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Announcements

• **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.

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 continues to do research into our past for the future:** Check your attic's, in need of the 1940's & 1950's Mazeppa Journals. Thank you for your support in preserving our history for the future! Let's have a Great 2021!

• **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.

Mazeppa Discusses Joint WWTP Project

Mazeppa was one of five local communities exploring the possibility of a combined waste water treatment facility. The old and outdated WWTP will have to be addressed in the coming years and could mean an investment of up to five million dollars. The cities of Zumbrota, Pine Island, Goodhue, Mazeppa and Wanamingo are discussing the feasibility of building one new centrally located waste water treatment plant. A combined facility could save funds for each community in construction and operation and manpower. The downside is the cost of building the new facility and the volume of discharge from one location.

The idea was started by the city of Goodhue inquiring to install a lift station and pump waste water to Zumbrota. Their wastewater treatment plant is over eighty years old and needs to be upgraded or

replaced. It like most the surrounding communities is operating with an expired pollution discharge permit. A new plant would cost between \$5 and \$8 million to build while installing a line to pump waste to the Zumbrota plant would cost about \$5 million. From there a joint sanitary district with all five communities became a discussion. By March 31st the cities involved would have to come up with a cooperation plan and a feasibility study would follow to determine location and cost estimates. There is still no certainty that the state would approve such a plan. If the plans were to go forward it would require application for a bonding bill next year to allow construction in 2025. Many of the cities will need to upgrade their own WWTPs by that time anyway.

After meeting with the five communities

in February, the city of Mazeppa made the decision to opt out of the plan, stating that they cannot wait that long to address the waste water treatment facility needs, and will move forward to upgrade or replace the waste water treatment facility in town. The council approved the engineer to amend the report to submit to the state for funding options for the project.

Z-M Students Back in School Fulltime

Z-M middle school students returned to the classroom full time on March 1st and the high school students will return March 15th. They have been in a hybrid model of every other day in class since the Christmas break and were in distance learning for a couple months prior. Superintendent Harvey initiated the timeline to return to in school learning based on the failure rate doubling while out of the classroom compared to the previous year at the same time.

The Z-M school district plans to remove the buildings on the property at 178 Maple Street NE in Mazeppa in order to construct a parking lot for the school. A conditional use permit was approved at the January Mazeppa city council meeting to convert the residence into a parking lot. The planning and zoning committee addressed some of the concerns for the project.

There will need to be a barrier between the parking lot and the residence next to it. Storm water management and curb and gutter will need to be installed and lighting will have to be installed with directional illumination and blinders to prevent affected nearby residences.

Commissioners Hand-Deliver Checks to Businesses in Wabasha County

A total of \$426,000 was handed out to 47 businesses that have been economically impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns in Wabasha County.

Courtesy of Post Bulletin

MILLVILLE — "It's been a brutal year," said Sara Evers.

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Wabasha County Commissioner Brian Gohl hand delivers a check to Angie Hein, who co-owns Buck Wild Bar and Grill with her sister Erica Klees, Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, in Zumbro Falls. (Joe Ahlquist / jahlquist@postbulletin.com)



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Bloom Where You're Planted



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

When we begin to fully follow Jesus Christ- our ambitions, our desires change- but that doesn't mean our giftings or our talents necessarily change. We are created with those- but now the focus of those gifts and talents is new. There's a story of a queen in the Bible- a young woman that was Queen of Persia. She was also a Hebrew, from the conquered people that lived with in Persia. Yet, she was beautiful and gracious and had been chosen to be the queen. The time came for her to come forward to the King to save her people- her cousin Mordecai challenged her to fulfill her true calling. "13 Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. 14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

15 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." Mordecai told Esther, "Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" Perhaps she was made queen for this time- I would go a bit further-of course that's why God placed her there.) When Esther didn't try to get out of her 'job' but chose to do what would seem impossible and accept the position that God placed her in. God had given her wisdom and grace to be just the right person to reach the king and save the Jewish people.

We are to live faithful in the situation of life in which we were called to follow Jesus. We are to be steadfast, loyal, keep our promises and observe our duty. When we accept Christ as our Savior- we are called to follow Jesus and the Holy Spirit lives in us. With the Holy Spirit's help, we

are to be faithful in whatever situation we find ourselves in.

When I began my journey with Jesus, I was a 20 year old stay-at-home mom. As I learned and grew in my faith, I was faithful to that calling. I strived to be the best mom and renter that I could be. I was faithful with the work I was called to do at that time. As a new believer I also felt a desire to serve in the church- the church here at South Troy had a 90+ year old organist and her health was failing- I eventually became bold enough to tell someone that I knew how to play the organ and I became the next organist until they closed the church in 1988. I was faithful to the call of God in my life at that time. But that doesn't mean we never change- or that we stay in that same job forever. For me- I loved being able to stay at home with my children- first- Jeannie and then Michael. But circumstances changed both times and I became a working single mom. I served as a maid and a waitress after my daughter's death. I strived to be the best maid, and the best waitress that I could be- so that Jesus life would be seen in me. As a waitress, which I had vowed I would never do again, I became rather good at it, I was dependable, it helped me to get over my fear of talking to people and eventually I learned to be a short-order cook too. I was able to provide for myself. Later, I ran an in-home day-care- and God blessed that work as well. Each time I strove to be the best that I could be in each situation. I learned new skills, grew more confident and more independent. I was able to tithe- to give from what I earned to the work of the church. Even more important I knew I was pleasing God because I was right where I was supposed to be.

For us to truly grow there needs to be



commitment of time and resources to getting to know the other person. As we do in an intimate human relationship; we devote our time and our resources to getting to know that person and spend time with them. To become a fully committed follower of Christ- once we've accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior there are 6 things that will help us to grow our relationship with Jesus.

- Talk to Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray continually," Communication is essential to strengthening your relationship with God. He is there for you not only in times of need, but in times when you just want to talk.

- Obey Him. James 1:25. The least we can do for Him is to try our best to obey His commandments. In obeying God's will, we become brighter and stronger in spirit, integrity and mind.,

- Read and Study God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16. Scriptures are meaningful

and beneficial; they allow God to speak to us.

- Listen for Him Psalm 46:10, When you are finished praying, don't quickly turn toward your phone or computer, take time to stop, look, and listen for God's answers to your prayers. Communication goes both ways.

- Show gratitude. Philippians 4:6 Being grateful for God's hand in your life will make you more appreciative of His constant presence and your purpose here on the earth. Being gracious goes hand in hand with expressing humility.

- Be mindful of God's presence. Psalm 139. Though it may seem like He is far away at times, He is not.

When we are totally sold out for God- and we do what He has called us to do- one day we too will hear our Lord and Savior say, "Well done- good and faithful servant!" Well done.

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Make a Name for Ourselves

Scripture Reading — Genesis 11:1-9
"Let us . . . make a name for ourselves . . . [and not] be scattered over the face of the whole earth." - Genesis 11:4

God created people so that they would increase in numbers and populate the earth. At the time of the tower of Babel, everyone had the same language, and the people said they wanted to make a name for themselves and not be scattered across the earth. But God ultimately scattered them.

Why did they build a tower? They said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens. . . ." From ancient civilizations we have learned that the top of a tower was seen as a holy place where gods lived. But instead of having a holy place that would honor God, the people at Babel wanted this to be a place where they made a name for themselves. They wanted to honor themselves instead of God. In doing so, they banished God from their lives and disobeyed his command to "fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). Because of this rebellion, God confused their language and scattered them.

Imagine how God felt as he confused the people's language. They couldn't understand each other. They couldn't work together anymore. They stopped building, and they moved away from each other.

In the end, people who drive out God cannot do well. They cannot understand each other, and they cannot work together to build a community that honors God.

Prayer

O God, be the Lord and King of our hearts. Let us be concerned about honoring your name, not ours. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

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Leonard Liffrig

A memorial mass of Christian burial for Leonard Liffrig was held Tuesday February 16th at 11:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa. The Reverend Shawn Haremza celebrated the mass. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Masking and social distancing were required. Burial followed at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Mazeppa.

Mr. Liffrig, 83, of Rochester, died Wednesday February 10, 2021 at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Rochester Methodist

Campus, in Rochester.

Leonard Walter "Lenny" Liffrig was born September 1, 1937 in Red Wing, Minnesota, the son of Walter and Evelyn (Spalla) Liffrig. Raised in Mazeppa on a dairy farm, he was a graduate of Mazeppa High School. He entered the U.S. Army and served in the reserves until he was honorably discharged in 1966. In 1961 he married Kathy Hofschulte in Mazeppa. To this marriage was born four children. Mr. and Mrs. Liffrig later divorced. He worked 35 years at IBM in Rochester, and he drove school bus for another 20 years following retirement. He loved going to local church dinners, and he could always be counted on for remembering birthdays. He was a member of the American Legion Post #92 in Rochester and the IBM Alumni.

He is survived by his sons and daughters, Alane (Norm) Booth of Zumbrota, Virginia "Ginny" (Troy) Peterson of Stewartville, Tim (Therese) Liffrig of Apple Valley, and Chris (Tina) Liffrig of Oronoco; eight grandchildren, Garry Booth, Matt Gunderson, Nick Hall, Nate Gunderson, Alyssa Dohrn, Hannah Liffrig, Peter Liffrig, and Sarah Liffrig; as well as seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

For those unable to attend the service it was live-streamed on Mahn Family Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Ronald H. Klindworth

Ronald H Klindworth, 91, of Lake City, passed away unexpectedly on February 18, 2021, at his home in Lake City.

Ronald was born on August 18, 1929 to Edward & Mildred (Siewert) Klindworth in Gilford Township. On August 24,

1950 Ronald married Arlene Kackmann in Hammond, MN. They farmed on the Klindworth Family Farm in Chester Township until 1985 when they moved to Lake City. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bear Valley and he served on the church board for many years. Lake City Lions Club, Lake City Sportsman Club. He also served on the Chester Township Board and Lake City State Bank Board. Ronald enjoyed fishing trips to Kabetogama and Lake of The Woods, hunting deer, moose and elk, traveling to see his kids including family in Australia, playing cards with the plow boys and his casino trips. He was a state corn husking champion and National Competitor and was also able to do this with three generations of his family. He enjoyed spending time with his family and

friends. Ronald might have moved of the farm in 1985, but he never stopped farming.

Ronald is survived by his children, Darold (Andrea) Klindworth of Yarragon, Victoria, Australia, son in law Chet Ross of Lake City, Marion (Jeff) Breuer of Lake City, Dennis (Sue Ecker) Klindworth of Mazeppa, Bonnie (Bruce) Gibson of Rochester, and Duane (Deanna) Klindworth of Augusta, WI; 16 grandchildren, Jason, Brian Allan Klindworth, Tony Ross, Kelly Amundson, Craig Breuer, Jacob, Alex and Brandon Klindworth, Rosemary Dicke, Adam, Eric and Sean Gibson Bethany Schwalbe, Desyre and Dylan Klindworth; 21 great grandchildren, two step-great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren. Special friend Elaine Serres of Red Wing; two sisters, Marlis Heitman of Lake City, Ardis Kohlmeyer of Chatfield

Ronald was preceded in death by his wife Arlene, his parents, daughter Sharon Ross and daughter in law Lisa Klindworth.

A private family funeral was held at St. John's Lutheran Church - Bear Valley in rural Mazeppa, on Friday February 26th. Reverend Daniel Riech officiated. The funeral was live streamed on the Mahn Family Funeral Home Facebook page at 1pm on Friday. Burial was in the church cemetery. A walk-through visitation was Thursday from 4 to 7 at the Mahn Family Funeral Home Anderson- Peterson Chapel in Lake City. Masks and social distancing were required. On-Line Condolences may be placed at mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com



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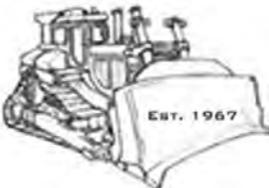
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Commissioners Hand-Deliver Checks to Businesses in Wabasha County

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Evers and her sister, Kay Briggs, own and operate Breakfast Barn, a restaurant in Millville that, like many businesses, has suffered due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wabasha County Commissioner Brian Goihl hand-delivered a COVID-19 relief check to Evers and Briggs to help offset some of their losses.

Need And Scope of Help

Breakfast Barn is one of 44 Wabasha County businesses that will receive – or have already received – hand-delivered checks from the five commissioners in Wabasha County. Carolyn Holmsten, interim county administrator, said the money comes from a deal state legislators made last December. Based on its population and a few other factors, Wabasha County received just more than \$426,000 to disperse to businesses located in the county, not having a state tax lien, and impacted by the governor's last executive order.

"We advertised for applications, and the commissioners themselves went knocking on doors asking businesses to apply," Holmsten said.

In total, the county received 90 applications for about \$889,000. But the commissioners focused on facilities shut down by the Nov. 20 executive order, including bars, restaurants and fitness facilities.

Who Was Hit Hardest

Goihl said Breakfast Barn is the kind of business the relief funds were designed for.

"You have two ladies trying to keep it going," he said. "Doing take out didn't really work. Their doors were shut and they were able to open a little for outdoor dining. But we have these businesses where you can't open your doors, but you still have to pay taxes, you still have to pay your licensing fees."

Evers said she and her sister put off doing

takeout orders because that was a niche filled by the restaurant Whisky Dicks just up the street. So the sisters shut down to remodel before doing takeout in May. By June, the county had helped by blocking off part of the street and sidewalk to allow outdoor dining, but the revenues still lagged behind previous years.

One of the hardest parts, Evers said, is not being able to stay open for regulars who rely on their small-town diner as a gathering place as well as a place to eat.

"We have ladies who come in every morning for coffee and breakfast," Evers said. "Then we also have a bunch of guys early in the morning, farmers or retired folks. Yeah, it's impacted them a lot."

She said once the state allowed inside dining, there was a positivity in her regular patrons that showed how much they missed the communal aspect of a small-town diner. Plus, some of the older customers get their main meal of the day from her restaurant.

"If they're not cooking at home, this could be their only meal," Evers said. "There's a lot of concern for the older folks b-- are they eating?"

No One Catches The Bus

Mike Kennedy, who along with his wife Barbara owns Sugar Loaf Charter in Zumbro Falls, said that other than a few weddings in September, his businesses has been shut down since March 12.

The charter bus company does a lot of business with schools and colleges transporting folks to sporting events or cultural events in the Twin Cities, but when schools all went virtual, those accounts dried up.

"There's just no place that any of those groups are going to," he said. "All of the places they go have been closed due to the virus."

Kennedy said was glad to receive a little more than \$10,000 in the check Goihl handed him Friday.

Kennedy said he's been able to control some of his expenses. His insurance company took the liability coverage off his policies, which saved a lot of money. And his bank has allowed him to pay interest-only payments for the loans on his charter buses.

Still, based on his calendar and items canceled in 2020, he figures he missed out on about \$250,000 in revenue. Plus, he said, there would have been other jobs to book as the school year progressed.

"What Brian Goihl is going to bring me,



Kay Briggs and her sister Sara Evers on Friday, February 19, 2021, outside the Breakfast Barn in Millville. (Traci Westcott / twestcotti@postbulletin.com)

that'll help immensely," Kennedy said, adding he's still got a ways to go before his business is back on the road. "I think it'll probably be next school year before things open up really."

Missy's Managing the Manor

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



By Missy Papenfus

I enjoy writing (when I can find the time). That's what life is all about, making the time to do what you enjoy! I feel that becoming organized, in turn gives me more time. I can be pretty organized, and then, in what feels like about 5 minutes, I have way too much to do and don't know where to start. I enjoy reading about organizing, so in my quest to spend more time becoming even more organized, I thought why not share some ideas while practicing what I preach...

Where to start? I am a list maker. I say start with a list and keeping a master calendar. My lists get out of control easily. Every day at MotoProz, I start off with a new list for the day. That's part of my problem, I end up at the end of the week with 10 lists of 5 tasks that I did not get to for the day. I am still working on this. My quest for today is to make separate lists while getting rid of all those lose papers!

Set a timer and work for 10 minutes. Most of the time, just starting, gets me going and I end up accomplishing more than I ever even planned to do. Clean the surface first, so your hard work shows through. If you don't know where to start, just start with doing the dishes.

If you don't love it or use it, lose it! Monty is done growing now, but when he was still growing I literally gave his small clothes away just to get them out of the house.

Stay tuned for next month's topic "Papers".

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

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Zumbro Valley Snowmobilers

By Missy Papenfus

I'm Missy Papenfus. My husband Mike and I own MotoProz in Mazeppa, we're the second oldest Arctic Cat dealer. I have been the secretary of Zumbro Valley Snowmobilers Snowmobile Club (ZVS) for the past ten years. ZVS has 105 plus miles of trail in southeast Minnesota. The snow conditions have been pretty good this year



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as compared to prior years. We could always use another splash of snow. ZVS, like most clubs in our area is all volunteer. We have a group of groomer drivers that groom depending on a number of things including their schedules (they all have full-time jobs), the weather, and snow conditions.

Last year we tested out a smaller side by side with a drag to groom with, so we could

have two groomers to allow the club to cover more ground and also use the smaller groomer to get through tighter spaces on certain trails.

Monday, February 1st, my husband Mike, our 19-year-old son Monty and a couple of his buddies made it their mission to ride every mile of the ZVS trails and put on 130 plus miles. They enjoyed the day, and the trails were in great shape.

We have many neat options available for grabbing a bite or beverage to warm up. Off of Highway 63, 5 miles south of Zumbro Falls, there is a grain bin warming shelter called the "Skin Bin". Zumbro Falls has The Local Pizzeria, Neptune Bar, Delila's

Cafe and Buck Wild Bar and Grill. Mazeppa has Leo's Sports Bar & Grill and the Mazeppa Liquor Store. More scenic stops would be Mac's Park Place, The Pondy, and Uncle John's on Lake Zumbro.

Though we sell snowmobiles, I don't get much riding time. The ZVS trail I have rode the most is from Zumbro Falls to the "Skin Bin" which goes directly by the Zumbro Falls Golf Course, another great place to visit and you can decide from the "Skin Bin" which destination to travel to next on to Hammond to visit Rock Bottom Bar which I call the scenic route, beautiful riding through the woods or to the Lake Zumbro area.

MISSY'S MESSAGE



GETTING MORE STEPS!



MISSY PAPERFUS

I am finally full-time at MotoProz with the boys! Ready for a fresh new healthier start! Things have been busy for us. I like to exercise first thing in the morning, so I do not come up with a reason to put it off. I have come up with a bunch of reasons not to exercise, and I have put it off. My number one excuse is being tired and not getting up when the alarm goes off. Being on my feet most of the day every day is something I am still getting used to.

I decided it is time to focus on simply getting more steps in. It is not that hard running around the store getting this or that for whoever needs it in turn getting more steps. I walk to the post office every day. I go walking with a friend a couple days a week, but we chose not to walk if it is 30 degrees below zero! I also do not like to go if it is too icy. I have a treadmill at home which bores me, but it is a nice option to have if the weather is not cooperating. I also have a small trampoline, but I have not gotten that out for quite a while.

This fall, I was walking with my mom a few days a week. I think it is best to find a walking partner to hold you accountable and have the right equipment if the weather is not cooperating. I walked 3 miles in my new Sorel boots, and they are NOT walking shoes. I got the worst blisters. I can finally wear them again, and I could not walk for two weeks. Do what works for you, and keep building from there.

Memo from MotoProz....

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Time Never Stands Still



By Harvey Mackay

"How do you explain the relativity of time?" the professor was asked.

"Well," she replied, "if I am rushing to catch a plane, and the check-in clerk is so slow that I miss my flight, the extra two minutes don't mean much to him but they sure make a difference to me. That's relativity."

Time is one gift that we are all given equally. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. The only variable is how many years we each have. And that alone is reason enough to make every minute count.

Have you ever wondered where all your time goes?

The average person spends seven years in the bathroom, six years eating, four years

cleaning house, five years waiting in line, two years trying to return phone calls to people who aren't there, three years preparing meals, one year searching for misplaced items and six months waiting at red lights.

That's nearly 30 years and doesn't include a lot of what you might need or want to do. That's why prioritizing your time should be a top priority.

February is National Time Management Month, a perfect time to develop a plan to ensure everything you do is moving you in the direction of your goals and limiting the distractions that prevent you from realizing them. Do a quick audit of your day to consider whether you're working hard or smart.

I'm a time management freak, so anything I can do to save time is important to me. That includes returning phone calls at the end of the day, being specific in leaving messages when I'm available to prevent telephone tag, calling ahead to confirm an appointment and even the best place to park to get going quickly. Time is money. I can get more money, but I can't get more time.

The best advice, don't waste time.

Benjamin Franklin said, "If we take care of the minutes, the years will take care of themselves." One minute doesn't seem like much; however, never underestimate the cumulative effect of each minute we live.

Let's suppose, a minute is worth one penny. You see a penny lying on the street but pass it by because it is hardly worth the effort of leaning over to pick it up. But if you double that penny every day for a month, at the end of 31 days you would

have 536,870,912 pennies. Translated into dollars, that's \$5,368,709.12.

The value we place on each minute of every day will have a cumulative impact on the remainder of our lives. Maybe that's why Franklin also said, "Waste neither time, nor money, but make the best use of both."

Peter Drucker, the late management guru, said, "Time is the scarcest resource, and unless it is managed nothing else can be managed."

"Everything requires time," he added. "It is the only truly universal condition. All work takes place in time and uses up time. Yet most people take for granted this unique, irreplaceable and necessary resource."

My friend Wally "Famous" Amos sent me this story years ago. A man was working on a Saturday when he realized how he had lost track of his life's priorities, including spending time with his family. He did a little arithmetic and figured the average person lives about 75 years. He multiplied 75 times 52 and came up with 3,900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person will live. With his age, he figured if he lived to age 75, he would have 1,000 Saturdays left, so he went to a toy store and bought 1,000 marbles and went home and put them in a large jar.

Every Saturday after that he took one marble out and threw it away. He found that watching the marbles diminish helped him really focus on the important things in life.

There's nothing like trying to gauge your time here on earth to get your priorities



straight. When every minute is precious, you learn to use them to the fullest. As humorist Bob Murphey said, "The only person to succeed while horsing around is a bookie."

A little boy, late for school, asked God to help him get there on time. He ran, stumbled and breathlessly said, "God, I asked you to help me, but don't push me."

Don't let your time push you. Take the time to manage your time.

Mackay's Moral: You can save time, but you can't bank it.

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SMIF Seeking Applications for Paint the Town Grants

By Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), in partnership with regional hardware stores, will be accepting applications for free paint and coating products for community mural, community welcome sign or historic structure projects through its Paint the Town Grant program.

This grant opportunity is available to communities with a population under 10,000 throughout SMIF's 20-county region. A goal of this program is to encourage local volunteer involvement in the painting process. A total of up to 10 projects will be awarded paint products based on visual impact, public benefit, volunteer participation and community support.

Since 1997, SMIF has helped distributed more than 10,000 gallons of paint to 277 projects in the region through various programs. The Paint the Town Grant program was officially launched in 2015 with regional Ace Hardware and Arrow Hardware and Paint stores.



The participating stores are Arrow Hardware & Paint (store locations: Northfield, Owatonna, Rochester Crossroads, Rochester North, St. Peter, Shakopee, St. Cloud), Faribault Ace Hardware, Pellicci Ace Hardware (store locations: Eagan, Farmington, Rosemount, Zumbrota) and St. Charles Ace Hardware. While some participating stores are located outside of SMIF's region, only communities with populations under 10,000 within SMIF's 20-county region are eligible to apply.

"Pellicci Ace Hardware is honored to be a

part of such an impactful program such as the Paint the Town Grant," said Mark Pellicci, owner of four of the participating stores. "We enjoy being the place to go for paint and are proud to have it displayed for the community to see."

"Faribault Ace Hardware is proud to once again support the Paint the Town Grant in partnership with SMIF," said Joe Donahue, owner of one of the participating stores. "This program is a great way for volunteers to come together around a community project."

"As we have seen over the past six years

of the Paint the Town Grant program, beautification projects can have a powerful impact on small towns," said Tim Penny, SMIF president and CEO. "We are proud to support these projects in our southern Minnesota region alongside our Ace Hardware and Arrow Hardware & Paint partners."

Applications are due to SMIF by March 31, 2021. For more information or to apply visit our website at www.smifoundation.org or contact Jennifer Heien at 507-214-7040; jenniferh@smifoundation.org.



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Local Government & Historical Happenings

Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - January 13, 2021

The first meeting of the City of Zumbro Falls Council met at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, Bruce Heitmann. All council members were present.

The Oath of Office was read by all incoming elected members. Bruce Heitmann, Mayor, Susan Eischens, Clerk and Paul Bankers, Council Person.

The Clerk read the minutes of the December 2020 meeting which were accepted as read with a motion from Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Treasurer updated council on all financial information for December. Acceptance followed with a motion from Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

Resolution No. 21-01 was put in place with a motion from Anderson, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried. This resolution is the Schedule of Fees for 2021. A change was made to the schedule concerning the base sewer rate which will take a \$5.00 increase making it \$35.00 which was suggested by our City Financial Advisor to generate additional income for the 2022 infrastructure project.

Motion to accept the following for 2021 was made by Dennison, seconded Bankers,

all in favor carried. City Paper, Lake City Paper, Insurance, Lakeshore Agency, Bank, Minnwest Bank, City Attorney, Hoff Barry and Kozar, Weed Inspector, Bruce Heitmann, City Engineer, Matt Mohs with Bolten and Menk, Acting Mayor, Phil Dennison, Fire Relief Trustees, Mayor, Clerk, and council person, Phil Dennison, with the Posting Places, Falls Standard, Post Office, Buck Wild, and Rod's Service.

Elected Offices to be held for 2021 within the Fire Department are as follows:

Chief-Bruce Heitmann, 1st Asst., Nate Richardson, 2nd Asst., Scott Kennedy, President, Matt Fick, Vice President, Chris Conrad, Secretary, Leon Sexton, Treasurer, Matt Fick, Training Officer, Chris Conrad, Asst. Training Officer, Logan Deobald, with Relief Members, Nate Richardson and Ike Klees.

New Fire Department members are Robert Newsome and Noah Kehren.

Bruce stated to council that the Hometown Hero's project will begin in June of this year. Thanks to Trophy Store and More for donating the banners to display for this project.

Fire Department Donations for acceptance are as follows: Peoples State Bank \$500.00 for Medical costs, \$500.00 to responders for Medical Costs and \$500.00 to be used for protective gear, Thoren Mangold in the

amount of \$200.00 to be used for protective gear, 10,000.00 from the Wabasha County VFW Post 1802 for the Hero's memorial, and \$41,500.00 from the Fire Relief to be split: \$20,000.00 to the Hero's Memorial and \$21,500.00 to the Fire Truck Fund for additional costs on the new Fire Truck. These donations were accepted by a motion from

Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

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

Submitted by,
Susan Eischens, Clerk

Home Town Heroes Memorial



The Home Town Heroes Memorial is coming to Zumbro Falls in 2021. Thank you to the VFW Post 1802 and the Zumbro Falls fire Fighters.

courtesy of City of Zumbro Falls

Historical Happenings

Compiled by
Helen Reiland

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

January 26, 1951

Around the School-SPORTS-"M-Club"

A letterman's club was organized here recently. Its primary purpose is to build school spirit and to have some student participation in the running of athletes. It officially adopted an award policy. To be eligible to join the "M" club, a boy must have earned a letter in athletics. The "M" club hopes to promote good sportsmanship and good conduct in school.

FARM BUREAU CARD PARTY DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The Mazeppa Farm Bureau card party was held at the Legion hall, Jan. 18, with a nice crowd attending. Five hundred was played at 10 tables.

High prizes went to Mrs. John Ring and A.A. Hoffman. Low prizes were won by Mrs. Roberts and Henry W. Sommerfield. The door prize was also by Henry W. Sommerfield.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with Chester unit at the Legion hall on Feb. 6, at 11 a.m.

On the program committee are Winifred Larson, Mrs. Joe Ferber, and Clayton Pfeiffer, Mrs. Bernard Grossbach, Mrs. Lloyd Grossbach and Mrs. John Staub charge of the noon lunch.

Our unit wishes to thank everyone who came to help make our card party a success.

Severa Goetsch.

Annual John Deere Day Slated for Thursday

Excellent entertainment has been booked by Valley Motor & Implement Co. for the annual John Deere day.

Two shows will be given---at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the high school auditorium. A free lunch will be served after each show at the garage.

Free tickets may be obtained at the garage. You are invited to come early and enjoy the day with Valley Motor & Implement Co.

Obituaries: WILLIAM C. LAMB

William C. Lamb passed away January 15th at Sparta, Wis., at the age of 64 years, five months and eight days.

Mr. Lamb, a cousin of Mrs. Leslie Lawrence, was the son of Wm. and Lucy Lamb of Tunnel City, Wis.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1951

Obituaries

C.W. COLLING

C.W. Colling, Mazeppa undertaker and furniture dealer for about 45 years, died from complications of old age Feb. 23, at his home. He was 88 years of age.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Colling, he was born Dec. 3, 1862 in New York state. He was married May 2, 1888 in Mazeppa to Miss Susan Schreder. Mr. and Mrs. Colling celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1948.

Surviving are his widow; four daughters, Mrs. Lynn Beeman of Red Wing, Mrs. Lu Dankers of St. Paul, Mrs. Maude Redding of Mazeppa and Mrs. Jack Jurvelin of St. Paul, and 12 grandchildren. A son, William, died at the age of 12.

Hearing on Hartz will Postponed until March 12

Mr. Hartz, who died Dec. 31, 1950, willed five first cousins \$1,000 each, six second cousins \$500 each, \$7000 to charity and remainder to Miss Anna Hoff of Mazeppa, his nurse and housekeeper. Four of the first cousins have charged Miss Hoff and "others exerted undue influence" on Mr. Hartz.

Mazeppa Creamery Reports Unusually Good Year!

A total of 6,679,285 pounds of cream and milk was processed and 222,881.5 pounds of butterfat. The report, as ready by Manager Eldred A. Kuehn, revealed an exceptionally good year for the organization.

Local News:

Mr. and Mrs. John Klein and Eva Sommerfield attended a birthday party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buck Friday evening in honor of Mr. Buck's birthday. Eva spent the week-end with Mrs. Buck.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sibley took their daughter Beverly to Lake City Monday for medical treatment. She has an infection in her foot.

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.

Council Working Session

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

The Mazeppa City Council working session was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Councilpersons Mike Hammes and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang and City Engineer Matt Mohs.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Councilperson Jeff Nelson. Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, and City Engineer Chris Swanson.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffriig.

This meeting was a joint meeting held electronically with the Councils from Pine Island, Goodhue, Wanamingo and Zumbrota, their engineering representatives, and representatives from Minnesota Rural Water Association and Minnesota Pollution Control. Preliminary meetings have been held among the engineering and administrative staff from Zumbrota, Goodhue, Wanamingo, Pine Island and Mazeppa.

A Sanitary Sewer District would be a special government entity set up for the sole purpose of collection and treatment of waste produced by the communities setting up the district. A power point presentation was given about the pros and cons of forming a sanitary sewer district was given. Questions from members of the various Councils were discussed with the engineers and wastewater professionals attending the meeting.

At the conclusion of the joint meeting, the Mazeppa City Council remained in session to discuss the sanitary district proposal versus refurbishing or replacing the City's

wastewater treatment facility.

Discussions included overall cost of each proposal, funds already invested in engineering of replacing current facility, funding opportunities, and time frame of each proposal.

Discussion of agenda items for the next meeting. A sidewalk project proposal by the E.D.A. will be brought before Council.

A discussion of cost of living and merit pay raises was deferred until the Human Resources Committee could review and create a pay proposal.

Discussion of other items to be included on the February 10, 2021 meeting agenda were the selections of coverage for property and casualty insurance and a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for the school district for the property at 178 Maple St. NE.

Discussion of improved signage at Maple and 2nd Ave. NE, the delay in new speed limit signs on 2nd Ave. SE and slow-moving vehicle markers on City equipment.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Nelson to recess until 6:00 PM, February 10, 2021 for the regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:30 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Council Persons Steve Liffriig, Mike Hammes, Jeff Nelson and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Matt Mohs from Bolton and

Menk, Sara Markham with Kalass Agency, Wabasha County Sherriff's Deputy Joe Schneider, Joe Sand and Mike Marsh.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Bob Josselyn, John Clemens, Holly Galbus from the News-Record, Zumbrota Mazeppa Superintendent of Schools Mike Harvey, Sara Jackson, Dustin Wiebusch and Beth Hoefes.

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

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve the January 13, 2021 regular City Council meeting and the February 3, 2021 Working Session Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Deputy Joe Schneider presented the monthly Incident Command Report. Requested progress report on cleanup at property ticketed for nuisance violations.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to close regular meeting and open public hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting closed and public hearing was opened at 6:08 PM.

Public Hearing was to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Zumbrota Mazeppa Schools to install a parking lot at 178 Maple St. NE. The Planning and Zoning Committee had reviewed the application and had 3 conditions for the use.

- Plan to address storm water runoff.
- A barrier to be agreed upon with the owner of the residence immediately to the north of the project.

- A curb or barrier between the parking lot and the alley to the west of the project.

A 4th condition was added during Council discussion.

- A plan to limit light pollution to neighboring properties.

All neighboring property owners were sent written notice of the meeting. Those in attendance agreed with and clarified the conditions in place with the passage of the Conditional Use Permit.

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

Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to re-open regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting was re-opened at 6:20 PM.

Public Works submitted written report only.

Fire Department report was read by Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

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

City Engineer Matt Mohs summarized the pros and cons of the information put forth in the sanitary sewer district joint meeting. Mohs also gave details on the current Pre-Engineering Report and discussed proposed amendments to the report.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang gave highlights of the City Hall activities report.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a parking lot for Zumbrota Mazeppa Schools at 178 Maple St. NE. All in favor, none

opposed. Carried.

Sara Markham from the Kalass Agency explained the property and casualty insurance elections for 2021.

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

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to decline medical payments coverage. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to approve open meeting law coverage. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to get quote on updating of Comprehensive Plan. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Joe Sand from Mazeppa Economic Development Authority presented a sidewalk improvement plan for the City.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to get quotes for phase 1 of the sidewalk improvement project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve the Bolton and Menk proposal to amend the wastewater treatment plant pre-engineering report. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve a 1% cost of living adjustment and 0.5% merit pay raise to City Administrator-Clerk, Municipal Liquor Store Manager, Public Works Director, Public Works street staff, and Deputy Clerk. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffriig to table consideration of Liquor Liability quotes for Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

1st reading of Ordinance 2021-01 Amending Land Management Ordinance Article IV, Section 4 concerning Land Management District boundaries and adopting a district boundary map for the City of Mazeppa.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to set a Public Hearing for March 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM to consider Ordinance 2021-01. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to pay bills and claims. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht said that he had reviewed and returned the most recent changes to the Land Management recodification to W.S. Beng Associates to be incorporated into the final draft of the Land Management Ordinances.

Councilperson Mike Hammes wanted to thank the Mazeppa Businesswomen's organization for the donation that made the Lion's Park Holiday lighting display possible.

Councilperson Erica Young thanked Councilperson Steve Liffriig for his early morning efforts to repair the disabled snow-plow truck.

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

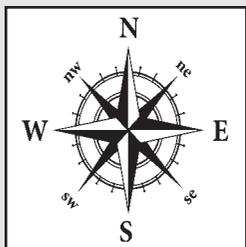
Meeting recessed at 7:55 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

I recently received a question regarding the safety of activities at park facilities and why City staff had not removed the bleachers or fenced the area to discourage using a portion of the hill for sliding. The sliding hill is in near proximity to the baseball field infrastructure. When it was cleared and excavated, the intent was for a bit longer hill with less slope going to the north. Some posts were removed near the bottom of the run in case riders went off course. The natural topography of the area does include a portion of slope that ends at the backstop and dugout shelter. Until this year, no one had expressed concerns that non-designated portions of the hill may be used and the dugout, backstop or bleachers may be a hazard. When a complaint was filed, staff built a snow berm in front of these structures to act as a catch area for those who chose to sled that portion of the park. The City certainly has an improved plan for making the designations known for the next winter season.

The fact is, that there are always portions of City parks that are not designated for certain uses. The City wants to remind facility users that all persons using public facilities have a certain amount of liability for choosing to use a public area. Walking, biking, using the sporting fields and playground equipment, picnicking or sliding may carry a certain personal risk just for performing the act at the time. And the input we received from this incident will help us to create a safer play environment.

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes The "S" Word



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.

That four-letter word everyone uses so casually in Minnesota is not accepted in Tennessee. If one says it the men will look at the ground and the women reach for their smelling salts. It has such a chilling effect on the natives. Strikes fear into their hearts at the mere mention of it.

We are talking snow. And I don't mean blizzard snow or snow storm or even enough to send the snow plows out in Minnesota. Just white flakes from the sky and people go nuts. The mention of snow on the news and local folk race to the Piggly Wiggly and buy up milk, bread and eggs. I guess French Toast is winter survival food down here.

So, after three winters down here we finally got hit. The in-famous February "snow-mageddon" of 2021 that slammed across the nation delivered an icy treat to Tennessee. We were hammered with an astounding two inches of snow. Life shrieked to a halt. Businesses were closed, cafes shuttered, school cancelled, no postal delivery and the radio broadcast winter survival tips. They had to repeatedly warn folks not to walk out on the lake because a quarter inch of ice cannot support a person.

My neighbor has two four-wheel drive trucks and his wife will not leave the house if it snows. Roads don't get plowed like they do in Minnesota. I think the county here has one snowplow truck and it looks like a one-ton pickup with a blade on front. So, the snow just stays on the roads and waits for the sunshine. They have a philosophy here that God put it there and He will take it away when He is ready. But the young guys with four-wheelers and UTV's love it. I see them flying down the snow-covered roads like they were on the salt flats. So, not to keep you in suspense, a couple days later the temperatures were in the 50's and the sun melted all the evidence.

We had a couple spending their Valentine's Day weekend honeymoon at our rental cabin down by Big Sandy River and they were snowed in. Not really snowed in, but just unwilling to drive with snow on the road. We gave them an extra day free stay so they didn't have to brave the snowy roads back to Clarksville right away. It will give them a good story to tell for the rest of their life.

A Minnesotan in the North: False Spring



By RosaLin Alcoser

The worst part of warm weeks in mid February is that it gives one false hope of an early spring... this will most likely not be the case.

The reason why the false hope is so bad this year is the weather being in the 30s is because it came right after being between 0 and -22 degrees. Naturally this has made the 30s feel a lot warmer then it really is.

Native Minnesotans are calling this warm snap the start of sweatshirt weather. Personally all I have done is wear a less heavy coat and left it unbuttoned unless I am going to be outside for a long period of time. But then again we all know that I do not take being cold as well as those of you who have always lived in Minnesota.

Either way the snow is getting shorter early this year which is nice. However, its all fun and games until it gets cold again. After all there are still four more weeks of winter or is it five?

Honestly I am not so sure anymore about how many more weeks it is till spring at this point. But I am sure that it will come along at some point in April or May just like it does every year.

Houseplants 101



Teri Knight



BRRRR... baby it's cold outside! We're hunkering down indoors with our houseplants and noticing some things.

Like dull color, browning tips, yellowing or leaf drop. What could be going on? A few things. Our homes aren't getting as much light and humidity at this time of year and that has an affect.

My Norfolk Pine is not pleased... and frankly, I'm embarrassed. BUT, my home is very dry and I didn't check the moisture as well as I should have.

But my Mother-in-law tongue is a happy camper.

Two plants, different needs. Something very helpful I've learned is, when you first purchase your houseplant, keep it in the pot it's been growing in. These are designed to drain.

Place the new plant in your decorative pot, if there's no drainage to that one, then either make a hole in the decorative container or use a plastic saucer underneath so your plant doesn't sit in water. That's the quickest way to kill them.

Another thing, invest a few bucks in a moisture meter. I had no idea how helpful that it was going to be! Mine also measures pH but you can buy ones that measure soil temperature too!

For plants that require humidity, pebble trays of water and/or misting are two of the best things you can do for them.

Be sure to know which plants need it. For instance, my norfolk pine enjoys a mist, but the sansevieria does not! Unless I'm wiping down his leaves and drying them off!

Remember that our houseplants are mostly dormant right now, they're taking some down time. In other words, don't fertilize them right now.

Too much stimulation when they would really rather relax! Sort of like having a dark roast coffee right before bed time!

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New Sunfish Regulations in Effect on Nearly 100 Waters

Anglers will find these and other changes in the updated fishing regulations booklet available now

Sunfish anglers will need to closely check the 2021 Minnesota Fishing Regulations booklet and signs at water accesses for new sunfish limits that are now in effect on 94 waters.

The new regulations lower limits on specific waters as part of a Minnesota

Department of Natural Resources initiative to protect and improve sunfish sizes. These changes are in response to angler-driven concerns over the declining sizes of sunfish in Minnesota.

“Robust public input and support helped us move forward with the Quality Sunfish Initiative. We had more than 3,700 comments and over 85% of them were in favor of trying to improve sunfish sizes,” said Dave Weitzel, Grand Rapids area fisheries supervisor. “It’s clear Minnesota anglers treasure sunfish and want to make sure we have lots of large sunfish in our lakes.”

The new regulations only modify daily limits on the affected waterbodies. Anglers can only keep the prescribed number of fish per day from the water but can return the next day for another limit as long as they don’t exceed the statewide inland water

possession limit of 20 sunfish per angler.

The new sunfish regulations only include inland waters of Minnesota. Specifically, 44 waters will have a new daily limit of five sunfish, 31 will have a limit of 10 sunfish, 17 will have a limit of five sunfish and five crappie, and two will have a limit of 10 sunfish and five crappies.

In addition to the new waters, there are 57 waters that previously had reduced limits for sunfish and these regulations remain in effect.

“We’ve evaluated previous special sunfish regulations and found that reducing harvest can indeed produce large sunfish,” Weitzel said. “Sunfish grow slowly—about an inch per year—so a large sunfish can be more than a decade old. It’s critical to protect these large fish from excessive harvest because they aren’t easily replaced.”

Sunfish spawn in large nesting colonies during the spring and early summer. Parental male sunfish build and defend nests. Females will select a male, lay eggs, and leave the eggs for the male to protect and fan with his fins. These nest-building male sunfish play an important role in repopulation, with the largest sunfish often getting the best spawning sites.

When anglers keep the largest sunfish, the remaining small males don’t need to compete with larger males to spawn. Once the larger males are gone, the smaller males devote less energy to growing. Instead, they devote energy to spawning at younger ages and smaller sizes.

Minnesota fishing regulations use sunfish as the generic name for bluegill, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, orange-spotted sunfish, longear, warmouth and their hybrids. More about sunfish biology and the Quality Sunfish Initiative is available on the DNR website.

Other new regulations

Other fishing regulation changes in the 2021 regulations book include new experimental regulations on Island Lake Reservoir near Duluth. On this lake, which has abundant but very small walleye, fisheries managers aim to increase the size of walleye by increasing the possession limit and applying a protective slot limit.

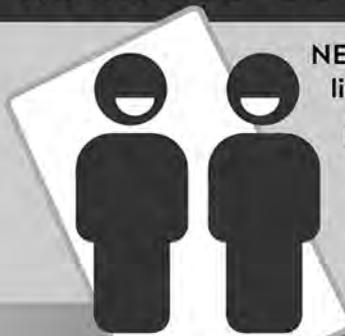
New experimental lake trout regulations also are being implemented in Yawkey, Sagamore, Pennington and Mahnomen lakes. These mine pit lakes in Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area have the potential to support naturally reproducing lake trout populations. Anglers there will be limited to harvesting one lake trout, which must be more than 20 inches, from each water.

Experimental regulations mean that the regulation is temporary. Fisheries managers must then evaluate the regulation to determine whether it had the intended effect, usually after 10 years.

The 2021 Minnesota fishing regulations are available online and anywhere Minnesota fishing licenses are sold. The new sunfish regulations are found in the special regulations that begin on page 38 of the booklet.

Buying a Combination License

MARRIED COMBINATION LICENSE



NEW REQUIREMENTS — each spouse listed on the license must provide:

- Full name
- Birthdate
- Social Security number
- Driver’s license number

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Combination fishing and hunting licenses are available for Minnesota resident married couples. Non-resident married couples and non-resident parents also can purchase a family fishing license if they have children younger than 16.

New for the 2021 license year: Both you and your spouse must be present to purchase a combination license in person. Both spouses must provide and verify their customer records on file with the DNR to purchase a combination license in person, by telephone or online.

Combination licenses available:

- Resident angling
- Conservation angling, valid for half the possession limit, per spouse
- Nonresident 14-day married couple angling license

- Sports, valid for fishing for both spouses and small game hunting for the primary purchaser

- Super Sports, valid for fishing for both spouses, small game for the primary purchaser, includes two state trout stamps, and waterfowl and pheasant stamps for one spouse. It also offers the choice of a firearm, archery or muzzleloader deer license for the primary purchaser

- Family non-resident angling, for non-resident married couples and/or parents with children under 16.

For other questions, call the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-MINNDNR (646-6367) 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, or via email at info.dnr@state.mn.us.

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