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Announcements

• **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!

• **The Mazeppa Historical Society is still closed but please call to check out our new items!** Helen 507-250-6021, Jim 507-696-3506 or Diane 507-843-4013.

• **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.

Do you have an announcement?

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Wabasha County Dairy Princess to Compete for Princess Kay Title

Mia Dose was selected to be the Wabasha County dairy princess on April 11th of this year out of four young women running for the title. Jordyn Schumacher, Emma Borgschatz and Ashley Holst will serve as attendants this year. On May 9th Mia and Ashley Holst entered the competition to be a finalist for the Princess Kay of the Milky Way in Minnesota. Ten finalists were chosen and Mia has advanced to the state event which will select one to be the 68th Princess Kay of the Milky Way on August 25th.

Mia grew up in Lake City until her family moved out to the country where they have chickens, sheep, and a horse. Mia enjoys horseback riding and shooting trap. She didn't grow up on a dairy farm and her parents are not dairy farmers. But she does have multiple family members and friends who are. Her relationship with the dairy farm's is all about connections, her Step Father is a milk hauler and was able to get Mia a job on a local dairy farm milking cows. As well as

having a couple other farms where she helps out on when they need her. Mia has also been involved in FFA since a freshman in high school, becoming very involved right away by becoming a junior officer and joining the small animal team. She continued on the small animal team as well as joining the employability skills contest and becoming the FFA chapter's secretary for two years. The reason Mia pursued the Dairy Princess Program was because she had a lot of encouragement to do so, between her parents and friends. "It has been an amazing experience and I hope to continue being a dairy advocate through the Princess Kay of the Milky Way Program", Mia relates.

Other activities Mia has been involved in throughout high school are the Bulldog Ambassador program where she is a leader for younger classmen, as well as being a member of National Honor Society. Her plans after high school are to attend Northeastern Community College in



Mia Dose

Calmar, Iowa to pursue a degree in finances. With this degree Mia hopes to come back home and help farmers and other agriculture businesses with their finances. "I look forward to moving towards being able to talk to more consumers and hearing the questions that others have, to be able to answer them", Mia says.

The next step as a Princess Kay finalist will be attending an event for some training and group exercises with the other finalist. Then we will move forward with judging in August where they will decide who Princess Kay of the Milky Way is.

Mazeppa City Council Moves toward New WWTP

At the May 12th meeting the city council approved five recommendations from the city engineer to advance plans to build a new waste water treatment plant. This includes the decision to build a new plant over the prior options to pair with other towns for a regional shared facility or upgrade the existing plant, which was built seventy years ago and last upgraded in 1987. They accepted the preliminary engineers report and facilities plan for a new plant near the existing facility. They will use a financial consultant to explore plans for funding the new construction. The city authorized survey work, soil borings and an environmental report.

Construction of the waste water treatment plant is planned to begin in 2023 and be completed within twenty months. Estimated cost is \$9.7 million with over half of the cost funded by a USDA rural development financing program. (continued on page 9)

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Stand Firm



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

When we think of something strong and immovable, we don't think of jello, do we? Jello wiggles: it's soft, it's squishy- but we don't think of it as something firm- a foundational material. We wouldn't use gelatin to set the walls in our basements- we would use cement. Cement sets up solid and unmovable. That's why we use it for foundations, for holding our posts in, for setting up our swing sets or our basketball poles- we want something that is going to hold and to stay firm.

It's important for believers to have a solid foundation for their faith as well. It is impossible to grow our faith and become the person that God has created us to be if our faith is wiggly- or wavering. Paul said "thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58.

Paul says, THANKS be to GOD- He gives us victory!!! Victory- who doesn't want to be victorious. What does Jesus give us victory over? Jesus defeated death. Jesus died on the cross- laid in the tomb for 3 days and He rose victorious out of the grave! That's power!!! That's a miracle! That's Jesus! Paul has corrected, dis-

ciplined, encouraged, loved, and he has come to the end of his letter. He wants to leave them encouraged, empowered, and hopeful for the future. Thanks be to God!" Jesus gives us victory through His mercy and grace. He gives us victory over death and over sin. Jesus didn't leave us with 'Jello' type promises, he gives us cement to build our lives on. The unswerving, unchanging, unwavering truth of Jesus Christ- HIS Word and we hold it here in our hands!

The prophet Elijah challenged the people of Israel, "How long will you waver between two opinions?" You can find this story in 1 Kings chapter 18. The definition of waver is: a) shake with a quivering motion. b) become unsteady or unreliable. c) be undecided between two opinions or courses of action. Kind of sounds like a date night, 'honey where would you like to go, oh I don't care- where would you like to go? I don't care- you pick. I really don't care either you pick! That can go on for a while. We're so busy trying to please someone else that we are missing the importance of making a choice and sticking to it. In choosing a restaurant- probably not a big deal- but in regard to our faith: it can have eternal implications. We can't be wishy washy about our faith and our life. Alexander Hamilton said, "Those who stand for nothing fall for anything." The people of Israel were worshipping an idol by the name of Baal- Elijah challenged the people- and Paul challenges you and me: it's time to choose!

We admire people that have stood firm despite terrible opposition: Dietrich Bonhoeffer stood firm in his faith. His is a story of faith, of conviction, of standing firm in his beliefs- and was willing to die for those beliefs too. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

was a German Lutheran pastor during the Nazi regime. He spoke out against Hitler's policies, especially of the extermination of the Jews. He also worked against Hitler and his Nazi party. Dietrich was arrested and 2 days before the Allies arrived, he was executed for his unwavering faith and his belief that all Hitler stood for was diametrically opposed to the laws of Jesus Christ.

Paul wrote, "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." We are called to give ourselves fully to the work of the Lord. Dietrich understood that— he gave himself totally and sacrificially to the work that God had called him to do. He was willing to give his all to the work that Christ called him to do.

God's calling is different for each of us- and even during our lifetimes our calling will change or morph into something different. And to us it may seem like a different direction, but all along the way, God uses those circumstances, those learning experiences to prepare us for what He has called us to in the future. Because of the experiences that I have went through in my life, I am better able to relate to people in similar journeys. The day I laid my all on the altar- was the day that truly began my life- I did become a new creature in Christ- a new person- filled with the Holy Spirit's power to live a new life.

God is calling you. He is calling each of us. He isn't calling all of us to be pastors, or theologians, or teachers, or missionaries, or even to be activists, but He is calling us to be fully devoted followers of Jesus. He is calling us into the workplace, into the schools, into our homes and into our communities. When we walk with Christ- that's what it is—a walk—a life—it isn't a sprint- it's a marathon. We are all called to

be fully devoted followers to whatever he has called us- we can become 'marketplace missionaries.' This is a term being used more and more to describe men and women that don't leave their faith at church or on the shelf in their bedroom, but men and women that live their faith in the workplace. They share their faith stories and invite others to join them in following Jesus.

Only God is God, and He alone knows what is best for us. He alone is the path to life, love, and victory. God is calling you. God desires you to fully follow Him. To put aside all the distractions, to lay aside your plans and be totally on board with His plans for you. Will he send you to deepest darkest Africa? maybe or maybe not. He will send you to work; to go and tell, to love Him with all you heart, soul, and mind. If Jesus is Lord of your life "Follow Him" if Baal- is your god- follow him. Time to choose: No More JELLO!

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Seeing and Welcoming

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 11:1-2, 13-16
They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance.
 — Hebrews 11:13

Hebrews 11 gives us a glance in the Bible's rearview mirror. The faithful witnesses mentioned in this chapter lived long ago, even before Jesus came. And they had this in common: they all lived by faith in God's promises. And before they died and were taken to live with the Lord, "They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance."

"Seeing from a distance" is how we can describe the sights, sounds, and scenes in the book of Revelation. Revelation 11 closes with a scene in which all heaven rejoices and gives thanks to God because "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah." It is a powerful picture of God reigning on earth as in heaven. And the promise is that "he will reign for ever and ever." Hallelujah!

With eyes of faith, we can see this "from a distance." Close-up in the world around us, though, we often see terrible things such as cancer, COVID-19, poverty, racism, violence, addiction, and death. And there are times when these appalling things make us weep. At such times, faith is the Holy Spirit's muscle that enables us to see "from a distance."

Faith also welcomes the future of God's full kingdom today. Faith has this power because it is "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

Prayer: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done"—here today—"on earth as it is in heaven." Amen.

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Obituaries & Community

Calvin M.J. Buck

Calvin M.J. Buck 92 of Eagan, MN passed away on Dec. 17, 2020 at the Minneapolis Veterans hospital. He was born in Goodhue, MN. He was the son of Gust and Cecilia Steman Buck. He married Jeanette Kuehn of Mazeppa MN in 1950. He served in the Korean War



and was awarded the Silver Star. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Jeanette, daughters Kathy Brix(Dennis), Virginia Stinchfield(Todd), and son Jeffery Buck(Shirley). Thirteen grandchildren, and twenty four great grandchildren. Sister LaVonne Olson, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, one sister and two brothers. Service will be held on June 4, 2021 at Trinity of Minnehaha Falls, 5212-41st Avenue South in Minneapolis, MN. Visitation at 10:30AM, and celebration of life at 11:30AM. Burial will follow the service at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Charles Weick

Chuck Weick was born in 1925 at home in Traverse County Minnesota to Mike and Beulah Weick. He was the oldest of seven children. In 1938 He graduated 8th grade at Golden Prairie School in Big Stone County. He worked with his father milking cows and raising crops in that area. At age 19, he began serving in the Army during World War II in the Military Police. During that time in 1946 he was an honorary guard at the Japanese



War Crimes Trials in Tokyo and stood guard over Tojo, prime minister of Japan. He left the Army for a period of time on a hardship discharge due his father experiencing medical problems. He later re-entered the Army and served the remainder of his enlistment in the Korean Conflict. Upon honorable discharge in 1954, he farmed with his father for a period of time. He then worked as an operator of an ore boat loader at the Silver Bay Reserve Mining Company. In 1956, he was in a serious automobile accident resulting in a broken back and skull fracture. Following a long period of rehabilitation in a body cast, he then attended Electronics School at Austin Vocational School on the G. I. Bill. Following graduation from Electronics School, he was employed as a technician at Phil's Fix-All in Rochester. He then began employment as a serviceman for Sears & Roebuck for 30 plus years before retiring. Later in life, bowling provided the opportunity for him to meet his future wife, Evelyn Helen Rollie. They were married August 17, 1974 and were married for 45 years. Upon their marriage he moved to Evelyn's farm and farmed while working at Sears. Charles enjoyed fishing, farming, bowling, and fixing almost anything. But most of all he enjoyed visiting. He was known by his friends, neighbors and relatives as honest, warm and caring. He loved life and especially enjoyed mowing the big farm yard on his beloved John Deere Mower with the help of his stepdaughter, Judy Rollie. He also enjoyed surveying the area around the

farm on his ATV to make sure the crops were planted right. Charles was a loving son, husband, brother and a true patriot who maintained membership in the American Legion and VFW. Charles was a long time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and was an usher along with his wife for many years.

Charles is survived by his stepdaughter, Judy Rollie, and Step Granddaughter, Sarah Tentis. Sisters, Helen Steinbring, Grand Meadow, MN, Marjorie Haehn, Racine, MN, Joyce Cooper, Voltaire, ND, and Barbara J. Ottman, Rochester, MN. Brother, Michael D. Weick, Eden Prairie, MN. Nephews, Michael Steinbring, Minneapolis, Jeffery Cooper, Voltaire, ND, Robert M. Haehn, Racine, MN, Steve Haehn, Oakdale, MN, and Jason Weick, Albuquerque, NM. Nieces, Cindy Kittelson, Velva, ND, Rebecca J. Gors, Waverly, IA, and Lori Soderholm, Minot, ND.

Preceded in death by parents, Mike & Beulah Weick, baby brother, wife, Evelyn, and beloved stepdaughter, Laurie Christopherson.

Celebration of Life was held Friday, May 28, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pine Island, MN. Visitation was from 9:00 am to 10:30 am and service following at 10:30 am and burial at the Oronoco Cemetery. The funeral service was live streamed via the Mahn Family Funeral Home's Facebook page. Arrangements made with Mahn Family Funeral Home, Mahler Chapel.

(obituaries continued on page 4)

South Troy Church Ditch Pick-up on Highway 63



Deanna Lois Sorenson

Surrounded by her daughters, Deanna Lois Sorenson passed away on April 19, 2021 after a long battle with multiple health issues. She was born in Rochester Minnesota on March 4, 1941 to Elmer and Lois Sorenson. Deanna spent time living in California, Louisiana and West Virginia before moving back home to Minnesota. Though Deanna's health had been failing for years, her joy for life and spirit kept her pushing through the pain and set-backs. Throughout her 80 years of life, Deanna touched so many lives, as a young woman, wife, mother, sister, aunt, cousin, mom #2, colleague, employee and friend. She loved cards, bingo, dancing, music, and meeting people. She was such a fun lady and heaven is even better with her.

Deanna is survived by her brother Larry Sorenson (Cheryl); three daughters, Deborah Piens (Dennis), Diana Gabriel (Casey), and Dawn Hart; former spouse Byron Hill; three step-children, Bruce Hill (Nancy), Annette Bailey and Scott Hill (Martha), as well as 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 2 nieces, and numerous cousins.

Deanna was preceded in death by her parents and one grandchild Liam Arnold. A Celebration of Life service was held

Friday, April 23, 2021 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in the community room at 556 1st Ave North, Mazeppa. A graveside service will be held at a later date at the Lake City Cemetery.

Douglas Gene Schlaeppi

Douglas Gene Schlaeppi, 75, of Rochester, died Friday May 21, 2021 at Rochester West Health Services where he had resided for the past few years.

He was born November 15, 1945 in Roscoe Township, Goodhue County, to

William and Evelyn (Owens) Schlaeppi. He attended schools in Zumbrota, Zumbro Falls, and Pine Island. Doug was a graduate of Pine Island High School in 1964. In 1971, he enrolled at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah and graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He returned to Rochester and started Schlaeppi Home Improvement and was self employed.

He is survived by his sisters, Betty Clemens of Pine Island, Kathy Goplen and Bonnie Radke, both of Zumbrota, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Beverly Young, and a brother Donald Schlaeppi.

The funeral service was held Wednesday May 26th at 12:00 noon at Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church. Dr. Bradley

Booth, Pastor, will officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was at Pine Island Cemetery.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church.



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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.

Don't put off until tomorrow what you can get done today...



By Missy Papenfus

I was going to start on this article last week, and I kept pushing it off. Putting other tasks first and was going to start on it first thing this morning. Now it is 10 AM already.

I always seem to do my same daily tasks first, then make any phone calls I need to, and help out everyone else here around MotoProz. In turn, I put my own to do list off. But, when I actually schedule something that I have been putting off to do it at a certain time, on a certain day, that has really helped me to "get 'er done". At home, I had been meaning

to go through our bathroom cupboards and toss the stuff I will never use. Who wears makeup anymore? A couple weeks ago, Mike and Monty were both busy, so I promised myself I would get it done. It only took me ONE hour! I feel so much better. I put that job off for months!

Schedule your worst job first, stick to it, break it down into smaller more manageable tasks and get to work. I am hoping writing this and sharing will help me stick to my plan and keep being more productive.

Stay tuned for next month's topic "Groceries/Leftovers/Dishes/Refrigerator/Freezer".

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

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Don't Let Incompetence Become Your Titanic



By Harvey Mackay

The Titanic was state-of-the art. No expense had been spared to make sure that it would be unsinkable. The officers were unconcerned by their inability to get accurate information on possible hazards which might lie in its course.

The ship had two lookouts on its masts, but they had no binoculars. The crew could see far enough ahead to react to danger, but unbelievably they had no way to get that information to the captain if they did see a problem approaching.

And we all know what happened. The unsinkable ocean liner went to her death, along with most of her passengers on her maiden voyage – the victim of a disastrous collision with an iceberg.

Disasters like this can happen in business also if we aren't careful to make sure vital intelligence doesn't get swallowed up by internal bureaucracy and inattention to detail.

Most of you have probably heard of the Peter Principle, a management concept developed by Dr. Laurence Peter. It observes people in a hierarchy rise to a level of incompetence. They don't start out as incompetent, but rather are promoted until they reach a level of respective incompetence.

An obvious solution to the Peter Principle is for companies to provide training for employees before they receive a promotion to ensure they are qualified for the job for which they are being promoted.

For example, I've seen many outstanding sales representatives promoted to sales manager when they don't have any experience developing business plans, setting sales quotas and sales plans, analyzing data, mentoring a sales force, hiring and firing and so on.

Besides a lack of training, there are numerous other factors resulting in incompetence in the workplace, such as sheer laziness, poor communication and lack of people skills.

People are lazy for a variety of reasons from Covid fatigue to reliance on technology. People become sloppy in checking their work and thus make multiple mistakes. They show up late for work and often don't look professional when they do. Waiting until the last minute to get assignments done can also be a sign of laziness.

The most basic yet crucial leadership skill is communication, yet many people struggle with giving clear instructions. To make communication really work, we have to make sure the people we are talking with understand what we are saying as well as we do. Communication requires both effective sending and receiving. To avoid a breakdown in communications, break down your message so that everyone can understand it.

From time to time, it's a good idea to re-evaluate your performance in these fundamental areas: speaking, listening, writing, leading meetings and resolving conflict. Talk is cheap, but misunderstandings can be costly.

Communication ranks high among top people skills, but incompetent people also lack social skills like patience, politeness, sympathy and teamwork.

They are often rude, overbearing, hot-headed, tactless and have trouble getting along with others.

Many companies have had to reduce

costs, which puts a heavy burden on otherwise competent employees by spreading them too thin. Where possible, managers should consider outsourcing or hiring contractors to take away some of the burden. Those costs will be money well-spent.

Other companies hire people and expect too much, too soon. Hiring is much more than filling an open position. Not everyone hits the ground running. People grow at various speeds. Help them prove their competence by setting clear, achievable goals. If they fail, the fault may lie more in the hiring process than the employees lack of skills.

Incompetence in one area doesn't necessarily carry over. We all have strengths and weaknesses. The balance between the two often determines the perception of competence. Build on your strengths but don't ignore your weaknesses.

Let's face it, everyone has had an incompetent moment or two or three in their lifetime. That includes me. When I was starting my envelope manufacturing company many years ago, I worked many long, long days. One night when I got home late again, my very pregnant wife Carol Ann, told me that the light in the hallway wasn't working. I flipped the switch and sure enough, no light. I thought there was a short in the switch or something, so I called our electrician.

He fixed the problem early the next morning, handed me the bill and said, This is the first time I've ever made a house call to change a light bulb!

Mackay's Moral: The time to right the ship is before incompetence becomes impossible.

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MISSY'S MESSAGE



PLAN B!

It is always important when your first plan fails to have a backup plan in place. A lot of times it is not possible to fit everything in a day. I wonder how I did it before, back when I worked another job. Time is just keeps flying by.

I usually walk two mornings a week with my good friend Jenny, who owns Jenny's Greenhouse. This is her busy season, particularly around Mother's Day. She had to take off a few days from our walking. She gets plenty steps working around the greenhouse. Hence, here is when Plan B comes in to play. Just because Jenny cannot walk, does not mean I shouldn't be walking (or doing some sort of exercise). It has been so nice out the past few weeks, I have been continuing to take some short walks in the morning before work. I will watch some videos on my phone while I walk, getting extra steps in.

One day, I walked out to Turbo's Repair to get a part. Another day I walked up to my brother's house after work; we were invited there for supper. Both walks took less than 30 minutes, and I got in many extra steps for the day. I always walk down to the bank, even in the cold winter. I also enjoy walking with my mom when my schedule allows. Sneak in more steps when you can and keep walking!

Memo from MotoProz....

We are excited and gearing up for Mazeppa Daze 2021! Save the date July 9,10,11! Get your tickets to support Mazeppa Daze at MotoProz in Mazeppa! The place to go is MotoProz!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

The Future of Farmland



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

Many of the farmers that I know in southern Minnesota work on the same land that their parents, grandparents or even great-grandparents farmed. Because of this, the farm is more than a parcel of land to grow crops or raise animals – it is a living piece of family history. At the same time, we are faced with the reality that the average farmer is close to retirement age, and that not everyone has an heir to transfer the land to when the time comes. Fortunately, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) has a program that can help farmers safeguard the legacy of their land while simultaneously giving back to their communities.

SMIF's Acres for Good program allows farmers to donate their land as a charitable gift. What makes this model unique is that rather than liquidate the asset as most charities do, SMIF retains the land and keeps it in production by a rental arrangement. This allows retiring farmers the peace of mind that their land will continue to be farmed. The landowner receives a tax deduction and bypasses capital gains tax while still being able to maintain a stable revenue source for life.

As the name suggests, the Acres for Good program is also a way to do good things for your community. The income stream from the land is used to support southern Minnesota communities well into the future. With more than \$7 billion of wealth in SMIF's region expected to transfer by 2030, this program can help retain that wealth locally while creating a unique opportunity for farmers to make a long-



lasting impact on rural Minnesota

Farmers will choose how they want to allocate their gift of land. It can go toward one of SMIF's 30 community foundations which invest in their communities through grants and programs. For a region-wide reach, farmers can allocate their land toward SMIF's general endowment, or SMIF's specific funds which support youth

and entrepreneurs in the region. Farmers can even set up a Donor Advised Fund to allocate resources to their specific interests and values such as their place of worship, alma mater or local charity. We will work with farmers to make the process as simple as possible.

If you know a farmer who is thinking about estate planning, please let them know that there is a way their land can remain active farmland and provide them with a steady revenue stream, while in the long-

term also benefitting the communities and causes they care about most. This is gifting with a purpose at its best – and SMIF is here to help.

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

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

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Dicamba Users Urged to Follow New Labels Requirements and Cutoff Date

Products must not be applied to soybeans after June 30

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) urges pesticide applicators to take

special care while applying dicamba products this growing season. To prevent off-target movement, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has made substantial changes to the 2021 dicamba labels specifically related to application cutoff date, buffer distances, and record keeping requirements, and the MDA is reminding users that the label is the law.

For the 2021 growing season, applicators may use the three dicamba products, XtendiMax, Engenia, and Tavium, on dicamba tolerant soybeans until June 30. The federal label prohibits applications of these three dicamba products after June 30 to dicamba-tolerant soybeans. Regardless of cutoff date, applications are prohibited

after V4 growth stage for Tavium and after R1 stage for XtendiMax. Additionally, the labels require a 240-foot downwind buffer and prohibits applications if the wind is blowing towards an adjacent sensitive crop. Sensitive crops include, but are not limited to, non-dicamba-tolerant soybeans, sugar beets, tomatoes, fruiting vegetables, fruit trees, cucurbits, grapes, beans, flowers, ornamentals, peas, potatoes, sunflower, and other broadleaf plant crops.

Only Certified Applicators can legally purchase and use these formulations of dicamba because they are classified as "Restricted Use Pesticides" (RUP). The label has extensive and detailed requirements for recordkeeping, and the applicator must create these records within 72 hours of the application. The MDA expects all users of these dicamba products to have fully completed records in accordance with the federal label requirements. Enforcement will be taken for any violations of the product label.

The following guidelines and resources can help applicators prevent off-target movement while applying dicamba:

Do not apply XtendiMax, Engenia, or Tavium on soybeans if you have not attended the auxin/dicamba mandatory training offered by dicamba registrants Bayer, BASF, or Syngenta.

To help applicators, the MDA has developed a video presentation as part of the mandatory dicamba training. This video is not a substitute for the required training.

Applicators must consult applicable sensitive crop registries, such as DriftWatch, to identify any commercial specialty or certified organic crops that may be located near

the application site. Applicators are also required to survey the site for neighboring non-target sensitive crops BEFORE spraying. Be sure to consult with your neighbors before spraying dicamba products.

If the wind is blowing in the direction of a sensitive crop DO NOT spray until the wind has changed direction. Spraying is forbidden in these circumstances, even with a buffer.

DO NOT spray during a temperature inversion; only spray between one hour after sunrise and two hours before sunset.

Visit the MDA website for frequently asked questions about dicamba.

Finally, remember that avoiding spray drift at the application site is the responsibility of the applicator. The spray system and weather-related factors determine the potential for spray drift. The applicator is responsible for considering these factors when making application decisions to avoid spray drift onto non-target areas.

Background

Since dicamba was first registered for use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans in the 2017 growing season, the MDA has fielded complaints each year of alleged off-site movement onto neighboring property. The annual totals of complaints are:

- 2020: 124 reports
- 2019: 22 reports
- 2018: 53 reports
- 2017: 253 reports

An application cutoff date has been in effect in the state each growing season since 2018.

Pesticide product registrations are renewed on an annual basis in Minnesota.



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Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - April 14, 2021

The Zumbro Falls City Council met at 7PM at City Hall. All council members were present. Also present at the meeting was Matt Mohs, City Engineer, and Jordon Kalina, a new property owner in Zumbro Falls.

The Mayor, Bruce Heitmann, called the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's report followed and accepted by a motion from Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

Discussion with Matt Mohs concerning the 2022 Sewer Project followed. The City request for State Infrastructure funding has been submitted to the State.

The Fire Department has hired a grant writer to help secure funds to help with the cost concerning the Department Air Packs. Also in question is a DNR Grant 50/50 for the cost of repairs to the Grass Rig.

Bruce also stated that 3 new firefighters have completed their State Certifications.

A donation from the Mazeppa Jaycees was accepted for the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,668.93 with a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

A motion for the clerk to pay bills presented and the meeting to adjourn was made by Anderson, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Submitted by,

Susan Eischens, Clerk

Mazeppa Council Working Session Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 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, Jeff Nelson, and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, City Engineers Matt Mohs and Kris Swanson, John Clemens, and Henry Betcher.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffbrig.

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

Kris Swanson and Matt Mohs presented findings from Wastewater Treatment Plant Pre-Engineering Report. Several options were presented in the report from doing nothing, \$0; to a complete rebuild using improved technology to remove more contaminants, meeting future requirements of what is needed to be removed from water being returned to the river.

Questions asked from Council members and from members of the community that were in attendance:

• Why is the City exploring this now? The current plant was last updated in 1988. Part of this update used portions of the existing infrastructure from the 1959 plant construction. Also, part of the consideration for the timing is that the final collection year of the current bond for Cherry Street E, the well, and reservoir is 2024. So, the capacity to pay for a facility upgrade is increased at that time.

• What financing options are available? At the state level, the Public Financing Administration finances projects. At the Federal level, the City is eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development funds. USDA funds are approximately 45 – 55% granted funds.

• What are the options? Do nothing to a complete facility rebuild at approximately 9.4 million dollars. The current trickling filter plant has technology limitations of what it can remove from wastewater. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (licensing entity for wastewater treatment plants in Minnesota) has a high probability of putting more stringent capacity limits on nitrogen and phosphorous that can be returned to surface waters. The current technology will not be able to meet those goals.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1951

Weddings

KOBLISKA-PONCELET

Nuptial vows were exchanged by Ramona Poncelet and Robert Kobliska at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's church in New Hampton, Ia. Rev. E.G. Kelly officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Poncelet of New Hampton, formerly of Bellechester and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kobliska of Lawler, Iowa.

Guests attended from Bellechester, Mazeppa, Red Wing and Ely, Minn. and New Hampton, Lawler and Protivin, Iowa.

AREA PRODUCERS TO RECEIVE QUALITY MILK AWARDS SAT.

Milk producers of this area will receive recognition for their achievements as quality milk producers. The awards will be given at the Rochester Dairy Cooperative's annual meeting at the Mayo Civic Auditorium on Saturday, December 1, 1951.

The quality award winners in this area are:

Two-Year Perfect Awards- 1949-1951, Bernard M. Reiland

Quality Awards- 1950-1951, Mrs. Martha Reuter; Robert H. Oelkers; Norbert Krinke; Christ H. Albers; John Reiland, Jr.; Paul H. H. Goetsch, all of Mazeppa.

Obituaries

NICHOLAS REDING

Friends and relatives were shocked Wednesday at the sudden death of Nicholas Reding, prominent Mazeppa area farmer, who was found dead Wednesday morning. He was 53.

Mr. Reding was born, Oct. 18, 1898, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephan J. Reding, and has always lived on the home place. He was married to Mary Hofschulte of Mazeppa, 25 years ago on Oct. 19.

Surviving are his wife; three children, Gerald, Evelyn and Mary Ann, all at home; eight brothers and sisters, John of Red Wing' Mrs. Lawrence Majerus (Mary), Philip, Florian, Mrs. Richard Majerus (Veronica) and Mrs. Art Majerus (Evelyn) all of Bellechester; Leo of Mazeppa, and Mrs. Lawrence Majerus (Bertha) of Plainview.

Mr. Reding had innumerable friends and relatives in this area who join with his family in mourning his untimely death.

No Filings for Village Elections

The field is wide open in the village elections to be held here Tuesday, with no one filing.

Expiring are the terms of Ernest Hoefs, mayor, two years; John Searles, trustee, three years; V.C. Sand, treasurer, two years, and constable for two years. The later post was not filled following the death of Lawrence Hofschulte.

LEGION POULTRY SALE

Mazeppa American Legion Post No. 588 will sponsor a poultry sale Sunday at the Legion clubrooms. Everyone is invited to attend.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1951

Msgr. Lavery Retires After 12 years Here

Announcement was made Sunday in SS. Peter and Paul Catholic church of the resignation of Msgr. D.J. Lavery. Bishop Edward Fitzgerald of Winona appointed Father Sherlock Weir of Vernon Center, Minn. to succeed him.

Msgr. Lavery has been in ill health in recent months, and is now in retirement at Schullsburg, Wis. His service in the priesthood began about 52 years ago and he had 42 years of service in Wabasha County.

He has conducted parishes in Pipestone, Murray and Wabasha counties. He was pastor in Plainview for 22 years and under his administration a very fine church and rectory was erected. After his pastorship of St. Mary's in Lake City he came to Mazeppa where he is beloved by the parish and entire community.

At all times he took an active interest in the affairs of the church and community, and he will be greatly missed.

Judge Upholds Probate Court in Hartz Case

Judge Martin A. Nelson of Austin filed a decision, Monday in district court at Wabasha, sustaining the probate court in admitting the will of Henry Hartz, Mazeppa farmer, to probate.

The will which left the bulk of an \$96,000 estate to Anna Hoff, Hartz' housekeeper, following his death on December 31, 1950, was admitted to probate then appealed to district court last August by four Oklahoma cousins of the deceased man.

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• Is there money already set aside for this project? The City has reserves of approximately 1.7 million dollars. Roughly \$850,000 to \$900,000 is dedicated to water/sewer projects. The information shared at the meeting that there should be enough reserves set aside for a wastewater treatment plant is a rumor. The City used \$170,000 for the west of the river lift station rebuild and loaned \$220,000 to the Liquor Store fund for the upgrade to the Liquor Store building. \$100,000 of that has been repaid and approximately \$145,000 to be repaid. Every year the City deposits the unused repair funds, and the excess revenue from water/sewer collections to City reserves.

• Why hasn't this been more publicized? The City has scheduled a public hearing for the May 12, 2021 Council meeting and it has been published in the newspaper and posted at 3 public locations in the community per state regulations.

Mazeppa officials attended a Mazeppa Daze organizing committee meeting. At this time, some events will be scheduled, but others will be dependent on changes in state COVID guidelines between now and mid-June.

Discussion of forming a Parks and Recreation committee and establishing the responsibilities for the group.

Discussion of how much summer park help will be needed.

Discussion of an issue of payment to the former website administrator for content, time, and concept for the City of Mazeppa website.

Discussion of need and rules for a dance permit for the Mazeppa Liquor Store customer appreciation event.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Nelson to recess until 6:00 PM, May 12, 2021 for the regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:40 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

Mazeppa Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 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 Liffbrig, Erica Young Mike Hammes and Jeff Nelson.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, Matt Mohs and Jake Pichelmann from Bolton and Menk, John Clemens, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law, and Wabasha County Sherriff Patrol Sargent Keith Fratzke.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Councilperson, Bill Freiheit, Bob Josselyn, and Holly Galbus from the News-Record.

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

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve the April 14, 2021 Regular City Council meeting minutes and the May 5, 2021 Working Session minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Regular meeting closed at 6:02 PM.

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

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 PM.

Bolton and Menk engineers Jake Pichelmann and Matt Mohs presented information on the wastewater treatment plant. A brief history of the current facility, repair/replacement options, future needs, financing options, grants available, how payback calculations would affect future rates, and deficiencies in the underground collection system were presented and discussed.

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

Public hearing closed at 6:52 PM.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffbrig to re-open the regular Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular Council meeting re-opened at 6:53 PM.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Patrol Sargent Keith Fratzke presented the monthly Incident Command Report. A discussion of follow-up on a nuisance property cleanup, loud ATVs.

Public Works Director Scott Ellingson gave the Public Works report.

A Fire Department written report was submitted and reviewed by Council.

Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store update was given by City Administrator Karl Nahrgang.

City Engineering update was given by Matt Mohs of Bolton & Menk. In addition to the wastewater treatment plant project, a review of the parking issues, and possible solutions, is taking place in the area around the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to accept the Pre-Engineering Report, the amended facility plan, and to add the suggested upgrades to the underground collection system. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to pursue U.S.D.A./Rural Development funding for the wastewater treatment project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffbrig to select alternative "E" and to update the collection system as the preferred alternative for wastewater treatment plan upgrades. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to move forward with soil sampling and survey work. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to invite financial adviser Mike Bubany to address the council on rate structure to maximize grant funding. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Bill Freiheit expressed his opposition to proposals to widen the dead-end portion of Cherry St. and to parking on the west side of 2nd Ave. SW from Cherry to Pine St. Council has not made any decisions on extra parking and would take his concerns into account as solutions are discussed.

John Clemens expressed concerns about a shed being on an unused portion of alley and not on the owner's property. The City will see if an agreement is in place from past Council proceedings.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve building permits: MZ21-07, Jordan

Andrist/Reliable Heating – A/C installation. MZ21-08, Amy Laures/K&S Heating – furnace installation. MZ21-04, Mark Helder/Brent Hagan Builders – deck/entry ramp. MZ21-06, Keith Banitt/American Steel – garage. MZ21-05, Brian & Heidi Burdick – deck. MZ20-27, Brian & Kaleigh Agrimson – deck. MZ21-09, Lois Johnson/Haley Comfort – furnace & A/C. MZ21-10, Ben Sand – window install and re-side. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 21-10 closing the intersection of Maple St. and 3rd Ave. SW on May 31, from 11:00 – 12:00 for the Memorial Day Veterans ceremony to close the regular Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffbrig to approve Resolution 21-11 accepting a donation from the Mazeppa Lion's Club. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Discussion of setting up a Parks and Recreation committee. A resolution will be drafted to define the duties and membership of the committee and presented at the next meeting.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve re-hiring Fred Liffbrig as summer help for maintenance and care of the baseball fields and surrounding areas. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to issue an outdoor dance permit for the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store for the customer appreciation event on May 22, 2021. Permit will require that the MMLS will attempt to set the band in a manner to minimize the travel of sound to surrounding residents, music is to cease at 12:00 AM, and a letter is sent to nearby residents regarding the event. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht asked if the quick plat for Roger Hofschulte had been recorded.

Councilperson Hammes pointed out a property along 1st Ave. that had an unmowed boulevard.

Motion by Nelson, Second by Young to adjourn until June 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM for the next regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:53 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

When City Council begins discussing major infrastructure investments, many community assumptions and beliefs come into the light. They can include discussion about: Is this a needed project? Why is one item a priority over another? How is it financed? Council makes decisions based on the input of staff, constituents, and consultants. There are differing opinions of which projects should get funding priority.

Council has been discussing a future renovation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The belief that the "City had enough money saved to pay for a new facility in cash" was brought up in a Council meeting and in private conversation. The City of Mazeppa is on stable financial ground. There are \$1.7 million in reserves. Approximately \$1 million is from water and sewer revenues that have been saved over the years. Reserves are there for those projects that will go beyond what is budgeted annually. Each year the budgeted funds are not entirely spent, those go into reserves (savings). If a need arises that exceeds a yearly budget, those saved funds can be used to supplement the annual budget in that area. The City did this to replace the west of the river lift station that was deteriorating and out of compliance. Every year since that project, we followed our protocol of putting away the excess budget funds for the next need. The City spends responsibly and usually is able put 3 - 7% of the budget to reserves. Figuring the combined water/sewer portion of the budget going to reserves, in the time since the last sewer plant upgrade in 1987, the City would have accumulated approximately \$1.1 million, very close to our current amount in sewer/water reserves. Past Councils and City officials left the current Council and staff a solid financial program to follow to keep taxes and rates stable, yet still meet the needs of the City. To have saved the amounts of money that has been rumored, the rates for water and sewer would be significantly higher than they are.

CLERK CHATTER
By
Karl Nahrgang
Administrator Clerk,
City of Mazeppa

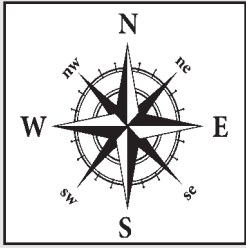
Mazeppa City Council Moves toward New WWTP (continued from page 1)

An increase of water & sewer rates in the amount of \$25 to \$30 per month for residences is also a likelihood.

The council approved a permit for the Municipal liquor store to hold a customer appreciation dance on May 22nd. The band will play until midnight and the council recommended facing the band away from houses to minimize noise complaints as well.

The Mazeppa Lions Club donated \$12,500 to the city from charitable gambling proceeds.

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Hillbilly Dating



By Terry Campbell

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

The local newspaper has a personal section in the back of each issue and we often read it just for a good laugh. I do not believe Internet dating has taken hold in this area and the person to person ads in newsprint are sometimes way too funny. They run them for free so anyone can have a chance at romance down here

Our all-time favorite has run a couple times and it is just too much of a gem to not share. Kind of gives you an idea of the type of guys a girl can find down here if they look hard enough.

White male, 5' 11", 170 lbs., looking for a loving lady who still likes sex and don't mind taking it all off and jumping in bed with her man. She should be 70 to 80 years old. I take my ladies on trips and stay in motels, give them \$50 a week in spending money and take them shopping one or more times a week. I am always happy and never get mad. I am a retired cop and have my

own home and a late model van. I know how to enjoy life. My age is 80+ but still young and full of life. Respond to PTP506.

Don't give up ladies. There are still a few good ones out there even though they are

A Minnesotan: Why did the turkey cross the road?



By RosaLin Alcoser

Never did I ever think that while living in the cities I would have to wait through a green light because a turkey was using the crosswalk. I mean actually using the

crosswalk; this turkey looked both ways and everything.

Traditionally I have not had the best of luck with turkey's, or fowle in general, over the course of my life. I have been chased by turkey's, have had them run in front of my car, and have been spooked by turkey's pretending to be flying armadillos.

Now in the case of the turkey posing as a flying armadillo it was a hen roosting in the bushes and she was trying to remain hidden. So of course teenage me saw her out of the corner of my eye and mistook her for an armadillo.

Unfortunately I yelled armadillo, causing her to take off flying which resulted in me yelling flying armadillo! Flying armadillo is a phrase that my sister has not let me forget even though it has been almost 10 years since that happened.

All of these things happened out in the rural never in town, let alone in the Twin Cities. So I'm sure that you can imagine my surprise to see a turkey using the crosswalk in the middle of the city.



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Thanks to their hard work and innovation, we are able to enjoy an abundance of wholesome nutrition from great-tasting milk, yogurt, cheese and other delicious dairy foods.



2021 Wabasha County Dairy Princess, Miss Mia Dose(2nd from left) Attendants Ashley Holst, Emma Borgschatz, and Jordyn Schumacher

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