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Mazeppa Lions, 50 years and counting!



Current members of the Mazeppa Lions

Submitted by Lori Windhorst

The Mazeppa Lions were chartered in March 1973 and the 50th anniversary was recently celebrated on March 30th, 2023. For

50 years the Mazeppa mens chapter has been a strong presence in the Mazeppa community as well as supporting local charities and Lions Club International. The main focus of

the Mazeppa Lions is helping with local and community projects in various ways.

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Mazeppa Native Earns DNR Award

By Cheri Roshon

Wayne was recently awarded for 30 years of serving as a firearm safety instructor by the game warden of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The award is a beautiful print of 2 dogs waiting to go out hunting with their master, and an engraved plate on the frame commemorating his years of service. It is proudly displayed in his home, along with many mounted trophies from his hunting and fishing days. Both Wayne and Audrey have their fair share of taxidermied memories, and I was privy to several stories as I asked about the fish and animals on display.

Wayne grew up in Mazeppa, and at age 13 went to work on a farm in Zumbrota. That is where his love of hunting and fishing began. He worked on the farm and went to school in his sophomore and junior years, and then on to Red Wing to finish out his senior year. And that is where he met the love of his life. Audrey had moved to Red Wing for nurses training, and that is where they met. They were married in 1958. Since farming was something he knew and enjoyed, the Livingstons bought a farm in Roscoe in 1970 to raise their son Randy and daughter Laurie.

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Wayne Livingston

Announcements

• **Spring Supper- May 4th from 5-7 at the Mazeppa Community Center**-serving "Hot Turkey Gravy Sundae" over mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, dessert & beverage. Free will donation. Hosted by the Mazeppa Area Historical Society. Come hungry & leave happy!
Any questions: Helen Reiland 507-250-6021.

• **Wabasha County Residents** - open book Board of Equalization meeting will be open thru May 12, M-F 8:00 – 4:00 at the Wabasha County Courthouse, Assessor's office.

• **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.comat

• **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.

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Come to the Table



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

Excuses- we've all heard some remarkable ones over the years- especially if you are in any type of position of authority. We have excuses for being late, for losing homework, for forgetting birthdays, for most everything! I'm not sure if it would be teachers or insurance companies who have heard the most creative excuses- but here is a list compiled by Readers Digest from actual insurance company reports: 10 Bizarre Excuses for a car accident:

- "I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment."
- "The other car collided with mine without giving me warning of its intention."
- "I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him."
- "Going to work at 7:00 this morning I drove out of my driveway straight into a bus. The bus was 5 minutes early."
- "My car was legally parked as it backed into another vehicle."
- "I didn't think the speed limit applied after midnight."
- "Windshield broken. Cause unknown. Probably voodoo."
- "I started to slow down, but the traffic was more stationary than I thought."
- "I knew the dog was possessive about the car, but I would not have asked her to drive it

if I thought there was any risk."

• "No one was to blame for the accident, but it would never have happened if the other driver had been alert."

We laugh at these excuses! Sadly, many of us are guilty of having excuses for things that we don't want to do, places or people we don't want to see, and we even have excuses for our lack of growth in our faith. So many excuses—so little time to use them all.

Jesus knew all the excuses. Of course, the excuses used in the 1st century are a bit different than those used today- but people have had excuses for their lack of commitment to God since the beginning. Jesus is teaching the crowds in Luke 14, and he shares a parable addressing some of those excuses and their implications to one's faith and future. Luke 14:15-21

The people of Israel – the Jewish people had ALL been invited to the great banquet. The master of this banquet wanted to have a huge feast and to have all the places at the table full. He had enough for all those invited.

The servant goes out and lets those that were invited know it's time. But instead of grabbing their coats, or their dates, they give lame excuses. Not even creative or good excuses. The first person says, I bought some land- and I need to look at it. Crazy! Even if he had bought some land- he had probably already looked at it before he purchased it and if he hadn't... that land would have still been in the same place the next day- but this guy just wasn't interested- 'I have more important things to do than go to your banquet. I have my own plans, my own way to live and I'm comfortable just staying put.'

The second guy had just bought some oxen-

he had bought 10 oxen and hadn't tried them out... not a very smart farmer! If you are buying animals to work together in your fields- you would make sure they could work in a yoke together before you purchased them. Again, another flimsy excuse that even the servant of the Master saw through. Again, the lure of the things of this life are far more important than God's call to the people of Israel. They are comfortable and they like the way things are- they have no interest in attending the banquet that the man had prepared for them.

Lastly there was a guest whose excuse was that he was recently married and couldn't come. I'm sure that his wife would have joined him in this great feast! But again, this banquet didn't interest him. He had better, more important things to do- or so he thought.

The guests- the people of Israel were very comfortable the way they were. They had no desire to change. Jesus said- I'm here and the feast is ready! But when Jesus came, they rejected Him. They ignored Him, they persecuted Him. They would only attend this banquet on their own terms or not at all. Their possessions and position were more important than answering the call to come to supper.

Are we guilty of putting our plans and our timeline ahead of God's plans for us? When Jesus says, come aside and let's eat- do we say, 'just a minute- I've got to finish this?' Do we put off our faith for a more convenient time? Do we begin to make excuses to why we can't possibly be expected to come right now!

When the servant returns and tells the man putting on the banquet- they guy is

ANGRY!!! He has all this food, all this stuff prepared, and no one is coming. Well, forget those guys... instead go out and invite everyone you see! Invite those people that are the less fortunate, the forgotten, the 'unclean' and unimportant in the eyes of the Pharisees and religious leaders. The master is not satisfied with a partially full banquet hall; he wants every place at the table to be filled.

The servant went out even farther- find anyone you can to come and join the dinner- there is room for anyone that accepts the invitation to come and partake of the banquet. The new guests can hardly believe that they have been included! They accept the invitation and fill the banquet table. This is where we come in- this is referred to as the 'calling of the gentiles- and the church is full of them!!!

Many come to the banquet- AND there is still room!!!

- The meal is prepared for those that are thankful to be invited.
- The poor and humble are welcome.
- The least likely often benefit the most.
- We- the servants- must be quick and persistent to invite all that we can
- There is still room for more!
- One day Christ's house will be filled!

"God isn't willing that any should perish," 2 Peter 3:9. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," Romans 10:13.

We are to go and tell. The followers of Jesus are the servants that are to invite those along the road- everyone, everywhere- to this great banquet.

The Table is ready- and you have an invitation- are you coming?



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Paul was preparing to visit Rome, the capital of the empire. He was on his way to Jerusalem to bring the poverty-stricken people there a generous gift. From Corinth he wrote his most robust letter, which we now call the book of Romans—and already here in the prologue, he has made a most audacious statement: "I am not ashamed of the gospel. . . ." Paul felt indebted to the gospel—the good news of Jesus. He was ready to preach the gospel, and he was not ashamed of it.

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel even though he was arrested and flogged and stoned nearly to death because of it. Paul was not ashamed because the gospel is "the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" in Christ as Lord and Savior. The gospel is God's power for salvation. And this power is available for all who believe. It doesn't matter what people or nation they come from. What matters is that they believe.

The door of salvation is open in Christ. Behold the power of the gospel!

Lord, thank for giving us the gospel, the good news of Jesus, with its power for all who believe. Thank you for your grace and mercy in sending Jesus so that we can be saved to new life in you. May we live by faith in you, knowing that we never need to be ashamed because of you. In Jesus, Amen.

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Ranging from volunteering their time, donating money or needed supplies, planning and running events, basically whatever needs to be done.

Some projects the Mazeppa chapter have been involved in are:

Mazeppa Daze, National Night Out, adopt a highway, supporting various activities at the schools, weekly Bingo during the winter, Santa and candy bags for the kids at Christmas, participating with the Mazeppa Market, membership outings, just to name a few.

Lions club International was started in 1917 in Chicago by Melvin Jones to gather people to help improve their communities. Now over 100 years later there are chapters all over the world.

Local resident John Gruhlke is a charter member and continues to be an active member 50 years later. He reflects on all the wonderful people and great friends he has made



Commemorative pin celebrating 50 years

along with serving the local community.

Not many people can say they have served their local community for 50 years, John leads by example.

The Mazeppa Lions meet the first and third Thursday. Meetings are held at the Lions building in the Mazeppa park starting at 7pm. You can find them on Facebook under Mazeppa Lion's Club.

Hats off to the Mazeppa Lions and heres to the next 50 years!



50 year charter member John Gruhlke with Distict Governor Susan Althoff

Nancy L. Klennert

Nancy L. Klennert, 89, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at Olmsted Medical Center Hospital in Rochester.



Nancy was born on June 19, 1933 to Ray and Louise (Young) Irwin in Zumbro Falls, MN. Nancy was married to Thomas Klennert for 65 years.

Nancy was a homemaker, and loved gardening, cooking, and most of all being with family.

Nancy is survived by her children, Frank (Sharleen) Klennert; Jim (Ellen) Klennert; Rob (Joyce) Klennert; Patti Trout; siblings, Frank Irwin; Angie Irwin; sisters-in-law, Joanne (Basil) Irwin; Donna Klennert; 17 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas Klennert; granddaughters, Lisa Klennert; Malissa Sorum; and daughter, Sue Pickett; son-in-law, Edward "Pete" Trout; 4 brothers; and 2 sisters.

Burial will be at Zumbro Falls Cemetery at a later date.

Rochester Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and condolences of Nancy may be shared at rochestercremationservicesmn.com

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER" EXPERIENCE COMING May 7

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OF THE PASSOVER
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THE MESSIAH
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MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER, a vivid and exciting demonstration showing how Jesus fulfilled the ancient feast of Passover, will be held on May 7 @ 10:30 am at the South Troy Church; 56817 Highway 63 Zumbro Falls, MN. This visual presentation will be conducted by Chosen People Ministries.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER begins with the traditional Passover Seder table—complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion. MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. The experience also helps both Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

This meeting is open to the public. Both the Christian as well as the Jewish community are invited to attend. A love offering will be received. For more information, please call or email the contact above.

Chosen People Ministries is over 128 years old, an evangelical mission that was founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah promised by the Hebrew Scriptures. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry to "the Jew first and to the Gentile." More information is online at chosenpeople.com.

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Thank You

We want to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for the telephone calls, beautiful cards with comforting words, and those that stopped by to visit in remembering our great employee and friend Robert Staub.

Some didn't know his name but they knew the smile and wave!
Your kindness was greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.
God bless you all!

*Joyce and Dianne and Amy
Atkinson*

Mazeppa Native Earns DNR Award

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Wayne also worked for IBM at the time as a 1st Line Manufacturing manager, and remained there for 32 years. He continued to farm for 43 years before injuring his leg in 2012, and moving into Wanamingo.

Being an avid hunter and fisherman, he took an advanced course in firearm safety. Eventually, he was asked to "help out" in the firearm safety programs in Rochester, Wanamingo, and Zumbrota, and he accepted the position.

He remained as a trainer for 30 years!

I asked him what he taught his students in those 30 years. He said firearm safety consists of more than properly shooting a gun. It's what to do when someone hands you a gun, how to operate it, and what to wear while hunting. Also, knowing how to survive if you get lost is of utmost importance. Wayne learned this lesson the hard way in 1974. He was hunting in northern Minnesota with his son and their 2 friends tracking a moose they had sighted when he got separated from the rest of his party. I asked him how that happened, and he said he didn't map out his coordinates, and he should have been more prepared. He had to build a shelter and shoot and cook up a squirrel to survive in the 2 ½ days he wandered about. On the 3rd day, he was rescued by a helicopter search team, but he was already heading back to camp.

How? By using his map and compass like he should have done to begin with! Lesson learned! So, add survival skills to the tool box.

Wondering about the ages of those he taught, the answer is 12 to 72. I asked him if he ever hears back from his students, and he said just 2 weeks ago a man came up to him and Audrey at the Dairy Queen and thanked him for his training, and told Audrey what a great job he did.

He has also helped mothers to understand how important hunter safety training is. He teaches the mothers not to be afraid of the gun itself. "With the proper training, a gun is no more than a tool", says Wayne. "When a mother is concerned about her children taking the course, it is because she doesn't understand. I teach her how important it is to know that safety training gives her child knowledge

of the tool, and how to properly use it. A firearm won't hurt you unless there's an idiot behind it!"

I asked him where his favorite place to hunt was, and he decided the Northwest Territories were the most eventful. From almost missing a ferry because of being detained at a check point, to the Caribou hunts he had the pleasure of being part of, it ranks at the top of his list. Wayne has hunted in all but two of the Canadian Territories and provinces, and many of the best hunting spots in United States. He has had many experiences on those trips, and has a lot of stories to tell. In his living room are many of the subjects of his adventures! There were a few fish and mammals I had never seen before. What a pleasure it was to hear his stories!

Congratulations, Wayne, on a job well done!

Where Our Thoughts Go, Energy Flows

Energy is involved in every aspect of our daily lives. We use energy to heat and cool our homes, to provide us with light in the evenings, to cook our food, and to charge our cell phones and computers. We also as humans have a specific energy signature that surrounds us. Some people may refer to it as our aura, while others refer to it as a torrid field. Our thoughts are energy that we express into the ether. We must ask ourselves, how important are our thoughts that we think about ourselves, others, or even our environment and the world we live in?



By Susan Hinrichsen, CHC, CLC

One of the laws of thermodynamics says that energy can neither be created nor destroyed. This is interesting when you think about our bodies as humans and how we have our own electrical system that supports our body, keeps our heart beating, keeps us breathing and gives us life. The laws of thermodynamics are important unifying principles of biology. These principles govern the chemical processes (metabolism) in all biological organisms.

Quantum science has been around for decades, and that information and research is starting to come out more in the mainstream and readily accessed. The most advanced research is being done in epigenetics. This information I find fascinating! They have learned that as humans we are bioplastic beings, meaning our biology is not fixed even at birth. We also have genetic plasticity, which means our genetics are not fixed. We also have neural plasticity, which means our nervous system is also not fixed. It can modify itself functionally and structurally not only in response to injury, but also in response to experience. Research is showing that it is possible to "upgrade" our biology, neurons, and cognitive abilities all the way down to the level of DNA, and below to the gene level.

What makes this possible is epigenetic triggers that we are familiar with. Such things as: Nutrition, breath work (such as meditation and Kundalini yoga), supplements, water, movement, and our thoughts. The way we think about ourselves, the images that we hold in our mind of ourselves both conscious and subconsciously. Studies are now showing the neurons in our brains, in the neocortex, respond to the image we hold in our mind of anything. When we see something happening, those neurons are triggered, and they begin to create the body chemistry that matches the vision that is being held.

The principle here is when you can see it, and then actually feel what it is you are seeing, this then triggers an epigenetic response. What this means is that it is possible to heal yourself without drugs or invasive procedures.

As this new research is being done and studied, imagine what this could mean for our health, our physical condition(s), and our overall well-being. What sorts of health issues could we potentially improve or reverse with the knowledge this research is providing?

As science advances and our knowledge increases, it seems to be pointing in a direction that the more we look within ourselves, connect to our inner intuition, and create a relationship with our bodies; we may be able to create a more optimal ecosystem for our humanness to thrive. This also applies to our life experiences in creating the life we want. So, if thoughts become things, or the more we are aware of the effect of our thoughts on our physical health, the more we can take control of our well-being, without drugs or procedures.

If you find this information as fascinating as I do, there is a book you can pick up called "Human By Design: From Evolution By Chance To Transformation By Choice" By Gregg Braden.

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MISSY'S MESSAGE



MISSY PAPENFUS

UP AT 6AM!

I feel like if I report it here in my article, I have a better chance of making-a-plan and sticking to it. I have been slacking and not wanting to get up early in the morning to exercise like I used to. I am committing to getting up at 6AM to get my workouts done for the day. I started using a new app called "Greatness" two weeks ago. You create a list of habits and stick to them every day. It has really helped me quit hitting the snooze button (in turn getting my exercise out of the way for the day) and drinking more water. Drinking a glass of water is one of the first things I do each day, now a 15 day streak. I have also been consistent getting more steps in and back to early morning walking with my walking partner. I am hoping to continue these new habits and will report back next month.

Memo from MotoProz...

Spring is here...Tis' the season! We have a great supply of new and used side by sides, new EZGO Golf carts, and new Hustler zero turn mowers! Stop in to check them out or take a look online at www.motoproz.com! The place to go is MotoProz in Mazeppa!

Missy and her husband Mike own MotoProz in Mazeppa.

Artificial sweeteners are dangerous!



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

The business of artificial sweeteners is built on the idea that no- or low-calorie sugar substitutes will help you lose weight. Unfortunately, this simply isn't true. Research has repeatedly shown that artificially sweetened "diet" foods and beverages tend to stimulate your appetite, increase cravings for carbs, and stimulate fat storage and weight gain. Part of the problem is that artificial sweeteners trick your body into thinking that it's going to receive sugar (calories), and when the sugar doesn't arrive, your body signals that it needs

more, which results in carb cravings. This connection between sweet taste and increased hunger can be found in the medical literature going back at least two decades. Artificial sweeteners also produce a variety of metabolic dysfunctions that promote weight gain. A 2010 review in the Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine is of particular relevance, as it offers a great historical summary of artificial sweeteners and the epidemiological and experimental evidence showing that artificial sweeteners tends to promote weight gain. It also illustrates that as usage of artificial sweeteners has risen, so has obesity rates. According to the author of the review: "Intuitively, people choose non-caloric artificial sweeteners over sugar to lose or maintain weight... But do artificial sweeteners actually help reduce weight? Surprisingly, epidemiologic data suggest the contrary. Several large scale prospective cohort studies found positive correlation between artificial sweetener use and weight gain." Another study, cited in a recent Democrat & Chronicle article, "found that frequent drinkers of diet sodas had waist circumference increases that were 500 percent greater than non-drinkers of diet soda."

Chiropractic Thought for the Week: Pain relief? Yes. More mobility? Yes. Enhanced performance? Yes. Improved health? Yes. Increased quality of life? Yes. This is what chiropractic care can do for you. Not sure about the how or the why? Here it is. Spinal

adjustments realign your spinal joints, balancing your neck and back musculature. This increases mobility and relieves aches and dis-

comforts. The outcome of less pain, more mobility and improved health leads to a greater quality of life for you!

A Monthly Moment at MotoProz



By Missy Papenfus

Only in Minnesota. Only in Minnesota, the first week of April is 80 degrees followed by a week of cold, a snow storm, and then rain. Tuesday, April 4, it was so busy at MotoProz, I was exhausted at the end of the day. We sold new golf carts, ATVs, many machines were dropped off for maintenance, and Stihl yard sweepers to get the gravel off yards that was left behind after all the snow this winter.

I keep reminding myself summer is around the corner!

Missy's Managing the Manor

A monthly read with tips and tricks (that work for me) on my quest to becoming more organized while decluttering.

Procrastination - What "To Do's" have you been putting off?



By Missy Papenfus

After Monty's graduation party in 2020, we rarely entertain at our house. I have lingering items on my to do list I would like to get done "eventually". The longest running on my to-do list is to fix the holes in a few of our window and patio door screens. I even went so far as to buy a couple screen patch kits last year. I forgot where I put them, then found them again, but still have not used them. We have solar deck lights that are three years old (new for the graduation party) and need some attention, because they don't all work anymore. We have a couple outdoor lights that are faded to an awful rusty black color, we bought spray paint for, and haven't painted yet. Another job is window cleaning, and do we ever have a lot of windows! A few years back I ordered an "ecloth" to clean the windows. I have seen them at Menards, and they work awesome! No chemicals, just two rags, one to get wet to wash the window and the other to wipe it dry, streak free. No excuses washing windows, because with these rags, they make it so simple!

All these tasks won't even take long. We have the supplies to do them, just waiting on some nicer weather to tackle them!

After two straight days of organizing my house January 1st and 2nd, I told myself the rest of winter I would focus on snowmobiling as much as we could and getting our tax stuff together. Snowmobile trails are closed and tax time has come and gone. Time to and change some "to-dos" to "to-done". Make a smaller list of what you've been putting off, and I challenge you, get it done!

Stay tuned for next month's topic: Speed cleaning habits/chores/routines. There's so much to do, so little time. Bye for now!

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Minnesota Moms: Join this Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge

By Minnesota DNR

Moms who live in Minnesota are invited to join a free virtual fishing challenge Saturday, May 13, through Sunday, May 14, during Take a Mom Fishing Weekend, when all Minnesota moms can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

To participate in the Mother's Day weekend fishing challenge, moms simply need to join the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge Facebook group and submit one photo of each fish they catch. All participants who submit a fish will be entered in a random drawing for prizes provided by the Student Anglers Organization, including SCHEELS gift cards. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is partnering with the Student Anglers Organization to organize the challenge.

"I am excited to celebrate Mother's Day weekend by fishing and join this fun fishing challenge," DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen said. "Fishing has always been one of the ways my son and I spend time together. I invite all Minnesota moms to get outdoors and spend some time with family and friends

enjoying our state's beautiful waters and making memories."

Contest details are available on the Student Anglers Association website opens in a new browser tab. In the contest, no fish is too small and all fish species count.

"What better way to show appreciation for moms on Mother's Day weekend than sharing time on Minnesota's waters," said Jimmy Bell, president of the Student Anglers Organization. "In this way, moms across the state can share in the legacy of the outdoor life and tradition of fishing."

The Minnesota State Legislature established Take a Mom Fishing Weekend in 1988 to coincide with Mother's Day. This year, the weekend also happens during fishing opener — seasons begin Saturday, May 13, for wall-eye, northern pike, bass, and trout in lakes.

To celebrate the fishing season, the Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener event is taking place May 12-14 in Mankato. During the event on May 13, several anglers with the Student Anglers Organization will be fishing with their moms on Madison Lake and the moms will be taking part in the Minnesota Moms Fishing Challenge.

Fishing season dates and regulations are available on the DNR fishing page. Find out how and where to fish, learn about fishing equipment, read about ways to catch different kinds of fish and get acquainted with fishing ethics, and being stewards of Minnesota's natural resources, on the DNR learn to fish page.

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MDA Announces New Grant Opportunity to Support Emerging Farmers

Technical assistance grant applications due June 26

A new grant opportunity for organizations that support emerging farmers is now open for applications through the Minnesota Depart-

ment of Agriculture's (MDA) Rural Finance Authority (RFA).

The Emerging Farmer Technical Assistance Grant is available to those who provide technical assistance services to emerging farmers in Minnesota. Grant funds can also be used by these organizations to pay up to 65% of emerging farmers' premium expenses for up to two years under the USDA Micro Farm Crop Insurance program.

"Access to culturally appropriate technical assistance is a top need for Minnesota's emerging farmers," says Patrice Bailey, assistant commissioner at the MDA. "This grant is an important tool to support farmers and producers across the state in overcoming disparities and barriers to opening new path-

ways to agriculture."

Technical assistance consists of helping farmers with financials, business planning, record keeping, regulations, land access, marketing, applying for state and federal programs, and/or other farm business needs.

Emerging farmers include farmers who are American Indian or Alaskan Natives, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, members of a community of color, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, or any other

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Applications for the grant are due by June 26, 2023, at 8 a.m. The RFA will award \$540,000 in one-time grants through a competitive review process, with a maximum award amount of \$100,000 and a minimum award amount of \$10,000. Decisions are expected in July 2023.

For more information and to access the application materials, visit the Emerging Farmer Technical Assistance Grant webpage.

MFBF Leaders Speak Up About Rural Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness and help break stigmas around mental health and those it affects.

Addressing mental health in farming and rural communities is a priority for the Minnesota Farm Bureau (MFBF) and its members. In the past, discussing the issues around mental health was met with resistance in the agriculture community, but with increased pressures alongside an increase in available resources the agriculture community is beginning to open up.

MFBF Promotion & Education (P&E) Committee Chair Cindy Durham and Foundation Director Ruth Meirick are available for interviews throughout the month of May to discuss mental health awareness, resources and the importance of starting the conversation in the agriculture community. Please email MFBF Director of Communications Rachel Reisig, rachel.reisig@fbmn.org, for availability and to schedule an interview with Cindy Durham or other leaders.

The P&E Committee is also continuing its mental health awareness campaign started last year. Committee members will contribute personal stories, resources and other conversation starters to be featured on MFBF social media to continue to open doors around this important topic throughout the month.

About the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

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 (New) -21 slidebar clamps - Quick grips-Sears 3hp 20gal air compressor - 4,6,8' fiberglass ladders - many wood clamps-B/D electric power washer-forks & shovels - 5 large organizer cabinets full -Ames plastic yard cart-many electric cords-Bostitch air brad nailer & case - Sears airless paint sprayer - 4 metal folding saw horses - many metal & aluminum squares-Toro 20v cordless string trimmer - Rexon 1" belt sander - Porter cable profile sander & case - Microtek scan maker 1800 in box - 2 wire dog cages-Magic Chef dorm fridge-Igloo cooler - Cabela's atlas snow shoes (new) -4'x8' plywood & misc. lumber-3 office star plastic folding tables - Jason 7x35 binoculars - Bushell 10x50 binoculars - Lots of new fishing tackle - Haggen Professional wire former-Lots of Rods & reels- Cabela's tackle bags - Pine wood bench with wood vice (nice) - Crosman 357 air pistol & case Reclining camping cot - many hand tools-wheel barrel - 2 hand trucks - Toro 22" Personal Pace rear wheel drive walk mower w/ electric start (nice) - Hose in box - Patio set w/4 chairs - garbage cans

Antiques
 40+ collector wood planes - Stanley 45 in box - Stanley 113 compass circular plane - Lane cedar chest-cookie cutters - 6qt glass butter churn -pink & green depression glass-Griswold #10 fry pan-wood carvings - rocks & agates - Oak quarter saw 5 drawer dresser- Oak office chair-Fenton baskets- Oak table with 4 chair all stripped- Homemade quilts - Child's high chair walnut sewing rocker - Terry Redlin Framed & matted Prints, Homeward bound, Family Traditions, Together for the seasons, Coming Home, Oak beveled hall mirror with hooks 34.5x21.5 - oval lamp table 22" - Hyline Chick bags, knife, patch - Comic books - Owatonna Indian items- Blue Ball Qt jars - Kerosene lamps - Elephant cookie jar (USA) - Bearie Babies - Enesco Angel Figurines Collection (many) - Board Games - small ice tongs - pipe wrench set - ford wrenches - Rock Spring wood pop crate- yard sticks - Oil measure- Vintage Selberling Bye-Bye Baby doll - Disney books , watches, pewter figurines , - 50+ pieces of McCoy pottery - Jack knives - Norman Rockwell plates - James Patterson book collection - Dr Suess books - Steele County Civil War Books - Many vintage prints - Vinyl Records - Stoneware mixing bowls - Marbles - Picture frame material -

Collector Coins & Foreign Money
 2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame Uncirculated half dollar - D - (19) Foreign coin - India 1942 1/2 Rupee - Scents - 10 cents - one Rupee - 10 Rupee - China 1941 Ten Yuan - 1936 One Yuan - 1935 Five Yuan - West Africa One Franc - India 1940 one Rupee bank notes - Iowa 1976 America Revolution Bicentennial - Owatonna 1854-1945 Sesquicentennial coin - Grand Portage Monument Coin - 1941-1945 National World War II Museum Coin - (5) Statue of Liberty Museum Founder Coins - Minnesota American Revolution Bicentennial 1778-1978 coins - Vintage Magician Coin - * misc. coins not listed *

Household
 Maytag Bravos Commercial washer & electric dryer (white) very nice - Westinghouse upright freezer - Hoover wind tunnel upright vacuum - Kenmore in-tuition upright vacuum - Couch & Chair set (green) - Roll-top 54" desk newer style - 3 wood bookshelves 34"x75"-6 drawer jewelry box - Oak curio cabinet- Tradewin 3 pc bedroom set, sleigh bed with box spring mattress, dresser & chest of drawers - Quilt racks - Singer Pro-Finish model 14CG754 sewing machine - Singer model 160 limited edition anniversary computerized sewing machine - Lots of kitchen items- 8 pc Fiesta ware - many storage totes- Cookbooks - Lots of crafting materials & sewing - Quilting items- many table lamps - step stools - round oak kitchen chair w/ 4 chairs - Kenmore Power Spray carpet cleaner - Linens - Sentry floor safe-Bissell proheat 2x pet vacuum- HP Envoy Photo 7855 printer (new) - Legato carpet squares 210 sq ft - Nintendo DS games - Canon AE-1 35mm camera with extra lens - 3 stain glass table lamps - card table w/ 4 chairs - Lots of Christmas lights & wood cut outs - Many DVD & VHS movies - 100 + mystery books - New women purses - (2) 3pcs luggage sets

Collector wood planes
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- * 8:45-10am reg. Road Rally • Start at Goodhue C-Store, \$5/person
- * 9am Udder Run • Starts at back of GHS, \$15/ea adv | \$20/ea day
- * 9am-2pm Craft and Vendor Show • Community Center/Lion's Building
- * 9am Co-ed Sand Volleyball Tourn. • Rosie Park, \$60/team
- * 10am-1pm Kids Bounce Party • GHS Gym 3
- * 10am 3-on-3 Basketball • GHS Gym 1, \$100/Team
- * 11am Bean Bag Tourn. • Rosie Park, \$40/team
- * 1pm Bingo • Fire Hall
- * 1-4pm Gopher State Garden Tractor Pull • 3rd Ave
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- 9am Community Worship Lutheran Service • GHS Gym 1
- * 1pm Parade
- * 2pm Fire Dept. Water Fight • Fire Dept.
- * 2pm Bryan Anderson Live • Corner Bar



2023 Sesquicentennial Farm Recipients Announced

EAGAN, Minn. - The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) is pleased to recognize 43 recipients of the Sesquicentennial Farm award for 2023.

To qualify, a family farm must be in continuous family ownership for at least 150 years, be 50 acres or larger, and currently be involved in agricultural production.

A commemorative certificate signed by Governor Tim Walz, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen and MFBF President Dan Glessing will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign signifying Sesquicentennial Farm recognition.

Wabasha County

Kellogg – Mahoney-Irish Farm, 1869

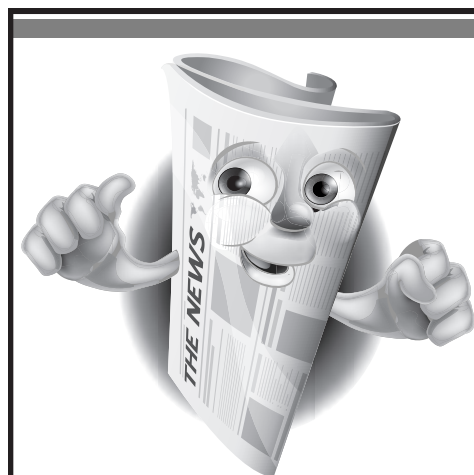
2023 Century Farm Recipients Announced

The Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau recognize 89 Minnesota farms as 2023 Century Farms. Qualifying farms have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and are 50 acres or more. Century Farm families receive a commemorative sign, as well as a certificate signed by Minnesota State Fair and Minnesota Farm Bureau presidents and Governor Tim Walz. Since the program began in 1976, more than 11,000 Minnesota farms have been recognized as Century Farms.

2023 Century Farm families are listed by county, then by the farm's city or township, family or farm names and year of original purchase:

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Anhydrous Safety Should be Top Concern This Spring

The MDA offers safety tips for those maintaining equipment and applying and transporting NH3

Many farmers and applicators will soon apply anhydrous ammonia (NH3) prior to planting or sidedress after planting. Even with a rush against time and the weather, safety should never be compromised. Accidents involving anhydrous ammonia have proven how dangerous and deadly the chemical can be when not handled properly.

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is providing the following tips to farmers and applicators so they can safely apply anhydrous ammonia.

Always wear appropriate goggles and gloves. Never wear contact lenses.

Be sure to have a clean, adequate emergency water supply of at least 5 gallons.

Exercise caution when making connections and disconnections as if lines contain anhydrous ammonia.

Stand upwind when connecting, disconnecting, bleeding lines, or transferring NH3. Also, close, bleed, disconnect, and secure

valves and transfer lines when taking breaks or disconnecting lines, and be sure to handle hose end valves by the valve body.

Position equipment away and downwind from homes, people, and livestock.

Safety is also key to those maintaining anhydrous ammonia equipment. Never assume NH3 lines are empty, always wear proper protective equipment, and have access to safety water.

When towing a nurse tank down the road, drive sensibly. Do not go any faster than 30 miles per hour, display a slow-moving vehicle (SVM) emblem visible from the rear, and be sure the tank is secured to the tractor or truck with two separate, independent chains that supplement the hitch pin/clip.

If an accident or spill occurs, immediately call 911 and then the Minnesota Duty Officer at 1-800-422-0798 or 651-649-5451.

You can find more safety, storage, and transportation information on the MDA's website at www.mda.state.mn.us/nh3.

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May Weed of the Month: Johnsongrass

Johnsongrass is a tall perennial grass that grows up to 8 feet and can cause millions of dollars of lost agricultural revenue

By Emilie Justen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

In January, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) added Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*) to the Prohibited Eradicate Noxious Weed List. Johnsongrass is a tall perennial grass that grows up to 8 feet and can cause millions of dollars of lost agricultural revenue. It was first introduced into the United States as a forage crop in the early 1800s.



Johnsongrass prefers full sun and disturbed soil and can tolerate a variety of habitats. Johnsongrass grows in pastures, roadsides, ditches, abandoned lots, and waste areas. It spreads vegetatively by rhizomes, growing vigorously up to 60 feet in a single year. It produces large quantities of seed that are moved by humans, animals, and water.

Johnsongrass has several identifiable characteristics; each leaf grows up to 8 feet long and has a distinct white midrib down the center of the leaf. The stems of the plant are hairless. Johnsongrass flowers occur in loose, spreading, purplish panicles. The panicles produce small seeds enclosed in spikelets.

Because Johnsongrass is adapted to a wide variety of habitats, it is challenging to manage. It spreads aggressively, forming dense colonies which displace native vegetation and suppress other plant species. For the agricultural industry, Johnsongrass infestations can significantly reduce soybean and corn yields if not properly managed.

Johnsongrass produces toxic amounts of cyanide if grown under stressful conditions like extreme heat, cold, and drought. Levels of cyanide can accumulate within the plant and become toxic to livestock when ingested. It also can accumulate excess nitrogen from the soil, causing potential nitrate poisoning in sheep and cattle if ingested.

Since Johnsongrass is not known to be present in Minnesota, early identification and treatment of any newly discovered infestations are the keys to managing it. For small populations, mechanical removal of the whole plant and root system may be effective. Exposing the rhizome to extreme heat or cold can also effectively kill the rhizomes. Herbicide treatments are also an option; please contact your local University of Minnesota Extension office for herbicide recommendations.

Report suspected Johnsongrass infestations to the MDA's Report a Pest online form. For more information on the plant, visit the MDA's plant species page.

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DNR Shares Top 10 Tips for Planning a Camping Trip in State Parks, Recreation Areas and Forest Campgrounds

As Minnesotans prepare for the summer camping season, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources shares tips to help in planning an outdoor adventure.

“We know Minnesotans love being outdoors, and getting outside after a long winter is exciting,” said Ann Pierce, Parks and Trails Division director. “We also know time and knowledge can be barriers in planning a camping trip. We’re working to alleviate this for folks by providing information to help them prepare for a fun experience.”

Book campsites early, and be flexible if you can’t book early

Reservations for campsites in state parks and recreation areas can be made up to 120 days in advance. Reservations are in high demand for holiday weekends and at the most popular parks, like those on the North Shore.

If reservations are full, the DNR has three

suggestions. First, sign up for the “notify me” function on the reservation website to get notified by email if there’s a cancellation. Second, consider a camping trip on weekdays instead of the busy weekends if your schedule allows. Third, look for open reservations at less busy parks. Our list of quiet state park getaways on the DNR website opens in a new browser tab provides suggestions for locations more likely to have open reservations.

Looking for flexible camping options?

Try camping in a state forest.

If spontaneity is your style, try camping in a state forest where all campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and dispersed camping is allowed. Learn more on the DNR’s state forest camping web page opens in a new browser tab.

Buy a vehicle permit

A permit is required for each vehicle entering state parks and recreation areas. Permits can be purchased online or at park offices during open hours. The cost is \$7 per day or \$35 per year. If you’re camping just one night, a one-day permit will be valid until check-out time. Find details on the Minnesota state park vehicle permit web page opens in a new browser tab. State forests do not require a vehicle permit.

Pack smart

Sometimes it can be hard to figure out what to pack for a camping trip, especially for those who are new to camping. For a good starting point, the DNR has a camping supply checklist opens in a new browser tab.

Check equipment before you leave home

Broken tent poles or a leaky air mattress might ruin a camping trip or make it less



comfortable. If your camping gear hasn’t been used in a while or is new, test it at home before the trip to make sure it works.

Research events to enhance your trip

Events and programs are scheduled at state parks throughout the year, offering a wide range of activities from fishing and birding, to interpretive hikes, to crafting. Visitors of all ages are welcome, and no prior experience is needed. Find event listings on the state parks and trails event calendar opens in a new browser tab.

Check visitor alerts before leaving home

State park and recreation area websites post visitor alerts to communicate important information related to safety, closures, construction projects and other helpful details. Find visitor alerts by choosing a park from the state parks map opens in a new browser tab.

Don’t get lost, navigate with a smartphone

The Avenza Maps app uses GPS location tracking so visitors can stay found, even off the grid. After you download the app and a GeoPDF map, no internet or cell service is needed. DNR maps can be downloaded for

free. Get details on the DNR’s GeoPDF web page opens in a new browser tab.

Watch the weather

Stay in the know by enabling severe weather notifications on your smartphone. Because cell service is not available in all locations within state parks, recreation areas and forests, visitors may want to bring a weather radio to get information about severe weather warnings, watches and advisories.

Document your trip and share your photos

Make sure to bring a camera to document the great memories made on the camping trip, and we’d love for you to share your photos with us. Images submitted may be featured on the Parks and Trails social media accounts. Share photos on the DNR photo sharing web page opens in a new browser tab.

For more information about any of these camping tips, visit www.mndnr.gov opens in a new browser tab or contact the DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us opens in a new browser tab or 888-646-6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).



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Report Fish Die-offs to Help DNR, Others Respond As Needed

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources encourages Minnesotans to contact the state duty officer if they see evidence of a fish die-off in a lake or stream. Fish die-offs can result from a variety of natural and human causes.

"People can help by reporting fish die-offs right away," DNR Limnology Consultant Tom Burri said. "These reports alert state agencies to the situation and help us determine appropriate next steps."

To report fish die-offs, people should call the Minnesota duty officer at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798 (the officer line is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week). An early report allows timely water and fish sampling or other response actions, if needed. It's especially helpful to know what sizes and

types of fish people see in a fish die-off.

In early spring, the retreat of lake and stream ice can sometimes leave behind fish that died during ice cover, commonly referred to as winterkill. When snow and ice cover a lake, sunlight reaching aquatic plants is limited. The plants, in turn, reduce the amount of oxygen they produce. If vegetation dies from lack of sunlight or other cause, the plants start to decompose, which uses the limited oxygen that is dissolved in the water. If oxygen depletion becomes severe enough, fish die.

In mid-spring and summer, fish die-offs are often the result of warming water and opportunistic infections that spread in fish populations that are already stressed after the spawning season. Species commonly observed in these die-offs include sunfish, crappies and bullheads, and, occasionally, largemouth bass and northern pike.

When die-offs of wild fish are the result of disease issues, the affected fish tend to be of a single species and size range. By contrast, when die-offs include multiple species and size ranges, human activity is more likely to be the cause.

Human causes of fish kills can include water discharged at high temperatures; discharges or spills of toxic chemicals, includ-

ing pesticides and fertilizers; manure runoff; and low oxygen levels in a lake resulting from storm water that runs off urban or rural landscapes. Often, there are multiple causes

contributing to fish deaths.

More information on fish kills is available on the DNR website.

Minnesota Twins Offer Free Hats

Anyone with a 2023 Minnesota fishing or hunting license can receive a free special edition orange Minnesota Twins logo cap and a ticket discount thanks to a special ticket offer from the Twins.

That's right — Minnesota DNR Days are back at Twins games this season, through a partnership between the Twins and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The Minnesota DNR Days partnership includes six games this year:

Saturday, April 29 vs. Kansas City Royals, 1:10 p.m.

Friday, May 26 vs. Toronto Blue Jays, 7:10 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13 vs. Milwaukee Brewers, 6:40 p.m.

Sunday, July 23 vs. Chicago White Sox, 1:10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 19 vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, 6:10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9 vs. New York Mets, 1:10 p.m.

License holders can purchase a discounted game ticket online and receive a special Twins cap at the game. Ticket prices vary by game. License holders must purchase their tickets ahead of time through the DNR's special Twins page opens in a new browser tab in order to receive the hat at DNR Days. The person who purchased the tickets must show their hunting or fishing license, or a photo of it, at the game when they pick up the hats. This is a high-demand promotion with a limited quantity of hats. Instructions for purchasing tickets are on the Minnesota DNR Days page.

People can buy fishing and hunting licenses at any DNR license agent, online with a mobile or desktop device, or by phone at 888-665-4236. Mobile license buyers receive a text or email that serves as proof of a valid fish or game license to state conservation officers.

Historical Happenings

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1955

STUDENTS ESCAPE SERIOUS INJURY IN SUNDAY ACCIDENT

Six local boys escaped serious injury last Sunday afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding left the road near Kenneth Tupper's farm south of town, and was demolished.

Passengers were Gary Oelkers, driver, Charles Robinson, Leonard Liffrog, Jim and Larry Sand and Bill Webster. Robinson received a cracked collarbone and was taken to Zumbrota for medical treatment. The others were shaken up and had a few bruises and minor cuts.

Rural School Plat Denied Approval

The state department of education has rejected the rural plat composed of 21 districts in this area, including Mazeppa. Notice of the rejection was announced last week.

Reasons for the rejection included overlapping of districts, some in process of dissolution, and District 80 (Zumbro Falls) also included in the plat, has already consolidated with Lake City.

Absence of existing facilities for secondary education and the high cost of erecting the necessary unit to house pupils of proposed area was another factor cited in the rejection.

NO WORD ON LOCAL PLAT

Mazeppa's plat for consolidation is still with the state department and no word on its status has been received. Information is expected in the near future.

Obituaries

MRS. BERTHA SEIBERT

Funeral services for Bertha Seibert, 88 years old, who died in the Zumbrota Community hospital early Sunday morning, were conducted Tuesday at 2p.m. in St. John's Lutheran church here(Mazeppa) with burial in the Poplar Grove cemetery, Pine Island township. Rev. Theo. Haar officiated.

Bertha Sommerfeldt was born in Deutschfeldt, Germany, March 16, 1867 and immigrated to the United States when she was about 22 years old. After living in Wisconsin for four years, she came to Minnesota where she married Henry Seibert on Sept. 4, 1894. The couple lived on a farm south of Mazeppa before moving to town in 1920. Mr. Seibert died in 1936.

Surviving are her son, Edwin of Stillwater; two stepchildren, Robert of Mazeppa and Mrs. Albert Ihrke of Zumbrota; two brothers, William of Manawa, Wisconsin and Otto in Germany; three sisters, Marie Mengert of Manawa, Wisconsin, Anna Fischer of Ellsworth, Wis., and Alvina in Germany.

Pallbearers were Albert Schreder, Otto King, Edward Youngs, Henry Prigge, Carl Sommerfeldt and Henry Thiele.

JC Pfeiffer Awarded trip to Itasca Park

Outstanding work in the 4-H conservation program, has won for JC Pfeiffer, Mazeppa, a member of the Busy 54's club, a trip to the State 4-H Conservation camp in Itasca Park, Sept. 10-17.

METHODIST HAM DINNER

The ladies of the Methodist church will serve their annual ham dinner Thursday, Sept. 15, in the fellowship rooms; beginning at 5 p.m. Prices are \$1.25 for adults and 60c for children under 12.

KILLING FROST IN AREA EARLIEST IN 38 YEARS

The earliest killing frost in 38 years hit Mazeppa and area, Sunday morning. However, late-maturing crops were about two weeks ahead of schedule, so the frost did little damage except to gardens.

A heavy rain Tuesday night helped a great deal, as plowing has been held up because of the hard ground.

Once again, how fortunate southeastern Minnesota was---having neither drought nor flood and on the whole enjoying excellent yield.

Local News

Thomas Manthei, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Manthei, returned home from St. Mary's hospital, Rochester on Friday. He had been a patient there since last week, Tuesday with polio (non-paralytic).

The Commercial Club met on Monday evening with supper at Arendt's Café and a regular meeting following at the Community rooms.

Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

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 Michael Hammes, Dustin Wiebusch, and Erica Young.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Engineer Matt Mohs, Jean Meyer from Wabasha County Assessor's office, John Clemens, Luke Lunde from WSB Associates, Andrew Piva, Mark Darcy, Jenny Darcy, MMLS manager Todd Ihrke, and City Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Present via electronic meeting: Holly Galbus from the News Record, and Robert Josse-lyn.

Absent: Councilperson Steve Liffbrig.

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

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to close the regular meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Regular meeting was closed at 6:01 PM.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to open the Board of Equalization open book meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Open Book Board of Equalization meeting was opened at 6:02 PM.

Jean Meyer from the Wabasha County As-

essor's office lead the meeting.

Mark and Jenny Darcy requested information on changing value due to usage on forfeited tax land they purchased at auction due to change in intended use. A meeting between assessor and landowners to discuss land classification was set.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to close the Board of Equalization open book hearing. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Open Book Board of Equalization hearing closed at 6:30 PM.

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

Motion by Hammes, second by Wiebusch to approve the meeting minutes for the March 8, 2023 regular City Council meeting and the March 19, 2023 special meeting of the City Council. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sherriff Incident Command report was distributed, but no Sherriff's report was given.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang read the Public Works report.

Mr. Nahrgang read the Volunteer Fire Department report.

Mr. Nahrgang gave the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store report and introduced Liquor Store manager Todd Ihrke.

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

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve a professional services contract with Bolton and Menk to perform pre-engineering work for the trail extension project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

City Administrator Karl Nahrgang gave the City Hall activities report. Two fund transfers were requested.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve transferring \$100,000 from sewer reserves to sewer fund to pay for engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant replacement project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to transfer the final 2 payments on the Liquor Store remodel loan from the liquor fund to the general fund. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

The interfund loan to the liquor store was set up on a 10 year pay back and was paid back in 6 years.

Nick Graves is asking the City to work with

Graves Auctions on a plan for making 11th Ave. passable to the first of the lots he owns in the Mazeppa Business Park.

Andrew Piva requested permission to hold a disc golf tournament at the Herb Vik Park disc golf course on May 28, 2023. This will be the 3rd year for this event.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve the disc golf tournament at Herb Vik Park for May 28, 2023 with a waiver of City liability to be signed by participants. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Building Permits: MZ23-02, 1590 Riverbluff Rd. SE -finish basement. MZ23-03, 558 3rd Ave. NE - Water Heater replacement. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Marie Hlava with the SE MN Area Agency on Aging wanted to bring to the Council's attention the potential change in formula of federal funds being distributed to the 6 Areas within Minnesota and ask that members go to their website to request that a greater emphasis be put on the agencies representing rural areas.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Ordinance 2023-01 approving the updated Zoning District Map. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Summary Publication of Ordinance 2023-01. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve revised pay equity report for submission to the State of Minnesota. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Luke Lunde of WSB gave a summation of the bid process and the bid opening for the Riverbank Restoration project and recommended the Council take the low bid from Barth Construction, Inc.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to accept bid of \$161,931 from Barth Construction, Inc. and proceed with the Riverbank Restoration project. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Hammes

to approve Resolution 2023-16 granting signature authority to on Liquor Store accounts to Todd Ihrke as Liquor Store Manager. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2023-17 Certifying past due water sewer accounts to be assessed to 2024 property tax. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve replacing street light control boxes for 1st Ave. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

1st Reading for Ordinance 2023-02 Amending Ordinance 15-1 Regarding Transient Merchants, Hawkers, Peddlers, and Solicitors by creating and excepting Community Markets. A public hearing will be set.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve Resolution 2023-18 Accepting donations from the Mazeppa Lion's Club and Mazeppa Fire Relief. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve Resolution 2023-19 Granting a temporary off-site gambling permit to the Mazeppa Lion's Club for the Mazeppa Daze Duck Races on July 8, 2023. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Councilperson Erica Young let the Council know there will be a volunteer park cleanup at Herb Vik Park on May 20, 2023 from 9:00 - 11:00.

Councilpersons Erica Young and Dustin Wiebusch thanked Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang for the extra hours and effort at the Mazeppa Municipal Liquor Store during the manager search.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to recess the meeting until April 29, 2023 at 09:00 AM for City Cleanup day. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:37 PM.

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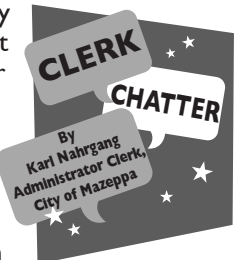
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EXCAVATING AND GRADING CONTRACTOR



As the weather warms, the City will be alive with many projects. Nuvera is completing the fiber optic project began last year. Xcel Energy is replacing poles on major powerlines going through Mazeppa and the City will be doing more sidewalk upgrades, repairing potholes, sealcoating some streets, and begin the riverbank restoration along the Zumbro River. There is a lot of planning, discussion, finding available funds that go into many of these projects. Seeing physical progress on projects is very satisfying after months and years of work to get to this point. Some people have already expressed a great deal of interest in the riverbank project and when it will be completed. Work is being in the stream to create structure, habitat, and flow which will result in better fishing and less riverbank erosion. This project also will protect homes and City infrastructure in southeast Mazeppa.

Please be careful when observing these projects. Stay back from equipment and workers. We want residents to be interested in City improvements, but we also need everyone to be back safe distances. City staff and hired contractors appreciate the opportunity to work safely.



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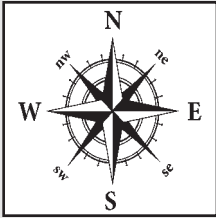
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes Horse Sense and Character



By Terry Campbell

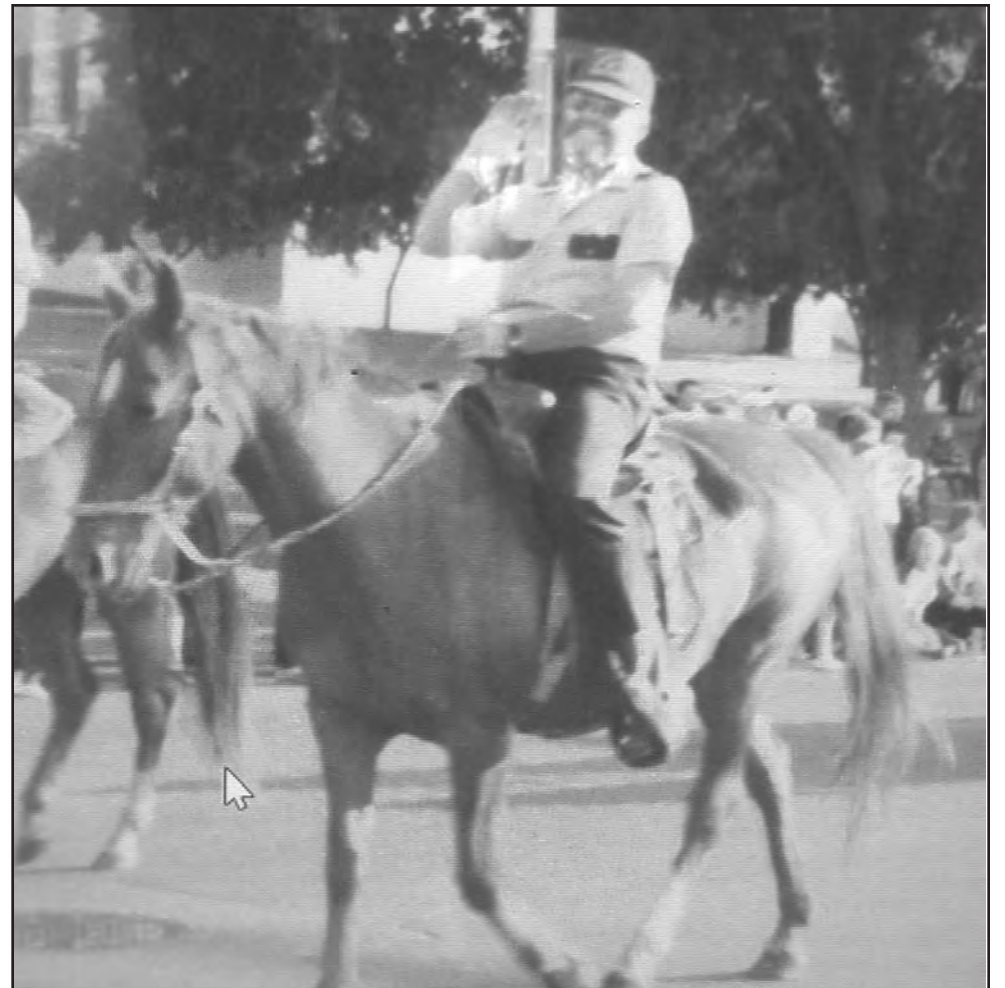
This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when it's warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

This is a picture of my dad from 1984. I grew up with horses, but my dad did not like them very much. As a young kid he would take me to look at horses. He would wait while I rode them. And he would haul them back to the farm for me. There would be comments about how once cars were invented it was silly to go backwards to horse power. But once he joined the Sheriff's Mounted Posse it became a necessary evil. So, he bought this big Egyptian Arab geld-

ing. Azibelli loved to run and if you gave him his head he would flat out run like the wind. There is something exhilarating about pounding down the road on the back of a powerful horse, feeling as one with the beast, knowing that one miss step would likely be catastrophic. I was young and willing to risk life and limb on the back of this steed, even though I was a quarter horse guy and never much cared for Arabians, because this horse could run. I don't believe though, that my dad ever rode him at more than a walk.

My dad was very opinionated and stubborn and we butted heads often since I was the same way. He had me with more experience though. Anyone who has owned an Arabian knows what stubborn is. My dad loved a good theological argument with anyone who would engage him. He was certain he could make someone believe in Jesus if he just could talk to them long enough.

One incident I recall had little to do with horses and happened a few years earlier in life. It had to do with an old yellow school bus. As I recall, Dale Blanshan and a couple guys embarked on a cross country trip in a school bus. They were strumming and singing their way out west. They had the same idea my dad had, but they were more musical about it. I was around ten at this time, so my recollection may be a little hazy. At one point the bus broke down a long way from home and they needed funds for repair. My dad went to wire them money but it was a Saturday and the banks were closed. The only place to get cash for the wire transfer was the liquor store. My dad headed into West Concord to the Muni for \$300. The



Dad on Azibelli

guy at the liquor store had no idea who my dad was and questioned why they should let him write a check for cash. One might wonder how my dad could live his whole life in West Concord and there be people who didn't know him, but this was his first trip into the liquor store. If you knew my dad, you would know that too. So while he was trying to procure greenbacks with a check for three young guys on the other side of the USA in a broke down yellow school bus, Al Renner the hardware store owner showed up as a credit reference. When asked if my dad's check was good, Al said, "If Dana writes a check for a million dollars it will be good."

I was a young kid and a million dollars

sounded like a whole lot of money. I was certain that a poor farm family in Dodge County did not have that kind of money. So I wondered why someone would say that, not knowing our financial situation. In fact, I don't believe anyone one I knew could write a check for a million dollars. Over the last fifty years I have pondered this conversation and eventually came to understand it. It wasn't that my dad had a million dollars in his checking account. It was that he had a reputation of being a man of his word and if he said something it was backed up with integrity and truth. And that is worth more than a million dollars.

A Minnesotan: The Problem With Geese



By RosaLin Alcoser

There is nothing I fear more on this earth than geese... well maybe snakes, but geese are the more intimate threat. Because here in Minnesota geese are everywhere.

Geese are at the park, in the parking lot, on the sidewalks, and even standing in the middle of the freeway in some cases- like they own the place.

It started out when I was a small child and the geese would chase me around the park honking. Since I was about the same size as them I guess it made sense that they were going after me.

Thankfully in response to these attacks my sister would chase the geese away from me so that I was not mauled to death by a goose at age six.

However, it did not stop as I got older. To this day geese will still chase me if given

the chance. Now I can out run the geese or avoid them all together.

When I was in community college in Rochester the geese that would hang out on campus would chase me across the campus on an almost daily basis. Which my mother did not believe was happening until she saw me take off running at the sound of 'Honk! Honk!' and a flock of geese start charging at me.

Don't worry I made it to the car before the geese caught up to me and lived to tell the tale.

My fear is not just limited to grease either. It does extend to water brands as a whole. I have also been attacked by ducks and gulls. The only reason the loons, swans and cranes have not gotten to me is because I am not fool enough to go anywhere close to them after the incident with the duck.

A couple years later when I was in University back south I was at the park with some friends. We were sitting on a bench watching the ducks, but not doing anything to the ducks. When a duck walked up to me and bit me on the leg with its serrated beak.

While ducks do not have teeth it does hurt when they bite you with their serrated beaks.

It is because of that duck and many, many geese that I now stay clear of all water birds. As I now live under the belief that if I give them space they just might not try to kill me... or at least not have the opportunity to.

P.S. as I write this two ducks have landed on my patio and taunted me with their serrated beaks.

Cruise Control on Wet Roads

By Wabasha County Public Health

The spring and summer seasons can have their share of heavy rains and thunderstorms. Using cruise control on wet or slippery roads could send you on a cruise – straight into the ditch or oncoming traffic!

With dry road conditions, cruise control helps you safely monitor your speed, stay within the speed limit and improve driving comfort on long, fairly straight stretches of road. It should be used only when you are able to drive at a steady speed with safe road conditions.

On wet roads, if your wheels lose traction, the cruise control will continue to accelerate, causing the vehicle to skid. By the time you realize you are skidding, it could be too late.

When deciding if you should set your cruise control:

- Ask yourself if it's safe to travel the speed limit. If not, it isn't safe to set your cruise.
- Is there limited visibility? If it's foggy or raining and your range of visibility is significantly reduced, play it safe. Don't set your cruise.
- Is traffic moving smoothly? If it's stop-and-go, or there's heavy traffic around you, it's not safe to use cruise.

Remember that using your cruise control can be an advantage when driving long distances, but YOU are your vehicle's best safety feature.





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