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## Announcements

• **The Mazeppa Area Historical Society wants to wish all of you a great 2023!** Thanks for your support in preserving our rich history for the present & future. Looking forward to another great year.

• **Celebrate Recovery meetings every Sunday night at 5pm at South Troy Church,** 56817 Highway 63 Zumbro Falls, MN 55991. Email for questions is: celebraterecoveryouthroy@gmail.com.

• **The Zumbro Valley Food Shelf is located at South Troy Wesleyan Church,** 56817 Hwy 63, Zumbro Falls, MN. The hours are Tuesdays 11:00am-5:00pm and Thursdays 11:00am-6:00pm. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. For more information contact Pastor Colleen Hoeft at 507-259-1442 or choeft52@gmail.com.

• **The Mazeppa Area Food Shelf, serving Mazeppa, Bellechester, and Zumbro Falls Area is open the second Thursday of the month from 9:30-11 am and 3:30 - 5:30pm, and the fourth Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30pm.** Food drop off locations are First State Bank of Red Wing, Mazeppa Branch, and Entry way to Mazeppa City Hall.

Do you have an announcement?

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*Happy New Year!*

## Z-M Teacher Nominated for Outstanding Teacher Award

On December 20, it was announced that thirteen southeast Minnesota educators were nominated for the 2022-23 Outstanding Educator Award. Jacob Findlay of Byron High School was recognized as winner of the award, and among the nominees was Stephanie Foss of Zumbrota-Mazeppa Schools. The award, hosted by STEM Forward (formerly RAMSP), recognizes K-12 professionals who strive toward the highest levels of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) excellence within their schools and community, with a focus on initiative and continuous improvement in every aspect of their work.

Outstanding Educator nominees foster high K-12 student achievement, exhibit leadership and support for continuous improvement, promote STEM careers, and demonstrate collaboration among K-12 schools, businesses, and post-secondary education.

This award is presented by Southeast Service Cooperative's STEM Forward program. STEM Forward is a collaborative group of southeast Minnesota K-12 school districts, post-secondary partners, and community businesses – IBM, Mayo Clinic, The Hormel Institute, and Work-force Development, Inc, who work together to promote STEM excellence in our K-12 schools.

The Outstanding Educator Awards event will be celebrated at the 31st annual STEM Forward gathering on February 8, 2023, at The Workshop in Rochester. Findlay will be recognized as official winner of the award. At Byron High School he has been credited with improving systems and courses in the science, careers, and engineering fields.



**Stephanie Foss**

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## Ugly Sweater Party at Mac's Park Place



By Missy Papenfus

We attended the Ugly Sweater Party at Mac's Park Place on Friday, December 16th. Fun was had by all!

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## Is Peace Possible?



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

Amidst all the craziness of the season, is peace possible? In our world where nations continue to fight against nations; is peace possible? In the culture around us that is bent on arguing and fighting; is peace possible?

Jesus said in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Jesus said, I am giving you peace- but not the kind you find out in the world. Peace is the sum and substance of human well-being. That's what everyone desperately wants. It's what you want; you might really want political peace; a peace between people and the government or a peace between governments and countries. You may long for psychological, or emotional peace. A peace that keeps those voices in our head in harmony. A peace that keeps healthy in body and in our minds. Most of all you and I want peace of conscience and peace of heart and that only comes from peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ, who guides us out of our lostness in the chaos of spiritual darkness to the way of light and peace. Peace with God is the only means of peace with each other. Without that peace, the world lies in the hands of the wicked one, in darkness, chaos, and fear. This was the ultimate purpose of Christ's mission; "through him (Jesus) to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." Jesus was sent to bring peace of heart and spirit to all mankind.

Before we know Jesus, before we accept Him as our Savior- we are just walking around in the dark- with fear and death around each corner. We have no peace of mind or spirit- peace illudes us because in the dark and in the chaos peace is absent. Peace can overcome chaos and darkness- but it must be accepted. For you and me to truly experience peace we first, have to be at peace with ourselves.

I. Are You at Peace with Yourself? In other words, are you comfortable with your actions? Can you live with your decisions? Are you happy because of your choices?

Albert Einstein said "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results".

One of the largest obstacles that causes people to fail to change is that some of the problems, some of the troubles, some of the difficulties, some of the habits, some of the addictions are so big that you cannot just stop "cold turkey." We need to take the first step- and often they will be baby steps.

Are you at peace with yourself? What changes do you need to make in your life beginning today? What baby steps do you need

to take to be at peace with yourself? Secondly-

II. Are You at Peace with Others? I recently heard a person say, "I love Christmas, but when the in-laws and the out-laws come is when I lose my peace." The word "Peace" appears some 429 times in the bible. It has about eight different variations of meaning in the Old Testament and about seven different variations of meaning in the New Testament.

The bible says in Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than human being!" And in Romans 12:18 "As much as it is possible, as far as it lies within you, live at peace with everyone."

God is the one that we will all have to stand before and give an account of our actions and decisions. Peace is not merely the absence of conflict. Peace is also an action word. We need to take steps toward social justice. And steps toward equality and freedom, and actively work to ease poverty for those that have fallen on difficult times. We must be taking steps toward helping the lost find God. Our Mission is to make disciples so that Christ can transform people's lives.

Matthew 7:2 says, "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." The church, the body of believers, is instructed in the bible to not gossip or spread rumors; we aren't to slander, or whisper behind someone's back, and we are not to insult or judge someone. Instead, we are to practice hospitality. The bible says, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you." Romans 15:7 Are you at peace with yourself? Are you at peace with others? One final

step.

III. Are You at Peace with God? The meaning of the word Peace in the bible implies quietness and rest. Another meaning of peace is a type of "reset or fresh start."

Peace is not something you reach out and touch with your physical hands. Peace is not something that is visible with the eye. If I asked you to draw me a picture of peace we would get many different variations of images. If I asked you to describe peace we would get many expressions of feeling as answers. But this one thing I know for sure, every step you take toward being at peace with your self is a step you take toward being at peace with God. Every step you take toward being at peace with yourself, every step you take at being at peace with others is a step you take at becoming at peace with Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Is peace possible? Peace is possible when we come to Jesus and say yes- I want your peace, I want the gift of salvation you offer- we will receive that peace that goes far beyond what is happening in the world around us- the peace that passes all understanding. Jesus said, "my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." He gives us peace deep inside our spirits- it won't matter what the day brings, it won't matter how our crazy and messed up our lives or family are- when we receive His peace we are full- and we need never to be troubled or afraid. We only have to trust in Him! What do you need to take that first step toward peace in your life? Are you at peace with yourself? Are you at peace with others? Are you at peace with God?



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*He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. — Ephesians 1:5*

My daughter and son-in-law are in the process of choosing a therapy dog for one of our grandsons. They have been discussing and studying about which breed is best and which size is right. During this time, their other son has been helping to walk the neighbor's dog to get a sense of how this addition to the family will work. The family is invested together to make a good choice.

Even more important is understanding that God has decided that he wants us to join his family. Does it inspire you that God has been pleased to create us for fellowship with him? God knew that through the sacrifice of Jesus we would become sons and daughters of God. His plan for our lives is to include us in his story. It wasn't enough that God created us and made us his imagebearers; he also loves us and wants to live in relationship with us.

When our lives reflect the realization of all this, we display God's glory and his love, and something changes in us. We carry ourselves with the knowledge that we belong and are part of God's family.

What does it mean to be part of this family? It means we are responsible for one another. Because of the love God has given us, we have the ability to live in unity together, sharing in the story that God has indeed chosen us.

Thank you, Father, that you have created us and have chosen us. Help us to see what it means to be in your family and to treat others with the same love you have shown us. Amen.

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## James Edward "Jim" Halling

James Edward "Jim" Halling, 85, of Zumbrota, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Rochester, MN to Edward and Margaret (Callaghan) Halling and grew up in the Mazeppa area, graduating from



Mazeppa High School in 1954. On December 1, 1956, Jim was united in marriage to Jean Kehren at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bellechester, MN. They made their home in Mazeppa where they raised their four children. Jim worked at IBM for 28 years before retiring in 1990. He and Jean spent 30 winters in Mesa, AZ during their retirement. He enjoyed golfing, hiking, four-wheeling, riding motorcycle, playing pool, camping, and a good game of cards. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Going out for a big steak and a good Brandy Manhattan were always on the top of his list. Jim had a great sense of humor and enjoyed a lively conversation.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jean Halling of Zumbrota; four children, Kim (Wayne) Buisse of Old Frontenac, Lynn (Edwin) Jostock of Hammond, Mark (Gloria) Halling of Burnsville, and Patrick (Brenda) Halling of Cannon Falls; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Betty Ann Liffbrig, and her husband, Danny Liffbrig.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Father Michael Churchill presided. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at the Mazeppa Cemetery at a later date. Funeral arrangements made by the Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel.

## Dennis Anthony Heimer

Dennis Anthony Heimer, age 86, of Mazeppa, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at Seasons Hospice House in Rochester, MN. The youngest of ten children, Dennis was born on July 9, 1936 to Anton and



Julia (Goergen) Heimer at home near Stacyville, Iowa. He attended school in Johnsbury, MN and graduated from Visitation High School in Stacyville, IA in 1954. During his four years at Visitation High he played soccer with exchange students from Germany. After high school Dennis enlisted in the United States Army. While stationed in Germany he served as a medic and played on the first United States Army soccer team. After serving in the US Army, Dennis worked at IBM in Endicott & Poughkeepsie, New York and in Rochester, MN for 15 years.

He married Karen Lunde on June 16, 1962. They lived in Rochester, MN for one year and then purchased land near Mazeppa, now known as Circle H Ranch. They raised three children there. Dennis and Karen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past summer.

Dennis enjoyed raising beef cattle and collecting classic cars, tractors, pickups, and many things red. He was also a champion popcorn popper. He was an ever-present father, making breakfast for his family every morning, stopping his ranch duties to take his children to and from school activities, and playing along with his children's adventures.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Robert, William, Melvin, Herbert and Clement Heimer and sisters Elizabeth Walsh, Mary Thome, Helen Hemann, and infant sister, Agnes Heimer.

Dennis is survived by his wife Karen; son Todd (Dawn) Heimer, daughter Kari (Dan) Kust and daughter Kristen (Zach) Eastlund; grandchildren, Gala and Hans Heimer, Kai and Nils Kust, and Leif and Henrik Eastlund; many nephews and nieces.

The memorial mass was at 11:00 a.m. on December 17 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Johnsbury, MN. Father Gregory Leif officiated. Inurnment was in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Johnsbury, MN. There was a visitation on December 16 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Mahn Funeral Home in Zumbrota, MN. Visitation was also at the church on Saturday from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to The Wounded Warrior Project, Donor Care Center, PO Box 758541, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8541 or to the donors' favorite charity for veterans. Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at mahnfamily-funeralhome.com.

## Linda Dorothy Damman

Linda Dorothy Damman, 71, of Red Wing, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Lake City Hospital. She was born Nov. 18, 1951, in Zumbrota, to Elton and Dorothy (Ahrens) Damman. She was baptized at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mazeppa



and her family later moved to Red Wing where she attended school. She lived in Winona for many years, where she worked for ORC, moving back to Red Wing in the past few years. Linda enjoyed doing craft work especially making potholders/coasters, latch hook and bead work--making bracelets and necklaces.

She is survived by her siblings, Nancy Damman, Fred (Nancy) Damman and Rhonda Johnson all of Red Wing and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Damman.

Memorial service for Linda was at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Red Wing. Pastor Todd Engel officiated. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will

take place at Burnside Cemetery at a later date.

## Duane "Dewey" Leo Reding

Duane "Dewey" Leo Reding, 93, of Mazeppa died on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at Methodist Hospital in Rochester.



Duane was born in Zumbrota on October 2, 1929 to Leo and Anna (Tri) Reding.



He attended a country school through 8th grade and was the only student in his class. He continued farming after 8th grade and worked for Gregoire Electric before being drafted to the Army during the Korean War from 1951 - 1953. Duane married Margaret (Adler) Horsman on July 12, 1958 and together owned Reding's Night Club in Mazeppa from 1960 - 1966. He was an iron worker for O.A. Stocke Construction for many years. After retiring from construction, he worked as a custodian for the Zumbrota - Mazeppa schools and part-time maintenance for Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa for over 30 years. Some of Duane's past times were reading, puzzles, keeping up on worldly affairs, gardening, listening to polka music and watching construction while driving around in his red truck. Duane was a member of the Mazeppa American Legion, Zumbrota V.F.W. and Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

He is survived by his children, Ron (Jan) Horsman, Mike (DeAnn) Horsman, Jeanette (Jim) Strauss; 9 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and sister, Beverly Poncellet.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Patricia; son, Daniel; parents; and sister, Betty.

Visitation was held Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Mahn Family Funeral Home - Larson Chapel in Zumbrota.

Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Mazeppa with an hour of visitation prior.

Burial followed the Mass at St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in Pine Island.

## Richard "Dick" William Majerus

Richard "Dick" William Majerus, 73, passed away Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at home surrounded by his family. Dick was diagnosed with CMS lymphoma of the brain on December 20, 2022. Dick was born January 22,



1949, in Red Wing, MN to Raymond and Irma (Spillman) Majerus. He graduated from Goodhue High School and attended 2 years of vocational school in Red Wing after returning home from Vietnam. Dick was united in marriage to Jule Klein on July 29, 1972, at

St. Mary's Church in Bellechester.

Dick was a machinist for many years. He learned his trade at Di-Acro in Lake City until it closed and then took his skills to MacTech. Dick was the second employee hired at the upstart of D.L. Ricci Corporation in Red Wing where he managed the traveling machining part of the company and additionally managed the shop where the equipment was built. He also traveled for his job throughout the United States and to Taiwan working in nuclear plants, paper mills, refineries, etc.

Dick was very proud of his country and his service in the Army, and part of his army career was in the tanker division in Germany where he learned to fix and drive the tanks. He also served 1 year in Viet Nam.

Dick loved playing cards and liars dice with his friends and family. He enjoyed driving his demo derby cars that his brother Bob and friend Gene helped build. Dick also relished snowmobiling with friends and family in the winter, while in the summer, he loved fishing and riding in his side-by-side. He was also an active member for more than 50 years in the Bellechester American Legion Post 598. Dick's best achievement in life was his unconditional love and caring for his family and friends. He was an all-around fun-loving great person that saw the good in everyone and everything. He loved to joke around and have fun with whoever he was with or had just met. Dick was a genuinely good person and will be so missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jule (Klein) Majerus; children, Teresa Majerus (Mark Gjertson) and Carl (Jamie) Majerus; grandchildren, Tanner Wichmann, Marie Johnson (Joe Hanenberger), Alexander Johnson (Kat Walsh), Paul Johnson, Sidney and Aidan Majerus; great grandchildren, Thressa, Carlana, and Isabella Hanenberger; siblings, Dean (Zelda) Majerus, Annette Cordes, Clare (Alan) Brinkman, Gayle (Don) Strauss, Mary (Tom) Oswell, Kevin (Teresa) Majerus; sisters-in-law, Alice Majerus and Shelia Majerus; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Dan, Robert, Helen, and Neil "Butch" Majerus; brother-in-law, Chuck Cordes; niece, Candice Majerus; grandnephew, Benjamin Cordes.

Celebration of Life service was at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 2, 2023, at the Mazeppa Community Center. American Legion Chaplain Kelly Adelsman officiated. Final resting place was at the Mazeppa Cemetery immediately following the service. Luncheon followed the service at the Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorials sent to the Bellechester American Legion Post 598 Building Fund or the Fisher House (5045 East 54th street, Minneapolis, MN 55417). Families of veterans stay there for free while their loved one is in the hospital. Arrangements by Mahn Family Funeral Home.

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## Helen Richardson

Helen Richardson 95 of Lake City passed away Sunday January 8, 2023 at The Bluffs of Lake City. Helen was born October 7, 1927 in Chester Township, Wabasha County to Mathias and Leona (Arendt) Miller.



Helen married Louis "Louie" Richardson in Bellechester on October 7th, 1947. They made their home in Lake City where she worked at Schmauss Grocery Store. In 1953 they moved to Mazeppa they later moved back to Lake City in 1974 and she then worked at Huettl's for many years. Helen was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was always active in her church in Lake City and in Mazeppa. Helen enjoyed gardening, quilting, cooking and baking, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

Helen is survived by her children: Roberta Truman of Lake City, Fred (Jeanette) Richardson of Mazeppa, Becky (Rich) Arendt of Bellchester, Keith (Kim Baldwin) Richardson of Lake City; daughter-in-law, Cindy Richardson of Lake City; twenty three grandchildren, Larry Sanderson, Mark Andri, Josh Richardson, Bill Richardson, Steph Richardson, Nate Richardson, Nick Richardson, Emily Klapperich, Tanya Walsh, Abbey O'Connor, Michael Richardson, Jason, Jamie and Jeff Arendt, Nina Deck, Erin Berlin, Hali Richardson, Shavon Anderson, Kyle Richardson, Danielle Richardson, Louis Richardson, Tony and Allen Richardson; 29 great-grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren, brother Albert (Betty) Miller of Mazeppa, sister Justine Schei of Rochester and sister-in-law Sherry Miller of Mazeppa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louie, two son, Tom and Joe; parents; sister Lorraine Glander; brothers, Lawrence, Mathias, Elmer, Henry, Ronald and Joseph Miller.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 2:00 pm Thursday, January 12, 2023 at St Mary's Catholic Church in Lake City. Father Matt Fasnacht officiated. Burial was at St Mary's Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to service at the church. Mahn Family Funeral Home, Anderson-Peterson Chapel in Lake City is handling the arrangements. Online condolences can be sent at [www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com).

## A Monthly Moment at MotoProz



By Missy Papenfus

The snowmobile trails have been great. Mike and I were out grooming the trails the Monday after Christmas for Zumbro Valley Snowmobilers Club. If anyone has any questions about joining a snowmobile club, stop in to MotoProz and let's chat! Many hands make light work! All clubs can always use more helpers.

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## MISSY'S MESSAGE



**A NEW YEAR IS HERE!**



MISSY PAPENFUS

Here we are again! The beginning of a new year. February 3, 2021 was my last day of work at Mayo Clinic. I HAD some great habits set in STONE for myself throughout the years I worked at Mayo Clinic. I was up at 4:45 AM, was at the gym to work out at 5:30AM, shower and breakfast before beginning work at 7:30 and on my days off I walked 3 miles outside. I had no problem getting in 10,000 steps a day.

I am struggling to get up at 6AM some days now. I have my walking partner Jenny, when weather cooperates and my treadmill. I also have my alternative walking partner, Monty's dog Maisy. She loves going for walks. I started trying some online exercise classes that start at 6AM. Consistency is the key, and not trying to change too many things at once. I try to make a plan for the day, and if I don't get my exercise in the morning, I try to fit in a little at night after work, even if it is just an extra 10 minutes on the treadmill. I also try to drink 8 glasses of water a day.

Over time, I've found it is too easy for me to slip out of routines and form new bad habits. So how to I transform into instilling some new habits for myself? Just keep at it, sneaking in more steps each day, each week. Tuesdays, I've been participating in an online Zumba class and I walk to the post office each day. Keep moving forward and trying new things.

*Memo from MotoProz...*

Snow's on the way. Get those ATVs and snowmobiles in and ready to go. We've got 'em in stock! Affordable ATVs and UTVs BOTH NEW and USED. Just add a winch and plow to be ready for snow! Check out our new and used Arctic Cat snowmobiles, Trailers, ATVs, and Side by Sides available online at [MotoProz.com](http://MotoProz.com)!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

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## Z-M Teacher Nominated for Outstanding Teacher Award

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At the ceremony he will be given a glass trophy and will give a presentation on his innovations. The other nominees will receive a certificate of achievement. This event will be livestreamed on Facebook via @SSCMinnesota.

### About Stephanie Foss

Foss is a kindergarten teacher and a K-2 Ignite teacher at ZM. She spent the first five years of her time at ZM as a kindergarten classroom teacher. She moved into the role of Ignite teacher for all K-2 and has been in that role for the past three years. In 2020, Foss completely rewrote the curriculum and changed her instruction for Ignite to incorporate STEM activities while also working on social and emotional skills. In Ignite, students engage in problem-solving through engineering challenges while building their skills in cooperation and collaboration.

Foss transformed what was a social skills-focused curriculum for K-2, into a STEM-focused, collaboration-based curriculum. She

did this as a last-minute change at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year in response to an expressed need by K-2 classroom teachers and administrators.

Foss works with K-2 students, seeing each student in the building once every four days. Through her Ignite class, the students are taught about the engineering design process and frequently engage in that process through engineering challenges. Students use creation cards and limited materials to challenge their brain to complete challenges. Through these challenges, students are being encouraged daily to think creatively and to utilize brainstorming methods to independently problem solve. Many challenges incorporate aspects of collaboration and cooperation, as students work in small groups or with partners in order to accomplish the task for the day.

Foss is involved in the work of incorporating STEM instruction throughout the primary building at ZM. Not just in her classroom, but in each and every classroom in the building. She supports classroom teachers by sharing ideas and materials, as well as by engaging in the creation of instruction with them. She also collaborates regularly with the Ignite teacher at the elementary building (3-6) to vertically align their STEM curriculum.

Throughout the year, Foss introduces career paths and jobs that utilize many of the STEM concepts she has students work on in her Ignite class. The students are able to draw direct connections between the STEM and

collaboration skills they are working on and potential future careers

Foss has been one of ZM's representatives to STEM Forward for the past two years, attending trainings and workshops whenever possible. She has worked to expand her own knowledge and experience with STEM in-

struction, with the aim of building educator capacity at ZM and beyond. Foss has always been willing to share her knowledge and experience with colleagues, and working with colleagues in fellow STEM Forward districts is no different for her.

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## Missy's Managing the Manor

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### Mission kitchen organization!

The beginning of January every year, my boys Mike and Monty go on a snowmobile trip to Michigan with a group of guys. I can't believe my life has come to this, but when they are gone, I take the time to organize the kitchen. I toss out expired food when Mike is gone, along with kitchen gadgets we no longer use (or have never used). We have a pantry and a lot of cupboard space, and we utilize pretty much every inch.



By Missy Papenfus

I remember the first time I started this ritual of cleaning the kitchen while Mike was gone, Monty, a young little guy, had to stay home with me. I stayed up late organizing the cupboards after he fell asleep. I always toss out a couple grocery bags of expired food that seems to get lost in the cupboard. This year, I'm hiring a friend from high school, Tricia Herron Meyers from Lake City to come and help me. We used to work together at the Galley Restaurant in Lake City. I don't think we've seen each other since our days at the Galley. It will be fun to catch up, get more organized, and have someone tell me it's okay to get rid of stuff we don't use!

If you are interested in learning more, Tricia is talking at the Lake City Public Library, Thursday, January 26th at 6:30PM Tidy Solutions: Tips for decluttering your home. No need to register. Just show up! If you want her number, find her on Facebook or I can hook you up!

Stay tuned for next month's topic: *What's a professional organizer? There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!*



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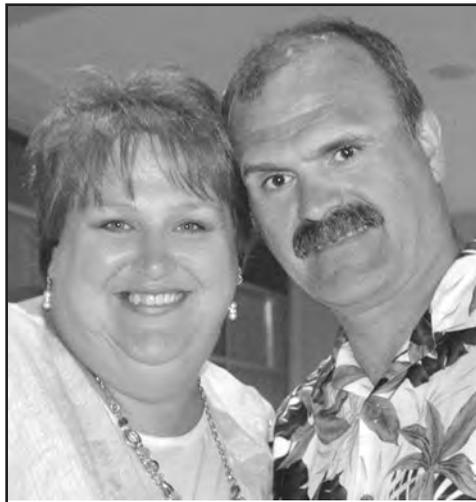
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By Beth Brekke

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JoAnn opened in the downtown space in July after working out of her home for four years. As she grew her promotional company so did the array of samples that she had on hand and they started to take over her space. Customers can now stop in to the store to see and feel the different items and discuss ideas with JoAnn. She has access to a huge variety of items that can be customized.

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JoAnn’s previous work experience in publications and sales has prepared her well for this venture. She likes helping people see their visions come to life. Although she does work with large companies, she says, “I like to help the little guy”. If you need a fundraiser, T-shirts or fun item for a family re-



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# Local Government & Historical Happenings

## Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Mazeppa City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Chris Hagfors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Present: Mayor Chris Hagfors. Council Persons Steve Liffriq, Michael Hammes, Dustin Wiebusch, and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Wabasha County Sherriff Deputy Joe Schneider, John Clemens, and City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Present via electronic meeting: Holly Galbus of the News Record and Robert Josselyn.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffriq to approve the agenda. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffriq Young to approve the meeting minutes for the November 9, 2022 regular City Council meeting and the November 30, 2022 Special Council meeting and public hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffriq to close the regular meeting and open the Truth-in-Taxation meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting was closed, and Truth-in-Taxation hearing opened at 6:03 PM.

City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang compared 2022 budget and levy to 2023 proposed final budget and levy. Levy will increase by 3%, with approximately 1/3 of the increased revenue coming from new housing completed in 2022.

An example of 3 homes comparing 2022 taxes and 2023 proposed taxes was presented.

Percentages from each of the City's revenue sources for the City's budget were read.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffriq to close the Truth-in-Taxation hearing and open the regular Council meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Truth-in Taxation hearing was closed, and the regular Council meeting re-opened at 6:12 PM.

The Public Works report was read.

Wabasha County Sherriff's Department Patrol Sargent Joe Schneider presented the Monthly Incident Command Report. In response to Council questions, Sargent Schneider said that Sherriff's Department staffing is tight and that they used to have more part-time officers they could reach out to fill shifts. Sargent Schneider also said that officers now carry Narcan in to better respond to emergency situations due to more Fentanyl overdoses. Opioid overdoses are not wide-

spread in the County but are frequent enough for the patrol officers to be prepared for those situations.

The Fire Department report and roster of 2023 officers were presented.

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Vice President:	Andrew Piva

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## Historical Happenings

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FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1955

### Marion Sutton To Wed Millionaire

A former Mazeppa girl has been receiving a lion's share of attention in the nation's press this week.

She is attractive Marion Sutton, Minneapolis and New York model. Miss Sutton was born in Mazeppa, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sutton. Her father died and she moved with her mother and brother Carol to Minneapolis about 15 years ago.

Marion will be married this Saturday, July 30, to Kansas City tycoon Edward L. Williams, a self-made magnate in the park cemetery field.

Mr. Williams announced he wanted to give Marion "a lovely wedding because she is a lovely girl."

The wedding will take place in a Braniff Airways plane, bearing the inscription "Cupid's Express." A red plush carpet will be rolled out from the airport to the entrance of the plane. There will be a chromium handrail marking the path to the plane.

The bride and her attendant, Mrs. Edward P. Schwartz of Minneapolis will ride to the airport in one limousine and the bridegroom and his best man in another. The wedding guests will go out in an air-cooled bus. The plane trip over Iowa, where the marriage will take place will take about an hour and a half.

They will live near Kansas City, on a 30-acre estate. It contains two lakes, a 10-room main house, summer house, guest house, servant house and laundry. Mr. Williams also owns two yachts one a 40-footer and the other an 81-footer, on which they plan to spend a lot of time. Mr. Williams will build a summer home on the St. Croix. His small yacht has been brought there by his captain, Clyde Coulter and is called The Lady Marion.

One of Miss Sutton's wedding presents was a white Cadillac convertible another a watch so bejeweled with diamonds, the hands can be seen in the dark.

Among those invited to the reception are Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Tommeraas, Mr. and Mrs. Lullus Darcy and Mrs. Helen Heaney of Mazeppa and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Engelhart of Red Wing.

### THREE ARE GRADUATED FROM WINONA TEACHERS'

Miss Ruth Reeve, Mrs. Wilbur Bright and Mrs. Arthur Reiland were among those who received associate degrees in education from Winona State Teachers' college at graduation exercises last Friday morning.

### Obituaries: JACOB MAIRE

Word was received Friday morning of the death of Jacob Maire, who passed away that morning at St. Elizabeth hospital at Wabasha.

Mr. Maire was born at Bear Valley, June 8th, 1871. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Maire.

Survivors are one sister, Mrs. Adeline Sheldon of Old Wives, Sask., Canada, also a number of nieces and nephews.

Burial was at Wabasha, Monday afternoon.

Among those attending the funeral were Mrs. Roy Meek, Mrs. Emil Kuehn, Miss Minnie Sheldon, Stephen Clemens, all of Mazeppa and Mrs. Lyle Jones, Miss Verona Clemens and Miss Agnes Clemens of Red Wing.

### Correspondence

#### "Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tommeraas:

"I would like you to know how much I enjoyed and appreciate very fine article you published pertaining to my grandfather Ira O. Seeley. Your coverage of the entire centennial was excellent. I'm sure the Mazeppa people must be very proud of their local paper.

"I also appreciate the kindness and courtesy shown me by those in charge of the parade. I have never seen a parade that was better planned or better executed. I feel real proud to have been a part of it.

"The day was a huge success and will long remain a pleasant memory.

"You may be interested to know that I expect to send the large framed picture of my grandfather to the State Historical Society."

"Sincerely, Mrs. Nellie Marshall

### MRS. SHELDON CELEBRATES NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

(The following item is taken from the Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Times-Herald of May 9. Mrs. Sheldon is a former resident.)

Mrs. Addie (Grandma) Sheldon was surprised by members of her family on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Present were her two sons and two daughters, and her only daughter-in-law, also nine of her 13 grandchildren.

Mrs. Sheldon came to homestead from Minnesota with her husband and family in the spring of 1912 and has resided there ever since. She was widowed in 1935 and resides with her youngest son and his family and one daughter. All of her children have settled near her.

In the early days Mrs. Sheldon acted as nurse and midwife, as the district was so isolated, and the children she helped to bring into the world are now scattered over most of Canada.

### How True, Dep't

Got a big kick out of Hank Gerken's remark that the mosquitoes bit up the handle of his paint brush and it got so big he couldn't hang onto it!

Glad I Wasn't There

Paul Sommerfield and Harvey Sommerfield killed a rattle snake on the Joe Francis place this week. It measured 46 inches and had seven rattles. A second snake got away.

## Mazeppa City Council

(continued from page 14)

Secretary: Ellen Lexvold  
Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve the Fire department officers for 2023. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

The Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store report was presented.

An engineering update was presented by City Engineer Matt Mohs.

Matt Sveen of MB Sveen Properties LLC notified the City Council that the entity intends to close the portion of what is known as 4th Ave. NE that runs across land owned by the entity. Mr. Sveen said that it has always been the intention to close the road to further develop this portion of the area.

Mr. Sveen considers this portion of the road in the same manner as the rest of the private roads in the park and that he has the right to open or close them as needed. He said that there has been no formal maintenance agreement or easement presented to him by the City. Mr. Sveen also requested that the entity has told the City not to maintain the road. Mr. Sveen stated his opinion that public maintenance on a private road violates Minnesota Statute against paying public funds for private benefit.

Mr. Sveen said that he would agree to a maintenance agreement with the City for that portion of the road if the Council took action to relinquish any claim of rights to the usage of that portion of the road and would agree to a date in 2023 to close the road for removal.

City Administrator Karl Nahrgang stated that since the City has not plowed the road yet and that if the City is okay with closing the road the LLC would have to provide part of the signs to do so due to the limited supply owned by the City.

Councilperson Wiebusch asked Mr. Sveen if he was aware that the portion of the road in question was being used as a through street when he purchased the property.

Mr. Sveen said that in earlier conversations with City staff that he was told that further development on the property would not be a problem and that he did not receive any objections to removing the road until he brought his proposal before the Council earlier this year.

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht said that from the information provided to him that his belief is still that the City has common law

dedicated easement or, in the alternate, prescriptive easement rights on behalf of the public to keep using the roadway. If the LLC and the City disagree on this point, and if the City Council agrees with Mr. Lamprecht, then the parties could certainly ask a judge to make a ruling on the easement rights.

Councilperson Erica Young stated that it was the obligation of the Council to consider the public good for the residents in that portion of the community of keeping the road open until such time that the City would extend the 4th Ave. NE in along its plat-dedicated right-of-way, and that allowing the current road to be closed would not be acting in the public good for those residents.

Administrator Clerk Nahrgang asked if the good of the residents would be served by allowing the road to be closed now with the intention of routing 4th Ave. NE within the platted right-of-way and working to use the change to help the spring run-off problem in the area, instead of maintaining a substandard section of roadway on land that was not originally platted as the right -of-way. Mr. Nahrgang asked if the offer the City made to purchase a portion of the land still be considered.

Mr. Sveen said there have been many missteps by past ownership and the City on how this situation has come to be and wants to see action taken. Mr. Sveen also said that unless action was taken at this meeting, he would contact the City Administrator next week (week of December 19, 2022) with a date that the LLC will close the disputed portion of the road.

Administrator Clerk Nahrgang wanted to clarify that if the City is willing to put up road closed signage on 4th Ave. NE, just north of the disputed area, and that signs for the entrance from Chestnut St. then any signs installed within the manufactured home park would have to be provided by LLC.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffbrig to change the agenda, under Old Business from 1st Reading of Ordinance 45-1.23 to 2nd Reading of Ordinance 45-1.23. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to approve the 2023 Final Budget. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to approve the 2023 Final Levy. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Ordinance 45-1.23 setting City fees for 2023. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to accept the resignation/retirement of Jim Glander. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Thank you, Jim Glander, for your years of service to the community.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Resolution 2022-46 Accepting Fire Relief donations. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffbrig to approve the Year End transfers from reserves to the operating fund and from the operating fund to the reserves. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to approve the 2023 retainer agreement with Lamprecht Law to continue to provide legal services the City of Mazeppa. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

City Attorney Luke Lamprecht said that the deed for parcel R23.00429.00 has been completed and the City has 3 years to complete its plans for a dog park on this property. He also said that Bolton and Menk have been in contact with his office on completing the zoning district map and should be ready to present to Council soon. Mr. Lamprecht re-stated that he believes that an obligation exists to

the public for the City to retain the rights to use the disputed roadway and that if the road is closed, the City should meet with a civil litigator to discuss response options.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to hold a special meeting of the Council to sign the letter of Conditions with USDA Rural Development for the grant to rebuild the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to discuss response to potential road closing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes to approve meeting with a civil litigator for potential responses to the potential closing of the portion of 4th Ave. NE routed over land owned by M.B. Sveen properties. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Councilpersons Young and Wiebusch thanked the Mazeppa Business Alliance for donations and work for the lighting ceremony at Lions Park.

All members of the Council thanked Mr. Jim Glander for his years of service to the City and wished everyone in the community a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable Holiday season.

Motion by Hammes, Second by Liffbrig to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting will be 6:00 PM, December 29, 2022.

Administrator-Clerk

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Letter to the Editor

### Review Your Broadband Map to Improve Border-to-Border Access

By Bree Maki

Executive Director

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development's Office of Broadband Development

Recently, Governor Tim Walz announced that internet providers will receive nearly \$100 million in funding to expand broadband coverage to more Minnesotans. This largest-ever grant round is estimated to extend new high-speed internet connections to more than 33,000 Minnesota homes and businesses in 48 counties.

At the Department of Employment and Economic Development's Office of Broadband Development, we're working hard to get broadband to more Minnesotans who need it. Now, we need your help to make that a reality.

As part of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, \$65 billion in funding is available to states for broadband. We're excited to implement the bill's programs, but much of our funding relies on a new mapping project from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to show where broadband is and is not available.

The FCC is accepting challenges to their new map right now, and we encourage all Minnesotans to review the map to see if the broadband speeds shown to be available at their address are correct. Local review of the broadband maps is important, as residents know best if the mapping information is accurate. Minnesotans can go to [broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov) to review their map and provide feedback.

To review the map, type in your address. Your home should appear on the map along with a list of services that providers claim to have available for purchase at your location. If your location is missing or inaccurately reflected on the map, you can submit a location challenge to correct it. If the information about the service provided is incorrect, you can file an availability challenge. Detailed video instructions on how to file a challenge can be found at [fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers](http://fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers).

Our goal is border-to-border broadband coverage across Minnesota. Future federal funding will be allotted based on the number of locations in Minnesota that do not have broadband services available right now. To ensure valid challenges are incorporated into the map before federal funding allocations are made, Minnesotans have until Jan. 13, 2023 to submit feedback.

This year, between 240,000 and 291,000 households in Minnesota lacked access to high-speed broadband. So much of what we do happens online, which is why we want to ensure all Minnesotans have access to high-speed internet.

All Minnesotans deserve equal access to high-speed broadband.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Office of Broadband at 651-259-7610 or [deed.broadband@state.mn.us](mailto:deed.broadband@state.mn.us)

I never used to worry about snow. If I could drive down the road to get to work... or not, was really the only decision that I had. Since I have worked for the City, I have found there are many issues regarding snow. How much Snow? Will the public works employees be able to make it to work to plow? IF not, who will step in? Do we need to get outside help to haul snow? Will the next snow affect how and when we plow this one so we can keep the streets clear? Will we have equipment failure? Is there enough room at the park to pile the snow? How many calls will we get for something that was drifted in, or missed, or dropped on the road?

The Mazeppa public works staff does a great job of planning for all of these, but no one can plan for everything. The City also has equipment and manpower constraints that they deal with. Their plan to clear snow works well, and unfortunately, not every type of road, alley, or sidewalk can be the top priority. Sometimes conditions or equipment breakdowns mean that it the snow furrow at the edge of the road is more dense, or an alley or cul-de-sac takes a bit more time to get back into for touch up or further cleanup. We appreciate your calls, because without that information, we may not know that something is an issue. Please have patience, we will get there as soon as we can.

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

## Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes 2022 Was the Year for New Appliances



By Terry Campbell

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

It started out with the big stainless steel refrigerator in the farm house in Minnesota this summer. It was huge and over ten years old. I remember I had to remove the doors to get it in the house. Not just the handles, but both doors. The front door of the house came off the hinges and the refrigerator and freezer doors came off to make it in the house. The refrigerator had started making a clicking sound. More like a whap. Every ten seconds. "Whap". I knew what it was. There is a gear that opens the little door which brings cold air from the freezer to the refrigerator. It would open the door and then it would snap back shut. I explained it to my wife in technical terms. That didn't help. I related what a massive job it had been to get it in the house. It would be the same amount of work to take it out. That didn't help either. So, we compromised and I agreed on a smaller unit. I promised we would get a new one soon.

Then one morning the washer didn't spin the water out of the clothes on the last cycle. It had been acting up as well. My wife would say there was a helicopter going over the house quite low. I again had the technical answer ready. "No dear, it is the washer in the basement doing the spin cycle dance." So, a trip to the appliance store one Sunday afternoon took a \$2,500 hole out of the checkbook and we had a new fridge and washer. But I forgot one thing. Washers and dryers mate for life. One week later the dryer quite

drying. So, a matching Amana dryer came back home from the appliance store as well.

In late September I headed back down to Tennessee. I had to finish the lake house by fall so we could move in when we returned for the winter. I was prepared. We made a trip to Lowes in Owatonna and I had my wife pick out the kitchen appliances. Brand, size style, color, every option was decided on. I had the model number for each written down and I would go to the local Lowes in Tennessee and order the whole kitchen in one visit. No confusion or decision on my part. The matching fridge, range, dishwasher and rangehood microwave would be ordered and delivered right to our kitchen when ready.

The people who bought our old house in Tennessee didn't want our washer and dryer set. The appliances were only a few years old, and I would rather not move them. We had already moved four bedrooms of furniture into a storage unit since the new house was not finished. I was done with moving furniture. I had a house to finish. But since the plumbing and the ceramic tile floor in the new laundry room was already finished, I loaded them up and hauled them too. Well at least I wouldn't have to buy a washer and dryer, I told myself.

So, a week before I had the kitchen complete, I went to Lowes and presented the list to the young man there. Four appliances in one sale. No shopping, no discussion, just write it up, take my money and deliver them on time. The big Lowes truck would bring them to the front door and the strong young men would carry them into the house and life was good.

I had been working on the new house for a couple weeks and had laundry to do. So, I fired up the washer and threw in my work clothes. When I returned to put them in the dryer I discovered a load of wet, soggy heavy laundry. I ran them through again only to get the same result. The final spin cycle was not working. Irritated I chucked them in the dryer. When I opened the dryer to check on them, the machine kept on running. The switch on the door was broke. I was mad. Why did I move a washer/dryer set only to have both malfunction. I did the only logical thing left. I took the hand cart, wheeled the offending pair out the door and onto the trailer for their last trip to the scrap yard. Then I went back to Lowes and ordered a new Amana washer and dryer set. It arrived with the rest of the kitchen appliances.

## A Minnesotan: New Years



By RosaLin Alcoser

When my sister and I were young children our parents use to do that thing parents do where they tell the kids it's New Years and put you to bed before midnight, but it's really just New Year's in New York not where you are.

We would stay up late and watch the ball drop at midnight in Times Square on the TV. Yell 'YAY! It's New Year's!' then promptly be taken off to bed; which we were already ready for.

In reality we only stayed up till about 11 PM. Don't get me wrong, 11 PM is still

pretty late when you're a little kid or if you're like me and choose to get up at 5 AM on a daily basis.

This worked for them until my sister was 9 years old and I was 4 years old.

The reason it worked for my parents that long is because my sister never bothered to look at the clock in the house to see that it was not midnight where we were. She was too caught up in the excitement of what was happening on the TV.

However, that year I had learned about how time works and went to check the clock; using the analog clock because it was 2001. I then proceeded to ruin everything for our parents by pointing out that it was not midnight where we were and that we were being tricked into thinking it was the next year when it wasn't. It was the next year somewhere else.

After that we got to stay up till midnight CST instead of being tricked into going to bed an hour before the new year.

Now that I'm an adult I understand why my parents did this. After all 2022 I stayed up till midnight then immediately went to bed at 12:01 AM. While I am writing this at the end of 2022 I feel this is also how I will see 2023 as well.



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## Applications Open for Funding to Help New Farmers Purchase Land

*Qualified Farmers Will Receive Dollar-for-Dollar Matching Money Up to \$15,000*

Applications are now being accepted for a new grant program to support Minnesotans purchasing their first farm. The Down Payment Assistance Grant Program is managed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and offers dollar-for-dollar matching up to \$15,000 for qualified small farmers to purchase farmland.

The MDA's Rural Finance Authority (RFA) is awarding this funding using a first-come, first-served application process that will open at 9 a.m. on January 4, 2023. The Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$500,000 in Fiscal Year 2023 for these grants. The RFA expects to award between 30 and 40 grants in this cycle, depending on the size of requests. A second cycle of \$750,000 in funding has been secured and will be made available on July 1, 2023.

Farmers must be Minnesota residents who will earn less than \$250,000 annually in gross agricultural sales and plan on providing the majority of the day-to-day physical labor on the farm for at least five years. Applicants must not have previous direct or indirect



farmland ownership.

Applications will continue to be accepted until a waitlist of 100 applicants forms, or May 15, 2023, whichever comes first. Approved applications will remain valid for purchases closing within 90 days of approval or until May 15, 2023, whichever comes first.

The application and more information on the Down Payment Assistance Grant can be found at <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/down-payment-assistance-grant-program>.

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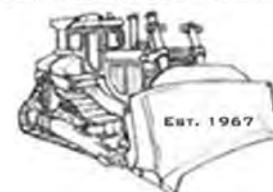
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	<p><b>2018 ECOSPORT SES</b></p>		<p><b>2021 ESCAPE SEL</b></p>		<p><b>2020 EDGE SEL</b></p>		<p><b>2020 EXPLORER XLT</b></p>
<p>4WD, 16,809 miles, 2.0L, blue metallic #22147U</p>	<p><b>Now \$20,550</b></p>	<p>AWD, 39,683 miles, white metallic, ecoboost 2.0L turbocharged #22152U</p>	<p><b>Now \$28,999</b></p>	<p>AWD, 21,107 miles, ecoboost 2.0L turbocharged #22057U</p>	<p><b>Now \$31,999</b></p>	<p>4WD, 2.3 ecoboost, 19,371 miles, rapid red metallic #22105U</p>	<p><b>Now \$39,963</b></p>
	<p><b>2019 RANGER LARIAT</b></p>		<p><b>2021 F-150 XLT</b></p>	<h3>Cold Weather Car Care</h3> <p>At Milo Peterson Ford Co., our highly qualified technicians are here to provide exceptional service in a timely manner.</p> <p>From oil changes to transmission replacements, we are dedicated to maintaining top tier customer service, for both new and pre-owned car buyers! Allow our staff to demonstrate our commitment to excellence.</p> <div style="float: right; border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Call our service department to schedule your maintenance needs. Open Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5pm.</p> </div>			
<p>4WD, super crew cab, 5' box, ecoboost 2.3" turbocharged, shadow black #22134U</p>	<p><b>Now \$36,885</b></p>	<p>4WD, super crew cab, 4 door, 5.5' box, 13,093 miles, ecoboost 2.7L V-6, gray metallic #22074U</p>	<p><b>Now \$49,975</b></p>				

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