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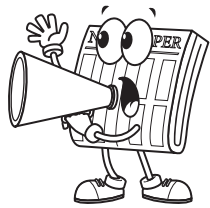
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Historic December Weather



By Megan Ziegler

Weather may not always be the most fascinating topic to read about. Reports of sun, clouds, precipitation, and winds can be a bit droll, especially if we're hearing about "average" weather days and trying not to tune out the daily news. But there's a time and place where unique weather experiences deserve to be highlighted. Even in our little niche newspaper publication, we should take the time to recap the crazy weather we all experienced on Wednesday, December 15th through Thursday, December 16th of 2021.

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Hubbell House to Re-open with New Owners

After 75 years of ownership by the Pappas family, the Hubbell House in Mantorville has been sold to Powers Ventures of Rochester. They are a family owned restaurant and catering business with over 159 employees. They started the Canadian Honker in 1984, The Rochester International Event Center in 2006 and Pinnacle Catering in 2013. The Hubbell House will be closed until April for an extensive kitchen remodel project.

The Hubbell House was built by John Hubbell in 1854, first as a 16' x 24' log cabin and then in 1856 the current three story struc-

ture, one the first of its kind in Minnesota, was built out of Limestone block out of the local quarry. The building was to become a famous stagecoach stop, saloon and café in the mid-19th century history of Dodge County. The Hubbell House had fallen onto hard times by 1930 and Walt Stussy purchased the building for housing quarry workers during the Great Depression. Paul Pappas



married Walt Stussy's daughter, Irene in 1942 and they opened the Hubbell House as a restaurant on June 29, 1946. On the first day of business they served twenty-four customers with only three employees.

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West Concord Police Department Arrest Christmas Grinch



A man is now in custody in connection to a Christmas Eve burglary in West Concord. The West Concord Police Department says 18-year-old Joseph Ubl has been arrested on suspicion of stealing hundreds of dollars worth of tools from a garage on Christmas eve. (continued on page 7)

Ride For Wyatt

The 3rd Annual "Ride For Wyatt" is set for January 29th, 2022.

Wyatt Coy, a would-be 2017 KM graduate, was an avid snowmobiler who loved to "play" in the snow. By all accounts, Wyatt was a friendly, kind soul who was always keen to help others.



Wyatt Coy

Wyatt lost his battle with depression on January 19, 2017, and his friends and family are determined to share their loss, so that others may not suffer the same fate.

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Following for New Beginnings

By Dave Breederland

Following Christ as individuals is all about new beginnings. Our initial following of Christ - when we place our trust in Him as our Savior and yield our allegiance to Him - starts the process of our new beginning. As we continue to grow in our relationship with Christ by following Him, we will continue to have new beginnings. Our attitudes change. Our actions change. Our perspective on the past changes. Lots of things change for the better as we follow Christ.

We don't know where Christ will lead us in 2022, but we do know that if we follow, there will be new things. Perhaps a deeper understanding of the Bible, perhaps an increased prayer life, a richer experience of God's grace, a stretching of our faith, a reconciled relationship, granting or receiving forgiveness - all of which could occur as we follow Christ.

It is our choice to follow or not. John's Gospel records an incident when people made a choice. In John 6, after Jesus taught and gave what his disciples called a "hard teaching," Jesus gave his listeners more instruction. After that teaching was given, we find this statement in the Gospel: From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. Jesus then asked the Twelve about their intentions and Peter piped up:

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." (Jn 6:68-69 NIV).

We typically follow those in whom we have confidence. As we begin 2022, are we confident in Jesus? Have we read the Bible to know who he is? Do we have assurance that Jesus is for us? Perhaps we need at the beginning of this new year to re-examine who or what we are following. And let's take a good look at where will we end up if we continue to follow those we do follow? Are we convinced that Jesus has the words of eternal life? What will it take to convince us?

May we have that same commitment which Peter expressed as we follow the Lord Jesus and experience new beginnings in 2022.

Jesus is worth following. He is the Leader who knows his plan and works it. Playing it is for all. If someone asked you to "Take me to your leader," to whom would you go? "follow the leader" isn't just a child's game,

OBITUARY

Helen L. Higgins

Helen L. Higgins, 92, of Rochester, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at St. Marys Hospital on Friday, December 24, 2021.



Helen was born August 10, 1929, in Dodge Center, MN to William and Fay Wohlfiel, the last of seven children. Helen graduated from West Concord High School and moved to Rochester. She married Forest Higgins on February 3, 1951, and lived in Jacksonville, Florida for two years while Forest served in the Navy. They returned to Rochester where Helen worked for Disons Dry Cleaners until her retirement in 1991.

Helen was a founding member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where she worked with "Kids Night Out," served on the alter guild, was an usher, knitted prayer shawls, participated in discussion groups, and served in the kitchen for funerals. Helen remains a member of St. Luke's. Forest and Helen founded the H&F Round-A-Liers where they taught round dancing for 14 1/2 years, as well as square danced for 34 years. Helen loved spending time with her family, early on camping and boating on the Mississippi River; and during retirement, traveling around the country, visiting family and friends, and sight-seeing with Forest. Helen enjoyed reading, counted cross stich, and tending her garden. Helen and Forest spent many hours entertaining family and friends on their back deck during the summers and just sitting while enjoying their yard and garden.

Helen is survived by her sons William (Suzi) of Hilton Head, SC, and Lawrence (Pam) of Bloomington, MN; a daughter Kathrine of Richfield, MN; three grandchildren; Lisa, Nicole, and Justin; and a great-granddaughter, Brooke. She is preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Forest; brothers Alvin, Calvin, Kenneth, and Leonard; sisters Evelyn and Fern; and a grandson William C. Higgins, Jr.

A memorial service was Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Rochester. Rev. Justin P. Chapman officiated. Bars and coffee followed the service in the church fellowship hall. Due to current health concerns and restrictions, everyone was asked to respect social distancing and the wearing of face masks both at the funeral service. Helen's ashes were interred in the columbarium at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Rochester, MN.

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'Hours and Days and Years and Ages'

Scripture Reading — Psalm 103:13-18

From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him. . . . — Psalm 103:17

As we enter the new year, we often reflect on the past year. One thing I experience with the passing of each year is that I often look back and wonder, "Where did the time go?"

As we reflect on the past year and the fleeting passage of time, we are reminded that no matter how fast time seems to go by, God is still faithful. As Psalm 103 says, "From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him." As quickly as the time comes and goes, there is one thing that never changes: the Lord's great love for us.

In the hymn "Hours and Days and Years and Ages" we sing about time passing away swiftly. Yet God is still our God, and he is ever faithful. No matter what we have faced in the past year—and no matter what we will face in the year ahead—God remains and will be our faithful, loving God.

What a comforting thought: God's love remains with us from "everlasting to everlasting." That is a really long time, for eternity!

God's love for us in Jesus Christ never changes. As stanza 3 of the hymn says, "When life's dangers overwhelm us, you will ever be our stay; through your Son you are our Father, always changeless, come what may."

Thank you, Lord!

Prayer: Dear God, as we come to the end of another year, we thank you for showing us your love "from everlasting to everlasting." Amen.

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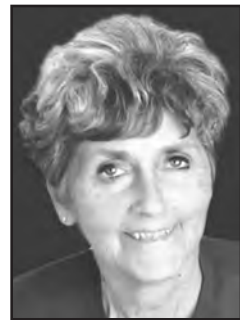
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Martha Janet Gochnauer

Martha Janet Gochnauer, 81, of Kenyon, died Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.



She was born April 2, 1940 in Cherry Grove Township, Goodhue County, Minnesota the daughter of Chester and Clara (Hillesland) Overboe Sr.

She attended country school and graduated from Wanamingo High School in 1957. Following her schooling, she worked at Federated Insurance in Owatonna for 10 years before staying at home to raise her children. On August 23, 1969, she married Larry Gochnauer at Dale Lutheran Church. The couple made their home on a farm in Concord Township for ten years before moving to Larry's home place.

Martha courageously adapted to the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis and endured that journey for 44 years. She loved dancing (even in her wheelchair), cooking, baking and caring for her grandchildren. She was a faithful member of Hegre Lutheran Church and NIS (Neighborhood Improvement Society).

She is survived by her husband, Larry Gochnauer of Kenyon; children, Jason (Shelly) Gochnauer of Kenyon, Jeremy (Kris) Gochnauer of Kenyon and Branden Gochnauer of Kenyon; 3 grandchildren, Jacob (Megan) Gochnauer of West Concord, Elizabeth (Justin) Gochnauer of Janesville and Samuel Gochnauer of Kenyon; 2 great-grandchildren, Ryder and Graysen Gochnauer; brother-in-law, Marvin Anderson of Rochester; sister-in-law, Avis Overboe of Pine Island and nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chester and Clara; son, Jeffrey; daughter-in-law, Tori; brother, Chester Overboe Jr. and sisters, Clara (Jerry) Clark, June Smith and Elaine Anderson.

Visitation was at Michaelson Funeral Home, West Concord on Friday, December 17th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM and at Hegre Lutheran Church on Saturday from 12:00 - 1:00 PM. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Hegre Lutheran Church. Pastor Richard Hegal officiated. Interment was in the Hegre Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Sandra Kaye (Andersen) Schaefer

Sandra Kaye (Andersen) Schaefer of Kasson, MN, died Dec. 26, 2021, surrounded by family and under the care of hospice at her daughter Kristine's home in Rosemount, MN.



Born Aug. 24, 1941, Sandy was the daughter of Hazel and Norman Andersen of West Concord, MN. She graduated from West Concord High School in 1959 and studied at Mankato State University. In 1961, she married Larry Schaefer of West Concord and together they raised six children: Lori Schaefer of Bar Harbor, Maine; Lisa Sherrington of Lake City, MN; Tom Schaefer (Amy) of Galesville, WI; Tim Schaefer (Dani) of Carlsbad, CA; Tracy Schaefer of Lafayette, MN; and Kristine Lynam (Ben) of Rosemount, MN. Sandy and Larry later divorced.

Sandy is survived and celebrated by her six children, 12 grandchildren—Josh (Alison), Jessica, Jonathan, Tucker (Diana), Amanda (Josh), Marissa, Makenzie, Kelsie, Quentin, Jacob, Sophie, and Lexi; and two great grandchildren—Adelaide and Parker; as well as her brother Mike Andersen of West Concord.

Sandy retired from Dodge County Environmental Services in Dec. 2016 where she worked for 31 years as a Waste Management Coordinator/Accountant—a job she truly loved. Prior to that she held several book-keeping and office management roles, in addition to her tireless work raising a family and working on the farm. But without question, the roles she loved best were being a mom and Grandma. Sandy loved spending time with family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. In her final days, she was able to spend quality time with family and she never stopped caregiving.

Sandy enjoyed gardening, cooking, decorating, and entertaining—all things she perfected throughout her life. She also enjoyed shopping and exploring with friends. Although she described herself as “a homebody,” she loved to travel to the places her

kids lived and enjoyed helping them get settled into their new homes. In addition to her family, Sandy leaves behind many close friends from high school and later in life. During her retirement years, she enjoyed reconnecting and building new memories with many of these friends.

A Celebration of Life Gathering was held from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna. The family requested that COVID protocol be observed: Masks were worn at all times while in the funeral home along with social distancing. A private, family funeral and burial was held.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred and will be directed by the family to some of Sandy's favorite charities including: Minnesota Hospice, Faith in Action of Dodge County, and Beginning Experience of Rochester/Southeastern Minnesota.

Esther Maxine Zeller

Esther Maxine Zeller, age 91, a lifelong rural West Concord resident, died on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at Prairie Meadow Senior Living in Kasson. A visitation was held from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 12th at Michaelson Funeral Home in West Concord. A funeral will be held at a later date.



Esther Kraling the daughter of Otto and Edna (King) Kraling was born on February 16, 1930 in Dodge County and lived in Berne area most of her life. On January 24, 1948, she was united in marriage to Wesley Zeller in Dodge County. She had many different careers including farm wife and LPN. She was a member of the Zwingli United Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sons Stewart Zeller of West Concord, Raymond (and Shirley) Zeller of West Concord and Darrell (and Julie) Zeller of Sheboygan, WI; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; 2 sisters and one brother. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Wesley in 2002, five sisters and seven brothers.

Memorials are suggested to Zwingli United Church of Christ or Berne Cemetery.

Richard James DeFlieger

Richard James DeFlieger, 92, of West Concord, died Sunday, January 9, 2022 at his home.



Richard was born September 1, 1929 in Grand Meadow, Minnesota, the son of William and Isabelle (Johnson) DeFlieger. He attended

Concord Township School until the eighth grade. After school Richard started working at Rochester Silo Company. After a couple years, in 1950 Richard joined the Air Force and was stationed in Rapid City South

Dakota. He was united in marriage to Betty Kilness on December 27th, 1951, at the Zion Lutheran Church in West Concord.

He was an avid sports fan of the Vikings and Twins. Thru the years Richard played baseball, softball, bowling, golf, and every Wednesday you would find him playing cards. Richard and his friends would go fishing every year to English River in Ontario, Canada.

Richard is survived by his sons, Jim DeFlieger of West Concord, Joe (and Maria) DeFlieger of West Concord; sister, Delores Kautz of Kasson; grandson Josh DeFlieger of Loris, SC; step-grandson Tyler Bartz of Hopkins; step-granddaughter, Theresa Laue of Dodge Center; great-grandsons, Matt and Jake DeFlieger; step great-granddaughters, Amaya and Aubrey Laue.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty DeFlieger; parents, William and Isabelle DeFlieger; brother, Donald DeFlieger.

Funeral services were held Michaelson Funeral Home in West Concord, on Thursday, January 13th, 2022 at 1PM. There was a visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Hegre Lutheran Church Cemetery in Kenyon. Food and refreshments were served at the American Legion following the burial.

Susan (Sue) J. Papenfuss

Susan (Sue) J. Papenfuss of Kasson, Minnesota passed away on Tuesday, December 7. Sue was born on June 27, 1948 to Lilamae D. and Aldrich O. Iverson in Minneapolis, Minnesota. ;

Sue grew-up in West Concord, Minnesota with her parents and two sisters.

She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Winona State University.

Sue taught at Dodge Center (Triton) Elementary school for 30 years. She loved helping her students learn, and the connections with her teaching friends.

She met her future husband, a fellow teacher, Glen H. Papenfuss in the school cafeteria. They were married on June 19, 1976. Sue and Glen enjoyed traveling and visited many national parks and museums across the United States.


Sue was a devoted, thoughtful mom who loved spending time with her daughter Jackie.

Sue was an avid reader who loved her cats. She was happiest at home with Glen with a book in her hand and a cat on her lap. Sue was a loving, generous, and gentle soul who will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and kitties.

She is survived by her husband Glen, her daughter Jackie (Fabio) Morescalchi; her sister, Dahni (Jim) Lermon of Berne, MN; her niece, Dena (Christian) Cornelius and great nephews Bryce and Asher of Phoenix, AZ; two uncles, Burton (Shirley) Iverson of Naples, FL, and David (Doris) Nasby of Rochester, MN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Nancy Neumann of Mesa, AZ, and son-in-law Eric Olsson of Scottsdale, AZ.

A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Should friends desire, contributions in memory of Sue can be made to Safe Haven Pet Rescue or Camp Companion.



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That's the Latest Snowstorms



By Emery Kleven

Emery is now a retired farm broadcaster after starting at KDHL in Faribault in 1987. He's a 1971 graduate of West Concord High School. You can view past columns at his website RoadFarming.com. You can email him at emery@roadfarming.com.

Snowstorms are always interesting. Other adjectives could be used like aggravating, fun, dangerous. It depends on how much it interrupts a daily routine or ruins travel plans. I was watching The Weather Channel (TWC) the other night to keep up on the latest winter storm. I found out it has been since the winter of 2012-2013 that TWC names the winter storms. It is not an official National Weather Service naming like they do hurricanes. It's TWC doing their own categorizing of storms. This naming of winter storms is not a new idea. Going back to the 1980's, WCCO Radio's Boone and Erickson were naming Minnesota winter storms.

One of those years they decided that the storms would be named after Minnesota school bus drivers past or present. They were looking for nominations so I sent them a note that my dad Elmer was a retired long time bus driver for the West Concord school district. Well it finally got to the fifth winter storm of the season and lo and behold it was named Elmer. I come to find out that the fifth national winter storm this year was also named Elmer on TWC. I don't think it was named for my dad but it was as far as I'm concerned. That's a long term goal of mine now is to have a winter storm named after me.

Ken Doty was the Superintendent at West Concord School District #205 from 1965 to 1990. Ken, on snowy days would often call my dad to ask what it was like in the country. My dad never said it was bad enough to cancel school. I think he thought if he could see the garage, which was about 50 feet from the kitchen window, he could drive a bus through it. I would look out the same window and maybe see the garage but the old quonset shed, which was about 150 feet away was not visible at all. So being the first bus stop of the morning, I would dress up like I'm going ice fishing in Alaska and hop on the bus. One of these somewhat blustery days (I call them winter storms) in the late 60's, we got stuck on the road just east of the Bob Montgomery farm on the north-south road which is County Road 7. Near the Schienbein farm the snow was 2 to 3 feet deep with the wind adding to that total by the minute. There were about 14

students on the bus at the time as we had already picked up the Engvalls, Johnsons and Montgomerys. My dad told all of us to pack into the seats way in the back so that all the weight would be over the drive axle and give us enough traction to literally plow through. It worked and I never forgot that idea.

I like winter storms unless of course they upset my daily routine or my travel plans. December 1977 was when I was to fly to Norway for the first time. I was going to spend Christmas with my then fiancé Lisbeth and meet her family for the very first time. I was a bit apprehensive to begin with how this was all going to go and the snowstorm did not help my angst. I flew out of Rochester to Chicago on a typical winter day with cold and some light snow. But the KLM 747 that was to fly me from Chicago to Amsterdam got delayed. It was eventually 9 hours later that we unfroze the wings and were ready to head to the Netherlands. Well this threw all the timing off for my eventual trip from the airport in Oslo to the Vikre home in Skien, Norway.

I had to make a different connecting flight at Schiphol airport in Amsterdam. Schiphol I think is Dutch for ski pole. Or maybe not! If you recall years ago, the Hertz Rent A Car commercials featured O.J. Simpson sprinting through an airport doing high hurdles over people and luggage. That's how I had to make my connecting flight. My fastest time in a 100 yard dash when I was young and in better shape was about 11.5 seconds. I think I cut 2 seconds off that time going through the Ski Pole airport. I slowed down enough to show the attendants my tickets and they rushed me right on. I think my carry-on bag got caught in the door as they closed it right behind me and I mean RIGHT behind me. Of course my seat was towards the back but I didn't have to look for a seat number, I just looked for the last remaining open seat. Everyone had their seatbelts on and their trays locked and seats in the full and upright position. Then they see this disheveled American, who had just run a 9.5 100 yard dash, come in with long wind-blown hair and navy blue and white houndstooth pants on. I think a couple of them got their airsick bag out just in case when they saw me.

I finally arrived at Fornabu Airport in Oslo. My future father in law Knut, not wanting to wait another 16 hours at the airport, had driven back home to Skien which at the time was about a 3 hour drive. Lisbeth stayed at the airport and was there to greet me when I finally arrived. We took a train back to Porsgrunn which is near Skien. Knut I think was still a little wary of me but my future mother in law Judith warmed up to me right away.



A snowstorm could not stop, only delay Emery from meeting his future in laws in Norway in 1977. This is a 1982 picture of the Vikre family from Skien, Norway. Front row parents Knut and Judith. Back row l to r; Lisbeth, Hanne Karin, Thorleif, Lina.

You see, I had to call their house from the Chicago airport to tell them it was snowing. More so to tell them I would be quite delayed. I was told later by Lisbeth that after we ended the call, Judith told her that I sounded really nice on the phone. Thank God I was blessed with a radio voice that won over the mother in law. Knut came around quickly too, especially when he

found out I was handy with tools and I could help him move heavy furniture. And I could also sit on Lisbeth's little brother Thorleif and keep him quiet for an hour or so at a time.

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Museum Musings

1922 - A Lively Winter in West Concord

By Colleen Sathrum Hayne

Without easy transportation, televisions, computers, and iPhones, 100 years ago the residents of West Concord made sure there were all kinds of social events planned to help make the winter shorter. The events ran the gamut from purely entertaining to educational.

One of the biggest events was the Legion's Langemo Post 295 Masquerade Dance and Supper. When I grew up the Langemos were my neighbors. A dirt road through my dad's and Langemo's fields was the fastest way to walk over. Nick Langemo, who died in WWI and for whom the Langemo Post was named, was the uncle of Emma, Art, and Carl Langemo, sister and brothers, whom I so much enjoyed visiting when I was a kid.

Can you imagine this? Held at the end of January, the Masquerade event was so successful that over 100 masked couples attended along with many spectators. A store in town, Lyman's, carried costumes to make it easier for townspeople to participate. What fun! Advertised as the "Banner Occasion of the Year", the Legion was thrilled that it was both a social and a financial success. A second Masquerade Ball was being planned to help the local baseball club start its season out of debt.

The Opera House, now West Concord's Liquor Store, was a popular place to be in the winter of 1922. The high school men's and women's basketball teams played area teams there. Of course, it wasn't full court basketball, but I like to close my eyes and imagine the space of the Municipal Liquor Store as the scene for a basketball game. The Enterprise did register some complaints about profanity at basketball practice. They'd heard from enough different sources to take it seriously.

Also coming to the Opera House were various entertainers who traveled around the country. The Maitland Trio, young men who were acclaimed as one of the "Best Musical Companies in the Country" were coming to town. So was John B. Ratto, known as the Man of Many Faces.

His program would include character sketches, make-up artist wonders, and story telling.

The Rex Theatre urged people to attend a one night photoplay show bound to interest many, "The Younger Brothers", the story of the outlaws who were part of the notorious Jesse James Gang. Narrated by Cole Younger's nephew, it was advertised as one of the "best successes ever produced in motion pictures." It sounded like a somewhat sympathetic portrayal when the advertisement stated: "For many crimes of which they were innocent they paid the penalty, satisfying the American Law by serving 25 long years in the Stillwater State Prison. You have read the history, which interests young and old alike. Now see it in over 200 interesting, thrilling, gripping scenes of both emotional, sensational, and comedy events." All of that could be experienced for the admission price of 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for young folks.

At the high school, too, something unusually interesting happened. The Physics class was studying telegraphy and Mr. Meeks, the Railroad Station Agent, came to their lab class and gave a live telegraphic demonstration. His presentation was thoroughly enjoyed.

One form of annual entertainment that the town was putting a kibosh on was something kids had loved to do. For years children had been catching on to moving sleighs in town for a fun ride. The kids enjoyed it and the sleigh drivers didn't mind. Children would drop off the sleigh when they'd had enough, but now this could put them directly in the path of an automobile, of which there were many more on the city streets in the winter than there had been. Parents were urged to stop their children from this turned-dangerous winter pastime.

Annual meetings were another form of winter diversion. The Ellington Creamery gave free lunch and cigars to the 70 people who attended their meeting. The Creamery proudly announced that 100,184 pounds of butter had been made there in the previous year. The County Agent gave an educational talk on the grading and care of cream.

The annual Corn Show and Community Day was coming up at the Opera House at the end of February. Farmers were urged to enter a sample of corn and be judged with others from their township, competing for the Grand Champion ribbon.

Concord Township said they enjoyed the best meeting ever when Mrs. Everett Patterson presented a very informational and practical program about poultry production and feeding.

It was such a good program that she'd be next giving it at the Ellington Town Hall.

Mr. H.C. Christopherson, owner of the local hardware store, went all the way to Minneapolis for the State Hardwaremen's Convention—and as a result, became a delegate to the National Convention to be held in Chicago in the summer.

There was a bit of complaining going on as well that winter. In a gender-biased world, the Enterprise made the following statement: "We don't care a rap how high women wear their skirts, but we do hate to see them totter around on high heels." (I'm inclined to say, "Who asked you?") Some people wondered, if other towns around could develop Tourist Parks for folks to spend a night or two, why couldn't West Concord? Tourist Parks were a phenomenon of the 1920's, a kind of car camping as there were so few amenities along the way for travelers.

Even the newly minted Peace Silver Dollar was cause for grumbling: the Enterprise found fault with the expression on Lady Liberty's face, didn't like the eagle's legs, and found the coins altogether too unstackable!

The Enterprise's biggest criticism of all was aimed straight at West Concord citizens. The community was roundly scolded for purchasing so many things from mail order catalogs instead of "buying at home" from local shops. "Imagine what that much money spent here at home would add to the town's business!" It sounds much like the tension we have today between Amazon and local stores. The February 2nd Enterprise article concluded this way: "Let's all get the "home town" idea in our heads, and as long as we live in West Concord, let's of, for, and by West Concord. And don't let's waste energy and money building up some other place where we don't live and probably never will."

100 years later we're still here, enjoying and trying to make the most of our town!

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The past couple of weeks we have seen a great deal of change with COVID and the guidelines that we are given to follow. I have had questions about these changes and thought I would try to explain them as best I can. Most of these changes took place during the week of January 10th to the 14th. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Friday, January 7th regarding the ETS (Emergency Temporary Standard for OSHA that was set to begin on Monday January 10th. Since the Supreme Court had not made a decision yet, on Monday, January 10th as an employer with 100 or more employees we were required to begin implementing the ETS. School districts around the state had a phone

conference with a legal representative that outlined the expectations and the steps we needed to follow. According to the ETS, 10 day quarantines and isolation were the expectation. It also required employees to be vaccinated or mask and take a test every week. We had a school board meeting on Monday night, January 10th and adopted one of the model policies that we were given to begin implementing the ETS. What made this confusing is that the CDC had new guidelines that had recently changes to a 5 day quarantine and isolation. Our legal guidance on Monday was to follow the ETS and continue using the 10 day quarantine and begin gathering data from staff on who was and who was not vaccinated.

Then on Wednesday, we had a call with the Minnesota Department of Health. On that call they outlined the reasons for the CDC going to the shortened quarantine. The main reason is that they are seeing a shortened infectious period, and that getting students back to school sooner would be possible with this shortened quarantine. They advised us that the shortened quarantines that were adopted by the CDC would eventually become part of the ETS, but they wanted to wait until the Supreme Court had ruled on the matter. So essentially, we were told that we could plan on adjusting the the CDC guidelines because the state of MN and the Department of Health was adopting the shortened 5 day quarantine, even though the ETS still had the 10 day guidelines.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled the ETS was allowed. That automatically put the 5 day quarantine and isolation periods into play in the state of MN. It also meant that we no longer needed to collect vaccination data and require non-vaccinated employees to wear a mask. Our school district then met with our Incident Command Team and looked at adopting the shortened quarantine periods for our students and staff. This really changes the way our dashboard will look and the very high numbers that were seeing that threatened us having to go to distance learning. We were very close to the 5% number at the end of the week, but by the return to school on Tuesday, January 17th, our numbers were reduced significantly. It certainly has been a crazy time trying to keep up

with all of the changes and guidelines that were are constantly being given, but I feel that we have great staff that has adapted and changed as they have needed to. I am blessed to work with so many amazing people and in such a wonderful district.

Please reach out to me with any questions that you may have regarding our school district. You can email me at schlich@triton.k12.mn.us or you can call me at 507-418-7530 to reach me at the district office. I would be happy to set up a time to meet with you or your organization. I believe that communication is an important aspect of my job responsibility, and I welcome the opportunity to learn from your perspective. GO COBRAS!

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Breanna Klejeski is a senior at Triton High School. Her parents are Jon and Kim Klejeski and her siblings are Mahaila, Jacob, Emma, Macy and Lily. Breanna is active in FFA and enjoys showing rabbits for ARBA and placed fourth at the county fair. She enjoys riding and driving horses, raising steers, owning a rabbitry, attending auctions, fishing and snowmobiling. She is undecided about her plans after graduation at this time.

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Historic December Weather

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First there was the dense morning fog on Wednesday, December 15th. I was up and driving by dawn and remember thinking, "It's like driving through a milkshake!" It was so thick that I missed a turn that I take daily. Many of you may recall that it was one of the worst morning fogs you've ever encountered.

The National Weather Service website reported that the morning fog was caused by, "record warm temperatures melting snow-pack." Specifically, the preliminary local climatological data for Dodge Center, MN reported a record high that day of 63 degrees Fahrenheit.

As the fog cleared and the day moved along, we were all warned of the possibility for severe storms and wild winds to follow. In our family, we experienced evening youth activities being cancelled by organizations to encourage everyone to stay home and stay safe. The N.W.S. Storm Prediction Center had issued its furthest north "moderate"

storm risk level for the month of December.

Many of us were glued to our TVs and our smartphones as supertime rolled around. We watched the tornado warnings in areas just to the west and south. The National Weather Service said it was, "The first time since record keeping began...that (they) had to issue both a severe thunderstorm and tornado warning during the month of December."

The action really began to ramp up after supertime in our neck of the woods. The N.W.S. described the wind action by stating, "After the thunderstorms, strong gradient winds and widespread wind gusts in excess of 50 mph developed for several hours late Wednesday night and into the overnight hours." Dodge Center, MN officially recorded its peak wind of the month in the early morning hours of December 16th as 55 miles per hour.

The NOAA's Storm Prediction Center included mentions of tree damage, roof damage and power outages for Dodge County when sharing data for wind reports. As for the tornado reports section, counties included were Freeborn, Steele County, and Goodhue where confirmed tornados occurred.

To sum it up, we listened to the wind howl all night while the temperatures tanked, we probably lost power for a while, and most of us woke up to minor property damage. Sticks and branches down, anyone? I bet so! Many of us checked on friends, family and neighbors to make sure we were all OK, and to help out afterwards as needed. Clearly it was an eventful day and evening, a literal whirl-

wind of changing temperatures and metrics.

At the end of the day, we'll still think of December most of the time as snowy and cold, with the potential for blizzards. But now we'll have a unique story to share about our

individual experiences that day and evening. It'll start out, "Once upon a wild winter day..." And it'll probably end with, "And thankfully, it wasn't any worse for our immediate area."

Ride For Wyatt

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"We wanted to...no, we NEEDED to do something with our grief, to make something out of it," said Matthew Coy, Wyatt's Father, a (nearly) lifelong resident of Dodge County. "We wanted to ensure that, even in death, Wyatt's legacy of helping others lives on. So, when the idea was presented for a snowmobile ride, we couldn't think of a more appropriate way to remember Wyatt, to honor his life, and to realize some purpose in his death."

The event (a 60-ish mile ride starting and concluding from Riverside Park in Mantorville) will take place on Saturday, January 29th. Registration & check-in begins at 12:00 with a ride departure at 1:00. Organizers report there will be a rest-stop along the route as well as a gathering after the ride-portion of the event.

The Mantorville Saloon will be hosting the gathering, complete with Silent Auction from 4 to 7pm, Chili Feed at 5pm and LIVE MUSIC by CJ & the BS Boys who will be performing from 5-9pm.

All proceeds from the event are to support two important causes; The Wyatt M. Coy Memorial Scholarship Fund, whose mission

is to support local students pursuing a career related to mental health, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), to continue their mission to educate, support, raise awareness and reduce stigma surrounding suicide. \$60,000 has been raised so far in the previous years and the goal is to reach \$100,000 this year.

Coy reports that support for the event has been widespread, with contributions from the business community and individuals alike. "I think this touches far more people than we, as a society, care to admit, and those people want to be able to 'DO SOMETHING'. This event provides that opportunity in a manner that ensures the efforts and contributions make a real difference."

Rider registration is \$25 and a 'no-snow' contingency plan is in place. More information (pre-registration, commemorative items, etc. can be found at www.eventbrite.com (search "Ride For Wyatt").

West Concord Police Department Arrest Christmas Grinch

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Police said the arrest is thanks to a collaboration between law enforcement and the public's help after the department shared surveillance images from the burglary online.

Hundreds of dollars worth of Milwaukee brand tools, among other things, were stolen.

Joseph Ubl is awaiting arraignment and further information on the other two suspects will be forthcoming. Camera footage was instrumental in identifying the persons responsible for the crime.

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Red Cross: National Blood Crisis May Put Patients at Risk



The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in more than a decade. Dangerously low blood supply levels are posing a concerning risk to patient care and forcing doctors to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.

Blood donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments, and donors of all blood types are urged to make an appointment now to give in the weeks ahead. In recent weeks, the Red Cross had less than a one-day supply of critical blood types and has had to limit blood product distributions to hospitals. At times, as much as one-quarter of hospital blood needs are not being met.

Pandemic challenges

The Red Cross continues to confront relentless challenges due to COVID-19, including about a 10% overall decline in the number of people donating blood as well as ongoing blood drive cancellations and staffing limitations. Additionally, the pandemic has contributed to a 62% drop in blood drives at schools and colleges.

“Winter weather across the country and the recent surge of COVID-19 cases are compounding the already-dire situation facing the blood supply,” said Dr. Baia Lasky, medical director for the Red Cross. “Please, if you are eligible, make an appointment to give blood in the days and weeks ahead to ensure no patient is forced to wait for critical care.”

Make an appointment to give blood as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

The Red Cross and the NFL are partnering this January, during National Blood Donor Month, to urge individuals to give blood or platelets and help tackle the national blood shortage. Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles. As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate will also be automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for more information.

Who donations help

Kala Breder knows all too well how dire not having blood available can be. In July 2020, hours after the birth of her son by emergency Cesarean section, Breder developed a complication and began bleeding uncontrollably. As doctors fought to save her life, they exhausted the entire blood supply at the hospital as well as all available blood within a 45-mile radius. Ultimately, she was flown to

another hospital because there wasn't enough blood locally.

Breder credits the 58 different blood products she received with helping save her life. “Without one of those, I probably wouldn't be here,” she said. “I needed every last unit.”

Volunteers needed

In addition to blood donors, the Red Cross also needs the help of volunteers to support critical blood collections across the country. Blood drive volunteers play an important role by greeting, registering, answering questions and providing information to blood donors throughout the donation process. Blood transportation specialists – another volunteer opportunity – provide a critical link between blood donors and blood recipients by delivering blood to hospitals in communities across the country. To volunteer to support Red Cross blood collections, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

Save time during donation

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a RapidPass®. With RapidPass®, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass®, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

Health insights for donors

At a time when health information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

About the American Red Cross

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Hubbell House to Re-open with New Owners

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By 1959 on Mother's Day they served 1,500 customers with fifty employees. Don Pappas took over the reins of the Hubbell House from his father Paul, and Don's daughter Alaina became general manager in 2015.

The Hubbell House has been a favorite with many residents of Dodge County over the last seventy-five years as well as many state and national figures, including United States pres-

idents, athletes and actors. Most of us who have dined there have read the names of past and present famous people on the placemat while waiting for our meal. Another interesting artifact at the Hubbell is the large painting on the wall just in front of the Senator Ramsey Room. It was painted by Albert Lea artist Sue Geiken and it features 99 famous Minnesotans from the mid 1800's to the late 1970's. Many times I have tested my high school history knowledge to identify those faces.

The new owners have expressed commitment to continuing the high level of quality that the Hubbell House has been known for. Keep an eye out for the grand re-opening of the Hubbell House this spring.



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Tax Tips: Know the Difference Between Standard and Itemized Deductions

By IRS

Taxpayers have two options when completing a tax return, take the standard deduction or itemize their deductions. Most taxpayers use the option that gives them the lowest overall tax.

Due to all the tax law changes in the recent years, including increases to the standard deduction, people who itemized in the past might want to switch to the standard deduction.

Here are some details about the two options.

Standard deduction

The standard deduction amount increases slightly every year and varies by filing status. The standard deduction amount depends on the taxpayer's filing status, whether they are 65 or older or blind, and whether another tax-

payer can claim them as a dependent. Taxpayers who are age 65 or older on the last day of the year and don't itemize deductions are entitled to a higher standard deduction.

Most filers who use Form 1040 can find their standard deduction on the first page of the form. The standard deduction for most filers of Form 1040-SR, U.S. Tax Return for Seniors, is on page 4 of that form.

Not all taxpayers can take a standard deduction, which is discussed in the Instructions for Forms 1040 and 1040-SR. Those taxpayers include:

A married individual filing as married filing separately whose spouse itemizes deductions—if one spouse itemizes on a separate return, both must itemize.

An individual who files a tax return for a period of less than 12 months. This is uncommon and could be due to a change in their annual accounting period.

An individual who was a nonresident alien or a dual-status alien during the year. However, nonresident aliens who are married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien can take the standard deduction in certain situations.

Itemized deductions

Taxpayers choose to itemize deductions by filing Schedule A, Form 1040, Itemized Deductions. Itemized deductions that taxpayers may claim include:

State and local income or sales taxes



Real estate and personal property taxes
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Gifts to a qualified charity

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Some itemized deductions, such as the deduction for taxes, may be limited. Taxpayers should review the instructions for Schedule A Form 1040 for more information on limitations.

February is National Pet Dental Health Month

"Periodontal disease is the most common disease in dogs and cats over 3 years old," says Dr. Mallory Kanwal, a veterinarian who is pursuing specialization in dentistry at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Urbana.

Periodontal disease begins in pets just as it does in people: as inflammation of the gums that can be avoided with regular toothbrushing. "Unfortunately, dogs and cats aren't brushing their teeth themselves, and that is where we come in. Brushing is the best way to support our pets' oral health" says Dr. Kanwal.

Dr. Kanwal recommends, "Brushing daily or every other day has been shown to significantly reduce the buildup that leads to inflamed gums."

The first step is choosing a pet friendly toothpaste. "Human toothpaste is not safe for pets. It may contain fluoride and xylitol, which are toxic to animals."

If your pet doesn't like any of the commercial toothpaste varieties, Dr. Kanwal suggests using non-toothpastes, such as watered-down peanut butter or cream cheese. "The goal of toothpaste is to make toothbrushing enjoyable, so choose based on what your pet enjoys."

Adding new routines to a pet's schedule is sometimes difficult. "Starting slowly and making sure it is a positive experience is key. Start with them licking the toothpaste off the brush and slowly build to a few strokes of the toothbrush," Dr. Kanwal says.

Pets can sometimes be very excited and move around during toothbrushing. To effectively brush a pet's teeth, the owners should focus on brushing the outside of the teeth. Dogs and cats have very low cavity risk due to differences in tooth shape and the bacteria that live in the mouth.

Starting daily tooth brushing at a young age is ideal, but older pets can learn to enjoy it. Going slowly and using positive reinforcement is key, as is consulting with your veterinarian.

Always consult your veterinarian before starting your pet on a new routine. Your veterinarian can assess your older pet's gum health before you begin brushing. If your pet's gums are already painful, toothbrushing will not be a positive experience.

Tartar buildup on teeth is common. Although brushing can slow additional buildup and progression of gum disease, only a dental cleaning under anesthesia can remove tartar from your pet's teeth.

Pets still need regular dental checkups with a veterinarian even when you brush their teeth routinely.

"Toothbrushing will never replace anesthetic oral exams with dental radiographs, similar to how people still need to go to the dentist twice a year," says Dr. Kanwal. "Dogs that are more prone to periodontal disease, such as small dogs or those with tooth crowding, benefit the most from toothbrushing. However, large dogs still benefit from toothbrushing to improve breath and avoid periodontal disease."

Brushing teeth helps to improve overall pet health, and the training can be reinforced with a dental treat. Dr. Kanwal recommends choosing a treat that has been approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC), a group of veterinary dentists and scientists. VOHC reviews scientific literature on chews, diets, treats, water additives, and other products to evaluate whether those products meet pre-set standards of plaque and calculus reductions.

"The VOHC guides what I buy for my own dog," she says.

Lastly, some pets do not like taking treats, so water additives are an option for picky eaters. "Water additives won't be as effective as toothbrushing or a dental diet, but it can help some animals," says Dr. Kanwal.

"Always have a bowl of water available without any additive so your pet can choose. VOHC-approved dental wipes also help to remove plaque."

Dr. Kanwal says that toothbrushing is the gold standard of at-home dental care for pets. "It is the most effective way to disrupt the plaque buildup that leads to periodontal disease," she says. "It can take time to train your pet to tolerate or enjoy brushing, but once they get the hang of it brushing becomes an enjoyable bonding time and your pet has better breath for giving kisses!"

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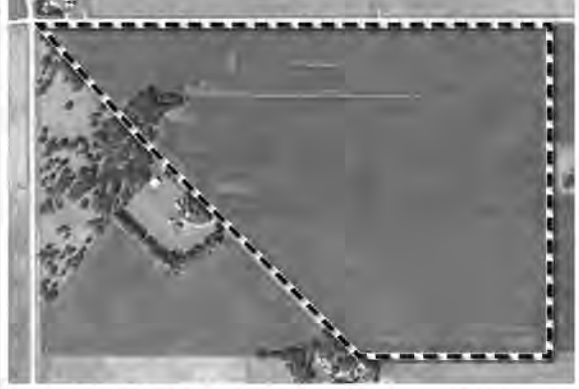
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<p>January 30, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... Jan. 21, 2022 Starts Closing: ... Jan. 30, 2022 Kenyon, MN RING 1 OF THE ONLINE ONLY CLEAN DOUBLE ESTATE AUCTION OF THE BLACK & JELLUM ESTATES John Deere Compact Loader Tractor, JD Lawn Tractor, Snowblower, Power & Hand Tools, Jeep Wrangler, Dump Trailer, Compact Tractor & Skid Loader Attachments, Furniture</p> <p>January 30, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... Jan. 21, 2022 Starts Closing: ... Jan. 30, 2022 Kenyon, MN RING 2 OF THE ONLINE ONLY CLEAN DOUBLE ESTATE AUCTION OF THE BLACK & JELLUM ESTATES 100+ FIREARMS, RIFLES, Shotguns, Ar Style, Revolvers & Pistols, Winchester, Savage 99, Marlin, Remington, Smith & Wesson, Colt, Hi Standard, Taurus, Military, Ammo, 150 Collector Knives, Leather Holsters And More</p> <p>February 1, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... Jan. 20, 2022 Starts Closing: ... Feb. 1, 2022 Kenyon, MN 169.58 ACRES IN STEELE CO., MN, SELLING ONLINE ONLY FOR THE FINNEKRUCKENBERG FAMILY FARM 169.58 Acres in Section 26 of Aurora Township, Steele County, MN. 160.9 Tillable Acres, 90 CPI Average, Drain Tile in Place, Class A Farm Land, Century Farm, Selling Timed Online Only Real Estate Auction</p> <p>February 6, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... Jan. 28, 2022 Starts Closing: ... Feb. 6, 2022 Kenyon, MN ONLINE ONLY 600+ LOTS COLLECTOR TOY & MEMORABILIA AUCTION 600+ Lots of Collector Farm Toys, Ertl, Spec Cast, Precision, Collector Edition, All Brands, Semi's, International, Farmall & CIH Memorabilia</p>	<p>February 20, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... Feb. 12, 2022 Starts Closing: ... Feb. 20, 2022 Kenyon, MN ONLINE ONLY LIFETIME VINTAGE TOY COLLECTION AUCTION 600+ Lots of 1920's - 1960's Buddy L, Steel Craft, Wyandotte, Marx, Structo, Tonka, Smith Miller, Model, Heiliner Press Steel Toys, Tin Windups, Tru-Scale, Lumar, Advertising Semi's, Salt Glazed Crocks, Cylinder Phonographs, Lionel Trains</p> <p>March 12, 2021 ... 9:00 AM CST Kenyon, MN SPRING AREA FARMERS CONSIGNMENT AUCTION Live and Online Area Farmers Consignment Auction, Tractors, Combines, Semi's, Trailers, Construction Equipment, Planters & Tillage Equipment, Livestock Equipment, Pickups, Cars, ATVs and Farm Support Items</p> <p>March 17, 2022 Bidding Begins: ... Mar. 7, 2022 Starts Closing: ... Mar. 17, 2022 Afton, MN TIMED ONLINE ONLY CLEAN FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION FOR RANDY & JULIE NELSON John Deere 4440, 4040, & 2510 Dsl Power Shift Tractors, John Deere 9410 Combine, 918 & 643 Heads, JD 1750 Planter, 8200 Drill, JD 722 Soil Finisher, New Westfield Auger, Freightliner Tri Axle Grain Truck Auto, 16,000 Bushel Grain Bin, Farm Support Items</p>
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The Golden Rule of Influence: Give Others the Benefit You Give Yourself



By Stevie Ray

To influence someone, you must first be clear about their motives, and what drives them to act a certain way or prefer one thing over another. We can't move forward with relationships until we assign motives for people's actions.

The same action can be seen as criminal or saintly, depending upon the reason behind the action. However, since we rarely have the chance to ask a person their intent, we must assign motives to others. Psychologists called this attribution. Sadly, attribution is a flawed

process. Humans are lousy at reading other people accurately.

There are two main attributes we assign to actions. Actions are either a product of circumstance or of character. Which attribute you use to explain the actions of others will paint markedly different pictures of them and affect how you choose to interact with them.

Circumstances include resources (Does the person have access to other options? If so, could they afford them?), obstacles (Is there a reasonable barrier to taking action?), information (Were they given information that affected their decision?), and time (Do they even have the time to do what I am asking them to do? Are there other tasks that take priority?). When we consider the circumstances another person faces, we are using situational attribution.

Assigning motives based on character is a whole other ball game. Is the person smart enough to do things the way I think should be done? (Note: information and intelligence are two different motives.) Do they care enough? (A moral judgement.) Are they honest? Are they trustworthy? Assigning motives based on character is called dispositional attribution. When we assign others' motives incorrectly, it is called an attribution error. And humans err so often when reading others that psychologists refer to it as fundamental attribution error.

Now, one might think that, since reading others wrong is so common, that it can't be that harmful, but there is a reason we should all examine our own behavior in this regard.



Actions are either a product of circumstance or of character. Which attribute you use to explain the actions of others will paint markedly different pictures of them and affect how you choose to interact with them.

It has to do with the difference between the motives we assign ourselves and those we assign to others.

When subjects were asked to explain why they did certain things, people always talked about the circumstances that led to their decision. The reason for their actions always came down to time, resources, or some other outside force beyond their control. When people explained their own actions, the picture they painted made it seem like they not only made the best choice, but that they really had no other options. People almost always assign themselves situational attributes. Circumstances beyond our control are wonderful because circumstances take the responsibility for our actions off of our own shoulders.

But what happens when people are asked to explain the actions of others? That is when the coin is flipped. When assigning motives to others, people default to character. "He did it because he is dishonest." "She did it because she was afraid." "They did it because they lack moral rectitude." The actions of others were assigned dispositional attributes.

And here is the kicker: during experiments, subjects would perform the exact same action as someone else, but assign situational attributes to themselves while assigning dis-

positional attributes to others. In short, we believe that our own actions are the reasonable outcome of the circumstances in which we live, but others' actions are the product of bad choices, poor character, or lack of intelligence. It is certainly reasonable for us to view our own actions through the lens of circumstance. We certainly don't expect people to explain their actions with, "I did it because I'm a loser!" But assuming others' motives to be the result of character instead of circumstance is unfair, inaccurate, and unproductive.

The impact fundamental attribution error has on our ability to influence others is significant. You cannot guide a conversation to a positive end if you misconstrue someone's motives. If you mis-assign motives, you will appeal to factors that do not motivate the listener, or break the vital connection needed to have a positive impact. And, assuming the worst in others is a terrible way to build a relationship.

The Golden Rule states that we should treat others as we would have them treat us. The Golden Rule of Influence states that we should give others the same benefit of the doubt, and the same reasonable motives, that we give ourselves.

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West Concord City Council November 18, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Councilmembers: Council member Karen Peterson, Council member Jeffrey Burse, Council member Collin Ripley

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Administrator Shirley Slater-Schulte, Librarian Nancy Schollmeier, Police Chief Shannon Boerner, Interim City Clerk Sandy Borders, and Public Works Superintendent Keith Clammer

ABSENT: Council member Sam Schollmeier

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Council member Peterson asked to add Christmas in West Concord to the agenda Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes of October 21, 2021
- Approval of payment of claims
- Review of financial reports
- West Concord EDA minutes and professional agreements

Motion: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as stated.

Motion was made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Burse to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY STAFF:

Michelle Lee – accounting clerk
Sheryl Lynn Preble - Librarian-Receptionist
Donna Klapperich – City Clerk was unable to attend the meeting

CITY BUSINESS:

Proposal from Ehlers regarding

Consulting Services for ARPA Grant:

Staff contacted the League of Minnesota Cities to ensure that the City was in compliance with the federal regulations related to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Ehlers sent the city a Scope of Work for the consulting services. City Administrator Slater-Schulte reviewed the information sent and recommended that the city enter into an agreement with Ehlers. The City has received \$40,633.74 in federal money and the other half in the same amount will be received in 2022. The cost from Ehlers would be \$250.00 per hour for work completed regarding the grant.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Burse, seconded by Council member Ripley to approve the proposal and enter into the agreement with Ehlers.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: none

Authorize Court Data Services Subscriber Amendment to CJDN Subscriber Agreement:

Police Chief Boerner recommended the city approve the agreement.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Burse to approve the CJDN Subscriber Agreement.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: none

Approval of State of Minnesota Joint

Powers Agreement (BCA) and City of West Concord.

Chief Boerner recommended the agreement per the recommendations of the City Attorney. This is an annual agreement with the BCA.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Burse the Joint Powers agreement between the BCA and the City of West Concord

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

The City of West Concord received a letter from the POST Board stating that a compliance review had been conducted and passed by the Police Department. No action was required by the Council.

Resignation of Librarian Nancy Schollmeier

Librarian Schollmeier submitted a letter of resignation to the Council effective December 8th, 2021.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Burse to accept the resignation from Nancy Schollmeier

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Advertise for Librarian Director and Part-time Librarian:

Staff is asking for authority to advertise for a Librarian Director and part-time librarians. There was discussion about the library resuming the same hours prior to the Covid pandemic. The normal hours are posted on the front door but covered with paper.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Burse, seconded by Council member Ripley to authorize staff to hire for Librarian Director and Part-time Librarian.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Authorization for Accounting Clerk to become a Notary

Administrator Slater-Schulte explained that currently there isn't a notary in city hall. Ms. Slater-Schulte recommended that the accounting clerk Michelle Lee become a notary for the city and be able to notarize signatures for the city and for residents. The application recording fee, and supplies would be about \$190.00.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Burse to authorize Michelle Lee to become a notary.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Purchase of Rubber Mat for Ice Rink:

Public Works Department is requesting the purchase of a rubber mat for the ice rink in the amount of \$1,324.93. There is funding in the Park budget for this expenditure.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Burse to authorize the purchase.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

2021A G.O. Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds – Closing Memorandum

The money from the bond issuance was used to purchase water meters and equipment in the approximate cost of \$175,000. The remainder of the bond issuance was to payoff of \$353,670.84 remaining on the 2012A \$805,000 G.O. Refunding Bonds. The funds to payoff the bond issuance would need to be wired to Wells Fargo Bank on or before November 29, 2021 in the amount of \$353,670.84.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Peterson, seconded by Council member Burse to authorize the wire of fund to Wells Fargo Bank in the amount of \$353,670.84.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Water Tower Cleaning Contract

The Council received two quotes for the cleaning of the water tower. Both are 10-year contracts. One was received from Water Tower Experts in the amount of \$9,250, and the second quote was from KLM in the amount of \$8,100. KLM is an engineering firm and has the ability to do any engineering that is needed and also do the reporting. The contract can be cancelled at any time.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Ripley, seconded by Council member Burse to accept the bid from KLM for the water tower cleaning in the amount of

\$8,100 for the period of 10-years for the cleaning of the water tower.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Sewer Cleaning Contract

Roto-Rooter and Empire Pipe submitted bids for the maintenance of the sewer lines. The City contracted with Roto-Rooter to clean the sewer lines. Included was the televising the lines. The City had a 5-year contract with Roto-Rooter for the cleaning. Roto-Rooter pricing for the Jet Cleaning was \$.57 per foot, camera work was \$.79 per foot, jet cleaning and camera was \$1.10 per foot. Empire Pipe was \$.65 per foot for jet cleaning, \$70 per foot for camera work, and \$1.35 for jet cleaning and camera. Roto-Rooter will also take away the waste product.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Ripley, seconded by Council member Burse to accept the quote from Roto-Rooter for the sewer line cleaning and televising.

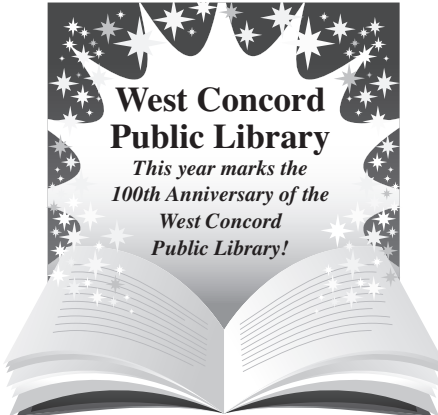
Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Christmas in West Concord

Council member Peterson requested that this item be added to the agenda. Ms. Peterson stated that the event would be held on December 4th. The Lions Club will be donating a book to the kids that attend and will be conducting eye exams. Other events include a lunch at the Legion, silent auction, craft sale and other items.

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West Concord Public Library
This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the West Concord Public Library!

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the West Concord Public Library. Here is an article below that was posted in the newspaper when the library first opened.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL OPEN SATURDAY

On Saturday next, January 21, 1922, the Public Library will be opened to the public from 2 to 5 p.m., and thereafter every Thursday and Saturday of each week at the same hours.


The books may be taken out for a period of two weeks, but if retained longer, a fine of two cents per day will be imposed.

Responsible people of the village and surrounding country are invited to use the library freely, but return books promptly.

The location of the library will be in the lobby of the United Telephone office, and will be in charge of Mrs. Mat Garding for the present. There are now quite a large number of volumes, and other books will be added as opportunity offers.

The public library seems to fill a long felt want here. Every Thursday and Saturday afternoon, the librarians are kept fairly busy passing out and receiving books.

Current hours are:
Monday and Thursday
1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
10:00 am to 5:00 pm





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Mayor McCool Updates:

Mayor McCool mentioned that the park and rec. will be meeting with other clubs in the area. The meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Historical Society at 7:00 p.m. Mayor McCool mentioned that there are benches in the city that need replacement, a tree inventory had been conducted and eleven trees need replacement, on Martin Luther King Day there will be a tour of the museum and there will be a fund raiser. Christmas in West Concord will also have a fire pit, and the Municipal liquor store will be offering beverages, and food in the parking lot.

There was discussion regarding a city wide survey, a welcome packet for new resident and also having the information on the web site.

Upcoming meetings: Park and Rec. December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Budget meeting on December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting with Accountant Holly Burow on December 7th, at 6:00 p.m.

Informational meeting with the Claremont Area Chamber of Commerce, West Concord Historical Society and the West Concord Council on November 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

There was discussion regarding the percentage that the Historical Society pays the Municipal Liquor store for rent. They are currently paying 15% and by law are allowed to pay up to 20%. There was mention of having meat raffles and bingo at the bar.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Keith Clammers, Nancy Schollmeier, Doug Rassman, Chief Shannon Boerner, and Interim Administrator Shirley Slater-Schulte presented Department reports.

Interim Administrator Slater-Schulte requested a Personnel Committee meeting and guidelines for interviews and annual reviews. Mayor McCool mentioned that the cost of living should be determined during the budget process. There was discussion that the supervisor should do the reviews, then to the administrator and then to the city council.

Other items mentioned were as follows:

• Additional hours for the Library (back to the pre-Covid hours)

• Request to have Jeanne Vogt from Ehlers at the Truth in Taxation Meeting to be held on December 16th Council meeting

• Progress report from SCDP indicated that the City has one application for the housing improvement grant.

• Brion Stubbs property deed has been recorded

• Dollar General has been in discussion with the City Engineer regarding drainage on the property

• Meeting with Holly Burow, Accounting Service for presentation of final financial report for December 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Organ Property:

Administrator Slater-Schulte informed the Council that the title company was waiting for a settlement statement for the closing on the property and wiring of funds for the property.

MOTION: Motion was made by Council member Ripley, seconded by Council member Peterson to approve the wiring of the funds for the property, and to authorize the appropriate signatures on the documents.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley

Nays: None

Meeting with Claremont Area Chamber

of Commerce, West Concord Historical Society, and the city regarding charitable gambling at the Municipal Liquor Store.

Ms. Slater-Schulte asked the Council if they would like an informational meeting regarding the charitable gambling. Currently the charitable gambling is conducted by the Historical Society and the city is receiving 15% rent for both the paper and the electronic games. The city is entitled to 20% of the paper games. The lease with the Historical Society was renewed September 28, 2020.

The City Council set an informational meeting for November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. regarding chartable gambling. The gambling managers from the two organizations will be notified of the meeting.

Monthly reports were furnished by the Police Department, Library, Public Works Department, and Peopleservices.

Mr. Clammer from Public Works mentioned that the brush dump site will be closing on November 30th.

Peopleservice representative mentioned that they are getting ready for the winter. There was some discussion regarding the bad smell of the water at some of the residences. They will conduct some water tests.

Beth Hodgman gave an update regarding the Liquor Store.

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Trees for West Concord

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day "A Day of Service"

West Concord will be prioritizing community pride and sponsoring several community events over the next several months. The first project will have a twofold result. The first to combat diseased tree loss and the second to increase our tree diversity and shade canopy both beautifying the city and increasing aesthetics. Emerald Ash Borer is unfortunately making its way into our community. As a result, it has been estimated that the city's ash tree population will be decimated within 10 years. To be proactive rather than reactive the city has placed processes into effect to help mitigate this tragedy. The city alone has 41 ash trees on city land, this is not counting the private ash trees. You can imagine what this will do to our urban forest, much like that when we lost our Elm trees many years ago. The cost is also overwhelming. Therefore, the city is applying for a grant to replant not only these 41 trees that will be affected but also introduce 40 more onto our public land. More information will come if we are awarded this grant.

In the meantime, the city has partnered with our local organizations (West Concord Historical Society, Lion's Club of West Concord, Cardinal Club of West Concord, Friends of West Concord, and Friends of the Library) on ways to help. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, "a day of service;" our organizations are holding an ongoing fundraiser (January-May) to help with this tree initiative. If you would like to sponsor a tree in memory or dedication, to someone, you can do so for a \$50 donation. Your memory or dedication will be printed (in May 2022) in the newspaper and on posters around the city. If you wish to participate please complete the following and return to the Cardinal Club of West Concord at PO Box 333 or drop off at City Hall. All checks made out to the Cardinal Club of West Concord.

Trees for West Concord

Person Making Donation (Name/write anonymous if you want unlisted): _____

In Memory of: (Name/one per tree): _____

or

In Dedication of: (Name/one per tree): _____

Check (Made to the Cardinal Club of West Concord/\$50.00 per tree please write tree project in the memo line) total enclosed: \$ _____

Please note tree location and choice will be the decision of the Park and Recreation Committee with expert advice to both diversify for disease resistance and achieve planting goals. No plaque or ongoing memorial will be maintained aside from printing names once in the newspaper and on posters throughout the community. The dedicated or memorialized tree will not have a tracker placed for what specific tree was in memory of or dedicated to.

Snow Removal and Parking Restrictions



A snow removal period means a period of time commencing at the beginning of each snowfall and lasting for 48 hours after a snowfall, even if the snow has been removed from city streets.

During a snow removal period, it is unlawful to park or leave a standing vehicle on any street between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM.

Snowfall on personal properties is the responsibility of property owners.

Snowfall affecting privately owned utilities is the responsibility of those agencies.

Snowfall on County, State, or Federal properties is the responsibility of those governments.

Public Works will perform a full evaluation of the extent of snow removal actions needed and prioritize the work to be performed.

Nuisance snow 1-2 inches

Measurable snow 3-6 inches

Extensive snow 7+ inches

Primary removal is Main Street and business sidewalks, Fire Department, First Street business access and sidewalks.

Secondary removal is all remaining City streets, Community Buildings, and Churches.

Tertiary removal is all alleys and the waste water treatment plant.



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Adjournment:

Motion: Motion to Adjourn.

Motion was made by Council member McCool, seconded by Council member Ripley
Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council member Peterson, Council member Burse, and Council member Ripley
Nays: None

By: Mayor Jeffrey McCool

Attest: Sandra Borders, Interim City Clerk

City Council Meeting – 2022 Budget Meeting

December 7, 2021

PRESENT: Jeffrey McCool, Mayor, Council Member Karen Peterson, Council Member Sam Schollmeier, Council Member Colin Ripley.

ABSENT: Council member Jeffrey Bruse
ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Shirley Slater Schulte; Interim City Clerk Sandra Borders; and City Clerk Donna-Marie Klapperich.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor McCool.

Shirley Slater-Schulte stated that 2022 proposed tax statements were mailed out by the county and they were high.

Shirley Slater-Schulte presented the new proposed levy for fiscal year 2022. Fiscal year 2022 levy is \$362,002.00, an increase from fiscal year 2021 of \$2,511.00.

The street fund was increased due to bond payment.

The new accounting clerk wages were divided between city staff funds and the water and sewer budget, since the position handles the water and sewer accounts receivable and payable. 10% of maintenance wages to come out of the water and sewer budget.

Jeanne Vogt will be here next Thursday, December 16, 2021 to do a Water and Sewer Rate Study, which is part of the 10 year plan.

Staff is still working on liquor store financials, currently financials are showing that the liquor store is in the black. The liquor store received funds through the county and to date has not spent all of the funds, if the funds are not used by the end of the year they will need to go back to the County. There are plans to repair the WIFI and electrical.

50 new meters have been received and will be installed soon. These meters will be installed in the most problematic areas first.

A concerned citizen requested that the city look at the current city website for possible updates or changes. The citizen suggested that the city staff look at other cities websites for ideas.

Shirley Slater-Schulte announced that coffee and cookies will be served Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 1 to 5 pm to honor Nancy Schollmeier, Librarian and the time she served in West Concord.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mayor McCool, Seconded by Council Member Ripley at 6:43 pm.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council Member Ripley, Council Member Peterson, Council Member Schollmeier.

Nays: None

By: JEFFREY MCCOOL, Mayor

ATTEST: DONNA-MARIE KLAPPERICH, Clerk

City Council Meeting Financial Report Meeting with Holly Burow, Holly J. Burow Accounting Services. December 7, 2021

PRESENT: Jeffrey McCool, Mayor, Council Member Karen Peterson, Council Member Sam Schollmeier, in at 6:08 pm Council Member Colin Ripley.

ABSENT: Council member Jeffrey Bruse

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Shirley Slater Schulte; Interim City Clerk Sandra Borders; City Clerk Donna-Marie Klapperich and Holly Burow, Holly J. Burow Accounting Services.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor McCool.

Holly Burow presented the Financial Report for 2021 to Council. There is a concern on the books due to payroll penalties over the past few years. Staff will contact auditors regarding the penalties.

Burow is currently filing IRS 941 forms for the city and stated she has special software. City staff to investigate how to electronically file 941 forms and if any special software is needed.

Per Holly Burow, the city checking account is reconciled through October 2021.

City requested balanced reports from Holly Burow at the end of the year.

Payroll taxes need to be distributed to the accounting system. Currently, they are in the payroll system but data is not entered into the city accounting system.

Starting in January 2022. All accounting will be conducted in house.

Sandra Borders requested Holly Burow to make a checklist of all that needs to be completed regarding the financials.

Staff to look into Banyon utility software so that it is compatible with the accounting software.

The Council and Staff thanked Holly Burow for her services to date.

Financial report Meeting with Holly Burow, Holly J. Burow Accounting Services ended at 6:30 pm. 2022 Budget Meeting followed at 6:30 pm.

By: JEFFREY MCCOOL, Mayor

ATTEST: DONNA-MARIE KLAPPERICH, Clerk

City Council/Park and Recreation Committee Informational Meeting regarding Potential DNR Tree Grant December 22, 2021

PRESENT: Jeffrey McCool, Mayor, Council Member Karen Peterson, Council Member Colin Ripley

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Shirley Slater Schulte; City Clerk Donna-Marie Klapperich; Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer; Jake Froyum, DNR Representative.

Jake Froyum, DNR Representative presented the steps to take, handouts and a video regarding a grant available through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Protecting Community Forests by Managing Ash Trees for Emerald Ash Borer. The DNR is accepting applications from local units of government within Minnesota to assist communities in managing their ash trees from the emerald ash borer. The applications deadline is January 24, 2022. There is no minimum dollar amount, the maximum amount that would be funded is \$150,000. All work and

final payout is June 2025.

The City has six ash trees in the park and numerous ash trees along the boulevard that will need to be treated or removed over the next few years, this grant could possibly help with the expenses that the emerald ash borer insect has incurred.

The city meets most of the requirements within the grant. There is a confirmed area of Emerald Ash Borer infestation by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture documented less than 10 miles from the city.

Council Member Peterson exited at 4:00 pm.

Discussion regarding choices for replacement trees.

Follow up meeting to work on grant writing will be Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 4:30 pm and if more time is needed, Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 4:30 is scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mayor McCool, Seconded by Council Member Ripley at 4:15 pm.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council Member Ripley.

Nays: None

By: JEFFREY MCCOOL, Mayor

ATTEST: DONNA-MARIE KLAPPERICH, Clerk

City Council/Park and Recreation Committee Meeting regarding Potential DNR Tree Grant for Emerald Ash Borer December 29, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Council Member Karen Peterson, Council Member Collin Ripley entered at 4:40 pm.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Shirley Slater Schulte; City Clerk Donna-Marie Klapperich; Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer; Interim Deputy Clerk Sandra Borders.

Discussion regarding the 2019 West Concord Tree inventory completed by Keith Clammer (Maintenance Supervisor) and Jake Froyum (DNR Forester). 257 trees along the boulevards and the city parks were inventoried. They found approximately 14% to be Ash trees. 6 trees are currently being treated to prevent emerald ash borer infestation.

Committee worked on the DNR Application as well as Attachment B (Three-Year Maintenance Plan Template for Newly Planted Trees). Spring 2022 thru June 2025.

Follow up meeting to work on grant writing will be Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 4:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mayor McCool, Seconded by Council Member Ripley at 9:10 pm.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council Member Ripley, Council Member Peterson.

Nays: None

By: JEFFREY MCCOOL, Mayor

ATTEST: DONNA-MARIE KLAPPERICH, Clerk

City Council/Park and Recreation Committee Meeting regarding Potential DNR Tree Grant for Emerald Ash Borer December 30, 2021

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Council Member Karen Peterson, Council

Member Collin Ripley.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Administrator Shirley Slater-Schulte, Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer, City Clerk Donna-Marie Klapperich, Interim Deputy Clerk Sandra Borders.

Continuation of DNR Grant Application, "Protect Community Forests by Managing Ash for Emerald Ash Borer."

Grant notification is expected on or around February 14, 2022.

McCool requested that the full council be in attendance to look over grant application, after brief discussion, Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 6 pm was set.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mayor McCool, Seconded by Council Member Peterson at 8:30 pm.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council Member Ripley, Council Member Peterson.

Nays: None

By: JEFFREY MCCOOL, MAYOR

ATTEST: DONNA-MARIE KLAPPERICH

City Council January 6, 2022

Agenda: DNR Grant Application, "Protect Community Forests by Managing Ash for Emerald Ash Borer." To include other business.

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Council Member Karen Peterson, Council Member Collin Ripley, Council Member Jeffrey Burse.

ABSENT: Council Member Sam Schollmeier.

ALSO PRESENT: Maintenance Supervisor Keith Clammer, City Clerk Donna-Marie Klapperich, Interim Deputy Clerk Sandra Borders.

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mayor McCool.

Attendees reviewed the January 2022 City of West Concord Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan.

MOTION: A motion to adopt the City of West Concord Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan, dated January 2022 by Council Member Ripley, seconded by Council Member Burse.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council Member Ripley, Council Member Peterson, Council Member Burse.

Nays: None.

A letter of support was sent from Colleen Hayne, President of the Board West Concord Historical Society and a letter of support from Adam King, District Manager of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District were presented.

Mayor McCool presented an updated recommended tree list and additional comments/corrections from DNR Forester, Jake Froyum. Deadline for grant application is due January 24, 2022.

Keith Clammer, Maintenance Supervisor presented purchase proposals for a grapple attachment, Pro UTV Utility Sprayer and Western Plow 6' hydro lift, John Deere Gator. This equipment would help support the EAB management plan as well as serve dual purpose for other city maintenance purposes. This was tabled for further discussion.

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Follow up meeting to finalize grant proposal set for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Sandra Borders presented a brief highlight of personnel items that the personnel committee will need to cover. A meeting for the personnel committee is set for Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 4:30 pm. Council Member Burse stated he would like to be included. This meeting will be to conduct interviews for vacant positions within the city as well as discussion on pay equity and cost of living raises, and any further personnel issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mayor McCool, Seconded by Council Member Burse at 6:56 pm.

Ayes: Mayor McCool, Council Member Ripley, Council Member Peterson, Council Member Burse.

Nays: None

By: JEFFREY MCCOOL, MAYOR

ATTEST: DONNA-MARIE KLAPPERICH

West Concord City Council

January 12, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey McCool, Council member Karen Peterson, Council member Collin Ripley

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Administrator Shirley Slater-Schulte, Interim City Clerk Sandra Borders, and Public Works Superintendent Keith Clammer

ABSENT: Council member Jeffrey Burse, Council member Sam Schollmeier

Mayor McCool called the Special Council Meeting regarding the Protect Community Forests by Managing Ash for EBA Grants to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor McCool presented the proposed grant for the trees. The grant would allow for the removal, disposal, and replanting of the trees that have been affected by the Ash Borer.

The grant would allow for the planting of 81 trees within the city boulevards, parks, and public property. The city had adopted a three-year maintenance plan for the trees. City staff, volunteers, and civic groups would be involved in the planting and the maintenance of the trees. The grant would be asking for 41 replacement trees and an additional 40 trees to be planted and maintained within the city boulevards and public spaces. Included in the grant application were a budget, maintenance plan, and a listing of the proposed trees to be planted. The requested amount for this project is \$60,023.00, and the city a matching cash amount of \$8,999.00, with an in-kind match of \$13,855.86. The city match would be for planting supplies, (water bags, grow tubes, bark protectors, and compost). The city also included in the application \$3,660.00 for equipment, and \$3,999.00 for staff or consultant time for water and/or inspections.

Keith Clammer has been in contact with Valarie McColannohan, the MN DNR Urban and Forest Coordinator, regarding a DNR mapping app that the city can use to mark location of the trees.

The city has also been in contact with the University of MN Tree Steward Program and with Tree Trust for their assistance. The city has received letters of support from West Concord Historical Society, and Dodge County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Council member Ripley left at 6:30 pm.

Mayor McCool presented a stock list of trees that would be acceptable for planting in the city. This grant would be a three-year program for the planting, replacement, and maintenance of the trees.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

By:

Mayor Jeffrey McCool

Attest:

Sandra Borders, Interim City Clerk

Successful Bingo Night at the Muni



The Bingo night at the Muni was a success. Over sixty people attended and the Smash Burger truck sold out of burgers. The next Bingo night will be the second Tuesday of February and plans are under way to have a food truck there again.

BINGO!

Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 PM
Happy Hour 4:00-7:00 PM

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HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2022

FROM
MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Gratitude



Tim Penny
So. MN Initiative Foundation

I have been taking some time to reflect on this past year. It was a year that, although challenging for many, filled me with hope and inspiration for the future of southern Minnesota. It was also a year during which we celebrated an important milestone here at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF): 35 years of investing in our 20-county region.

It is impossible to encapsulate everything that I was grateful for in 2021, but this top ten list is a start (in no particular order):

Early Childhood professionals. Child care providers and educators have continued to support the young children of our region under extremely difficult conditions. The Early Childhood trainings we organized have supported hundreds of individuals with continuing education opportunities that are free and close to home. We were also able to provide direct technical assistance to child care business owners, increasing the number of child care slots in the region.

Entrepreneurs. Like Early Childhood professionals, entrepreneurs, including our foundation's loan clients, continue to navigate the new world that has been brought on by the pandemic. I have been energized by the innovative spirit of local business owners who attended our business trainings and the Entrepreneurial Bridge event. It was also a highlight of mine to meet with local food entrepreneurs at the annual FEAST! Local Foods Marketplace which was recently held in Rochester.

Our Community Foundations. The 30 Community Foundations under SMIF's umbrella continue to provide grants and volunteers to grow initiatives in their communities. Some of the projects they have funded over the past year include a summer reading program, downtown events, rural ambulance services and food shelf support.

Our AmeriCorps members. Our AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative members worked one-on-one with young children on developing social and emotional development skills to prepare for Kindergarten success. Our VISTA

members, who help increase economic prosperity of diverse groups in our region, worked on local food projects and initiatives to create more welcoming communities. I am inspired every day by our members who dedicate themselves to serving our region.

Our program participants. We were excited to welcome a new cohort to our Prosperity Initiative program which offers training and coaching to entrepreneurs who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC). We also continued our work with our Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV) program which helps small towns create more vibrant economies by finding and supporting local entrepreneurs.

Our grant recipients. Through our various grants, we have been able to support projects ranging from revitalizing downtown spaces to providing critical funding for services that support young children. We also awarded 23,622 children's books to 47 organizations through our Early Literacy Grant program (and many more books through other programs) and a record 554 gallons of paint for community projects.

Our partners. Every day we live our tagline, "collaborating for regional vitality", through the partnerships that have been forged and leveraged to maximize SMIF's impact. From book and paint donations to collaborations on trainings, programs and grants, we simply could not do the work we do without our many partners.

Our incredible donors. Like our partners, none of the work mentioned above would be possible without our donors. These donors are individuals, families, cities, counties, businesses and organizations. I am humbled by their generosity and their belief in the work we do, especially during this critical time.

The staff at SMIF. They continue to adapt and provide meaningful support to the people and communities in our region. Whether it's through the day-to-day work of our regular programming and operations or working quickly to support our region throughout the pandemic, their dedication to this work makes an incredible impact on our region's vitality.

Last, but definitely not least, southern Minnesotans. You continue to show your resiliency and innovation in the face of immense challenges. I am proud to work alongside you as we navigate this new world together and build a brighter future for our region.

In the past 35 years, SMIF has invested \$136 million in southern Minnesota. Here's to the next 35 years!

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



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How to Write a Loved Ones Obituary

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you provide any tips on how to write an obituary? My dad, who has terminal cancer, has asked me to write his obituary, which will be published in the funeral program and run in our local newspaper.

-- Not a Writer

Dear Not a Writer,

I'm very sorry to hear about your dad's prognosis. Writing your dad's obituary would be a nice way for you to honor him and sum up his life, not to mention avoiding any possible mistakes that sometimes occur when obituaries are hurriedly written at the time of death. Here's what you should know, along with some tips and tools to help you write it.

Contact the Newspaper

Before you start writing your dad's obituary, your first step is to check with the newspaper you want it to run in. Some newspapers have specific style guidelines or restrictions on length, some only accept obituaries directly from funeral homes, and some only publish obituaries written by newspaper staff members.

If your newspaper accepts family-written obits, find out if they have a template to guide you, or check with your dad's chosen funeral provider. Most funeral homes provide forms for basic information and will write the full obituary for you as part of the services they provide.

You also need to be aware that most newspapers charge by the word, line or column inch to publish an obituary, so your cost will vary depending on your newspaper's rate and the length of your obit - most range between 200 and 600 words.

Also note that many newspapers offer free public service death listings too, which only include the name of the person who died along with the date and location of death and brief details about the funeral or memorial service.

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Depending on how detailed you want to be, the most basic information in an obituary usually would include your dad's full name (and nickname if relevant), age, date of birth, date of death, where he was living when he died, significant other (alive or dead), and details of the funeral service (public or private). If public, include the date, time, and location of service.

Never Stop Getting Better



By Harvey Mackay

Do you know what makes someone worthy of the title “greatest of all time” or GOAT?

It’s so much more than natural talent, excellent coaching, or dumb luck.

No, it’s the constant effort to improve. Even those at the top of their game must keep getting better no matter how many victories they have amassed.

And this isn’t just confined to sports. The “GOAT” designation can be applied to every kind of occupation.

One example that comes to mind quickly is Tom Brady, superstar quarterback of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, formerly of the New England Patriots. He was recently interviewed in the “Wall Street Journal Magazine” and talked about how he strives to get better every day.

In particular, he was asked “What’s one

thing you have too much of?” Brady answered: “I have too many people who tell me too many nice things. I feel like I need more critical evaluation of certain things. So many people want to try and please me. A lot of people don’t want to let me down. But it’s nice to get a real straight, truthful answer.”

Too many people surround themselves with what I call “Yes” people. What I’m referring to are people who kiss up to you and tell you the things you want to hear. When I ask people for advice on something, I always preface it with, “Don’t tell me what I want to hear.”

Like Brady, I realize that the only way to get better is with honest feedback. The amazing thing about Tom Brady is that he is already the GOAT and yet he wants to get better. He knows that if you want to be great you have to continue to improve.

Look at the greats in all sports, from Michael Jordan in basketball to Serena Williams in tennis and Wayne Gretzky in hockey, they all tried to improve every day and season. Jordan picked something to work on during each off-season to be better the following year, be it rebounding, three-point shooting or defense. How many times have you heard an athlete say they are just focused on getting better every day?

It’s much the same in business. Look at Warren Buffet, investment genius and one of the world’s richest people. At age 91 he is still trying to get better every day. He has no intention of slowing down.



As Will Rogers said, “Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” Complacency is death. Even if you’re doing the right thing, if you’re not moving forward and getting better, you’ll get run over. The competition will overtake you.

Elon Musk is another shining example. From electric cars to outer space, Musk just keeps reaching further and further – and now his SpaceX company has been ranked as the second most valuable private company in the world.

Lifestyle maven Martha Stewart offered this philosophy, “You should never accept what can be offered to you if you feel it can be improved.” She has plenty of experience with improving all sorts of everyday items.

You don’t have to look far to find examples of people who have achieved success and outperformed even their seemingly impossible ambitions. Somehow, they find the inspiration or the courage to take the next step. They may not become the GOAT, but they don’t quit just because they’ve had a little success. Half the fun is in the pursuit of greatness.

Every day is a chance to be better than the day before. We can always make room in our

lives to get better, whether that means improving our health, our finances or our personal relationships. Even if we think things are perfect, there’s likely an area or two where we could put in a little extra work. That’s not to say that self-improvement is always easy: It’s not.

We didn’t invent this concept. I daresay humanity would still be living as in prehistoric times had our ancestors not tried constantly to improve their lot. Chinese philosopher Confucius, who lived during the 6th century BCE, offered this wisdom: “The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential . . . these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.”

A hundred years ago, who would have imagined the innovations in communication, transportation, medicine and so many other parts of our lives. A hundred years from now, who knows?

Mackay’s Moral: If it ain’t broke, you can still fix it.

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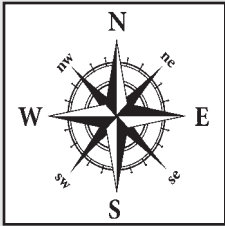
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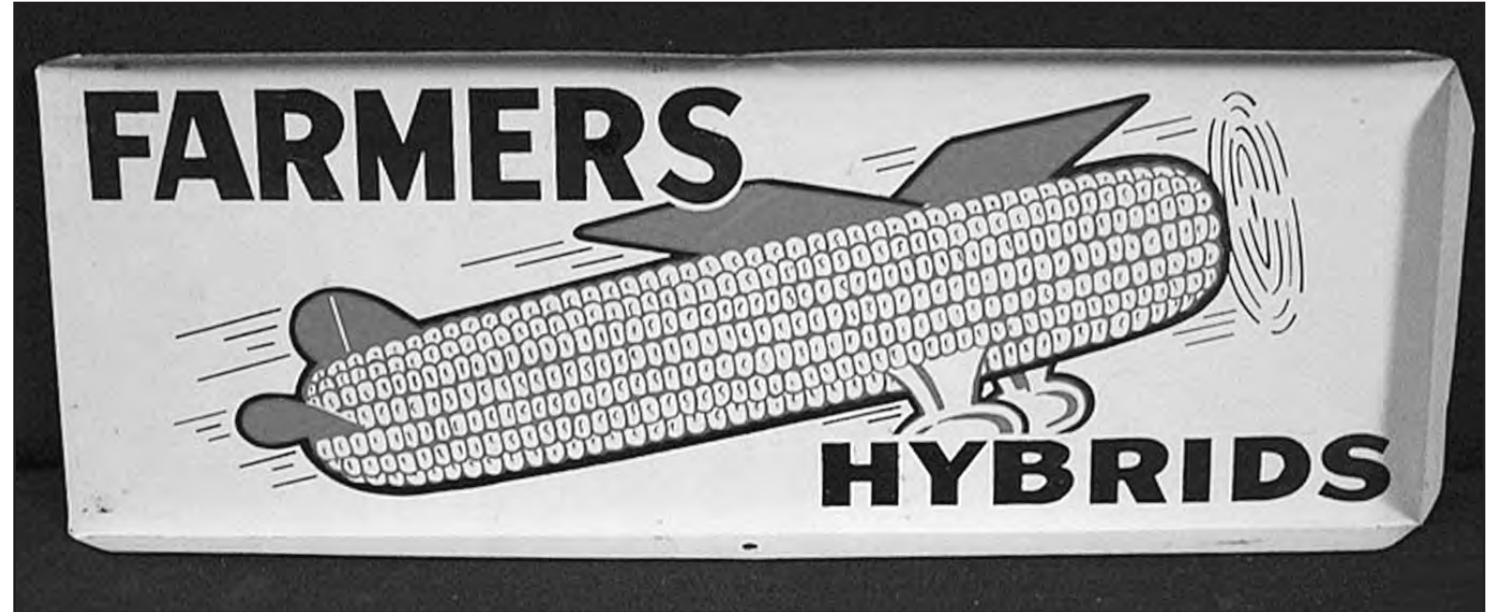


By Terry Campbell

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.

Cleaning out some buildings on the farm this fall I came across some metal seed corn company signs. Does anyone else remember when many farmers were also seed corn dealers? It was a common thing in the 1960's. All throughout the country along side the mail box was a tin sign with the seed corn company and often the farmers name below. Dekalb, Pioneer, Blaney, Funks, Mallard, Lowe, Trojan, Crows, Renk, Supercrost, Northrup King and Farmers Hybrid are a few that come to my mind. I can still remember the farmer's names as well who sold each brand.

Each farmer would grow his crops and try to sell his neighbor on the variety that produced the highest corn yield on his farm. Small pocket notebooks were handed out with a few pages of advertising of the companies seed varieties and plenty of ruled



pages for record keeping of planting dates, fertilizer rates and anything pertinent that occurred during the summer.

My dad planted a seed plot every year. In the spring, Wally Thompson, the field rep for Farmers Hybrid would come out and they would measure, mark, plant and record dozens of varieties of seed corn. Four rows of each. Plant to the end of the field and then dump the seed back in the bag and put a different variety in the seed hopper and head back across the field. Neighbor farmers would drop off a partial bag of seed of their brand to be planted as well.

The fun part was in the fall. When harvest time came and the field day arrived. Wally would show back up with the weigh wagon and the combining commenced. Farmers showed up to watch the results and the yields tallied on a big tagboard chart. Everyone was excited to see how the corn yields were competing. And there was pop, coffee and doughnuts for all as the results un-

folded. The farmer seed corn dealer whose variety did the best would be getting orders for that seed variety for the coming year from all his neighbors. Everyone hedged their bets by ordering a few bags each of the top five or more performers. I was a little kid but this seemed as fun as a day at the fair to me. A couple hours in the middle of a cornfield listening to my neighbor farmers talk farming beats almost anything else hands down. It was a noble profession and I was in the presence of the experts as they passed around their wisdom.

After the harvest was over and the field work done, I could look forward to the seed company meetings in the winter. My dad

took me with him and I reveled in the event. It was usually held at a fancy restaurant in the evening and started out with a great meal. Not like the local café or my mom's supper. This was a steak and baked potato, and a couple things I didn't recognize but always delicious. Then came the sales pitch for next year's new varieties and expectations and awards for farmer dealers who sold the most bags of seed corn that year. They passed out pencils, pens, notebooks, stickers and those tin signs that we put out by the mailbox to tell all our neighbors what company my father represented. It made me feel pretty important as a young kid to know my dad was a farmer dealer.

A Minnesotan: Snow Fall



By RosaLin Alcoser

It is already a known fact to me that watching it rain from the 11th floor of a high rise apartment can be anti-climatic. However, what I have learned in the last few weeks is that watching it snow from the same height can be extremely pretty.

A couple of weeks ago we got the first really big snow of the year here in the Twin Cities on a Friday afternoon, prompting me to work from home for most of the day. Because just because I can drive through snow and my Subaru can make it through loose sand doesn't mean that I want to do that.

Being high up though makes the snow fall better in a different way from the ground; don't get me wrong I love to watch the snow fall from home on the ground level. But when you're high up, you don't have any chance of having to go out in the snow for the rest of the day, and looking out over the snowfall the world looks like a snow globe.

During that first really big snow of the season when I looked out my window it reminded me of looking into my mother's snow globe that she would put out at Christmas.

That first snow also reminded me that when you watch a snow plow from high up that all the plows- big and small- look a lot like the robots from Wall-E. Which is tons of fun to watch because not only can you watch the plows go while pretending that they're little animated worker robots, but you can also give them names. I for one like to call the one that does the loop for my building 3X7-J; because why not.

At the end of any day when we don't have to go away, watching the snowfall can be pretty and sometimes fun. It can be even more fun when you get to watch it from a different perspective... and when you're not the one who has to move it after.

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