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Announcements

• **South Troy Church:** July 4 our church will be "out of the building" for the day down in Hammond at the Community Car show; we have prizes for all the kids that attend the show.

Wednesday nights we have Kids and Teen worship: We are meeting in the Hammond Park on Spring Street at 6:30 for the rest of the summer.

• **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!

• **STOP BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - we will be selling ICE CREAM CONES OR BOWL - JULY 9TH & 10TH!** Let's have a safe MAZEPPA DAZE. THANK YOU!

• **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.

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Mazeppa Daze Returns for 2021

The Field of Honor will be open all week starting on Thursday. On Friday there will be a parade at 7pm followed by a street dance at 8:30pm and a small fireworks display at dark.

Saturday starts with a pancake breakfast at

6am and volleyball and softball tournaments starting at 8am. The 5K run/walk starts at 9:30am. The Lion's BBQ dinner will be held from 4 to 8pm at Lion's Park. A live band will be playing at the ballfield at 8:30pm and a huge fireworks display will be

held at dusk.

On Sunday there will be a tractor pull at 10am, a fire department water fight at 11am and a classic car show at noon.

Local School Bus Driver Receives Award From the Minnesota School Bus Operators Association



Kevin, his wife Amy and Scott and Ashley Kennedy, owners of Kennedy Transportation

Kennedy Transportation is the school bus contractor for the Zumbrota Mazeppa School district and is also a member of the Minnesota School Bus Operators Association or MSBOA. The MSBOA is comprised of 130 school bus contractor businesses from all over the state of Minnesota.

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Council Establishes Park & Rec Committee

The city council approved the establishment of a parks and rec committee during their June meeting. The committee will have five members to oversee the parks in Mazeppa. Each term will be for two-years and the council would like one council member, a planning and zoning member and an economic development member to serve on the board.

The preliminary engineering for the wwtp was approved to proceed with design, site selection and evaluation and environmental review with fees totalling \$123,900.

The city council heard complaints and comments about the liquor store events and will take a few measures to alleviate the issues. Residential parking only signs will be placed along Second Ave from Cherry Street south. Currently the liquor store has 21 parking spaces and based on the capacity of the building it should be atleast 37 parking spots. The city HR will meet with liquor store staff to discuss communicating with unhappy residents. Some of the complaints are how long the music is played at events held at the liquor store. The council will address the issue again at the July meeting. Residents were asked to contact the Wabasha Sheriff department about complaints and violations and not the city administrator.

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Dinner with Jesus: Matthew & Friends



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

This weekend is our nations birthday, Independence Day. Often, we celebrate with family and friend get togethers- cook-outs or picnics. It's a time to remember our history and the sacrifices of those men and women in the early days of our country that believed in an independent nation apart of King George's rule. How will you be celebrating? However, you celebrate no doubt there will be food! Some of my favorite memories as a kid and as a young adult were picnics with family- when I was a kid and with my church family as an adult. Here at South Troy we always had a huge picnic gathering near the Zumbro River. We played softball, great food and they served pop and ice cream. Great memories and lots of fun!

What is your favorite kind of dinner? casual? formal? Picnic or potluck, sit down or buffet? People have family dinners, fancy dinner parties, or lunches. Meet

Matthew; he was a Jew, he was a tax collector, he was wealthy, he had probably cheated many in his community and was despised by the "religious" leaders of his society. His friends were other "sinners" that were despised as well. Then one day Jesus walks by; Matthew recognized him. He had heard him speak, had heard about the miracles and he wanted to know Him better. As Jesus passes by- He stops- He turns and looks Matthew in the eye—He smiles because Jesus sees Mathew's heart- a heart open and ready to receive Him and says, Matthew, come and follow me! Matthew is so excited- he leaves it all behind. He leaves the money on the table; he leaves the paperwork and the position forever to follow Jesus. His entire life changed with those 2 words, "follow me." and now- a few days later, Matthew had a party and he assembled all his friends to meet Jesus. Jesus accepted the invite. Jesus sat at the table with Matthew and his friends. That's huge!!! When you share a meal with someone you are saying- I accept you, I want to get to know you... I am willing to learn about you. Jesus didn't see this as a way to make points—he was accepting an invite from Matthew and an opportunity to share with Matthew's friends about the good news. That would certainly make evangelism easier wouldn't it? Having Jesus come in person to our dinner or event and having Him share about himself. That's what Matthew did—he hadn't been following Jesus very long- but he knew that Jesus testimony of himself would be a powerful tool to reach his friends and family with the gospel. Matthew cared enough about those in his circle of friends that he

wanted them to know Jesus.

Matthew wanted them to receive Jesus as their Savior, to follow Jesus as he has done. Matthew had been freed from his sin and guilt and wanted the same for his friends and family. Are we like Matthew? Have we invited our friends or family to meet Jesus? It begins with a relationship with Jesus and with those we want to introduce. Matthew didn't go and find strangers- he invited his friends and associates. We can do that too.

Matthew's friends felt they belonged- even though Matthew had changed, and they were willing to listen and meet this person that meant so much to Matthew. When we help people to feel like they belong, that they are accepted -right where they are at- they will be much more receptive of what we want to share with them.

When Matthew turned to follow Jesus- one of the first things he did was to desire to share his new friend with all his old friends. That's the call to every Christian. We are to go into all the word and be His witnesses. First to our close family and friends. Remember Cornelius- his entire household was present when Peter came to share about the good news and the entire household believed that day and was baptized! Were they perfect and shiny Christians—no- they were still the same people they were 10 minutes before on the outside- but they were definitely changed on the inside! How about the jailer in Philippi, he was about to kill himself and Paul intervenes and he brought Paul into his home and over a meal, Paul shared the truth of the gospel and the jailer and his entire family was saved and baptized!

Then there was the Ethiopian eunuch, and many others... as they were introduced to faith in Jesus Christ- they believed. On the outside they were still gentiles, tax collectors, jailers, Romans, etc. but on the inside, they were new creations and followers of Jesus!

Peter wrote, "you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ." 1 Peter 3:15-16.

We are to be ready to give an answer for our hope as believers We are to share the hope of Jesus Christ with those around us. That's one thing our world needs desperately: hope. Hope that life isn't a waste, hope that there is a future, that there is a heaven, that we can change, hope for a better life in this world and the next. We, as believers have the answer. We have that hope! We are called to share that hope, to be light, to a dark world. Jesus left us here to be his light to the world. It's time to invite your friends, your family to dinner with Jesus. Introduce them to the love of your life, the one and only one that can profoundly change our dark hearts and hopeless worlds to light, love and joy! John wrote, "This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all." We have the answer, we have the hope, and we have the ability to invite people to come to the table and meet Jesus!

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The Bible includes warnings about grieving the Spirit and hindering his work. Ananias and Sapphira lied to the church and the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-10). They sold a piece of property, kept some of the money, and gave the rest to the church. That wasn't a bad thing, of course, but then they lied about their gift, saying they donated all of the money from the sale. They wanted people to be impressed by their generosity. But they could not get away with their deception. If we make a false commitment to God, pretending we are following the Spirit and even bragging about it, we fall into dangerous hypocrisy.

Following our own selfish desires, we can quench or suppress the Spirit. We can dampen the Spirit's fire by not following the Spirit's leading. We can refuse to use the gifts of the Spirit when they are available. But if we do things like that, how can we expect to be faithful and useful to God?

We can also grieve the Spirit by rebelling against God and doing as we please (see Isaiah 63:10). We can be stubborn and mean-spirited. Instead of being kind and compassionate, we can act with bitterness and anger. We can be unwholesome and immoral.

How can we protect ourselves from these destructive ways? We can ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and guide us each day so that we can live in step with him. Then God can use us in wonderful ways.

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Obituary

Patricia Caroline Belle "Patsy" Davisson

Patricia Caroline Belle "Patsy" Davisson, age 90 years and 3 months, passed away at Three Links Care Center in Northfield, MN on June 25, 2021.



Patsy, daughter of Edgar and Elizabeth Duncan, was born March 17, 1931 in Cannon Falls. She graduated from Cannon Falls High School in 1949.

On February 3, 1951, Patsy married Louis Edmond Davisson at St Ansgar's Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls. Together they raised three sons, Dave, Dyke and Todd.

Patsy worked at Kid Duds as a bow tier and sewer. In 1966, Patsy went to work as a secretary for the Superintendent in the Cannon Falls Area Schools District Office. She worked there for 20 years until 1986. In 1986, Patsy went to work for the Zumbrota/Mazeppa School District Office as a secretary and retired five years later in 1991.

Patsy belonged to the St Ansgar's Church choir, the Women's Choir, was an election official, and was a member of the Cannon

Falls Golf Club where she won the Women's Club Championship 3 years among several other trophies. She loved watching her sons play sports, be it football, basketball, track or golf. Patsy also enjoyed knitting, crocheting and needle point, making numerous items for family, friends and seasonal decorations for around the house. Patsy also enjoyed the Saturday morning coffee get togethers with her siblings and their spouses that either took place at her Mom and Dad's kitchen or in later years at the bakery. A tradition that went on for several years.

Patsy is survived by her son, Dave (Deb) and their sons, Josh (Levana) and great

grandchildren, Vince, Bella and Josie, and Jake (Anne) and great grandchildren, Lily and Cora; son, Dyke (Bridgette) and grandchildren, Megan, Josh, Robby and Nathan; son, Todd (Allison) and grandchildren, Alastair and Drysdale; brother, Bruce Duncan (Marg) and sister-in-law, Muriel Duncan (Ward); and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Louie; parents, Ed and Liz Duncan; aunt, Ruth Hultman; brothers, David Duncan and wife Alice, and Ward Duncan; and sister, Jeanne Holien and husband Leroy.

Memorials in Patsy's name can be sent to 'Three Links Care Center', 815 Forest Avenue, Northfield, MN 55057 and/or to 'Brighton Hospice Care', 4500 Park Glen Road, Suite 475, St. Louis Park, MN 55416.

Cards can be sent to Dave Davisson, 1100 West Minnesota Street, Cannon Falls, MN 55009. There was a private ceremony held for Patsy at Lakeside Cemetery in Randolph.

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Celebrating 50 Years of Family



By Missy Papenfus of MotoProz

On June 26, 1971, my parents will celebrate 50 years of marriage...a half a century. This wouldn't be a very good read if I didn't spill a little dirt about our family. How does anyone stay married for that long? I think the simple answer is you do what works well for your family and to bite your tongue now and then. Okay, the real key to a successful marriage is biting your tongue more times than not!

My dad was in the US Army for four years and served in Vietnam. He met my mom when he got back home. My dad is 7 years older than my mom. I always wondered if that was a big deal when they started dating. My dad is a really good guy. My Grandpa Dick and Grandma Jane liked him from day one, so I don't think anyone ever

brought up their age difference. As the saying goes, "Age is just a number they put on you at birth".

I was born September 20, 1974. You know how small towns go, especially a town like Zumbro Falls with 177 people, as rumor had it, via town gossip my mom was pregnant a few times before she was pregnant with me for real. My dad worked third shift at IBM in Security, and the neighbor lady had to drive mom to the hospital when her water broke. The population in Zumbro Falls has gone up now, but I will never forget the sign when I was a kid "Zumbro Falls Population 177", because our address was Box 177.

My brother was born March 8, 1979. Being almost 5 when my brother was born, my parents were a little worried how I would take to having a sibling.

My mom bought me a doll (her name was Beth), so I had my own baby when my brother was born. I think buying that doll was a pretty good idea, and looking back, I too used bribery tactics myself as a parent. You have to do what you have to do.

What I did not like at all, after my brother was born, was going to the babysitter. I never had to go to the babysitter before my brother was born.

I got to go to my Grandma Verneal's. We played cards and watched soap operas every day. I still watch "The Young and the Restless". My mom said I couldn't go to grandmas for daycare anymore. We would be too much to handle if we both went there. I told her that would not be a problem, I could just go there. She said that would not be fair to my brother. My brother was a handful. Our babysitter lived just up the hill from grandma and grandpa's.

You could see their house from our day-

care! Going to daycare was a fact of life, and that was that.

We were pretty lucky growing up, mom gave us a ride to the school bus most days and dad gave us a ride home from the bus. Mom worked fulltime at a bank and then as a home loan processor. Dad made supper because he was home first, and mom did the dishes. Dad mowed the lawn, and mom did the laundry and cleaned the house.

Every Friday night we watched "The Dukes of Hazzard" and "Dallas" and had popcorn, and Saturday nights was their night to go out on the town (in Zumbro Falls). We had babysitters on most Saturday nights. Every Saturday night, I would not want my parents to leave, and they would tell me the same thing, "Just go to sleep and when you wake up, we'll be home".

When I was in about third grade, we got a camper.

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MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY P APENFUS

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

We have been eating at home a lot more over the past year. I do not think that was our intention to eat at home more, it just worked out that way and has become the new normal. We like to get milk, bread, and eggs at the gas station when we are running low, and then head the to the grocery store every other week. We are not picky eaters at our house. Mike will eat anything. Monty hates tomatoes, he will pretty much eat anything else. I love tomatoes. Especially cherry tomatoes. Every year we get a hanging cherry tomato plan from Jenny's Greenhouse. I try to keep up with watering it. Thankfully, I have my green thumb Mike to take proper care of it. Whoever is cooking, gets to plan the meal.

Mike usually grills at our cabin. I chose the easy way out, so I'll buy some lettuce and a potato salad, so I do not have any cooking with the meal. Just set the table. We see what kind of meat looks good at the store and go from there. We also make HoBos (hamburger/potatoes/onions/carrots in tin foil) a lot on the grill in less than an hour. I've found that whole carrots last a lot longer than baby carrots, but you can use either.

When you are cooking, it does not have to be difficult. Make it easier, use some paper plates so there are no dishes. We like to keep both canned and frozen vegetables, so when we do not have a plan, we can always put something together in a pinch. Another trick is buying a roasted chicken. You have endless options with a whole cooked roasted chicken. I have never been one to meal plan. We typically figure it out right then and there.

Memo from MotoProz...

Mazeppa Daze 2021 coming right up! July 9, 10, 11 See us Friday night in the Parade at 7 PM, Bring on the Fireworks at dusk (mini display Friday night and Saturday night is the big night! 5K walk/run starts Saturday morning at 9AM at the school. Tractor pull Sunday! The place to go is MotoProz!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

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.

A more organized home starts in the Kithchen...

I should change this column to managing the manors, because now I have 3 places to keep track of: the house, the cabin, and MotoProz. Between these three, we have four full size fridges, 1 chest freezer, and two smaller "beverage fridges". How do I TRY to keep them organized?



By Missy Papenfus

We bought our fridge at MotoProz used when Rod and Sue Eichens remodeled their motel rooms in Zumbro Falls; I bet at least 10 years back. Mike painted the "yellow" fridge black, and it's been going strong ever since. Sometimes veggies will freeze in there it works so good! We eat leftovers a lot for lunches at MotoProz or cold sandwiches. I try to look

at the fridge once a week and toss anything I can. Nothing usually goes bad in that fridge because it ends up freezing.

The beverage fridges are easy keeping organized. We like to keep frozen pizzas, beef sticks and sausage in the freezer of our basement fridge. The main fridge and freezer I try to toss old food as I can and do a quick clean out every other week along with a quick wipe down. I like to clean out the fridge before getting groceries, so there is as little in the fridge as possible. Taking leftovers for lunch Tuesday through Friday helps in keeping the fridges cleared out.

Mike does a lot of our cooking, and he usually organizes the big freezer. For some reason, I just detest organizing the freezer. If I just get to work, I can get a lot done in 15 minutes. Set aside 15 minutes to work on a task you hate. You will be amazed how much you can get done in just 15 minutes, and you may even work a little longer. This brings us to the task of doing the dishes. Mike and I both do dishes and Monty empties the dishwasher every now and then. It just depends what the other is doing. I wanted to share with you a trick I had, until Monty spilled the beans on me. I would empty the dishwasher and put the easy stuff away. If we are in a hurry, which is almost every day, I would toss a few dishes in the dish strainer to "dry". I literally got away with this for 15 years. I'll be honest, I still do it! One day, Monty asked me why I do that. I said, "Dad will put it away later". Then he told Mike! When you have a lot to do, and don't know what to do first, get to work and start with the dishes. Stay tuned for next month's topic: Organizing the spare room with a deadline.

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

Celebrating 50 Years of Family

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We started camping every weekend in the summer come rain or shine or if we had a wedding to go to, we never missed camping. I always asked why we never get to go on a "real vacation" in an airplane. Dad said, "You get a vacation every single

weekend". We always got a few bucks each weekend for credit at the campground store to buy ourselves treats.

My brother and I used to fight a lot when we were little. I had the upper hand being older and stronger, but dad warned me, "You better leave him alone, because soon he will be stronger than you". I knew that day would come that he was stronger than me, but our relationship changed. He quit tattling on me, and we actually started to hang out with the same friends. I don't think we have been in a fight since, and we always seem to be on the same page.

Dad retired first. Six years later, mom retired. They have their own routines during the week, and they each go their separate

way until supper. They don't have a job per se anymore, but they have stuff to do every day like it's their job. They are always helping both my brother and I out, watching the grandkids, or helping us out at MotoProz.

Until we bought our store, I never realized, you don't have to actually own a business to have a business partner.

When you decide to commit even before you are married, that's when you become business partners. It's one in the same. My dad always likes to joke around, and my brother and I both inherited that trait from him. Our mom has always been financially savvy, and my brother and I learned that trait from her.



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Local School Bus Driver Receives Award From the Minnesota School Bus Operators Association

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This organization was founded in 1948 and is dedicated to providing safe transportation of students. Members of this organization keep in contact with state agencies and spend time actively lobbying for safer school transportation. Members also stay well informed on the ever changing federal and state regulations for school bus transportation.

Every summer the MSBOA holds their annual summer conference and awards ceremony. Six individuals from around the state were selected for 2021 Transportation Specialist Award. These drivers were nominated by their supervisors as individuals who exemplify the best of the best in school transportation. The nomination applications were judged by the MN Office of Pupil Transportation Safety on criteria such as year of service, dedication to safety, communication with school staff, community achievements as well as letters of

recommendation from parents and school staff.

This year Kennedy Transportation nominated their driver Kevin Kastler for this award. Kevin has spent the past 26 years as a school bus driver for the Zumbrota, Mazeppa district. He has made a positive impact on not only the students, but the parents also. One mom who wrote a letter of recommendation stated, "my daughter gets dropped off at my parents' house after school and Kevin will not leave until one of them waves to him. As a single mom, this behavior is reassuring and very much appreciated. I know my daughter is safe and cared on Kevin's bus." Kevin is more than a driver to his students; he is a friend. He truly cares for them and takes time to develop lifelong relationships. We love and appreciate all he does for us, says Ashley and Scott Kennedy. He is definitely one of a kind and we are beyond grateful to have him drive for us!

Kevin was selected as one of the six individuals who received this award at the ceremony on June 22, 2021. In addition to the award, a \$1000 check was awarded in each driver's name to go toward a scholarship fund for deserving youth in the school district they serve.

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By Tammy Fiedler PHN
Wabasha County
Public Health Director

Wabasha County Public Health is continuing to offer COVID-19 vaccine clinics. They are not as often as they had been previously due to decreased demand. Public Health receives Moderna Vaccine which comes in vials with 10 or 15 doses per vial. We would like to have the number of those registered match the doses in a vial. This will allow us to be able to better manage our supply of inventory, and eliminate waste of the vaccine or the need for calling

in extra people to cover no shows for appointments. If you have not received your vaccination you are eligible at this time! Please contact Wabasha County Public Health (651-565-5200) to get on our list. When we have reached the 10 or 15 people needed we will contact you to help you schedule your appointment.

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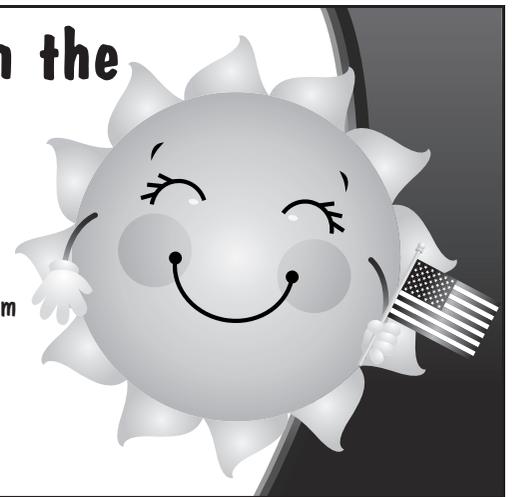
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Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - May 12, 2021

The Zumbro Falls City Council met at City Hall on Wednesday evening May 12, 2021. The mayor called the meeting to order at 7PM. The Clerk read the minutes of the April meeting to council with acceptance by a motion from Anderson, seconded Bankers all in favor, carried. Treasurer's report followed with acceptance by a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Darla Oelkers, representing the Lake City Lakesters Car Club, inquired if the City would be interested in hosting a car show in Zumbro Falls on June 5th, weather permitting, or Sunday June 6th. Council agreed to the event and also to pay for the cost of a DJ and outdoor toilet with a motion from Bankers, seconded Anderson, all in favor, carried.

Monday night's Fire Department meeting consisted of presenting Troy Nibbe, Noah Erickson, and Jordon Meyer with their State Certificates. They also welcomed Robert Newsome to the crew as he finished his six month probation period and was voted on to the Department. Congratulations to them all.

The mayor stated that the Ford Zero Turn Mower and Snow Blower was sold for \$2,250.00. The DOT presented the City with a temporary easement offer on Parcels 56,59,64,75,76,78, and 79 for working space to facilitate construction efforts for the road project in Zumbro Falls next year. Council agreed to their offer with a motion from Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Paul showed council members some information he got concerning light poles for the main street in Zumbro Falls. Decisions on these will be discussed in future meetings after further information is received.

Bruce will contact Josh Roberson for a load of gravel to fix the entrance to the park. Liquor License for the bars and VFW will be renewed with approval from council with a motion from Dennison, seconded Anderson, all in favor carried.

A motion followed for the Clerk to pay all bills presented and the meeting to adjourn by Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Submitted by,
Susan Eischens, Clerk

Mazeppa Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 9, 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 Erica Young Mike Hammes and Jeff Nelson.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, Municipal Liquor Store Manager Heather Groby, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law, Helen Reiland, Mike Papenfuss, Missy Papenfus, Holly Galbus from the News Record, Mike Bubany of David Drown And Associates, Pam Clink, Bill Frieheit and 3 other residents from the 2nd Ave. SW area that did not sign in.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Bob Josselyn, and Brian Hoerle from Hawkins and Ash, CPAs.

Absent: Council Person Steve Liffbrig.

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

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to

approve the May 12, 2021, Regular City Council meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Mike Bubany of David Drown Associates presented a capital planning program to help determine future water/sewer rate and tax needs for capital planning for major projects. Also discussed options for temporary loans for a potential wastewater treatment plant.

No Wabasha County Sherriff's report was given.

Public Works Director Scott Ellingson gave the Public Works report.

Question from Citizen on the integrity of the roof at the back up well. Public Works Director Ellingson said it is getting rough but has not leaked. Will be looking into future repairs.

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

Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store update was given by Store Manager Heather Groby.

City Engineering update was given by Matt Mohs of Bolton & Menk. A gift basket was given to the City to be included in some form of giveaway at Mazeppa Daze. Options to remedy parking issues at MMLS were discussed. Most feasible solution cur-

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Historical Happenings

Compiled by
Helen Reiland

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

Friday-June 20, 1952

Add Oddities

John Steichen recently found a Dutch coin, 10-center, dated 1918 and inscribed: Wilhemina Koningen, Der Nederland." It is about the size of a two and one-half dollar gold piece.

Records are Being Broken

Local fishermen are breaking records this week.

Tuesday evening Ernie Hoefs caught a six and one-half pound walleye below the power dam. Wednesday, Harold Dierkhising came along with an 11 pound northern, caught at the Red Wing dam.

Obituaries

ROBERT MANTHEI

Local friends were shocked to learn of the death of Robert Manthei of Pasadena, Calif. As of yet The Journal has no particulars.

L. W. THOMPSON

Word was received this week of the recent death of L.W. Thompson of Paynesville. Mr. Thompson was superintendent of the local schools in the early thirties.

Rural Graduate List Released

- District 12- Roxie Warren
- District 23- Shirley Funk, William Gilsdorf, Thomas Leonard
- District 54- Arlene Holtorf
- District 73- Marcella Krier
- District 105- Mickey Reeve, Geraldine Whipple

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morrissey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Les Graves and family of Zumbro Falls visited Mrs. Susan Arendt, Sunday. Arnie Morrissey remained to visit several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alex Weber, Bill Sandon and Caroline Hoffman and Jerry and Teddy visited relatives in Rochester Sunday afternoon and evening. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Neeb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goetsch have purchased the Martin Kuehl residence and will move here sometime in July. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehl have purchased a home in Red Wing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoefs and Freddie and Bobby attended the inauguration exercise at Girls State and the tea following, Sunday afternoon in St. Paul. Their daughter Gretchen is attending Girls' State.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1952

Weddings

KOMISAR-JOHNSON

Before an altar decorated with fall flowers, Dolores Lucille Johnson and Tilmon G. Komisar were united in marriage at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. John's Lutheran church. Rev. Theo. Haar officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Olive Johnson of Mazeppa, and bridegroom, is the son Mr. and Mrs. Tilmon Komisar of Topanga, Calif.

Obituaries

CHESTER F. FREIHEIT

Chester F. Freiheit, Pine Island township farmer, died Saturday at Zumbrota Community hospital following a long illness. He was 39 years old.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William Freiheit, he was born Aug. 26, 1913 in Chester Township and attended District 65 School near Bellechester. He was married June 7, 1938 to Mary Poncelet of Bellechester. They resided on a farm near Bellechester for seven years, before moving to the present place.

Surviving are his wife; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Freiheit of Goodhue; eight children, Darlene, Roger, Ralph, Mary Clare, Richard, Adrienne, James and Theresa, all at home; and two brothers, Glen and Gerald.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. W.J. Ryan officiating. Pallbearers were Milton, Robert and James Poncelet, Augustine and Anthony Palzer and Walter Munson.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the Freiheit family in its untimely loss.

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currently, is to encourage customers to use 1st Ave. on-street parking. Up front engineering costs for each step of the WWTP project were presented. The City does have annual budgeted engineering that would pay for the bulk of the costs and ample reserves if needed.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to move forward with engineering proposal on the WWTP. All phases not to exceed \$123,950. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

A group of citizens voiced complaints about the MMLS customer appreciation music event. The group also complained about the parking procedures in the area, the behavior of some customers and staff.

Discussion of parking problems in the

neighborhood and options the City is considering, to manage the parking issue.

MMLS and City management stated it cannot control customer behavior and assured Council that staff is trained to avoid discussion with customers about internal operations.

A Mazeppa Daze vendor asked to donate installation of electrical outlets, by a local electrician, at the riverside picnic shelter at Herb Vik Park.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve the donated improvement at the riverside picnic shelter at Herb Vik Park. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve building permits MZ21-11, John & Adeline Betcher for a new furnace, and MZ21-12 Redemptive Roofing/Joe and

Rhonda Sand for a re-roof. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve Resolution 21-12 establishing a Parks and Recreation committee. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to table the Firehall roof project until a 2nd quote can be obtained and input from the Fire Department. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

An overview of the City's 2020 financial audit was presented by Brian Hoerle of Hawkins & Ash CPAs.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve the 2020 City financial audit. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to allow Mazeppa Daze 2021 events to proceed, including the fireworks show. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 21-13 requesting permission from Wabasha County to shut down portions of 1st Ave. and Chestnut St. (County Roads 1 & 54) to hold the Mazeppa Daze parade. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve Resolution 21-14 closing various streets to allow for Mazeppa Daze events. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 21-15 extending park hours to allow for Mazeppa Daze events. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 21-16 approving an off-site gambling permit for the Mazeppa Fire Relief for the Mazeppa Daze raffle. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 21-17 approving Dance permits for Mazeppa Daze music events. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve Resolution 21-18 approving temporary off-site Liquor Licenses to Mazeppa Inc. dba/Leos Sports Bar to cater alcohol at

specified Mazeppa Daze event sites. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to accept donation of gift basket from Bolton and Menk to be given away as part of the Mazeppa Daze celebration. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Mike and Missy Papenfus of Moto Prox requested the City Council to consider sale of City owned land adjacent to their business.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to close the regular meeting under statute 13D05 for the consideration acquisition or sale of public property at xxx 1st Ave. N. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting closed at 8:47 PM.

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

Meeting re-opened at 9:00 PM.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to accept offer of \$6600 on City owned parcel R23.00162.00. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to close the regular City council meeting to discuss an employee issue under statute 13D.05, subsection 2B. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting closed at 9:06 PM.

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

Meeting re-opened at 9:24 PM.

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to terminate employment with Melissa Kubista at the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Motion by Nelson, Second by Young to adjourn until July 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM for the next regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 9:29 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

Editorial by Missy Papenfus

I attended the Mazeppa City Council Meeting on Wednesday June 9. After reading the article in the Zumbrota New Record by Holly Galbus "Tensions rise about noise and parking at Mazeppa liquor store" left me stumped on how I felt the meeting went.

The title to the article was accurate, but some of the depth of the content, I feel, deserves correction.

I know the city staff, council, and employees care a great deal and are doing anything they can to work together to resolve issues. Mayor Chris Hagfors had to interject multiple times regarding talking out of turn to residents, however Heather Groby (Mazeppa Liquor Store Manager) was not one of them as the article implies. After patiently listening, from my point of view, she tried to defend herself in as few words as possible.

I cannot imagine being put in her position, trying to recover after having to reduce hours, close and only sell off sale for unlimited months due to the pandemic, while continuing to show a profit even last year, given the circumstances. This is the thanks she gets.

The whole idea is to get the truth to what happened, not to take sides. I understand the residents' complaints. The "streets" where patrons park causing these issues are a lane and a half wide. When someone parks there, leaves it impassible.

I also understand the noise complaints from the street dances at the liquor store. City officials listened, and tried to change the angle of the dance to keep noise down. In my opinion, moving the location of the liquor store street dance is not a viable option. It needs to be "on site" so supplies do not have to be transported across town. The object of the street dance is to bring more business to the liquor store.

I am a fair person, and I chose to see all sides of a story. Working together and compromise, I am confident the city and the residents can come to a conclusion that will benefit everyone's interests.

Mazeppa Daze and the Municipal Liquor Store are subjects that are discussed frequently. Funding for these are, at times, misunderstood. The Municipal Liquor Store is a City owned business. No money from taxes support liquor store operations. By statute, a municipal liquor store cannot show a loss 2 years in any 3 year period, or its continued existence must be determined by referendum. The City chose to upgrade our liquor store and pay for that with an interfund loan. Half of the amount paid for the remodel of the facility has been paid back to City reserves, with interest. The liquor store also had enough profit that the City was able to retain funds in the liquor store to put a new roof on the building, adding value to that City asset.

The City does sponsor some Mazeppa Daze events. A non-profit organizing committee raises funds, organizes, budgets for and pays for events. They keep a balance of the proceeds to fund the next year's celebration. They also coordinate donations from local community service organizations. A portion of the community service organizations donations are directed to the City to pay for the expenses associated with the events that the City sponsors, so no tax money is used for these events. The volunteers of the Mazeppa Daze committee dedicate a lot of time and energy to making events happen. They deserve many thanks. As always, respect those who live near the event sites. Park your vehicle responsibly. Do not litter on private or public grounds.

Enjoy the festivities responsibly.



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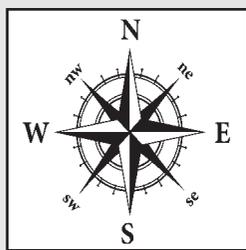
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes The Tennessee Tilt



By Terry Campbell

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

I saw pickup trucks driving around like this and thought there must have been a mechanical failure. Then I found out it was actually a fad. It comes from giving a perfectly good four-wheel drive pickup to someone lacking in common sense. They call it the Tennessee Tilt and it has been seen in neighboring North Carolina where they call it the Carolina Squat. It is a terrible new trend for pickups from the millennial country kids. You take a perfectly good 4x4 truck and then you jack the front up so the headlights are in the trees and the back of your truck resembles a dog with an itchy butt, rubbing across the carpet.

I have spent my life driving pickup trucks. A man is not a real man unless he owns one. He uses it daily and he treats it with respect. You put every thing in the back including the kitchen sink and you want it to stay there.

No logical, intellectual being would slope the bed of the pickup box to self-unload



everything you put in there. You put over-size springs on the rear axle so a heavy load doesn't have you dragging the hitch ball down the highway. You want clearance so you don't get hung up on a stump when you go off road.

But down here some hillbilly brain trust came up with a backwards way to make the most noble vehicle on the road look silly. I first thought that "Bubba" found a way to load his fishing skiff without a trailer. Just back that old truck down to the water and run the john boat up in the box. But it is mostly new pickups which were emasculated and sent down the highway looking like some punk at the mall with his pants hanging below his underwear.

It has become bad enough, that the state legislature passed a law to ban this practice, stating; "A private passenger automobile shall not be modified or altered by elevat-

ing the automobile more than 3 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the front and lowering the automobile more than 2 inches from the manufacturer's specified height in the rear."

One of the great things about being an old farmer is that you are actually smarter than most kids, and ornery enough to tell them so.

A Minnesotan: Fireworks



By RosaLin Alcoser

While when the holiday is spent in the city the experience is different. The fireworks go off from all the different parks and people's yards; sometimes in the yard right next to your house. And the streets are packed with people in lawn chairs to watch the chaotic firework display going off around them.

Last year I personally did not get either of these experiences as I was the town reporter; which meant I was at the one Firework display going on in town. Once the Independence Day softball game was over the firework display started and lasted for about half an hour. It was held at the fairgrounds and while some people lined the streets in town, most people watched from the back of their cars at the fairgrounds.

I spent it watching from the back of my hatchback at the fairgrounds... well, my Mom did. I viewed the whole thing through my camera lens while I jotted down notes about the event.

This year though this year will be different as I now live in the cities and will not be covering local events. Instead I will have to be one of those people who views the chaotic display from their home or by going outside to view it from the street.

2020 was the first Fourth of July that I spent in Minnesota in years and it was the first year that I had spent it at the lake in years. The years before when I was in school in Missouri and I spent most of those Fourth of July's in the city.

I have found that the biggest difference between being in the city vs being on the lake for the Fourth of July is the way we view the fireworks. Years where I have spent it at the lake. The large colorful burst of the fireworks can be leisurely viewed from the water,dock, or the deck. It's beautiful as the fireworks go off over the water from afar.

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