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Announcements

• **South Troy Church:** 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.

• **MAHS - Come & check out our amazing history building by giving us a call.** Helen @ 507-250-6021, Jim Siems @ 507-696-3506 or Diane Gilsdorf @ 507-843-4013. Thank you for your support!

The Mazeppa Area Historical Society continues to do research into our rich history for the future. Check your attic's, in need of the 1940's and 1950's Mazeppa Journals.

• **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 Hoef at 507-259-1442 or choeft52@gmail.com.

Do you have an announcement?

Email:

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Mazeppa Lions Club to Hold Drive Through Chicken BBQ



The Mazeppa Lions club will hold a fall drive through Chicken BBQ event at the Lions Park October 3rd. This event is a big fundraiser for The Lions as the money goes back into the community. This will be Pre-sale tickets only. Drive through and pick up your meal and take it home or take a seat in the park to enjoy.

Presale tickets will be available at:

Leo's Sports Bar
100 Walnut St NE, Mazeppa
Mazeppa BP
360 1st Avenue Street, Mazeppa

Rhonda's Hair Care

120 1st Ave N, Mazeppa

Date: October 3rd Time: Noon- 4PM
Menu: 1/2 Chicken and two sides \$12

Zumbro Falls Little Free Library



courtesy of City of Zumbro Falls

The Zumbro Falls Lioness has started a book share for all ages. It is located on the kiosk next to City Hall/ZFFD. You can borrow a book and share a book. Enjoy! If you want to learn more about book shares, visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

WWTP price increases by 40%

The estimated cost for the proposed wastewater treatment plant in Mazeppa has swelled from \$9.7 million to \$14 million. The project still needs to complete plans and procure funding before it can start construction, which is planned for sometime in 2023. The engineering report has discovered the need for improvements in areas such as replacing aging sewer mains in town. Inflation is also ramping the anticipated price up. The city is pursuing Rural Development grants, which will cover up to 50% of the new wwtp cost.

The city uses RoadBiotics to assess the condition of streets in town. This will cost about \$2,000 and allow the planning of upgrades. Ordinance 2021-02 will regulate parking on both sides of Second Ave SW south of Cherry Street. Parking will be by permit only and homeowners will need to apply for a permit and display in their window.

The council approved a disc golf tournament in Vik Park on October 9th from 10am to 3pm.

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2nd Chances Jonah 3



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

How many times do you give someone another chance? Does it depend on the situation? Do we give everyone another chance? After all they're human- they're not perfect... does it depend on our age or our privileges? Or should we give God more than one chance? Who decides? How do we decide?

I've been the recipient of a number of second chances. Gary and I recently celebrated 35 years of marriage. That is a huge 2nd chance for me! The Bible is full of men and women that God gave 2nd chances to: Rahab The Bible is clear and consistent when it refers to Rahab—she was a prostitute. But this woman of ill repute put her life on the line to hide some spies from Israel. And God granted her a second chance. Then there was Moses who was born in Egypt during a dangerous time for young Jewish boys. God chose to spare Moses's life and gave him the privilege and protection of growing up in Pharaoh's palace. As an adult Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster to save a Hebrew young man, the wrath of Pharaoh drove

him out of Egypt for fear of his life. Yet 40 years later God gave Moses a second chance to return to Egypt and set His people free.

And we all know Jonah because we are a lot like Jonah- Jonah was in the belly of a great fish for 3 days and 3 nights and called out to God and said he would do all that he promised to do. "And the Lord ordered the fish to spit up Jonah on the beach, and it did." We have a repentant and grateful Jonah. A man that is ready to follow God- "I will never worship anyone but you! I will surely fulfill my promises" ... Jonah's made a big promise...

God wasted no time setting Jonah back on track, 'go to Nineveh and deliver the message I gave you.' It seems Jonah is to go immediately—not waste time over thinking about it, planning how to canvas the city—just GO! Go and deliver the message I gave you. He's giving Jonah a 2nd chance.

This time Jonah obeys. Nineveh is a large city- *so large that it would take three days to walk through it.*

Jonah arrives and begins to shout the message of doom and gloom to the people of Nineveh. He goes from one end to another. It took him 3 days to get the message out and what a response! "The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow." The people of Nineveh believed Jonah, from the least to the greatest. Everyone was equal - they took Jonah's message to heart and began to pray. They went into national mourning. The people of Nineveh recognized their sin- and were convicted.

They chose to listen and act on what they heard from the prophet Jonah. **"If your people- call on your name and turn from their sins (repent)—Lord, hear from**

heaven and forgive their sins." The people of Nineveh weren't God's chosen people, but they were still people that He loved and created. The people of Israel were to tell the gentiles, the peoples in their communities about Him—Now Jonah was finally obeying and brought a message of "hellfire and brimstone" so to speak—and it worked! verse 10 says, "10 When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened." God saw what they had done—how they had changed- that they truly repented—it wasn't just the words—they followed it with action! For an entire city- to turn to the Lord is amazing and wonderful!

God specializes in 2nd chances. He gave Jonah a 2nd chance. Jonah was going the opposite direction- and when he had his

time alone in the fish- he repented and chose to obey God. Through Jonah's obedience an entire city- was given a second chance! That is so amazing. That through the words that came from Jonah's mouth- a city of over 120,000 people repented and turned to follow God.

• We too are called to go—to share the truth of God's word. To share the good news- to make sure 'everyone' knows! We must obey the call—we must be ready to go and tell. How can they know Jesus if there is no one to tell them?

• We must pray for those that still have not heard. And for opportunities to go and tell.

God has given us so many chances- let's not miss any more opportunities to share the good news of Christ. It's time to go and tell- like Jonah- embrace your 2nd chance to share the hope of eternity to whomever God places in your path!

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"Does Job fear God for nothing?" — Job 1:9

I can remember a time in college when everything was going really well. I had lots of friends, I was getting good grades, I was having fun, I was involved in a great church, my relationship with God was thriving, and I even enjoyed my part-time job. Everything was going great, and I was extremely happy.

When everything is going well, it is relatively easy to honor and praise God and follow him wholeheartedly—to fear God in the biblical sense of being devoted to him.

In Job 1, Satan claimed it was easy for Job to fear God because his life was going so well. Job had 10 children, thousands of animals, and many servants. Job was a great man whose kids threw great parties. He would even offer sacrifices just in case someone in his household sinned against God. So of course Job feared God, Satan said. His life was great!

As the story of Job continued, however, all those blessings were taken from him. His family, his possessions, and even his health were taken away. Yet Job still feared God. Our devotion to God shouldn't be dependent on how well life is going for us. If we fear God only because life is good, then we really don't fear God at all.

As you think about your devotion to God, make sure you fear God because of who he is and not because he can give you great blessings.

Prayer

Awesome God, help us to adore and worship you because of who you are—God above all things. Amen.

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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.
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Melroy Edward Buck

Melroy Edward Buck, 80, of Bellechester, passed away on July 30, 2021 at his home with his family around him. He was born on October 19, 1940 to Harry and Ester (Hinrich) Buck. He was baptized and confirmed at Christ Lutheran Church. Melroy married Edith Kahl on September 7, 1968. He worked for many different construction companies over the years. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, going on hunting trips and relaxing and playing with Ollie, his dog.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Walter, Harold and Bernard.

He is survived by his wife, Edith; three children, Nancy Dahling, Jeffrey (Amanda) Buck, and Carrie (Dave) Peterson, all of Bellechester; 12 grandchildren, Dylan, Joshua and Charles Dahling, Joe, Alexander and Cody Buck, Paige, Alivia, Payton, and Austin Holst, Jake and Aaron Peterson; 4 great-grandchildren, Ivy, Ava, Daniella and Jace; and one sister, Lucy Grothe.

A funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, August 6, 2021 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Goodhue with pastor Todd Engel officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Memorials are preferred to St. John's School, Goodhue. Online con-



dolences may be left for that family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Kay Mehrkens

Barbara Kay Mehrkens, age 70, of Mazeppa, passed away in her home on August 4, 2021 surrounded by her family.



She was born in Lake City, MN on February 26, 1951 to Donald and Lois (Emerson) Rolsch. She grew-up in Zumbro Falls, MN and graduated from Lincoln High School in Lake City, MN. Barbara met the love of her life in March of 1968. While on leave from serving in Vietnam, Leon returned home to be married to Barbara on December 20, 1969 at St. John's Lutheran in Mazeppa. After their wedding Barb & Leon returned to Fort Campbell, KY to complete Leon's service duties and then came back to MN and lived on a family farm near Oak Center, MN. Eventually they settled near Leon's parents farm in rural Mazeppa Township. Together they raised three children. Barb accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and savior in 1974 and made it her mission to teach her children to know and love Jesus.

Barb loved to travel, cook, bake, and ride bicycle but most of all she loved spending time with her husband and raising her family. As she grew older and these things became more difficult she never gave up showing her family how much they were loved.

She is survived by her loving husband of 52 yrs, Leon Mehrkens; her three children, Jill Mehrkens, Jamie (Michelle) Mehrkens, & Josh Mehrkens; her four grandchildren, Katelynn, Tyler, Sheldon & Owen; brother, William Rolsch; sister, Diane Brown; and step-father, Richard Nelson.

She is preceded in death by her parents. Visitation was held on Monday August 9, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mahn Funeral Home - Larson chapel in Zumbrota.

Funeral service were held on Tuesday August 10, at 11 a.m. with one hour visitation prior at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Zumbrota.

Burial took place at Pleasant Prairie Dale cemetery in Zumbro Falls following the service.

Dean Raymond Luhman

Dean Raymond Luhman was born on March 21, 1939, in Red Wing, the son of Raymond and Mildred (Vieths) Luhman. After graduating from high school, Dean started his own business hauling canned milk for Bellechester Creamery. Dean married Marcia Mae Diercks on April 23, 1960, and began farming and raising a family. After thirty-five years of farming, Dean drove truck for Holms Brothers (Goodhue) and Roberson Lime and Rock (Zumbro Falls). He finished his working career at Menards in Red Wing, fully retiring in 2020. Dean was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Goodhue and remained dedicated to his strong Christian faith throughout his life. Dean enjoyed spending time with his family, watching birds and wildlife, building jigsaw puzzles, watching westerns and compiling his family history. He passed away peacefully at his home in Zumbrota surrounded by family, and will be remembered for his dedication to farming and his family, his blue eyes, and his kind heart.



Survivors include his loving wife Marcia of 61 years; children, Kevin (Bonnie) Luhman, Kari (David) Johnson, Lance (Julie) Luhman, Lonn Luhman, Lisa (Duane) Miller, Kristi (Bryan) Miller, Karla (Mark) Thermos; 21 grandchildren, Terrill, Dustin, Amanda, Samantha, Chase, Colt, Chance, Valerie, Shelby, Tristan, Trevor, Gage, Kyle, Micah, Caleb, Christopher, Garrett, Bethany, Bo, Brett and Klarissa; 24 great grandchildren; sister, Barbara (Wally) Milow; brothers, Allan (Sherry) Luhman and Jonathan (Lora) Luhman; as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Mildred; his brothers, Darwin, Curtis, Larris, Raymond, Randal and Arlan; his sisters, Suzanne and Mary Lori; and grandson, Cody Johnson.

A visitation was held on Sunday, August 22nd, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel, 1475 Jefferson Drive, Zumbrota, MN 55992. The funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 23rd, at Grace Lutheran Church, 39774 County 4 Blvd, Goodhue, with visitation one hour prior to

the service. There was a committal service at the Belvidere Union Cemetery following the funeral service. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Kay Roble

Sharon Kay Roble, 77, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 16, 2021, at her home in Mazeppa. She was born on December 11, 1943, in Fairmont, Minnesota to Francis "Bud" and Dorothy (Sheely) Marquardt. Sharon was the second



child of five. She grew up, as a lover of animals, any and all varieties, shapes, and sizes. One time Sharon brought home a baby lamb. She liked drawing animals, especially horses and dogs. During high school she played the saxophone and was in the marching band. She married Daryl Hystead in 1964, together they had three children, Mark, Michelle, and Michael. They later divorced. On April 4, 1992, she was united in marriage to Tom Roble. Tom had four children, so they formed a blended family, now having seven kids between them. Tom and Sharon made their home in Mazeppa. Sharon was employed at IBM for 20 years. She was an excellent "wood craftsman." Over the years she perfected her technique of woodcarving. Having just the right tools, Sharon spent hours, sometimes days, creating beautiful pieces of art. She also constructed a few pieces of furniture, whimsical houses, walking sticks, and a mantle to go over the fireplace. Many of her pieces she donated to charitable benefits and family. Her legacy will live on through her beautiful artistic talents. She was also talented in the kitchen, making the best brownies, bean dip, roast beef dip, and was the best hostess at holiday celebrations. She held family and friends in the highest regard, she will be forever missed.

Left to cherish her memory include, her husband Tom Roble; children, Mark (Jackie) Hystead, Michelle (Keith) Jones, Michael Hystead; bonus children, Ann (Mike) Hinsch, Lori (Marcus) Lunde, Michael (Patty) Roble, Richard (Kelly) Roble; grandchildren, Samantha (Alex), Erik, Aleah, Brandon (Katie), Ethen (Jordan), Riley, Cassandra, Kelsie, Jessica, and Rachael; and five great-grandchildren, also her sisters and brothers; Sandra Heatherly, DeeAnn Houck, Wayne Marquardt and Kevin (Marquardt) Bradley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Dorothy and brother-in-law, Larry Heatherly.

A Celebration of Life Service was at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel in Zumbrota. Visitation was from 1 until 3 p.m. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com. Blessed be her memory.

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Make Customer Service An Everyday Occurrence



By Harvey Mackay

Comedy writer Bob Orben had an interesting take on customer service: "You go to a coin-operated store and wash and dry your clothes. Then you go to a filling station where you pump your own gas. And on to a fast-food restaurant where you carry your own tray. And what is it being called? A service economy!"

The irony has not escaped customers, who will be the final arbiter of the current options.

Electronic self-service may be the wave of the future for many organizations, but lots of consumers are bucking the trend. The CRM Buyer website reports that researchers surveyed more than 24,000 consumers in 12 countries about customer interactions, and here's what they found:

Eighty percent prefer customer service from a human being instead of an automated system.

Eighty-three percent say that interacting with a customer service rep is important on the phone or in a store.

Sixty-eight percent believe they're more likely to get a better deal when negotiating in person instead of online.

Eighteen percent said they would renew products or services because of good personal customer service, even if they were more expensive.

Good, personalized customer service is

that important.

Companies are facing new and serious issues meeting the expectations of customers in the current climate. Hiring difficulties, pandemic restrictions, merchandise shortages and financial challenges have made many organizations rethink their practices. And stressed employees need support more than ever as they handle extra work and procedures.

In addition, customers who got accustomed to online shopping and home delivery have meant many businesses have had to make adjustments to the services they offer.

Those challenges aren't disappearing soon.

And an unhappy customer who receives poor service can make or break a business. Bad online reviews can cripple an otherwise thriving business.

So the one constant that must not suffer in the midst of all these obstacles is good customer service. There are some fundamentals to keep in mind to achieve that goal.

Hire the right people. The rule is you either hire smart or manage tough. Hiring smart is better, but it requires you to know what you're looking for and to recognize the skills and attitude you want. Look at experience and listen to your gut.

Keep score. If you don't measure performance, your team will be in perpetual warm-up mode. Let employees know what they're being measured on and how it is relevant to them, their customers, and the organization's bottom line.

Reward. Make sure you reward the desired outcome. For instance, if you want your salespeople to create relationships and long-term accounts, reward them with back-end commissions, bonuses or some form of appreciation.

Practice what you preach. If you want a motivated customer service rep, you need to be motivated yourself first. Are you genuinely excited about the work your group produces? You need to love your customers, because if you're not sincerely motivated yourself, you'll never motivate other people to provide excellent service.

Being put on hold on the phone is a pet peeve for most of us. Although you may have to put a client or customer on hold, offer them the courtesy of waiting or getting a call-back.

Give employees the power to actually serve the customer's needs.



Steve Hardison, who went on to become a successful executive coach, began his career in sales at Xerox. Product returns were against company policy at the time, but according to a story in the Chicago Tribune, one day Hardison decided to let one of his customers return a copier regardless of the rule. When his boss demanded an explanation, Hardison said, "If I lose a job because I took care of a customer, then I never had a job."

The next day his boss's boss called him into his office. Hardison fully expected to get fired. Instead, the executive said, "I wish I had more people like you." His reputation for honesty and integrity was made.

Referring to a column on customer service a few years back, one of my loyal read-

ers sent me an email about the power of personal touch. He and his wife serve on the welcoming committee at their church. Before each service, they try to greet as many people as they can with "happiness and appreciation," visitors or members alike.

He mentioned an occasion on vacation when attending another church, only one person spoke to them. As they left, the pastor greeted them, and that made all the difference in the world.

Mackay's Moral: Make "at your service" your motto.

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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.

Planners and Lists -Old school paper versus digital



By Missy Papenfus

I write everything down, so I don't forget. I've been using a small yearly planner I carry with me. I started doing this many years ago. Now that I am at MotoProz fulltime, I can keep a bigger calendar there instead of carrying it with me. I tried a cheaper Blackberry once (a digital calendar), and I just couldn't make it work for me.

Every year, I sit down and write birthdays and recurring items in the calendar. It keeps getting bigger and bigger. I have found it has been easier to sit down and update a month or two each day rather than updating the whole year at one time.

A couple months back, I decided to try a free list app on my phone called Make-A-List. I can keep running lists, to constantly add and delete from. I most always have my cell phone with me, so if I don't have a pen, I can add it to my list as a reminder. I keep a list of groceries, a to-do list for MotoProz, home, and the cabin. Write it down, so you don't forget.

Stay tuned for next month's topic: Tiny Habits
There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

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Mayo Clinic Responds to Increased COVID-19 Activity in SE MN

RED WING, Minn. — In response to the recent significant increase of COVID-19 cases in Minnesota, Mayo Clinic Health System is implementing new visitor restrictions and enhancing the availability of COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

"We're testing hundreds of people each day for COVID-19. In southeast Minnesota counties outside of Rochester, 15 to 20 percent of tests are coming back positive," says Robert Albright, Jr. D.O., regional vice president, Southeast Minnesota Region, Mayo Clinic Health System. "Nearly all patients hospitalized due to COVID-19 are unvaccinated people. For our part, Mayo will continue to vaccinate as many people as possible, give antibody infusions to prevent hospitalizations, encourage masking and educate our communities on the threat of another surge. Our communities can, in turn, help us keep medical professionals available for non-COVID-19 care by getting vaccinated and wearing masks to reduce the spread of the virus."

Mayo Clinic Health System restricts visitors due to surge in COVID-19 cases

Mayo Clinic Health System's Southeast Minnesota Region will reduce the number of visitors allowed in its hospitals and clinics to one designated visitor per patient, beginning Wednesday, Aug. 25. This change affects hospitals in Albert Lea, Austin, Cannon Falls, Lake City and Red Wing, Minnesota, as well as all Mayo Clinic Health System clinics in the region.

Mayo Clinic Health System is making this change in response to increasing cases of COVID-19 in the communities it serves, largely due to the delta variant. All visitors must comply with masking and safety requirements. Visitor restrictions are subject to change, depending on the presence of COVID-19 in each community.

Mayo Clinic Health System will provide the latest guidelines on the Mayo Clinic Health System website.

A Monthly Moment at MotoProz



Throwback first day of school pictures of Monty. 2012 and 2019 Senior year.

By Missy Papenfus

You never know what will happen at MotoProz from day to day, hour to hour...

I think the most important part of my job at MotoProz is always being creative and inventive and coming up with new ideas to test out and try when it comes to marketing. Mike has worked in this business a long time, so he has tested many processes and systems we use to get the end job done. When it comes to marketing, everything is always changing.

MotoProz was open for a few years already when I came up with the 7 days of MotoPhest jingle, like the 12 days of Christmas. Meant to be generic, so that every year after Thanksgiving we have a big sale, so I could sing the jingle commercial one time and use it each year.

On the 7 days of MotoPhest, MotoProz gave to me, 7 days of sales, 6 bucks off oil, 5 dollar MotoProz tees, 4 Christmas gifts, 3 free pens, 2 get some MotoMunchies and a discount on all in store clothing!

When Monty was five, I wanted him to make a radio commercial. So we went into the studio for him to record. (Now, I can make radio commercials on my phone!) I asked if we could go into the archives and pull one of Monty's old radio commercials. "Our used machines have lots of fun left in them! The Place to go is MotoProz!" Always fun to take a look back at old pictures, and in this case take a listen...

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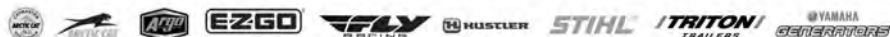


Sincerely,

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MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

TRACKING

Last month, I made a promise to myself to start tracking my calorie intake and drinking more water. No more dieting. It is amazing how many calories a person saves when you keep close track of everything you are consuming.

If you want to lose a few pounds, regardless of any plan you decide to use, it comes down to moving more and eating less calories. I have found when I track, I cut down immensely on mindless eating and easily consume less calories without even trying. Along with drinking more water, and I just feel better all around.

It is amazing how fast good healthy habits can go by the wayside when certain situations in life change. Last year was hard, but it's time to move on. I am not getting any younger, and the time has come for me to create some new healthy habits.

I've been reading a book "Tiny Habits" by BJ Fogg, PhD. Stay tuned next month for Tiny Habits in Missy's Message and Missy's Managing the Manor.

Memo from MotoProz...

Tis' the season for snowmobile grass drags. We have a variety of quality preowned sleds currently available at MotoProz. If you act now, you may even be able to snag a new 2022 Arctic Cat snowmobile! The place to go is MotoProz in Mazeppa! Check out our inventory online at MotoProz.com!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

THE KING with Cash & Diamond Returning to Dennison

After a year of cancelled events, the popular Labor Day Weekend show featuring the music of Johnny Cash, Elvis, and Neil Diamond returns to Dennison Friday, September 3rd, 2021.

For fans young and old, if you have ever been to the popular Breezy Point Resort up north in Minnesota, you may have caught The Memories of Elvis Show (www.espking.com) with Chris Olson.

You may have seen their show on the dockside bar at Breezy Point or if you have been to Dennison the past few years on Labor Day Weekend,

Chris Olson performs this entertaining

tribute of The King, and will be bringing his talents and show back to DENNISON, MINNESOTA on Friday, September 3. Show time will be at 7:30p.m.

This will be a rain or shine event under the big top at the Fireside. Doug Allen Nash will again join the show this year with is tribute to Neil Diamond and also his "Johnny Cash Tribute - American Icon".

It is in this production, Nash includes one of his own songs "June" co-written and co-produced with Jeff Silverman in Nashville, TN. Engineering mix by Grammy Award Winners John Carter Cash and Chuck Turner at Cash Cabin Studio in Hendersonville, TN.

You can see both of these great artists in Dennison September 3rd.

Advance Tickets are just \$20.00.

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to order tickets.

You can also make dinner reservations that evening ahead of the show.



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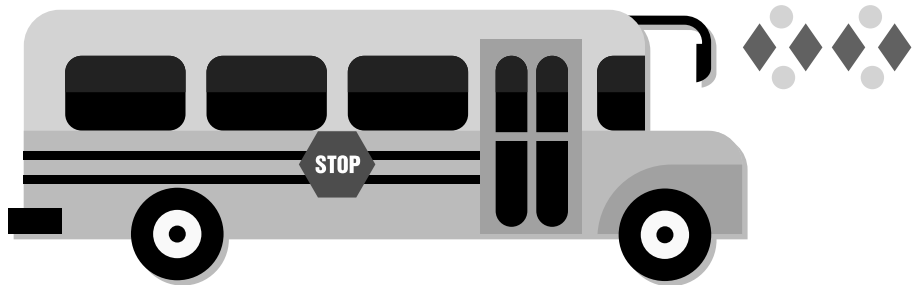
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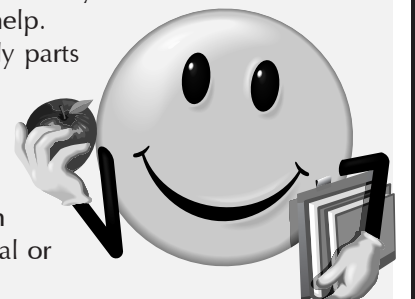
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Parents, be sure to review these important bus safety tips with young riders to keep kids safe this school year.

- Talk to your kids about bus safety and respect. Ridership is a privilege. It can be taken away due to bad behavior, so check with your school district about established guidelines.
- Dress appropriately for the weather.
- Be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is set to arrive. Tardiness can lead to mistakes in safety measures.
- Kids should follow the five giant steps rule: Be five giant steps back from where the bus actually stops until it comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door.
- Backpacks/bags need to be fully closed and sized appropriately for the child to prevent safety hazards such as dragging straps.
- Always stay seated on the bus. Teach your child to stay in the seat until the bus comes to a complete stop at your child's destination.
- Show appreciation to the bus driver. Remind your kids to say thank you when they get off. Kindness and good manners go a long way.
- Go over your child's bus routine. Describe the location and street where your child should get off. For younger kids, write down their names, bus number, bus stop and where you may be reached and put that information inside their backpack. Help your children memorize your cell telephone number; putting it to song can help.
- Don't hang out of the window. Keep body parts inside the bus!
- Bullying should never be tolerated. Talk to your child about bullying on the bus. Read your district's school bus behavior policy to understand to whom you should report such bullying. It may be the driver, teacher, principal or someone else.



It's a New Season

Sunday, September 19

10:30 a.m. at South Troy Church

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Come and Hear:

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir

Sharing music and hearing their stories.

After the service stay for the food and fun!

Community Cook-out:

Grilling hamburgers and hot dogs,
along with all the fixings!



Adult & Teen Challenge
Minnesota



Balloons
by Kevin
will be an
attendance!

He will have
something fun
for
everyone!



Council Working Session Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 4, 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, Steve Liffbrig and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, City Attorneys Luke Lamprecht and Elizabeth Deming, City Engineers Matt Mohs and Harry Davis, John Clemens, Bob Josselyn, Helen Reiland, and Diane Gilsdorf.

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

Discussion regarding the renewal of the Administrator Clerk contract. Suggestion to date contract through February 28, 2022, to coincide with City employee review and cost of living adjustment period, and to update current pay and benefits.

Suggested list of names from each standing committee and Council to be appointed to the newly formed Park and Rec committee. Three members of Council are interest-

ed in serving. A plan must be in place to follow open meeting laws if a quorum of Council will be present at a meeting.

Council would like a representative from the Fire Department to be present at the next regular City Council meeting to discuss the changes and needs for the Firehall roof.

City has received first installment of American Recovery Act Funds of \$44,707. Funds can be used for responding to the health emergency, limited replacement of funds lost due to the pandemic, hazard pay for front line workers under certain circumstances, local business subsidies, and water/sewer/broadband improvement projects. A second installment will arrive in 2022. Funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024 and used by December 31, 2026.

Budget for 2022 was presented and discussed. For 2021, tax levy was not increased. For 2022, budget was presented with a 1.4% increase. This increase captures the increase in value created by 5 new homes constructed in 2020. The total increase includes a separate levy for the Economic Development Authority. Potential street projects were discussed, and

the continuation of sidewalk upgrades.

Discussion of options to allow Mazeppa Area Historical Society to purchase or use City land adjacent to MAHS building to enable them to display large artifacts they received from the School District. Attorney suggested the option of licensing them to use the property.

Discussion of land sale to Moto Proz, details of title work and contract preparation.

Motion by Young, Second by Nelson to recess until 6:00 PM, August 11, 2021, for the regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:25 PM.

Citizen requested meeting to be reconvened so he could be heard.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Nelson to reconvene the recessed meeting of the Mazeppa City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting reconvened at 7:26 PM.

Bob Josselyn expressed concerns the Mazeppa Community Center was not being cleaned properly before an event, that the sidewalk was not being installed to City ordinance specifications, that a storage shed

was too close to a domicile in one of the trailer parks and that a house under construction was permitted that does not meet minimum size requirements. Mr. Josselyn also asked the Council to consider making the Beech St. right-of-way between 2nd Ave. NE and 3rd Ave. NE dormant.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang stated that the Community Center issue was due to a scheduling error and had already been discussed, that the City hires a contractor with the understanding that work would be done to current standards and practices. Nahrgang stated that he had not found ordinance language that regulates distance between storage and domicile. A permit is not required for storage sheds under 200 square feet and not reviewed or inspected by the building inspection service, he also said that in his reading, a home on a permanent foundation had to be at least 24' at its narrowest point and 36' in length, and that he would check the ordinance.

Council asked that the sidewalk contractor be invited to the next meeting to clear up any misunderstandings.

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Historical Happenings

Compiled by
Helen Reiland

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

Friday, November 28, 1952

Henry Sommerfield Seriously Injured

Henry Sommerfield, South Mazeppa farmer, is still in serious condition following an accident with a runaway team last Wednesday.

He was taken to the Lake City hospital and Saturday was moved to the Colonial hospital, Rochester.

He suffered a crushed pelvis, broken leg and severe internal injuries.

The accident occurred when Mr. Sommerfield was thrown from a manure spreader when the horses started to run away. The spreader wheels passed over him. Mrs. Sommerfield found her husband in the field when the horses came back to the barn.

KINGSLEY BUILDING SOLD

Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Kingsley have sold their building on Main Street to S.H. Prigge of Mazeppa. The building, a Mazeppa landmark housed the Kingsley drug store for many years.

VILLAGE ELECTIONS SLATED FOR NEXT TUESDAY

Offices to be filled in the village elections Tuesday are justice of the peace (Carl Stull); trustee (J. B. Gregoire); assessor (Martin Kuehl), and clerk (Gilbert Schmitt). There were no filings.

In The Service

Neil Robinson, H.N. of the Great Lakes Naval hospital, arrived home Sunday evening to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Robinson.

Around the School- Cheerleaders

Last week the following girls were chosen by grades 7-12 to be cheerleaders for this season; Janice Ramthun, Diane Darcy, Mary Hammes and Laurel Wobschall. These girls will hold this office until the end of the 1953 football season.

RAGING BLIZZARD HITS HERE TUESDAY, CLOSING ROADS

A raging blizzard hit here Tuesday closing roads after a four-inch snowfall.

Starting Tuesday morning, the downfall melted at first, turned into slush and by mid-afternoon was freezing and making driving almost impossible. Strong winds and a drop in temperature followed during the night. The snowfall abated by Wednesday morning but a strong northerly wind still persisted.

Heavy damage was sustained by telephone and power companies as wires and poles were down all through the area. Transportation was almost at a standstill and plowing by state and county units proved very difficult as the wet snow provided very poor traction.

Mazeppa's basketball team, including cheering section, went to Goodhue, Tuesday evening and had to remain overnight after the game. According to radio reports the locals lost 47-35.

MAZEPPA FARM BUREAU TO MEET AT GORDON BRIGHT'S

The Mazeppa Farm Bureau will meet at the home of Gordon Bright Friday, evening December 5, when they will also have their Christmas party.

Program committee members are Gordon Bright and Joe Ferber. The refreshment committee will be Mrs. Gordon Bright, Mrs. Lecil Grossbach and Mrs. John Roland.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Jim Richardson underwent an operation at St. John's hospital, Red Wing, Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mills and family of Austin were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sommerfield and Isaac Ahneman.

Thomas Schmitt, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmitt, fell down the basement steps Sunday at his home and received bad bruises about the face.

Guests, Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Stull were Mr. and Mrs. George Whipple, Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. George Horton, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Long Beach, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ohm and family of Elgin, and Mr. and Mrs. John Roland and Pat.

BELLECHESTER NEWS- Mrs. Nick Befort, Correspondent

James Huneke received his honorable discharge from service and arrived home, Thursday. He has been stationed in Korea the past year or more. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Huneke.

Mrs. Frank Heppelmann suffered a fractured arm when she fell Saturday, and was confined to the hospital overnight.

Shortest Poem of the Week

It's bad enough to put on boots.

But even worse are kids' snow suits.

Motion by Young, Second by Nelson to recess until 6:00 PM, August 11, 2021, for the regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:43 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 11, 2021

The regular City Council meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

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

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn, Jeff Somerfield, Wabasha County Sherriff Rodney Bartsch. Chief Sherriff's Deputy Jim Warren, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law, Mike Marsh, Helen Reiland, John Clemens, Mike Papenfuss, Missy Papenfus, Stephanie Klein, Andrew Piva, and Jane Hanson.

Attending via electronic meeting:

Holly Galbus from the News Record.

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

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve the July 14, 2021, Regular City Council meeting minutes and the August 4, 2021, City Council Working Session minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff's report was given by Wabasha County Sherriff Rodney Bartsch. Gave brief history of the hours and pricing structure currently used for client communities in Wabasha County. He explained that the spike in July hours dedicated to the community was to encourage calm during the Mazeppa Daze celebration.

Public Works Director Scott Ellingson presented the Public Works report.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson

purchase a new zero turn Hustler mower from Moto Prox for \$9249. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn presented the Fire Department report. Council asked Chief Dohrn about his thoughts on the Fire Hall Roof. He listed the issues with the current configuration. He also requested to install poles and cable infrastructure for the Mazeppa Daze firefighter water fights at Herb Vik Park. Materials and labor to do so would be donated.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to allow the Mazeppa Fire Department to install structure for Mazeppa Daze firefighter water fights at Herb Vik Park. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to table action on Firehall roof until confirmation of material prices in the older quote for replacement. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Administrator-Clerk Karl Nahrgang. Presented the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store report.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve the 2022 Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store customer appreciation event for Saturday, May 21, 2022, and allow MMLS management to book the band. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Engineering update was given by Matt Mohs of Bolton & Menk.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve Roadbotics to create road rating for repair and maintenance program on City streets. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffriig to approve Bolton and Menk to prepare project cost estimates for potential road projects for Capital Improvement Plan. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve hiring Mike Bubany to create funding model for the City of Mazeppa. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to approve holding a disc golf tournament on October 9, 2021, at the Herb Vik Park disc golf course pending proof of event liability

insurance. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Eva VandeWalker asked Council who owned Herb Vik Pak. Administrator Clerk Nahrgang stated that the City owns the park.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to approve building permits; MZ21-18, Sveen Properties/Building Design Systems – re-side. MZ21-17, Jason and Crystal Hughley – finish basement. MZ21-16, Michael Walton – remodel/plumbing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Mike Marsh of M & M Masonry answered questions about the sidewalk specs. Expansion joint material is used at the points the sidewalk meets driveways, every 60 feet a sawcut joint (sawed completely though concrete), 60 inches wide, 1% cross slope, and 6 inches deep at driveway cross points.

1st Reading of ordinance 2021-02 Adopting New Ordinance under Chapter 16.1 of the Mazeppa City Code by adding a new section 14 entitled "permit parking only of 2nd Ave. SW and Pine St. SW".

Motion by Nelson, second by Hammes to approve the Administrator-Clerk employment contract. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to appoint Erica Young, Chris Hagfors, Stephanie Klein, Shannon Fitzgibbons, and Lindsay Wiebusch to the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Mike Hammes as alternate. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to approve Resolution 21-23 approving the sale of real estate located within lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Block 26 in the City of Mazeppa to 2nd Oldest Artic Cat Dealer, LLC. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Nelson to approve Wabasha County maintenance contract with the City of Mazeppa for \$3034.59. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Nelson to set

a Public Hearing on September 8, 2021, at 6:00 PM on the updated Land Management Ordinances. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffriig to approve License Agreement with the Mazeppa Area Historical Society to display historical items on the City owned property adjacent to the MAHS building. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Motion by Nelson, second by Liffriig to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

Special City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, August 23, 2021

The special meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:04 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Council Persons: Erica Young, Jeff Nelson, and Steve Liffriig.

Others Present: City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, Dustin Wiebusch, Bob Josselyn, John Clemens, and Carol Clemens.

Attending via telephone: Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Purpose of this meeting was to hear a variance request. A variance request requires a public hearing, so a public hearing date was set.

Motion by Young, second by Liffriig to set a public hearing for a variance from Mazeppa Land Management Ordinance setback requirements for a project at 387 Cherry St. E. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Young to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 PM.
Administrator-Clerk

Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - July 14, 2021

The Zumbro Falls Council met at City Hall on Wednesday, July 14th at 7PM. Council person Sara Anderson was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruce Heitmann. The Clerk read to council the minutes from the June meeting which were accepted as read with a motion from Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried. Treasurer's report followed which acceptance by a motion from Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

Fran Graves attended the meeting explaining and showing the council his plans for an addition to his business. Council approved his plans to move forward with a motion from Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Jason Faas reported to council that he received an application for a permit to finish a residence basement.

Bruce told council that Robert Newsome was no longer on the department roster as he has moved out of the area.

Matt Kehren addressed council with his interest in plowing for the City for the 2021/2022 season. He will provide the council with a bid.

Clerk reported that she has shown Wabasha County interest in the County American Rescue Funds to go towards the Sewer Project.

The Christmas Festival will be held on December 10th and 11th this year.

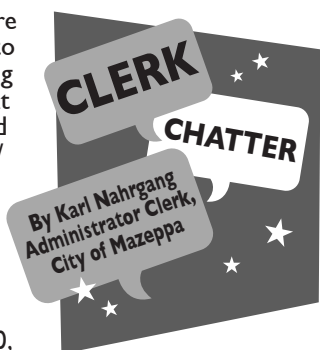
Resolution 21-03 dated July 14, 2021, was put in place between the City and the State of Minnesota DOT. This is a Limited Use Permit No. 7908-0021 to provide maintenance and use by the City of Zumbro Falls upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 63 and the limits of which are in said Limited Use Permit. A motion for acceptance was made by Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

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

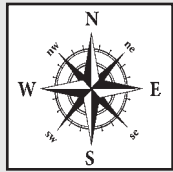
Submitted by,
Susan Eischens, Clerk

There are always more projects that are needed than money to pay for them. Trying to match needs to funds is a process of budgeting for the City. We have a pretty good idea of what the every day things cost. Staff, supplies, and utilities stay within a constant range. Repair/replacement projects and equipment can vary greatly depending on the project, so we allot an amount every year, scheduling a project or purchase when we have saved enough from each year to fund the project.

It is not only taxes that fund the City. In 2021, we requested a levy a bit over \$375,000, or slightly more than 1/3 of the City budget. That comes directly from the property tax that is collected by Wabasha County. Those taxes fund the County, the School District and the City. Each unit of government also has other funding sources. In 2021, the City will receive over \$236,000 in Local Government Aid from the State of Minnesota. That number is figured on a "per capita" basis for each City. So a good portion of the taxes you pay to the State are spent locally, and the direct aid from the State help to keep property tax levels consistent. Another \$270,000 is collected from water and sewer utilities. Most of this pays for water and sewer operating costs, including utilities, repairs and staff. A portion pays for bond payments, and move all of the unused funds from the water/sewer utility payments into reserves for future projects, such as the wastewater treatment plant replacement. The remaining budget, approximately \$200,000, comes from permits, MCC rental, donations and transfers from the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store. City staff strive to use our budget as efficiently as possible, and Council carefully chooses which projects to fund and when to fund them. The aim is to meet the needs of residents of the community and keep your taxes stable and sustainable.



Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Rain in Tennessee



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.

It likes to rain in Tennessee. It is not unusual to get two or three inches overnight. It can be sunny all morning and then a cloud can show up and pour rain and then be back to sunny an hour later. Makes the grass grow real, fast and keeps the lakes full of water.

But last week one community got too much rain. Seventeen inches in half a day. A foot and a half of rain in twelve hours. Waverly Tennessee is about thirty minutes south of us. A real good friend bought a house outside of Waverly shortly after we moved down. He posted pictures of water rushing through his backyard about mid-morning.

Seventeen inches of rain is a lot all by

itself, but the town of Waverly is in a valley beside the Trace River. Highway 70 and the railroad track are between the town and the river. The railroad track is on top of a man-made levee, keeping the river away from the highway and the town.

The emergency crews were preparing for the heavy rainstorm Saturday morning, which had already flooded some homes and businesses in the lowest part of town. But they were not expecting the levee to break. About midmorning the pressure of the raging Trace River blew out the levee in two places and within minutes the problem changed from ankle deep water seeping through doorways to a five-foot tidal wave crashing down the streets, pushing houses off their foundations, collapsing walls of houses and flushing their contents out the other side, rolling vehicles ahead of it and burying houses and commercial buildings in a muddy tsunami.

Unfortunately, people were unable to get to safety in time and more than twenty lost their lives including children swept out of their parent's arms as they fled the deluge. Hours later the waters subsided and the town was littered with houses, mobile homes, vehicles, tractors, boats and personal possessions jumbled in heaps by the floodwaters.



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A Minnesotan: Predictability in Driving



By RosaLin Alcoser

When I was a teen driving to and from Rochester to the community college the only thing I really had to worry about on the road as a constant hazard was the milk truck in the morning.

The reason I had to worry about the milk truck is because the drive would always take one turn into the middle of the road regardless of where other vehicles might be. This causes me to create my schedule

for leaving home in the morning around when the milk truck would be coming down the road.

The milk truck had a schedule making it predictable. So while it was a nuisance in my youth it's a predictability that I miss now. The reason that I miss the predictability of the milk truck is because of Highway 62 East.

62 East is the most direct route from my office to my apartment; it is also the most direct route to just about anywhere that I might want to go into Minneapolis. However, 62 East, and only 62 East not 62 West, has no predictability whatsoever. It does not seem to matter the day or the time of day that I try to take it, 88% of the time it is backed up. The other 12% of that time is in the middle of the night, at dawn, and when the heavens open up to take pity on us mere mortals..

My conclusion about 62 East is that it was just poorly designed as far as the entrances and exits go. Because when I tried to take it, before I decided to just avoid getting on it all together, opting to take a longer route home, all the backups appeared to be caused by people trying to get onto the highway.

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