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Snow Tubing Returns to Mazeppa



Thanksgiving weekend was the grand opening for the new Steeplechase Event Center snow tubing hill. The venue has been closed for snow tubing since 2007. They have been making snow during the overnight hours when the temperature is below 25 degrees. *(continued on page 3)*

Announcements

Christmas Drawing

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Mazeppa Fire Department - New Tanker

By Missy Papenfus

The Mazeppa Fire Department recently took delivery on their new yellow Tanker truck. I recently spoke with Brandon Goranson, one of the Mazeppa Firefighters and former Fire Chief. They saved and budgeted for the purchase from Heiman Fire Equipment in South Dakota. The truck was built in South Dakota. The tanker truck hauls water and gear. It carries 3000 gallons compared to the old one that was a 2000 gallon capacity. They will be selling the old truck. The old truck was a 5 speed manual transmission, and they wanted an automatic so more firefighters will be able to drive it.

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Come to the Manger: Find Hope



By Pastor Colleen Hoefl

There was a young man who constantly quarreled with his father. Finally, he left home without saying goodbye. He continued to keep in touch with his mom but cut connections with his dad.

After a few years, he wanted to come home for Christmas very badly. But he was afraid his dad would not allow it. His mom wrote to him and urged him to come home. Inside, he felt he couldn't do that until he knew his father had forgiven him. They wrote back and forth a few times about it.

Finally, there wasn't time for any more letters. His mother wrote and said she would talk to his dad. If he had forgiven him, she would tie a white rag on the tree right next to the railroad tracks in their back yard. He would be able to see the tree before the train reached the station. If there were no rag, he would go on and not stop.

The young man started for home. As the train got close to his home, he became so nervous he couldn't look out the window. So he said to his friend who was sitting next to him, "I can't bear to look. Would you sit in my place and look out the window for that big tree in my back yard next to the tracks. Tell me if there is a rag on it or not."

So his friend traded places with him and looked out the window. After a while the friend said, "Oh, I see the tree."

The son asked, "Is there a white rag tied to it?"

For a moment, his friend didn't say anything. Then he turned, and in a soft voice said, "There is a white rag tied to every limb of the tree."

Jesus came to live here on earth, and he made his home, his dwelling, among us. "Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of

them." John 14:23. Jesus said that he comes to live with those that are His followers! God, Father & Son, with come and make their home with each of us that call on the name of the Lord and are His! The God of heaven, the creator of the universe desires to make His home with every person that believes in Him. He is a personal God- He desires a relationship with each of us and just like our family- it begins in our homes- in our hearts! Jesus said that he came to make a home with us! Making a home is far more than the wood, cement, and paint- it's the people inside. It's the people we do life with, fight with, love on, and celebrate and cry with! Making a home is far more than brick and mortar. It's learning to love unconditionally. Learning to put others ahead of ourselves, learning to go the extra mile within the relationship to make things work! That's family, that's home.

Home is where you feel comfortable, it should be where you feel safe to be yourself. Home is the place where you are real and where you are content. Home brings up many pictures of family, fun and good food. Often home is where we return to for holidays. Going home can feel safe- or for some coming home will stir up other memories best left buried.

All of our homes come with challenges and problems, which come from the sin in this world. Many homes have become battle grounds, places of fear and insecurity instead of havens for our troubled spirits. Other homes struggle to get bread on the table, or utilities working. Still others lack love and nurturing that every person needs. But that wasn't the way it was supposed to

be. As sin entered the world through Adam- so the world entered the 'homes' of humankind.

Jesus came to bring us that hope. He came to be with us and live in us so that we would be ready for our permanent home in heaven with him someday. He came to give us hope for today and forever. The author of Hebrews 11:1, wrote, "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see." Sadly, many are without the hope of Jesus today. And they turn to other people and things to give them some hope for the future.

The Christian faith is not a hope-so hope, but a know-so hope. It's not like the hope of the world which disappoints but rather it's a hope anchored in God and in the Word of God and in the God who can do all things. The hope we can have only comes through faith.

Hope is about expectation. You don't look forward to things you already possess. Hope requires that we look forward to something and move toward that thing with the assurance that we will eventually acquire it. For believers in Christ, we can give thanks to the Spirit within us, because we are able to put our hope in God and wait patiently to be united with Him. One day everything will be put to right- one day all things will be made new. Until that day we live in hopeful expectation.

We all need a place to call home. We all need a place to feel love and feel cared for. Jesus came to live with us, to give us hope, to love us and to care for us. He left the comforts of heaven to be born as an infant to a poor Jewish couple and He would be born

in a manger in Bethlehem- He came to make his home in our hearts- to be our God so that we would be His people.

This past year may be leaving you feeling broken or isolated. This year may have left you grieving or fearful or hurt. It's ok if to feel sad. You don't have to feel like a downer amid celebration. You can sit at the feet of a Savior who came for you where you are right now. That's how Immanuel works. It's God with us in the dirt giving us hope in the face of despair. "Those who walk in darkness have seen a great light, on those living in spaces of deepest darkness a light has dawned." - Isaiah 9:2

Jesus Christ is our hope for today- and for all our tomorrows. He came to bring hope to our hearts- to our homes and to the darkest pits of our life. He's got tomorrow in His hands- Go to Him- trust Him- Find Hope.



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"Do as you promised, so that your name will be great forever." — 2 Samuel 7:25-26

In the book A Grace Revealed Jerry Sittser tells about the tragic deaths of his wife, mother, and daughter in an auto accident. He wondered what could come out of such a horrific ordeal. He settled on redemption as the word that brought him hope: "[God] wants the harsh conditions [of life] to shape us and eventually the whole world into something extraordinarily beautiful. Redemption promises to transform, so completely."

David endured family squabbles, death threats, and many military battles before he experienced a time of rest and peace as Israel's second king. Through it all, he knew "the Lord was with him." And now the Lord had made a promise that his kingdom would endure and his throne would be established forever. The king knew he had to obey God's Word and seek to follow God's will, reminding his people every step of the way. David knew that Israel was "the one nation on earth that God went out to redeem as a people for himself and to make a name for himself." God was working to make something out of David's life and out of this nation for his good purposes all the nations.

Similarly, we are never beyond the redemptive work of David's descendant Jesus in his desire to make something out of us today.

Prayer
Lord, may I trust your redemptive work of always pruning, encouraging, and molding me to serve your good purposes. In Christ's name, Amen.

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Snow Tubing Returns to Mazeppa

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Currently they have one hill with three lanes open and will offer more options as snow conditions improve.

They do have a Toys for Tots event planned for Saturday December 11th Tubers can bring a toy to donate to the Marine Corps Reserves Toys or Tots collection this Christmas season.

The hill is 750' long and specially made snow tubes imported from Canada are provided to the tubers. You are not allowed to

TUBING FOR TOTS!

DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH

bring tubes, snow boards, sleds or skis to the hill. Prices are \$13 for a one hour pass and \$20 for a two hour pass. There is a warm up tent at the bottom of the hill and bathroom facilities in the event center building. There are no food or beverages for sale on site so feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Hours are Fridays 5 to 10pm, Saturdays 10am to 10pm and Sundays 11am to 5pm.

Reservations are not needed and the hill can accommodate up to 120 tubers at a time. Steeplechase is located just outside Mazeppa at 59468 423rd Ave, Mazeppa. For more information check out the website www.steeplechaseevents.com/snow-tubing or Facebook at Steeplechase snow tubing or call 507-261-8033

Myrna Evelyn Liffriq

Myrna Evelyn Liffriq, 95, of Lake City, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at her home in Lake City. She was born at home in Mazeppa on July 15, 1926, to Otto and Mary (Heitman) Koenig. She attended rural school near Mazeppa. On September 11, 1946, she was united in marriage to Clifford Liffriq at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Shortly after they were married, Myra owned and operated a restaurant in Mazeppa. She worked at various cafes in Mazeppa, Treasure Island Resort and Casino, and for the B.W. Harris Coat Factory in Lake City for 23 years. She was strong in her faith and loved church. She was a longtime member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, serving as president of the Altar Society and being a member of the altar guild. She was an avid reader and was a huge fan of the Minnesota Twins. She

loved gardening, canning, going out to eat, playing cards, bowling, and traveling with her sisters. She loved to share stories about their traveling adventures. She was a member of the Lake City Bowling Hall of Fame.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clifford in 2004; brothers, Donald King and Harold Koenig; and sisters, Irene, Lola, and Betty.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2021, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Father John Sauer presided. Visitation was from 5 until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Anderson-Peterson Chapel in Lake City and one hour prior to the service at church on Thursday. Burial was at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Mazeppa.

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DNR: Caution Vital as Open Water Begins to Freeze

With a deadly open-water season nearly in the rearview mirror, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone that lakes and ponds throughout the state have started to freeze – and that where ice hasn't formed, the water is dangerously cold. It's up to all people to choose to stay safe around the water or ice, according to the DNR.

Where there is ice, its thickness this time of year is highly variable and subject to the whims of Mother Nature. And where ice hasn't formed – or where it freezes at night and opens during the day – the water temperature is so low that an unexpected fall in can be deadly.

"There's nothing worse than when a time of year that should be festive turns tragic," said Lt. Adam Block, boating law administrator for the DNR Enforcement Division. "Teaching your kids to be vigilant around the water this time of year – and doing the same yourself – isn't just a good idea. It's an absolute necessity."

Anglers and others who recreate on the ice should stay on shore until there's at least 4

inches of new, clear ice. Anytime people are on the ice, they should check its thickness every 150 feet. Block urges people to check ice thickness for themselves rather than deciding to walk on the ice based on what they've heard or read.

Each year, unexpected falls into cold water lead to serious injury and death. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. Carrying a good set of ice picks can help a person get out if they fall through the ice, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they will be able to call for help.

General ice safety guidelines

No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines can help minimize the risk:

Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).

Carry ice picks, rope, an ice chisel and tape measure.

Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.

Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.

Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.

Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.

The minimum ice thickness guidelines for new, clear ice are:

4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.

5-7 inches for a snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle.



8-12 inches for a car or small pickup.
12-15 inches for a medium truck.
Double these minimums for white or snow-covered ice.

For more information, visit the ice safety page and the cold water danger page.

MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPERFUS

This month I would like to brainstorm ways to get in more steps throughout the day. The colder it gets, the harder it is to get in more steps. I think I can sneak in more steps without trying too hard.

First on my list to up my weekly steps is to walk with my friend Jenny 3 days a week instead of 2. When her greenhouse starts back up, I know she will be too busy, but for now, it is easy getting a 10K day full of steps when we go for a morning walk. I started taking an online Zoom Zumba class on Tuesday nights, and I can get about 6K steps in 45 minutes.

I get home from work at night, and I really don't want to do much but plant my butt in front of the TV after being on my feet most of the day. I have to remember, while the steps don't add up when I'm on my feet, but I should get extra credit for standing. When the snow flies around here, I am walking around constantly at MotoProz. I tell Mike, Monty, and Sam at the store to boss me around. I can run out to shut the fence when they have to open it, get their parts, whatever they need so I am getting paid to get more steps! After work, Mike tries to "help me get steps" by asking me to get him a beer.

Some new ideas for me to try, is to spend ten minutes straightening up at night and putting stuff away, hopping on my treadmill for 10 minutes, or have a dance party. I used to crank up the tunes and have a dance party when I was a kid when I was the only one home. Why did I stop doing this? You're never too old! Keep moving!!

Memo from MotoProz...

MotoPhest at MotoProz is Friday, November 26 through Saturday, December 4. Our 7 days of sales always starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through the following Saturday! Sung like the 12 days of Christmas....During the 7 days of MotoPhest, MotoProz gave to me, 7 days of sales, 6 bucks off oil, 5 dollar MotoProz Ts, for Christmas gifts, three free pens, to get some MotoMunchies, and a discount on all instore clothing!

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.

Clutter Stops Here

Stop and think before you buy (or get something). Are you really going to use this? Do you have a home for it? When you stop buying stuff, you'll have less to declutter later. Or, as I like to justify, spending more money on something I really want, that I will really use when I don't buy needless "junk" to pile up.



By
Missy Papenfus

Last summer, we helped my uncle finish emptying his home before his big move from Kansas City to Florida. We got some nice treasures, including a beautiful liquor cart that looks great in our basement and my great-grandparents old table he had refinished that would not go with his Florida décor. Low and behold, we now have the perfect table to hold our TV in the basement and got to keep it in the family. But on the other hand, I took a HUGE office printer that we had NO space for, along with a new ink cartridge still sitting on my desk that we don't have a printer for. And an exercise machine that I have not used once! We got more other stuff that went directly to the trash when we got home.

Fast forward to early November, and my aunt was downsizing. I got some family treasures from her too. Green is my color, because of Arctic Cat, you know! It made sense for her to gift me a green Pyrex mixing bowl set and green Red Wing pottery that were passed on to her from my grandma (they belonged to my great-grandmas before that). I tossed a bunch more stuff right into the dumpster.

If you love it, use it all the time, and have a home for it. Keep it! Save yourself the grief of getting rid of stuff later. I used to love to go shopping. I am more selective when I buy stuff, because I don't want to be wasteful. I still do like to go shopping, but I can't fit it into my schedule.

Stay tuned for next month's topic: Clearing the Kitchen Counter Tops
There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

DNR Seeks Input on License System

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is looking for input on how Minnesotans currently access the electronic license system, and what they want in the fu-

ture as systems are modernized.

Feedback from current and potential users — including anglers, boaters, hunters and recreational vehicle operators — is critically important. States throughout the nation are updating their license systems to take advantage of new technology and to improve customer experience.

“We hope people take a minute to provide feedback and share their experiences,” said Jennifer Wical, marketing coordinator with the Fish and Wildlife Division outreach section. “The more people we hear from, across all

types of recreation and all users, the better we’ll be able to create a system that meets the diverse needs of people who recreate in Minnesota.”

To access the survey, visit the DNR’s en-

agement page at mndnr.gov/ELS. The survey is open through Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

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Celebrating MotoPhest with Mike, Missy, and Monty Papenfus



Missy Papenfus of MotoProz

It was a beautiful 80-degree day on October 21, 2000, our wedding day. Not only special because it was our wedding day, but my grandparents (mom’s parents) were married the exact day at the same church in 1950.

I grew up in a house that my mom had her chores and my dad had his chores. No one fought about who did what, it was just a given. My mom did all the laundry and cleaned the house. My dad made supper every night because he got home first at 4 p.m. Mom cooked on the weekends. Dad mowed the lawn (a BIG lawn) and he shoveled the snow in the winter. He cut wood for our wood burning stove to supplement heating our house. Dad cleaned the garage, our patio, and shed when he thought it needed it.

Kind of like MotoProz, I have my jobs handling the financial stuff, like paying the bills, balancing the checkbook, getting the taxes ready each year, and I answer the phone. Mike does everything, and we help him where we can. He is a lead technician, IT guy (when we get a new computer or a problem with a computer), our main parts

person, salesman, service writer. You name it, he does it.

When Monty was a kid, he always told us when he grew up he was going to tell people what they need (as in what they need to buy). Monty has turned into our best asset here at MotoProz and does an excellent job, but his most important job is to keep mom and dad from arguing.



After Monty was born, I changed my working status from full-time to part-time at Mayo Clinic as a medical secretary. I got to stay home with Monty two extra days a week until we bought MotoProz in 2007. When Monty was three, we built a new house in Zumbro Falls and rather than working fulltime at Mayo Clinic and sending Monty to daycare more, I got a second job bartending a couple nights a week.

I continued to bartend once a week for a few more months

until we got going at MotoProz. I continued worked part-time at Mayo Clinic and part-time at MotoProz. Fast-forward to May of 2020 when I was furloughed from my job at Mayo all summer. It was a good test for the three of us working together and being together every day of the week.

When I was in college, I used to work with my mom as a receptionist at a mortgage loan company. Her old boss was worried we wouldn’t get a long at work. Contrary, we proved him wrong in a hurry. I admit, my mom was a mother hen. There was a gal at work that took advantage of me and pushed a lot of her work on to me. I did what I could and did not complain. But I didn’t have to worry, mom could see what was going on, and she put a stop to it in a hurry. Mike used to work with his dad selling steel at their family business R & M Steel. When he was real young, their whole family (Mom, Dad and his two sisters) farmed.

My last day of work “at my real job” as I used to call it, Mayo Clinic was February 3rd. Looking back, we have been gearing up our whole life for February 4th, the first day we began working together and spending literally 24/7 with each other. Some days it can be a bit much, but we just take a deep breath and keep working away. There is nothing better than family teamwork! It all started on a beautiful 80-degree day on October 21, 2000.

A Monthly Moment at MotoProz

By Missy Papenfus

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

This past month, our hearts all skipped a beat. It truly takes a village, and God placed us all in just the right place at the right time on the morning of Wednesday, November 3rd at about 8:30 AM. Jenny Schumacher, one of my best friends and our part-time fall/winter employee, was headed to Rochester when she came upon a terrible accident. She didn’t even realize it was an accident, and thought a big box truck was smoking. The closer she got, she realized there was a car under it. She stopped to see if there was anything she could do to help. She heard the pregnant woman trapped inside the car and recognized her voice, Cassie Tiedemann who worked here at MotoProz (with Jenny) a couple years ago. Jenny said, “Cassie, I’m calling your dad right now!” Jenny called Mike at MotoProz to call Cassie’s dad, Rob. Jenny’s phone went dead. Mike had our son Monty call Jenny to find out where the accident was, and Rob heard Monty yell in the background, “Reinke’s Corner”! Rob was able to be there in minutes; before they got Cassie out. They spent a night in the hospital for observation, and miraculously, they are fine.

MotoPhest

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4



15 Years of MotoPhest with Mike, Missy & Monty!



During the seven days of MotoPhest, MotoProz gave to me...

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The Season of Giving



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

'Tis the season of giving, which I find to be one of the most inspirational times of year. I am always overwhelmed by the generous contributions that donors make to Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) or to SMIF's 30 Community Foundations. To me, this sends a clear message that keeping dollars local can help communities flourish.

As we do each November, Minnesotans rallied together once again to give to the causes they care about most on Give to the Max Day. This year's "Giving Holiday" raised a record \$34 million, a clear testament to why Minnesota ranks in the top three most generous

states in the nation. I am also proud to share that SMIF's 30 Community Foundations had their most successful Give to the Max Day yet, raising more than \$85,000 which makes a direct impact on our communities.

As a donor myself, I know that a gift to SMIF is an investment in southern Minnesota's future. I am so grateful to have grown up here and to have built a career – first as a member of Congress representing this region, and now as the president and CEO of SMIF – which allows me to remain rooted in this place I love. Some of my favorite memories from the past 14 years at SMIF are of the countless times I have spent touring the region and seeing firsthand the impact of our work in Early Childhood, Economic Development and Community Vitality. Every time, I come away with renewed energy and passion about what we do.

Our board chair, John Peterson, is a great example of a donor who is invested in his community and the region. John is the owner of Ferndale Market, a third-generation turkey farm in Cannon Falls. He is also a vendor at the upcoming FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace on December 11, an event that SMIF has co-hosted since 2014. This is an opportunity to directly support local farmers and food makers this holiday shopping season.

Even in the midst of his busiest time of year, John generously shared some thoughts with me about why he gives to SMIF: "I'm proud to contribute to SMIF and view it as a rein-



vestment in the success of the region I call home. Like so many others, my own community and business have benefited from the Foundation's work, and I'm proud to support the vitality of southern Minnesota and our vibrant local food scene. As a SMIF board member, I have a front row seat to see the impact the Foundation has across our region, as well as the strong stewardship of our resources. I know each dollar I give is put to good use right here in our southern Minnesota communities."

Remember that anyone can be a philanthropist—no matter the size of your gift. What matters is that you support the causes and places most important to you. You can contribute to SMIF at smifoundation.org/donate

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If you are a donor or thinking of becoming one, thank you. Donors make our region thrive – we simply cannot do our work without you. It is the people like you who give back to your communities every day that make me proud to call southern Minnesota my home.

Pictured: John Peterson, owner of Ferndale Market in Cannon Falls, and chair of SMIF's Board of Trustees.

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

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Sportsmanship is Winning As One



By Harvey Mackay

An anthropologist proposed a game to some children in Africa. He placed a basket of fruit near a tree and told them that whoever got to the tree first could have all the fruit.

When he gave the signal to go, all the children held each other's hands and ran to the tree together. Then they sat in a circle enjoying the fruit.

When the anthropologists asked why they'd run as a group when the winner could have had more fruit on his own, one child said, "How can one of us be happy if all the other ones are sad?"

For years I've maintained that nice guys can finish first. Leo Durocher may have been a great Major League Baseball manager, but he was a misguided cynic when he remarked that "Nice guys finish last." Many of the most

successful people I know are also among the nicest. There's just too much evidence out there to deny it.

More than just a warm, fuzzy feeling, being nice and being a good sport are not mutually exclusive. No one wants to play with a jerk – or a cheater, a showoff, or a braggart. One of the best commercials currently running features athletes of all ages stopping in the midst of competition to help other people up.

Another excellent example of sportsmanship occurred at the 1969 Ryder Cup, a biennial men's golf competition between teams from Europe and the United States. The team competition was tied at 15.5 in the final match between Britain's Tony Jacklin and American Jack Nicklaus, who reached the 18th hole tied. Nicklaus made his par putt, and Jacklin faced a three-foot putt to earn the first ever tie in the competition. Instead of forcing his rival to make the putt, Nicklaus picked up Jacklin's ball marker and conceded the tie.

Nicklaus said, "I don't think you would have missed that, Tony, but I didn't want to give you the chance."

The annals of sports are filled with inspiring stories of that sort. Successful businesses should have the same chapters in their histories. But if your business doesn't, examine the deficiencies in the culture and make some improvements.

In business, being nice doesn't mean being ineffective. My mother taught me, "It's nice to be important but more important to be nice." My father always said, "You get more in life with sugar than with vinegar."

Frightened and mistreated people under-

perform. Talent doesn't flourish in a culture of doom and gloom, intimidation and insecurity. A bullying executive is an executive unsure of himself or herself. The people they supervise realize how damaging this is. Morale sags, performance suffers and profits decline.

The methods for fostering sportsmanship in business are much the same as they are when teaching children. Play fair. Avoid arguing. Follow directions. If you lose, don't make excuses. If you win, don't rub it in. Appreciate what others do well. Be supportive and respectful. Be willing to learn. Have a positive attitude.

Learn from your mistakes and push yourself to do better next time. If someone else makes a mistake, encourage them instead of criticizing them. Try your best, that's all anyone can expect.

We teach our kids to show respect for teammates and officials, and it's the same for coworkers. Realize that through proper sportsmanship, we all win and our company wins.

I am a strong believer in competition. I think it makes all of us better. However, I understand that some leaders try to eliminate competition at work because it can cause conflict. That's where sportsmanship really comes into play. Encourage everyone to do their best and cheer their success. Then use this success as incentive to achieve greater results. Leaders should want people to stretch themselves and get out of their comfort zones.

Competition isn't all about contests and incentives. It's about people pushing them-



selves to be better every day. The goal is to be the best you can be and never give up. If you win, be gracious.

Sportsmanship should be a requirement at work. Leaders should set the stage and demonstrate that the team is more important than individuals. We're all in this together. Don't be offended by others' success; cheer them on and learn from them.

Simon Nguyen said, "Victory is remembered for at most two decades; an act of good sportsmanship is remembered for a lifetime."

Mackay's Moral: Sportsmanship: lose with grace, win with class.

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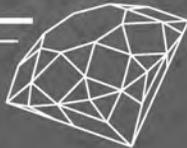
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SBA's Minnesota District Seeks Nominations for Small Business Week 2022

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The SBA's Minnesota District Office is proud to announce it is ready to accept nominations for 2022 National Small Business Week Awards, including the annual national Small Business Person of the Year award and district-specific Minnesota awards.

Winners will be honored during National Small Business Week in May of 2022.

Visit SBA's dedicated website www.sba.gov/nsbw to download forms, criteria, and guidelines for submitting a nomination. Minnesota District nomination guidelines and district awards categories can be found on the district's website at www.sba.gov/mn.

The SBA awards given in celebration of National Small Business Week in Minnesota and two nationally will include:

Small Business Person of the Year (National and District)

Small Business Exporter (National and District)

Encore Entrepreneur (District specific) – for an individual who started their business after age 50

Family-Owned Small Business (District specific) – for businesses with a 15-year track record that has been handed from one generation to another

Minority-Owned Small Business (District specific) – for businesses 51% or more owned and controlled by one or more minorities

Minority Small Business Champion (District specific) – for individuals who have advanced small business opportunities for minorities

Veteran-Owned Small Business (District specific) - for businesses 51% or more owned and controlled by one or more Veterans, Active Duty Service members, Reservists, National Guard Members or their spouses

Veteran Small Business Champion (District specific) - for individuals who have advanced small business opportunities for veterans

Women in Business Champion (District specific) - for individuals who have advanced small business opportunities for women

Women-Owned Small Business (District

specific) - for businesses 51% or more owned and controlled by one or more women

Young Entrepreneur (District specific) – for individuals who are majority owner and operator of a business and will not have turned age 30 by June 1, 2022

On December 15, 2021, the SBA's Minnesota District Office is hosting a webinar to help interested parties write better nomination packages. Learn more and register for this free event at <http://ow.ly/b6wA50GXsjT>

All nominations must be received by the Minnesota District office by electronic submission ONLY to the District's BOX account, no later 3:00 p.m. on January 11, 2022. To obtain information or receive a copy of the National/Minnesota District Nomination Guidelines, please contact us at minnesota@sba.gov.

See the National Small Business Week Website for more details and to submit your local and national nominations.

Mazeppa Man Arrested for False Police Report

On Wednesday, November 10th around 10am, Rochester Police were called to Rogan's Shoes in Rochester with a report that a man had shot another man in the store. The caller indicated he was armed with a shotgun and waiting outside the store in a gold colored Chrysler 300. While officers were responding to the call, the dispatch phoned the store to inquire if anyone was injured. When it was determined that no incident had occurred at the store, the employees were recommended to find safe shelter in the building until the law enforcement arrived.

When the law officers arrived they found the gold Chrysler 300 there, but no one inside the car. They also found three men outside the store, who all denied making any phone call. The police asked if any of the three was James Nelson, and they all denied being him.

But when one of the officers called the cell phone used to call 9-1-1, a phone began ringing on one of the men, later identified as James Nelson, 39 years old of Mazeppa.



James Nelson

Store employees also identified Nelson as a person who had been in the store and acted strangely just prior to the incident. Nelson at first denied having made the 9-1-1 call but later changed his story to say it was a joke. He was arrested at the scene and later charged with the Placing a Fictitious 911 Call to Prompt Response, a gross misdemeanor crime. He is being held at the Olmsted County Jail.

Z-M Staff Member Charged with Assaulting Student

A Zumbrota-Mazeppa para-professional has been charged with assault for striking a student on the head with a what appeared to be a newspaper last month. The staff member was placed under arrest and charged accordingly. The Zumbrota Police Department and the Minnesota Department of Education are currently investigating the incident and the person involved is no longer working at the Z-M school.



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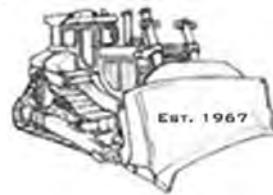
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While unfortunately, there isn't a national database for tracking down these policies, there are a number of strategies and a few new resources that can help your search. Here are several to get you started.

Search his records: Check your dad's financial records or areas where he kept his important papers for a policy, records of premium payments, or bills from an insurer. Also contact his employer or former employer benefits administrator, insurance agents, financial planner, accountant, attorney or other adviser and ask if they know about a life insurance policy. Also check safe-deposit boxes, monitor the mail for premium invoices or whole-life dividend notices, and review old income-tax returns, looking for interest income from, and interest expenses paid, to life insurance companies.

Get help: The National Association of Insurance Commissioners offers a policy locator service (see NAIC.org and click on "Consumer" then on "Life Insurance Policy Locator") that lets you run a nationwide search for insurance policies or annuities in the names of people who have died. There are also six state insurance departments (Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, North Carolina and Oregon) that have free policy locator service programs that can help you search. To find direct access to these state resources visit the American Council of Life Insurers website at ACLI.com – click on "Missing Policy Tips."

Contact the insurer: If you suspect that a particular insurer underwrote the policy, contact that carrier's claim office and ask. The more information you have, like your dad's date of birth and death, Social Security number and address, the easier it will be to track down. Contact information for some big insurers include: Prudential 800-778-2255; MetLife Metlife.com/policyfinder; AIG 800-888-2452; Nationwide 800-848-6331; John Hancock JohnHancock.com – click on "Lost or unclaimed policy form" at the bottom of the page under "Quick Links."

Search unclaimed property: If your dad died more than a few years ago, benefits may have already been turned over to the unclaimed property office of the state where the policy was purchased. Go to MissingMoney.com, a website of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, to search records from 39 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Or, to find links to each state's unclaimed-property division use Unclaimed.orgs.

If your dad's name or a potential benefactor's name produces a hit, you'll need to prove your claim. Required documentation, which can vary by state, is detailed in claim forms, and a death certificate might be necessary.

Search fee-based services: There are several businesses that offer policy locator services for a fee. The MIB Group, for example, which is a data-sharing service for life and health insurance companies, offers a policy locator service at MIB.com for \$75. But it only tracks applications for individual policies made since 1996.

You can also get assistance at Policy Inspector (PolicyInspector.com) for \$99, and L-LIFE (LostLifeIns.com) for \$108.50, who will do the searching for you.

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Greater Minnesota Communities Adapt and Demonstrate Resilience in the Face of COVID-19

By University of MN Extension

Adaptation and resilience are key concepts in sustainability and help each of us and our communities navigate, adjust and bounce back from challenges that include climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

As ripple effects from these challenges continue to impact communities across the state, we asked leaders from the University of Minnesota Extension Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships (RSDP) to share some of the lessons learned in their regions since the early days of the pandemic to today and what gives them hope for the future.

Drawing on responses from each region, several themes and key insights emerged that show how communities across Minnesota are continuing to adapt and demonstrate resilience in the face of local, regional and global change, this year and beyond.

Digital tools help keep communities connected

One of the first lessons learned expressed by RSDP leadership is that communities have embraced new technologies and digital forms of communication that have helped keep projects and communities moving forward.

“Meeting and collaborating virtually works quite well in many ways,” said Molly Zins, executive director of Central RSDP. “In addition to increasing access for some and reducing the time and expense for travel, we found that virtual meetings have a pretty quick learning curve and can provide an engaging, interactive experience.”

Similar observations were shared across all of the regions. For example, Northeast RSDP’s board and work groups successfully adapted to a distanced, virtual process for their work, creating new ways to discuss projects, track work and priorities, and even vote on which projects to support.

“Not only did this process find a sufficient mechanism to exchange ideas and bring forward deeper issues, the number of people able to participate actually increased from previous years,” said David Abazs, executive director of Northeast RSDP.

With the success of digital approaches to this work, it’s not surprising that regions will continue drawing on virtual tools to supplement their programming and partnerships in the future. Anne Dybsetter, executive director of Southwest RSDP, summed up a key question about these digital approaches that will continue being explored in each region mov-



RSDP's five regional executive directors: David Abazs (Northeast), Andi Sutton (Southeast), Molly Zins (Central), Linda Kingery (Northwest) and Anne Dybsetter (Southwest). photo courtesy of U of M Extension

ing forward.

“What new partnerships are possible if the barrier of distance is eliminated due to virtual communication?” Dybsetter asked.

Hope for in-person connections

While all of RSDP's regional leaders expressed appreciation for virtual programming and projects that could be completed with digital communication, each noted how they and their partners are looking forward to more in-person meetings and events to help build connections and sustain relationships across the regions.

As conditions shifted with the pandemic this summer and fall, RSDP regional executive directors worked closely with their boards to determine their meeting preferences. Some regional boards identified outdoor meeting locations while others preferred to continue meeting virtually at this time.

“I am so grateful to all of the ways that technology has been able to support connec-

tions-making,” said Andi Sutton, executive director of Southeast RSDP, who joined the organization in summer 2021. “Though I do still think that in-person meetings play a strong role in relationship- and trust-building for the long term,” she added.

Sutton expressed how seeing and working with partners in person will be critical to building a strong sense of community among board, work group and project partners. These in-person connections will also help as she continues learning about the region and the various sustainability challenges and successes facing communities.

Other leaders echoed Sutton’s sentiment about the importance of in-person relationship building.

“As we continue to adapt in this pandemic, we’ll look for ways to work in person in all the ways we can do so safely.

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That probably means focusing on one-to-one or small group gatherings, connecting outdoors, and keeping an eye on COVID conditions in the community," said Northwest RSDP executive director Linda Kingery. "The RSDPs have found that a lot of business can be conducted online when people know and trust one another, so in-person connections might intentionally focus on relationships."

Rapid response projects highlight inclu-

sivity, innovation and ingenuity

Another important lesson and impact across Greater Minnesota came from the work done to support communities in need. In addition to the regular RSDP Idea Brief and project application process, each region awarded rapid response projects to community groups to address urgent needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These projects highlighted the inclusivity, innovation and ingenuity of Minnesotans working to address short- and long-term sustainability challenges in their regions.

For example, one of the rapid response projects supported by Central RSDP was a project called "Emergency Halal Food Supply Hub" in St. Cloud. Community groups and Somali grocery stores partnered to create an emergency halal food supply to serve low-income Somali families. Store customers were provided the opportunity to donate to the in-store emergency halal food supply in an effort to sustain or grow the program.

Zins noted that this project's success was due in large part to its inclusivity and how it met the community being served where they

were, delivering culturally appropriate food to those in need.

"Flexibility and adaptability are not only key, but essential. From project work plans to meeting agendas to daily tasks, exercising a nimble response to the circumstances at hand is vital for long-term efficacy and success," Zins said, about the rapid response work in her region.

As part of the rapid response projects supported by Northeast RSDP, Abazs shared how the region engaged new partners and saw a record number of proposals compared with previous years. One of the funded proposals was a Yurt Village project helping those experiencing homelessness in Duluth. To address the unprecedented numbers of people facing housing insecurity, this project is helping bring the community together to provide 24/7 warming and hygiene facilities and raise awareness about the urgent action needed to keep all our neighbors safe this winter.

Another project supported by Southwest RSDP lifted up the ways cultural and creative elements can help us navigate and understand

moments of crisis and imagine new ways of moving forward. This project, called the Dakota Community Artist in Residence project, helped produce and share videos about local artists including Talon Cavender-Wilson and Fern Cloud who shared more about their approaches and artwork that they created as part of the residency. These videos are available from PBS, here and here.

"Organizations, communities and leaders shifted gears and rapidly made changes that we otherwise never could have imagined—so now we know it's possible," Dybsetter said.

Supporting and learning from community resilience

Regional leaders looked forward to ongoing partnership with and learning from communities across the state as they continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and other challenges.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to learn from and be inspired by the profound resilience and innovation we're seeing in communities across the state," Zins said.

Historical Happenings

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Obituaries

Peter P. Megears

Peter P. Megears, who reside in this area all his life, died suddenly Friday evening at the Colonial hospital, Rochester. He had undergone surgery two days before. Mr. Megears, who had been in ill health for the past 13 years, was 83 years old.

Peter Megears was born March 1, 1870, at Bellechester, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Megears. He was married Aug. 5, 1901, to Grace Knowlton, and they made their home in Mazeppa.

Mr. Megears was a building contractor for many years, retiring in 1940 because of ill health.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Norman of Mazeppa and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Scott (Marion) of Folsom, Calif., and Mrs. A.E. White (Fern) of Pacoima, Calif. Three grandchildren also survive.

Barn Destroyed In Fire Saturday

The worst fire of the year occurred Saturday morning at the farm owned by Susan and Nick Liffrig, and rented by Arthur Post, when lightning struck and destroyed the barn. The farm is located one-half mile south of Bellechester.

The building burned rapidly, and was a total loss. Thirteen head of young stock also were destroyed as well as some hay.

The prompt work of the Mazeppa Fire department saved the rest of the buildings. Total loss has not yet been estimated, but the barn was insured.

BID ON SURFACING HIGHTWAYS 60 AND 57 ACCEPTED BY STATE

A bid of \$178,091 by the Kimmes Construction Co., Hastings, has been accepted by the Minnesota Highway Department for work on truck highway 60 between Mazeppa and junction of 52, and truck highway 57 between Wanamingo and junction 52.

The job will consist of gravel base, crushed rock base and plant-mixed bituminous surfacing.

STORES TO CLOSE NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

This Wednesday evening, will mark the last band concert of the season. John Walter has been directing. Stores will be closed Wednesday evenings beginning next week, August 12.

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In The Service

Kermit Siems arrived home Friday evening after being discharge from the army at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He has been serving in the German theatre of operations.

Ervin Arendt, son of Mrs. Susan Arendt, arrived home Friday evening after being discharged from the army at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He served in the U.S. army in Germany.

With U.S. Forces in France---Pvt. Frank M. Almeter of Mazeppa is serving with the 7703rd transportation major port in Rochefort, France.

The zone is responsible for the transportation of men and supplies from French ports to U.S. forces stationed in Germany. Its headquarters is in Orleans, France, and it maintains a base section at La Rochelle.

Almeter, a member of the 458th Transportation Company, entered the army in December 1952, and was last stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

In civilian life he attended Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy and later worked for Minneapolis- Honeywell.

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Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Holtorf and Mike flew to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, last Wednesday, to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McClure and family. Vic reports a very hot and dry July there. Mount Pleasant is about 35 air miles from the Missouri line.

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 10, 2021

The regular City Council meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:10 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Council Persons: Erica Young, Mike Hammes, and Steve Liffrig.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Elizabeth Deming from Lamprecht Law Office,

John Betcher, Adeline Betcher, Tracy Beyer, Matt Murray, John Clemens,

Missy Papenfus, and Karen DuCharme from SEMMCHRA.

Attending via electronic meeting: Bob Joselyn, Holly Galbus from the News Record, and Brian Grogan from Moss and Barnett.

Absent: Jeff Nelson.

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

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve the October 13, 2021 Regular City Council meeting minutes, the October 21, 2021 Council working session meeting minutes, and the October 27, 2021 reconvened meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to close the Regular City Council meeting and open the Public Hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting closed at 6:11 PM.

Public hearing opened at 6:11 PM.

First reading of Ordinance 2021-?? Renewing Cable TV Franchise agreement Nuvera Communications.

Brian Grogan of Moss & Barnett explained the Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Nuvera (formerly known as Sleepy Eye Telephone). A franchise agreement pays the City for using City rights-of-way for the cable company's infrastructure. The agreement only applies to the cable TV function, not to broadband or telephone services. This was a lengthy process due to Federal Communications Commission rules changes being liti-

gated, so the agreement was delayed until the outcome of the litigation. A question was asked about telephone/cable TV/broadband easements on private land. The City does not have that authority to grant that access and those agreements would be between landowner and the utility/service provider.

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

Public Hearing closed at 6:25 PM.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to open the Regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting re-opened at 6:26 PM.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang gave Public Works report.

Fire Chief Bryce Dohrn gave Fire Department report.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang gave the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store report.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to approve early principal repayment of inter-fund loan from the Municipal Liquor Store to City reserves of \$23,927.38. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Engineer Matt Mohs gave an update on current City projects.

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

A citizen complaint regarding Municipal Liquor Store patron behavior and trash was relayed to the Council by Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang, and City Hall's response.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve building permits: MZ21-22 to Ronningen Roofing for Lisa Nance for a re-roof. MZ21-23 to John Weber for a garage re-roof. MZ21-24 to Viking Contractors for Doug Hanson for a re-roof. MZ21-25 to Reliable Heating for Saints Peter and Paul Church for furnace and air conditioning replacement. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Tracey Beyers and Matt Murray of Brota Valley Wrestling (the Z-M wrestling booster club, a 501c (3) organization) requested permission to hold a raffle drawing at the wrestling meet at the school in Mazeppa on

February 3, 2022. State of Minnesota Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement told their organization that the raffle is small enough that they do not need the State permit, but should seek approval from the School District and local government before proceeding.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to allow the Brota Valley Wrestling raffle be held on February 3, 2021 at the Z-M school building on February 3, 2021. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Karen DuCharme from SEMMCHRA updated the Council on the results of the Community Development Needs Survey. The next steps are to submit a preliminary proposal to USDA and rank potential projects.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to approve SEMMCHRA submitting a preliminary grant proposal for home rehabilitation to USDA. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Mazeppa Economic Development Authority member John Betcher presented an EDA proposal to disburse a portion of the A.R.P.A. funds to community non-profit organizations negatively affected by the pandemic.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve transferring \$15,143.50 of the A.R.P.A. funds received by the City of Mazeppa to the Mazeppa EDA to fund to fund their Non-Profit Organization Pandemic Assistance proposal. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

2nd Oldest Arctic Cat Dealer in Minnesota dba MotoProz approached Council to negotiate a reduction in the price for parcel R23.00160.03 that it has agreed to purchase from the City. The reason for the reduction is due to increased survey costs due to the required utility easement and that the survey shows that the required utility easement will limit the buildable area on R23.00160.03 and on their existing property.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve lowering the purchase price for R23.00160.03 from \$15,700 to \$12,820. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to extend the purchase agreement with 2nd Oldest Arctic Cat Dealer in Minnesota dba MotoProz until February 9, 2022. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve using the proceeds from the land sales to 2nd Oldest Arctic Cat Dealer in Minnesota dba MotoProz to fund EDA activities. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Young to approve purchase of ice rink and equipment for \$6712.28 using funds donated by Mazeppa Lion's Club and Mazeppa Fire Relief. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff Chief Deputy Jim Warren called into the meeting via tele-

phone to ask questions on the WCSO Incident Command Report and to apologize for not being able to attend the meeting in person or electronically.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to approve \$1950 for purchase and installation of video surveillance and recording equipment at Herb Vik Park. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Liffrig, second by Hammes to approve a social media page for Parks and Recreation news and events. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to approve the City of Mazeppa Social Media Policy and Personnel Guidelines for Social Media Use. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffrig to transfer \$93,000 from reserves to the Fire Fund for final payment, due upon delivery, for the new tanker. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht discussed procedure for City annexation of land that will take place at the December 8, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffrig to recess until the next Regular City Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Next meeting: December 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting recessed at 8:10 PM.

Administrator-Clerk

November City of Mazeppa Highlights

The Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store made a \$23,927 payment to the city on the 2016 remodeling project in November. The muni reported a good October with an increase in sales of more than \$10,000 over last year at this time.

The city has applied for a SEMMCHRA grant of up to \$600,000 for rehabilitation of a dozen homes and Riverview Apartments. If the proposal is accepted the full application would be submitted in the spring and possibly see the funding by fall.

The city council approved the purchase of surveillance equipment at the WWTP and the park for \$1,950.

A social media policy was approved by the city council for city employees and representatives. It is standard boilerplate policy from the League of Minnesota cities to guide personal statements and social media communications.

Zumbro Falls City Council Minutes - October 13, 2021

Zumbro Falls City Council met on October 13, 2021 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6PM by the Mayor. Sara Anderson, council person, was absent. Also present, Matt Mohs, City Engineer and Tony Johnson, representing VFW Post 1802.

Clerk's minutes from the previous meeting were read with acceptance by a motion from Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor carried. Treasurer's report followed with acceptance by a motion from Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

VFW Post 1802 is looking to apply for a Club license from the City so they can sell intoxicating liquor. After council approval, the Clerk will look into how to put this license in place.

Resolution No. 21-04 was approved by council with a motion from Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried. This resolution is an agreement with MnDOT #1047666 and the City to provide payment to the State for the City's portion for the sewer project.

Motion to contract with Lawler Gas for 2,500 gallons of L/P for \$1.49 a gallon was made by Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Motion to purchase a JD 2025R Tractor with bucket, mower attachment and purchase of a broom was made by Bankers, seconded Dennison, all in favor, carried.

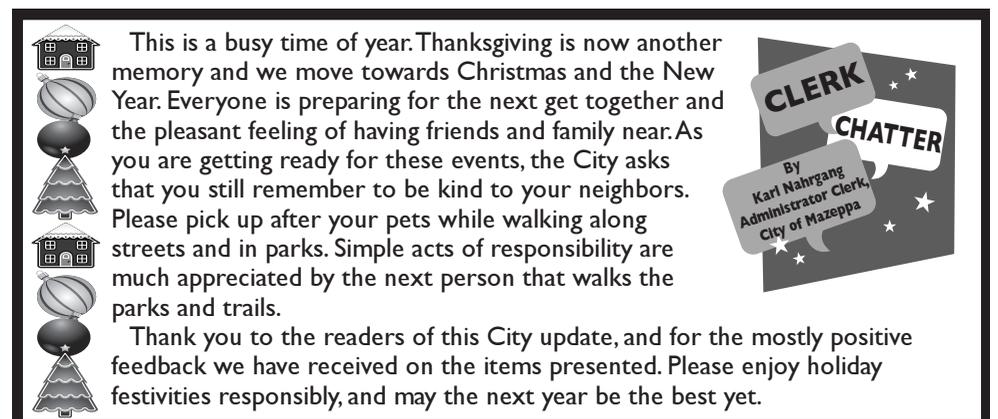
Donations as follows for the Fire Department: Gene and Arlys Schmidt \$100.00, John and Greta Martin \$1,000.00, Peoples State Bank \$500.00 for 1st Responders, Peoples State Bank \$500.00 for Fire Department, and Zumbro Falls Lions \$700.00 for the Fire Department Memorial. Donations accepted by a motion from Dennison, seconded Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Motion for the meeting to adjourn and clerk to pay all bills was made by Dennison, seconded

Bankers, all in favor, carried.

Submitted by,

Susan Eischens, Clerk



This is a busy time of year. Thanksgiving is now another memory and we move towards Christmas and the New Year. Everyone is preparing for the next get together and the pleasant feeling of having friends and family near. As you are getting ready for these events, the City asks that you still remember to be kind to your neighbors. Please pick up after your pets while walking along streets and in parks. Simple acts of responsibility are much appreciated by the next person that walks the parks and trails.

Thank you to the readers of this City update, and for the mostly positive feedback we have received on the items presented. Please enjoy holiday festivities responsibly, and may the next year be the best yet.

CLERK CHATTER
By Karl Nahrgang, Administrator Clerk, City of Mazeppa

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Breaking Amish



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.

We live near a number of Amish communities. Seeing a family in a horse drawn buggy is a common sight. But what is becoming more common is to see the family in a minivan. The whole family, infants, teenagers, mom, dad and grandparents. Saw a group of them down at the Pit Stop, a local gas station, in a van getting gas. They have a designated driver, someone who is willing to make cash for driving them to town for supplies. I was looking for some manual labor so I walked over and asked the man sitting there with his wife and their toddler. They were waiting for one of their family to finish their appointment at the chiropractor. So, I broached my query about the job I was looking for and the father told me his boys would do the job, if I could come and pick them up. My next question was where and when and for that information I suddenly had two teenage boys in the rear seat

offering me their cell phone numbers. We have a neighbor down the road who is farmer by the name of Enoch. He has helped us out with lots of projects and is always willing to work. Enoch and Elizabeth have cell phones but keep them in a small phone booth down the driveway from the farmhouse. I assume that is where the charging station is but we found that if we call their number, we almost always get their teenage daughter. Seems that she spends lots of time down there where the telephone is. Who would have thought that? We needed to clear some woodland so we set up a time. Enoch showed up with his two sons in their one-horse buggy, with a wheelbarrow on top and a chainsaw and extra gas and oil in the back. My wife offered the boys a cold drink from the refrigerator in the house. They picked soda pop. The kids are

very hard workers and do not engage in much conversation. We stopped by the local hardware store up the road for some bags of wood shavings. It is owned by an Amish family and they stock about everything you would expect at a hardware store. The wife was explaining about

another store down the road and part of her directions was that when you turned on a certain road you would lose cell phone signal. Nothing signals progress more than a middle age Amish housewife explaining cell phone coverage on the backroads of Tennessee.

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A Minnesotan: Christmas Memories



By RosaLin Alcoser

It's Christmas time again. For most families this is a joyous time full of family time, good memories, mishappes, and traditions. Now that I am an adult I have found different past Christmases stick in the front of my memory more than other years then others. After all some of them are unforgettable because really who could forget the year that the dishwasher broke and the oven with the ham got turned off instead

of the dishwasher while Grandpa and Dad tried to fix it. Or the year that Mom played six different Christmas Eve services between the hours of noon and midnight. The year that's really sticking with me this year is my first Christmas in Minnesota; which was also my first Christmas with snow. This Christmas is important to me because it is the year that I got my most important childhood possession Zoey Bear. That year I had expressed that I wanted a Teddy Bear with dangly limbs so that it wasn't sitting up all the time; because really we all know that it can be hard to sleep with a stuffed toy that sits up all the time when you are little. So my Grandmother and her friends went to a Teddy Bear Shop in the Ozarks- yes that was a thing in the late 90s- and hugged every bear in the store and fretted over if they had picked out the right one. I can tell you they definitely did pick the right one. I can still vividly remember opening up the box that Christmas and saying "Well there you are Zoey. I've been wondering when you would show up." and off I went with that bear for the next 21 years. Who knows why some memories stick out more some years over others but the memories that do stick out are usually some of the best.

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 13. Hawaii environs
 14. Toothy fish
 15. Cone-shaped dwelling
 16. White Swan in "Swan Lake" ballerina
 17. ___-Wan Kenobi
 18. *Decorate with wreaths and holly, e.g.
 19. *Either dessert or source of heat (2 words)
 21. * ___ Day, or second day of Christmastide
 23. Land parcel
 24. Strauss of denim fame
 25. Broadband access overseer, acr.
 28. Clarified butter
 30. Acute one and obtuse one
 35. Southeastern Asian country
 37. Jousting's breastplate
 39. Shrewdness
 40. Caspian basin river
 41. *Pasadena's Tournament of ___
 43. Tel ___, Israel
 44. Native American emblem
 46. "Why not?"
 47. Hitchhiker's quest
 48. Omits when speaking
 50. Hard to find
 52. Bear's winter quarters
 53. Hoodwink
 55. Scepter's partner
 57. *Number of days in Christmastide
 60. *"Ugly" holiday party garb?
 64. Prepare a letter
 65. "Bingo!"
 67. Hunger for
 68. Pass-the-baton race
 69. *Cranberry sauce sometimes comes from it
 70. Same as tori
 71. Raise the roof
 72. German river
 73. Stall sound
- DOWN
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 2. Shade of beige
 3. Finish a ceiling, to a plasterer
 4. Marlboro alternative
 5. Not digital
 6. Bug-eyed
 7. Not Uber
 8. Social group
 9. Ghana monetary unit
 10. Second word of many fairytales
 11. Cause of Titanic's demise
 12. Poetic "even"
 15. Burdensome
 20. Not this or that
 22. Lab eggs
 24. Time off
 25. *Champagne holder
 26. *Wassailing composition
 27. Raccoon's South American cousin
 29. Feeling of superiority, pl.
 31. ___ gum, food additive
 32. Furiously angry
 33. Exclude or omit
 34. *Number of candles in kinara, Kwanzaa
 36. *Troika vehicle
 38. "Will be," according to Doris
 42. Asian goat antelope
 45. Potpourri
 49. Chevy Suburban, e.g.
 51. Builds
 54. *Popular holiday wish
 56. Munchausen's title
 57. *Bedecked arbor
 58. Shakespeare, to his friends?
 59. And others, for short
 60. Minus
 61. Tropical edible root
 62. Anon's partner
 63. Take a load off
 64. Like some humor
 66. *Traditional main holiday dish

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