be a better Oprah than a Barbara, and she decided to pursue just being herself once and for all.

Her phenomenal success was the result of being "demoted" from news anchor to talk show host. She said, "I am just thrilled that I get paid so much money every day for just being myself. But it was a lesson long in coming, recognizing that I had the instinct, that inner voice that told me that you need to try to find a way to answer to your own truth, was the voice I needed to be still and listen to."

*Mackay's Moral: Success is the difference between jumping on the bandwagon and leading the band.*

*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."*

## MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

September 17th I had a hysterectomy, and I am happy to finally be feeling back to my healthy old self. I can lift things without a problem. A couple weeks ago while we were working at MotoProz, Monty asked me if I felt like I had muscles today so I could help lift up a snowmobile while he put the skis on. "Yes, yes I have muscles again!" It is fun to be able to work with Monty, and I am glad he asks me for help. Now that I can actually help him!

My blood pressure was creeping up after my surgery, I feel in part because I was only able to walk for exercise during my recovery period. The other part, I feel, is that I am stressed because I do not know exactly what my future holds with regard to me working at Mayo Clinic. The past few weeks, I have been consistent at working out and my blood pressure seems to have gone back down to normal.

It is hard to buckle down with a healthy eating plan when you are stressed. I am focusing on one day at a time. Patience is not one of my good qualities. Patience is not a word often used in the Papenfus vocabulary. Time will tell. We had a lot of great things happen in 2020, and I am looking forward to starting fresh in 2021.

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## Funds Available to Protect Minnesota Livestock Processors

*Milk, Meat, and Poultry Processors Can Offset COVID-19 Safety Costs*

Minnesota milk, meat, or poultry processors can access financial support to provide

a safe environment for employees and customers during the COVID-19 pandemic through a new cost-share program from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA).

USDA- and state-licensed processors located in Minnesota with fewer than 200 employees can apply by Dec. 4, 2020 for the Protect Our Milk, Meat, and Poultry Processors (POMMPP) Cost-Share program.

Expenses that may be eligible for reimbursement include equipment purchases related to complying with the MDA's COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for Food Processors and Manufacturers

(pdf), costs associated with increased inspections or becoming inspected, and costs associated with consultations to develop COVID-19 operating plans.

Any expenses submitted for reimbursement must be incurred between March 2, 2020, and December 4, 2020. Reimbursement will be based on the number of applications received and the amount of funds available. Payments may be capped due to limited funding.

Funding for the POMMPP program is available through funds granted to the state of Minnesota through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.



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## Long-Term Care and Senior Living Leaders Emphasize Need for Residents and Staff to Receive Prioritization for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Washington, D.C. – The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), LeadingAge, Argentum and the American Seniors Housing Association (ASHA) released a joint statement today regarding distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine:

“Since the start of the pandemic, heroic

caregivers in long-term care and senior living communities have done everything in their power to protect our most vulnerable citizens. In the early months, essential resources such as personal protective equipment (PPE), testing and staffing support were directed toward hospitals and other health care sectors, leaving nursing homes, assisted living and senior living communities and other long-term care providers pleading for help.

“Government reports correctly identified all long-term care residents and staff for priority distribution of COVID-19 vaccines. It is critical that policymakers at all levels maintain that position as these products come online and are delivered across the country.

“The lack of prioritization for long-term care and seniors housing at the outset of the pandemic led to devastating losses, and we cannot let that happen again. Vulnerable older adults and the frontline workers who protect them deserve the full support of the public health sector. Ensuring residents and

staff in all long-term care and senior living settings are among the first to receive a COVID-19 vaccine will help limit the spread of this deadly virus and prevent further tragedies. We also want to get residents out enjoying social activities and seeing their loved ones again. A vaccine is one critical step toward that goal.

“This is especially important with the new surge of COVID-19 cases nationwide. Independent research from our country’s most prestigious universities shows that a high rate of spread within a community will likely lead to outbreaks in long-term care. We are seeing this unfold now, as cases among the general



public and nursing homes hit record numbers. Distributing a vaccine to long-term care and senior living residents and staff first will give us another line of defense against this deadly virus if cases rise within their surrounding communities.”

## Historical Happenings

Compiled by  
Helen Reiland

THE MAZEPPA JOURNAL, Editor and Publisher: Barbara and Reider Tommeraas  
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 1950

### Mrs. Wagner Writes of European Trip

Proof of the wonderful time Mrs. Catherine Wagner is having on her European tour is her party’s attempt to get a four weeks’ extension of the trip.

Glowing reports have been reaching her daughters, Mrs. A.M. Huberty and Miss Angela Wagner of Rochester. Others in her group are her brother, Nick Wagner of Red Wing, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner of Bismarck, N.D.

### Local News

J.B. Gregoire has purchased the Mobil Station formerly owned by Wm. Crouch.

George Hartman is the owner of a new Pontiac.

Harold Oelkers has purchased the milk route, truck and van from Walter Mehrkens.

### Obituaries

#### MRS. FRED KOENIG

Mrs. Koenig, the former Marie Fadelman, died Thursday at the home of her son, Walter, in Rochester. She was 93 years old. A native of Germany, she lived in Oronoco Township 82 years.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fred Koenig were held at 12:45 p.m. Saturday in the Vine funeral home at Rochester and at 1:30 p.m. in Grace Lutheran Church.

Pallbearers were six of her grandson, Floyd Koenig, George Koenig, Wesley Koenig, Norman Koenig, Floyd Schriever and Raymond Koenig.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1950

#### WALTER MANAHAN FILES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Walter Manahan of Mazeppa filed for the office of state representative to bring the total number of candidates in that race to five.

#### Father Lavery Named Monsignor By Pope

In recognition of his long and zealous labors in the church, Diocese of Winona, the Holy Father, Pius XII, conferring upon Father D. J. Lavery the title and office of Monsignor.

Last year Father Lavery celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the holy priesthood and now he is honored with a Monsignorship.

His investiture will take place in Mazeppa

### Weddings

#### BEHM- WAGER

Miss Lillian Christine Wager, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William N. Wager, missionaries in Tokyo, Japan, and William Frederick Behm of Mazeppa, were united in marriage at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Little Brown Church.

The church was decorated with gladioli and sweet peas.

Her only attendant, Mrs. Oliver Berk of Zumbrota, sister of the bridegroom, wore pink organdy over pink satin, with white accessories.

Mr. Behm was attended by his brother, Walter of Hopkins.

### Obituaries

#### FRED H. DAMMAN

Fred H. Damman of Pine Island Township, 51, died suddenly at his home, Saturday.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the home and at 1:45 at the Poplar Grove church, with Rev. Norbert Reincke officiating. Interment was in the Zumbrota cemetery.

Mr. Damman was born near Mazeppa and has always farmed in the Pine Island and Zumbrota vicinity. He was married to Mathilda King at Zumbrota in 1921.

Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Alton Berg of Rochester, two brothers, William of Lake City and John of Mazeppa; seven sisters, Mrs. Rose Hadler, Mrs. George Oelkers, Mrs. Martin Kuehl and Mrs. Albert Oelkers, all of Mazeppa, Mrs. Minnie Post of Zumbrota, Mrs. Alvina Luhmann of Zumbro Falls, and Mrs. Margaret Damman of Lake City.

### Local news

Mr. and Mrs. John Steichen attended the dedication of the V.F.W. club room at Zumbrota, Sunday.

### Here’s Hoping

Am happy to see that the proposed new municipal building will include a suite suitable for a doctor’s offices. Goodhue has a new doctor, and so does Wanamingo. In the latter village, office space was given gratis for a year. Of course, the war picture may change everything, but during World War II, far more were taken than was necessary.

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

## Talking the Holidays During a Pandemic with U of M



By Mary Jo Kreitzer

Founder and director of the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing and a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota

This year, the holidays will look different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mary Jo Kreitzer with the University of Minnesota talks about how people can cope, create new traditions and more.

*Q: How will the holidays look different this year?*

Dr. Kreitzer: It is safe to say that none of us have ever experienced major holidays during a pandemic and it is likely that the holidays this year will look very different! In addition to not having large gatherings of family and friends, there won't be the usual run of parties, concerts and plays. Many will opt to participate in religious services virtually.

*Q: What can people do to cope with these changes?*

Dr. Kreitzer: I think that the mindset we

enter the holidays with can make all the difference. Rather than focus on our losses and what we cannot do, a different approach is to focus on the opportunity to create new memories and traditions. If you are gathering with a small group or only your immediate family, ask people what is important to them. Getting input is so valuable. It shares the burden (and joy) of planning. Instead of trying to recreate what happens year after year, create new experiences. Who knows? Something new you do this year just might become a lasting tradition.

For people who are alone at the holidays and for families that are dispersed geographically, our newly developed Zoom skills will come in handy. I have heard of families and small groups that still plan on eating together or opening gifts together via technology. If you and your family are yearning for a concert or to see a holiday tradition such as "The Christmas Carol," look online! So many of our local theater and choral groups are creating special performances that can be accessed online.

*Q: What should people say to loved ones who don't want to take any safety precautions in gathering?*

Dr. Kreitzer: Each of us is responsible for setting boundaries that we are comfortable with and I encourage people to not be hesitant to stick to those boundaries even if it makes people uncomfortable. The advice from the health care experts is very clear. Avoid gatherings, particularly indoor gatherings, practice physical distancing, wear masks and wash hands frequently. In Minnesota, the recent increase in Covid-19 cases is tied to small, everyday gatherings. Many people are experiencing pandemic fatigue and this is not the time to let our guard down. Unfortunately, family gatherings are just as unsafe as any other social gathering at this time. The pandemic in

most areas of the country is at a stage of uncontrollable community spread. Traveling distances and getting together with people who may or may not have been taking safety precautions seriously is risky.

*Q: How do you politely say "no" to a social gathering?*

Dr. Kreitzer: A lengthy explanation is unnecessary. You can be polite as well as short and sweet — thanking the person for the invitation and noting that you are avoiding in-person gatherings due to COVID-19 right now.

*Q: As the founder and director, what are some resources from the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing that can*

*help people adapt to the holidays this year?*

Dr. Kreitzer: The Bakken Center's website Taking Charge of Your Health and Wellbeing is a great source of information on ways to improve the wellbeing of you and your family! There are also some great articles on Healthy Holiday Tips, Mindful Eating, Mindful Holiday Giving and When the Holidays Aren't Joyful.

*Mary Jo Kreitzer is the founder and director of the Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing and a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota. Her areas of expertise include mindfulness-based stress reduction, integrative therapies and healing practices and optimal healing environments.*

**Happy Holidays**

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## Impaired Driving Kills the Holiday Spirit. Drive Sober. Drive Smart

*Extra DWI Patrols During the Holidays on Wabasha County Roads Now through December 31*

Wabasha County, Minn. – The holidays will look a lot different in 2020. Many people will be staying home, celebrating with immediate family. The holidays often involve drinking during a family dinner, and sometimes people lose track of how many drinks they've consumed. This can often lead to a person unknowingly driving under the influence.

To help keep families together this holiday season, the Wabasha County Sheriff's Office along with the local Police Departments will be participating with law enforcement statewide in an extra DWI enforcement and awareness campaign running on weekends beginning Nov. 25 through Dec. 31.

### Planning Ahead

Motorists need to plan ahead for sober rides, regardless of where they are drinking.

- During 2015 – 2019, 28 people died in drunk driving-related crashes during the holiday DWI extra enforcement period.

- Of the various holiday time periods throughout 2019, Thanksgiving and July 4th tied for the highest percentage of drunk driving-related fatalities.

- Nearly one out of every four deaths (22%) on Minnesota roads is drunk driving-related.

- In the last five years (2015 – 2019), there were 413 drunk driving-related traffic deaths in Minnesota, with 89 people killed in 2019 alone.

- Alcohol-related crashes not only take lives, they change them forever. An average of 357 life-changing injuries (2015-2019) are caused by alcohol-related crashes each year.

"People need to plan ahead for a sober ride before they begin drinking," said Wabasha County Sheriff Rodney Bartsh. "Unfortunately, too many people assume

they will only have a few drinks and will be ok to drive home. The false feeling that you are ok to get behind the wheel can lead to a lifetime of regret. Always plan for a sober ride, whether you are at an establishment or drinking at home or a friend's house."

### The Choice is Yours

The decision to get behind the wheel after drinking is costing too many people their lives. The choice to drive drunk has contributed to 28 deaths on Minnesota roads from the day before Thanksgiving through Dec.30 (2012-2017).

### DWI Consequences

- Loss of license for up to a year, thousands of dollars in costs and possible jail time.

- Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges or face at least one year without a driver's license.

- First-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above are required to use interlock for one year.

- Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

### A DWI is no Holiday

- Plan for a safe ride — designate a sober driver, use a safe, alternative transportation option, or stay at the location of the celebration

- With bars and restaurants closed due to COVID-19, many people will decide to drink at home. The same rules apply, make sure you designated a sober driver or crash on a couch, not in a vehicle, if you're leaving family gatherings.

- Speak up – Offer to be a designated driver or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere. If you see an impaired person about to get behind the wheel, get them a safe ride home.

- Buckle up — the best defense against a drunk driver.

- Report drunk driving — call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

### Definitions

- Driving While Impaired (DWI) is a violation for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

- Alcohol-related: any evidence of alcohol detected in a driver, pedestrian or bicyclist.

- Impaired-related: any driver, pedestrian



Holiday DWI Arrests (Day before Thanksgiving – Dec. 30)	
Year	DWIs
2013	2,556
2014	2,565
2015	2,381
2016	2,271
2017	2,717
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,490</b>

DWI Arrests Year-Round	
Year	DWIs
2015	25,371
2016	24,103
2017	25,128
2018	26,414
2019	27,378
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,394</b>

2015-2019	
Holiday	Percent of Drunk Driving Fatalities
Memorial Holiday	37.5
Fourth of July	36.8
Labor Day	26.1
Thanksgiving	22.2
Christmas	11.8
Halloween	23.3
St. Patrick's Day	50
Cinco de Mayo	53.3
New Year's (2015-2018)	20

or bicyclist with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or above.

- Drunk-driving-related: any driver with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or above.

The Southeast Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths program brings area law enforcement, public health educators, engineers

and emergency medical and trauma services together to reduce the number of traffic fatalities and severe injuries to zero in southeast Minnesota. The 11-county area encompasses: Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha and Winona counties.

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# Local Government

## City Council Working Session Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 4, 2020 6:00 PM

The Working Session meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor John Betcher.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor John Betcher, Council Persons Mike Hammes, Chris Hagfors and Jeff Nelson.

Present via electronic meeting:

Bob Josselyn and Council Person Jeremy Tri.

Others Present: Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang and Municipal Liquor Store Manager Heather Groby.

Working Session meetings are for item updates, discussion and shaping the Regular Meeting agenda.

Motion by Hagfors, Second by Nelson to approve working session agenda. All in favor. None opposed. Carried.

Topics of Discussion:

Incoming Council election winners and best way to get information for new Council members to them.

Update on liquor store projects; new roof is going on and an electrician will be coming to install auxiliary heat in restroom. Suggestions for additional suppliers for updating emergency exit from 2nd floor.

Discussion of CARES Act expenditures. Suggestions of other extra expenses due to pandemic precautions to be checked for eligibility, and grantability of funds to local non-profits.

Update on Fire Department CARES Act planned expenditure and transfer of CARES Act funds by several client Townships to Fire Department.

Discussion of expanded vacation carry over due to circumstances regarding COVID.

Discussion of future cost of living adjustment formulas.

Discussion of First Ave. tall streetlight head replacement.

Question if a citation had been issued on a property reported for nuisance violation.

Information about setting up a sanitary sewer district with neighboring communities was shared with Council.

Request for local tower space by for small cell phone service was discussed.

Discussion of lower speed limits on 1st Ave. S and 2nd Ave. S.

Motion by Nelson, Second by Tri to recess until regular Council meeting at 6:00 PM, November 11, 2020. All in favor. None opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:25 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

## Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 11, 2020

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

Pledge of allegiance was said.

A message thanking Veterans was stated by the Mayor and Council in honor of Veterans Day.

Present: Mayor John Betcher, Council Persons Chris Hagfors, Jeremy Tri, and Mike Hammes.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Matt Mohs from Bolton and Menk, Council person elect Erica Young, Adeline Betcher, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law Office and Kayleen Anderson from Wabasha County Sheriff's Office.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Council person Jeff Nelson, Bob Josselyn, and Holly Galbus from the New-Record.

Motion by Tri Second by Hammes to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Tri to approve the October 14, 2020 regular City Council meeting minutes and the November 4, 2020 working session meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Deputy Kayleen Anderson presented the monthly Incident Command Report.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang presented the Fire Department report.

Written Public Works report was submitted. Mayor suggested that winter parking reminders be put on cars that are regularly parked along streets.

City Administrator Clerk Nahrgang presented the Municipal Liquor Store report.

Matt Mohs from Bolton and Menk presented a verbal update on the progress of trail surveying for a future bike trail and stated that a survey would need to be done on the 3rd Ave. SE crossing at highway 60.

Administrator Clerk Nahrgang said that the work WSB had completed on the

WWTP pre engineering report should be ready in December and that he had received information requesting t equipment access to the river across park land for the DNR stream project near the Maple St. Bridge. stating that he was already working on getting information transitioned from WSB. No word on CPL grant application approval for SE riverbank project.

Administrator Clerk Nahrgang presented the City Hall report.

Motion by Tri, Second by Nelson adding 3rd Ave. SE crossing and City Park survey near school to the areas to be surveyed. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Tri to approve Building Permits: MZ20-46, Mark & Bonnie Helder – setting new mobile home at Valley View Mobile Home park. MZ20-48, Matt & Desiree Matthees – detached garage. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Hagfors to approve Resolution 20-20 Allocating CARES Act funding. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Tri to Canvass of 2020 Election results. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, Second by Hagfors table request from LTD Broadband to lease space on City of Mazeppa infrastructure. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, Second by Hammes to approve upgrading the tall streetlights on 1st Ave. with LED fixtures. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, Second by Hagfors to approve transfer of \$2000 CARES Act funds to EDA for approved local non-profit business grant. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, Second by Hagfors to

approve Resolution 20-21 lowering speed limits on portions of 1st Ave. S and 2nd Ave. SE. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, Second by Nelson to approve purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Mazeppa Volunteer Fire Department using a combination of CARES Act funds and equipment funds. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hagfors, Second by Hammes to approve replacing the culvert on 2nd Ave. NE between Oak and Beech streets. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Motion by Tri, Second by Hammes to accept the first reading of Ordinance 45-1.21 setting 2021 fees for the City of Mazeppa. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Tri, Second by Hagfors to approve Resolution 20-22 Setting a time for a Public Hearing on vacation of City property. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Lamprecht noted City Ordinance requires a new survey will be needed for the park land after the new borders are drawn.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Hagfors to approve surveying the park next to the school. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Lamprecht said a Title Opinion on the land around the WWTP found no errors to be corrected.

Motion by Tri, Second by Hagfors to adjourn meeting until the next regular City Council meeting at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, December 9, 2020ng Session. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:29 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

## Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - October 14, 2020

The 10th meeting of the Zumbro Falls Council met at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the mayor. Absent was councilperson Paul Bankers.

The clerk read the minutes of the September meeting to council and were accepted as read by a motion from Anderson, seconded Heitmann, all in favor, carried. Treasurer's report followed and accepted by a motion from Anderson, seconded Eischens, all in favor, carried.

Also present at the meeting was Brian Veronen, from the DOT. Resolution #20-08 was presented for Waiver of Municipal Consent described in Minnesota Statutes 161.162. To 161.167, of the final layout for SP 7902-25 for the improvement of said and Trunk Highway 60 within the corporate limits. Council approved with a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

Patrick and Marsha Bruner asked council to approve a quick claim deed, prepared by Ohly Law Office, to give them a clear title of their property. Parcel 429 was land designated as "Park" is in Dreamwald Heights, located within, or North of Lot 17, Dreamwald Heights Addition to the Village of Zumbro Falls, Wabasha County, Minnesota. Council agreed with a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Resolution #20-07 was approved with a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried. This is the City contract agreement with Chase Tang Construction of Lake City for plowing and hauling snow for the 2020-2021 season.

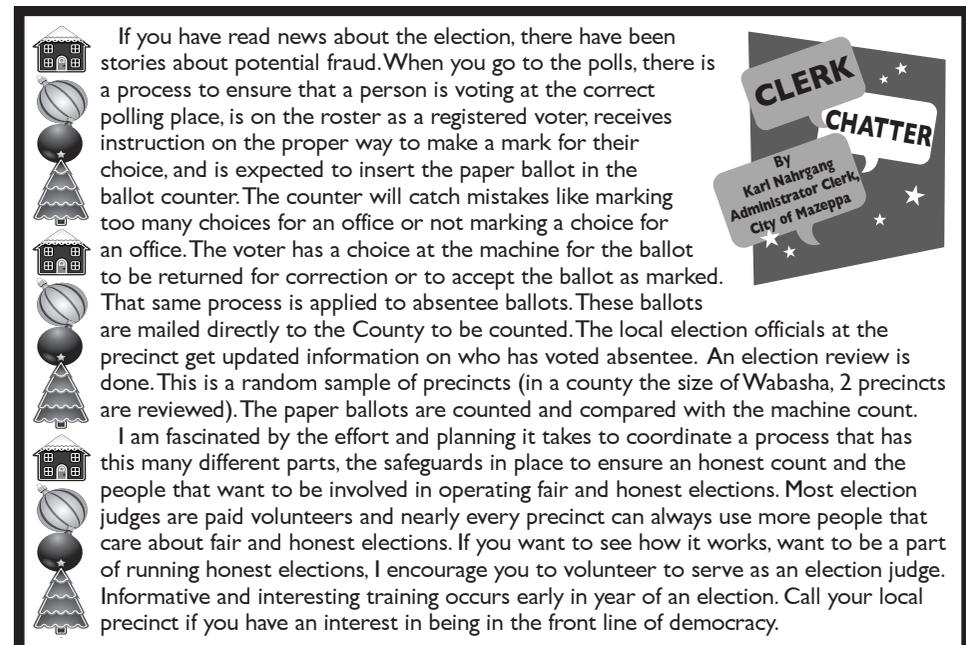
Christmas in Zumbro Falls 2020 event is cancelled due to the Covid situation to keep everyone safe. The lighting contest for residents and businesses will still happen with cash prizes awarded. Additional City decorations will also be considered to be purchased for the Holiday Season.

The Fire Department will be holding their Halloween Open House this year at the Fire Hall. A trunk and treat event will also be held across from City Hall.

A donation from Dave Kehren in the amount of \$200.00 was presented to council for acceptance. Motion followed to accept by Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Motion for the clerk to pay all bills and the meeting to adjourn was made by Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Submitted by,  
Susan Eischens, Clerk



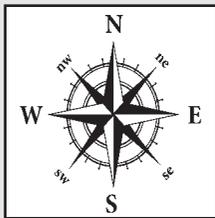
If you have read news about the election, there have been stories about potential fraud. When you go to the polls, there is a process to ensure that a person is voting at the correct polling place, is on the roster as a registered voter, receives instruction on the proper way to make a mark for their choice, and is expected to insert the paper ballot in the ballot counter. The counter will catch mistakes like marking too many choices for an office or not marking a choice for an office. The voter has a choice at the machine for the ballot to be returned for correction or to accept the ballot as marked. That same process is applied to absentee ballots. These ballots are mailed directly to the County to be counted. The local election officials at the precinct get updated information on who has voted absentee. An election review is done. This is a random sample of precincts (in a county the size of Wabasha, 2 precincts are reviewed). The paper ballots are counted and compared with the machine count.

I am fascinated by the effort and planning it takes to coordinate a process that has this many different parts, the safeguards in place to ensure an honest count and the people that want to be involved in operating fair and honest elections. Most election judges are paid volunteers and nearly every precinct can always use more people that care about fair and honest elections. If you want to see how it works, want to be a part of running honest elections, I encourage you to volunteer to serve as an election judge. Informative and interesting training occurs early in year of an election. Call your local precinct if you have an interest in being in the front line of democracy.



By  
Karl Nahrgang  
Administrator Clerk,  
City of Mazeppa

## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Fiber Optic in the Backwoods



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.*

I lived in the country in Minnesota all my life. It would take both hands to count the number of Internet providers I have had in Minnesota over the years. Some started out good and then fizzled as more customers ate up the bandwidth. Some under-performed as soon as they were installed. One would think that 17 miles from Rochester would deliver better Internet. My last experience in Dodge County was with Minnesota WiFi and I have to say that they were consistent and delivered what they promised. The \$130 per month for 30mbps down and 10 mbps up seems a little steep though.

So, after moving to Tennessee I needed to have a reliable Internet provider since I work online for a living. In 1933 the Tennessee Valley Authority was commissioned to provide electrical power to the rural areas in the state as a way to increase the standard of living. Fast forward to the 21st century and the Cumberland Cooperative produces hydro-electric power as well as coal fired electrical power to all citizens. There is a power line to every rural address in the state and they decided to string the Internet to every home as well. And not just Internet, but high-speed fiber optic Internet.

So I live five miles out of town and High Speed Fiber Optic Internet is at our door. \$50 per month and no connection fees or modem and router deposits for 250mbps up and 250mbps down. Internet so fast it will make your head spin and priced lower than any slow provider back in the snow state. I am often asked how I manage to put ten newspapers together each month while living 800 miles from Minnesota. High quality Internet is the answer.

So in Minnesota you have cold weather, 10X higher property taxes, a state income tax, poor Internet service, and a city which wants to defund the police while rioters burn it down in the summer. And in Tennessee you have great Internet at a low cost, no county planning and zoning departments, low real estate taxes and no state income tax and the people love their law enforcement departments. You might have figured out why I moved here.

coming over that evening for dinner and presents; in the meantime, we watched Christmas movies and worked on Christmas dinner.

I think it was a pretty normal Christmas that year... or at least it was until the dishwasher shorted out before dinner causing it to fill up with water. It was all going to be OK though because Grandpa, who had been a Navy Electrician, was going to fix it. All he needed to do was cut off the power to the dishwasher and take care of the problem.

Now the breaker box was in the garage, and I do not remember exactly how but the wrong breaker got turned off. So instead of turning off the power to the dishwasher the power to the oven got turned off instead. Which not only left Grandpa working on a live dishwasher, where thankfully nothing happened but stopped the oven.

The oven where the Christmas ham, that my mother had rubbed down with brown sugar and poured Coca-Cola over, had been baking. The oven that no one noticed was off until after the dishwasher had been taken care of.

I was eight that year so I don't rightly remember if we even ended up eating the ham that day once the power mixup was noticed. But I will never forget the Christmas dishwasher disaster of 2004.



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## A Minnesotan in the North: Christmas



By RosaLin Alcoser

Not all but many holidays over the course of my childhood are marked with some kind of minor disaster. Like the Thanksgiving table fire, or the Christmas Eve were my sister and I accidentally did a 360 on the highway in between the fifth and sixth Christmas Eve service of the night. No one ever gets hurt in these minor disasters but they make the holiday memorable and make for a good story. One that came to me this year was the Christmas that the dishwasher shorted out.

It was the Christmas of 2004, I was eight-years-old that year. Honestly, I cannot for the life of me remember what I got for Christmas that year. What I can remember is the events of the day.

It was a typical Christmas of my childhood. We got up had breakfast and did stockings before Dad went off to work to do Christmas day services at the Medical Center in Rochester. The family would be

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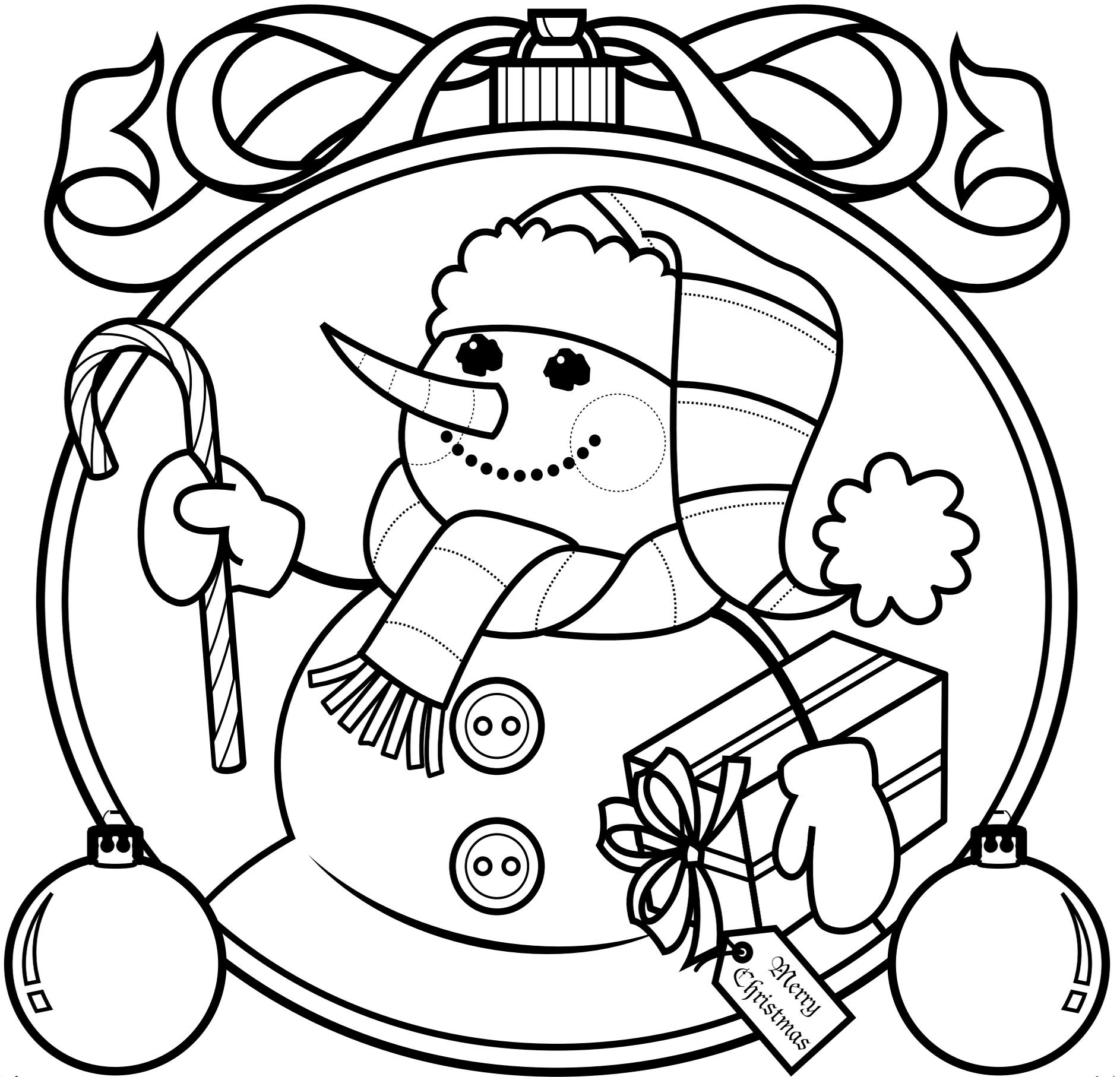
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