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2025 Mazeppa Daze



2025 Miss Mazeppa is Maggie Nelson. She is a senior at Z-M High School and FFA Officer.

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The Circus is Coming to Dennison



Thanks to the sponsorship of the Dennison Lions Club & Fireside Lounge, the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to Dennison, MN on Thursday, July 31st, to the lot across from the Dennison Lutheran Church located at 37514 3 Ave. with shows at 5:00 & 7:30 pm. (continued on page 7)

Announcements

• The Mazeppa Area Historical Society sends out a "Huge Thank You" to all who visited our museums during Mazeppa Daze! Some enjoyed ice cream, while others reminisced about the "Good Old Days" from the Mazeppa Public School. OPEN HOUSE- SEPT. 13, from NOON UNTIL 3! (continued on page 3)

Pastor David Neil Honored for 20 Years of Service

Submitted by Ann Neil

On Sunday July 6, Pastor David Neil was honored for his 20 years of service at Mazeppa United Methodist Church. Pastor Neil also served the Zumbro Falls United Methodist Church from 2006 and through the catastrophic flood of 2010. The Zumbro Falls UMC merged with the Mazeppa UMC in May of 2012.

On July 6, United Methodist Conference Superintendent, the Rev. Michelle Hargrave, delivered the sermon and, along with those present at worship, offered a prayer that our Heavenly Father continues to bless Dave in his Christian leadership. (continued on page 3)

Left to right: Rev. Rick Ormsby, Rev. Tony Fink, Pastor at Pine Island UMC, Pastor David Neil, and Rev. Michelle Hargrave



Mazeppa Veterans Honor Guard left to right: Mike Nord, Butch Wobschall, Ken Markson, Gary Floen, Brad Nord, Virgil Luhman, Gary Sellness, Yolie Goranson, Jim Wilson, Troy Liffriig, Tom Voth, Wes Voeltz, Larry VanDeWalker, Marie McNamara, Heather Mickelson-Loeschke & Diane Bianchi. Front left to right: Captain Randy Kuznicki, 3rd Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment; 1st Sergeant Anthony Bianchi, 3rd Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment; Jimmy Johnson, Camp 56 SUVCW; Ken Kunze, Camp 56SUVCW; Thurl Quigley, Camp 56SUVCW

Last Civil War Soldier Buried in Wabasha County Honored July 19th

Submitted by
Helen Reiland

Private John W. Kingsley, the last Civil War veteran buried in Wabasha County. John W. Kingsley was born in Chenago County, New York on 24 November 1842 & died Dec. 28, 1936 in Mpls. Kinglsey had a drug store in Mazeppa & his son Floyd took over. (continued on page 4)



SEE YOU AT THE CIRCUS!

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Vision From a Deck Chair



By Pastor Colleen Hoeft

Some time ago, there was a comic strip in Peanuts that showed Lucy in her psychiatrist booth. She is trying to analyze Charlie Brown. She says, "Charlie Brown, life is like a deck chair." "Like what?" "Charlie, have you ever been on a ship when the passengers try to open up one of those chairs so they can sit in the sun? Some of them place their chairs facing the rear so they can see where they have been. Some of them face their chairs forward so they can see where they are going." "On the cruise ship of life, Charlie Brown, which way is your deck chair facing?" Charlie Brown, "I've never been able to get one of them unfolded!"

That's a good question. Let me ask you: On the cruise ship of life, which way is your deck chair facing? To the back to see where you've been? Or--looking forward to see where you are going? I have discovered in life and in our churches, so many of us are looking back.

We see things as they were. We spend a lot

of time talking about before.... Before covid, before the economy tanked, before Why can't things be like they used to be? Things used to be better. There are others who are always looking forward ... to the future ... optimistically ... with faith. There are some of us who can identify with Charlie Brown ... when he replied: "I've never been able to get one of them unfolded." Frustration. There are some who are frustrated with life because it seems that nothing works.

For believers there shouldn't be any chairs pointing toward the back. As believers the position for a Christian must always be forward. Jesus followers are people of faith, hope, vision and optimism.

John F. Kennedy took a statement made by George Bernard Shaw and made it famous. He said, "You see things as they are and you ask, 'Why?' But I dream of things that never were, and I ask, 'Why not?'"

If our hearts and our lives ... our all ... are committed/surrendered to the great God of Heaven ... the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob ... the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... who raised Jesus from the dead ... and "is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us ..." ... then there is no limitation to our horizon. We can look and dream of things that have never been and say, "By the grace of God ... why not!?"

Where there is no vision the people perish. Today, we need a vision of our golden opportunities. Our vision at South Troy is to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mission statement is: "To Know, Grow and Go" with Jesus Love. It is more than a cliché- when we look at events, at programs,

at the future that is the lens we use. We are introducing people to Jesus. We are here to help grow people through Life Groups, service groups, and Kids Worship. The go is to serve others in the community, minister to those that come to our food shelf, those that are hungry, those that strive to break free from addiction and those all around us that still don't know Jesus Christ.

What an amazing amount of opportunities are about us. God's Spirit is ready and waiting to fill His people with His visions for the future.

In the 1840's two young men came to this country from Germany. The older of the two was skilled in making Sauerkraut. He immediately headed for the west coast. He bought land ... cultivated it ... and raised cabbage for sauerkraut.

The younger brother had no skill .. no profession. He decided to go to mining school in Colorado. When he finished, he went to visit his brother. His brother was proud of his business and took him to see all that he had accomplished. As they walked, he noticed that the younger brother had stopped and was kneeling.

He ceased to pay attention to what his older brother was saying and just sat there rubbing the soil in his hands. Big brother came over and said, "You are not interested in my work. You have no interest in what I have accomplished."

The younger brother stood, shifting some rocks in his hands. "Do you know what these are? "They're just quartz." "Yes, but these yellow flecks are gold. You are raising cabbage in a gold field." That was the beginning of the great Gold Strike in El Dorado, California in 1845.

What I fear is that most of us are content to raise cabbage in a gold field! We've lost sight of our potential. We must not settle for mediocrity. We are living in some of the most exciting times in history. The problem is we are confused and frustrated. We can't face the deck chair, much less get it open. We are still fiddling with it when we should have finished and on to another project by now. We must not raise cabbage in a gold field. We must see and seize our opportunities to share the gospel.

We cannot act like a multiple-choice society when it comes to Jesus Christ either. Jesus is the only way. He is the "way, the truth and the life. "There is no other name given under heaven ... by which we must be saved." "That at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

We must see our great responsibilities. The Bible says, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." Luke 12:48.

Our deck chairs are facing the future. My deck chair is facing the future. I want to see a mighty movement of the Holy Spirit here in the Zumbro River Valley. And I want to see more people in our churches on Sunday mornings. I want to see people surrender their lives to all that God is calling them to.

What direction is your deck chair facing? If your deck chair is facing the proper direction you will see that our God is personal, He is present and He is powerful.

Isn't it time you moved your deck chair so that you can get a correct and proper view?



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Lost Sheep Blinded

... *Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.*
— Luke 24:15-16

Does it seem unfair that these disciples were kept from seeing Jesus? I have heard people say that it seems Jesus was being tricky here. While Jesus walks along with them, the disciples think he is an out-of-touch stranger who has no idea what happened recently in Jerusalem.

But let's look at this from a different angle. From a teaching and learning perspective, Jesus makes a brilliant move. The disciples do not know Jesus is right there with him, so they can express their misunderstanding and frustration without being distracted. They have no need to try to act as they would if they knew he was there. They have room to hear God's story all over again and to begin learning anew.

We learn that they also asked each other later, "Were not our hearts burning within us as he talked with us ... ?" Somewhere deep inside they sensed that their fellow traveler had remarkable understanding and authority as he spoke about the Scriptures, but first they needed to be in a space where they could be redirected. Jesus their shepherd had more than one agenda to attend to in order for them to grow as disciples who would be invited to share in his mission. While not being able to recognize him, they could begin to develop spiritual eyes of faith by which all new disciples would begin to see him.

How has the good shepherd gotten your attention lately? What is he trying to teach you?
Lord, help us to learn anew and to be more attentive so that we can see you at work in the world today. Amen.

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Announcements

• **Celebrate Recovery meetings every Sunday night at 5pm at South Troy Church, 56817 Highway 63 Zumbro Falls.**

• **Three Rivers Community Action is currently accepting new Meals On Wheels clients in the communities of Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Goodhue, Pine Island, Kenyon and Wanamingo.** Receive a hot meal delivered to your home by a volunteer at lunch time up to 5 days per week. To qualify you must be 60 or older, live within city limits, have limited mobility and/or are unable to prepare nutritious meals. The suggested donation is \$5-\$10 per meal. For more information on how to sign up for meals or to be a volunteer driver, please contact Dana Bergner at 507-421-6067 or dbergner@threeriverscap.org

• **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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Pastor David Neil honored for 20 years of service

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Other clergy present included Rev. Rick Ormsby of Pine Island, and Rev. Tony Fink, pastor at Pine Island UMC. Also present were certified lay speakers Jane Stone of Red Wing and Cheryl Finnegan of Pine Island, both of whom have led services occasionally at Mazeppa during Dave's 20 years.

Another highlight of the morning was the

presence of Pastor Dave's 89-year-old god-mother, Lavonne Robinson. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all after the service.

Pastor Neil said, "I am blessed to lead such a caring group of Christian people. I am happy to see how they support each other and others in our community and beyond. Each month the congregation collects a special mission offering to donate to a worthy cause in Jesus' name. In recent months, they have

donated to Heifer International, the Mazeppa Food Shelf, and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) which provides aid to many areas of the country and world affected by natural disasters.

Congratulations to Pastor David Neil on his 20 years of leadership at Mazeppa UMC. Worship begins at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. All are welcome!

OBITUARY

Ellie Mae Lyon

Ellie Mae Lyon peacefully took her final rest in the arms of her loving parents on July 9th, 2025 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn.



Ellie was born on July 3rd, 2025 at Rochester Methodist Campus to Aubrey and Matthew Lyon. She is the answer to their prayers and they waited for her birth with joyful expectation. Ellie was immensely loved and brought joy and laughter to those around her. Despite her brief time on earth, many memories were made. There was always hope to bring Ellie on tractor rides and to share the love of steam engine shows with her mom and dad. Thanks to her amazing NICU team, she was able to go outside and capture photos with their family John Deere tractor.

Ellie will be forever missed and in our hearts, always. Though hearts ache with sorrow, there is comfort in the blessed certainty that Ellie is now resting in the loving embrace of Our Lord and Savior.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15th at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Zumbrota, Minn. Pastor Rob Edward's officiated. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m., Monday, July 14th, at Mahn Family Funeral Home, Larson Chapel, Zumbrota and for one hour prior to the service at the Church.

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ABOUT THE BAND

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at the Mazeppa Legion

For those that are interested there will be
a small gathering at the
Mazeppa Cemetery
at 10:30.



Goodhue County Fair



This August 6th the Goodhue County Fair will start at the Fair Grounds in Zumbrota.

This year offers a change as there will be Daily Free Events taking place each of the five days of the fair.

The Tumbleweed Crossing is an award-winning comedy wild west gunfight stunt show. Shows are at Tuesday, August 5th, 5 pm, Wednesday, August 6th 2:30 pm / 5:30 pm, Thursday, August 7th, 11:30 am / 3:30 pm / 6:30 pm, Friday, August 8th, 11:30 am / 3:30 pm / 6:30 pm and Saturday, August 9th, 12:30 pm / 4:30 pm / 7:30 pm.

The Xtreme Strong Man Show is also new this year. Watch in amazement as this STRONG MAN pulls a vehicle with his teeth, bends bars, juggles tires, drives nails and breaks chains with his body! Shows are Tuesday, August 5th, 6 pm, Wednesday, August 6th, 11:30 am / 3:30 pm / 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 7th, 12:30 pm / 4:30 pm / 7:30 pm, Friday, August 8th, 12:30 pm / 4:30 pm / 7:30 pm and Saturday, August 9th, 10:30 am / 2:30 pm / 5:30 pm.

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7 pm, Wednesday, August 6th, 12:30 pm / 4:30 pm / 7:30 pm, Thursday, August 7th, 10:30 am / 2:30 pm / 5:30 pm, Friday, August 8th, 10:30 am / 2:30 pm / 5:30 pm and Saturday, August 9th, 11:30 am / 3:30 pm / 6:30 pm.



For the kids you can enjoy Polka Dot Entertainment with Penelope and Peter. Penelope is an Escape Artist, Magician, Juggler, Balloon Artist, Mentalist, Human Statue, Airbrush Tattoo Artist and Hypnotist. Peter is a Juggler, Stilt Walker, Magician, Balloon Artist and Airbrush Tattoo Artist. Shows are Tuesday, August 5th, 10 am – 8 pm, Wednesday, August 6th, 10 am – 8 pm, Thursday, August 7th, 10 am – 8 pm, Friday, August 8th, 10 am – 8 pm and Saturday, August 9th, 10 am – 8 pm.

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The Beer Garden is open daily and serves ice-cold beer and rail drinks with FREE jukebox and live bands Tuesday thru Saturday. Tuesday is Leonard McCracken at 7pm. Wednesday is Dave Carpenter & Friends at 3pm followed by Ryan Sullivan at 6pm. Thursday is Kaptain Karaoke at 1:30pm and 8th Street Bend at 6pm. Friday is George's Concertina Band at 2:30 and Bryan Anderson at 7pm. Saturday will be Zachary Giebler at 4:30pm and Foster Grand at 8:30pm.

Last Civil War Soldier Buried in Wabasha County Honored July 19th

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The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) conducted the ceremony with assistance of the Wabasha County Historical Society, American Legion Post #588 Veterans Honor Guard & the Mazeppa Area Historical Society.

The GAR standard was presented to the Mazeppa Area Historical Society to be on display.

Baptism in Zumbro Falls on Sunday



submitted by Reverend Colleen Hoeft, South Troy Church



Jenny Gilsdorf Benefit

**Saturday, August 16Th
12-8PM**

At Rumors/WD's Bar & Grill in Mazeppa



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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Snakes, Why does it Always Have to be Snakes?



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.

OK, so I took the title from my favorite Indiana Jones movie, but I really hate snakes. Have all of my life. Not sure why but most likely started with the Bible story about an apple and the serpent.

My grandfather, Norman, tried to rid the farm of rattle snakes back in the 1880's when he happened upon sixteen rattlers while picking grapes on the hillside in our woods. He killed them all and reported that many were in excess of four feet long.

As a kid I was certain I would be encountering rattlesnakes in my exploration of our woods, so I purchased a snake bite kit and carried it every time I went out. I envisioned extracting the poison from my leg with the little rubber suction cup in the event I accidentally scared one up. I have found out since that it was as unlikely to work as I was to ever come across a poisonous snake.

When I moved down to Tennessee, I was prepared to wage war on copperheads and water moccasins. I brought a Taurus Judge 5 shot revolver filled with .410 shells. Never had an occasion to use it.

Last year my wife had netting over the plants on the back deck to keep the bird from robbing her fruit plants. It had come off over the winter and while she was mowing the John Deere snagged a piece of the fabric and wrapped it up around the blades. I took it to the shop where I removed a 16' netting that had been spun into a nice six foot long rope by the blades. The next week I decided to clean up the remnants of netting by the garden to prevent a reoccurrence with the

mower.

Until this time, I hadn't a care in the world about snakes in Minnesota. I reached down and grabbed the loose netting in the tall grass, and wondered why it too had been spun into a long rope, but not wrapped up in the mower blades. I had the loose netting in my right hand and a firm grip on the supposed rope with my left hand. No gloves on, just bare hands. My left hand told my brain this was not a rope about the same time my eyes told my brain about the pretty diamond shaped markings all down the rope. Both hands let go at the same time.

I knew that there are no Copperheads in Minnesota. My neighbor John, up the road from us in Tennessee lost a finger on his left hand when he picked up a stick of lumber with a juvenile Copperhead under it. I understand the risks with snakes. I am very careful picking things up in Tennessee during the warm months. I have encountered garden snakes in many areas around the farm but never "accidentally" picked one up bare handed.

My wife has an app on her phone to identify plants and she took a picture of this "thing." It was a northern water snake. I have lived in Minnesota sixty-eight years and spent every year of it in the woods and streams around here and never encountered one of these. They grow to four feet long and this one was fully grown on the day it expired. It had slithered into the netting and became caught, right under the deck beside our bedroom. Hopefully it doesn't have a family living nearby.



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A Minnesotan: Cabin People



By RosaLin Alcoser

All Minnesotans can be set into three main groups when it comes to the lake. Those of us who either live at the lake or in a rural area and do not go to the lake, because there is no need. We're already away from the city and don't need to escape. This is the category I grew up in. I've lived in the rural area and I've lived at the lake.

I've even lived in a lake town that had a lot of the next category. The cabin people. We all know at least one of these. They are the ones who own or rent a cabin and go to the lake as much as they can. To escape the city and in some cases be as loud as possible from Friday night until Sunday night when they go home.

Finally you have the people who just

don't care about going to the lake. These are the town and city people who either don't go because they can't or because they simply rather spend their weekends at home. Which is where I was happily existing. Since going to the lake where one's parents live to see them doesn't really count as going to the lake; it's just going to see your mom.

That was until I married into a cabin family. My husband's family is constantly going to the cabin; all year round. Which has been a new experience for me.

Yes, I did grow up around the lake and lived there for part of my early 20s. However, it's a very different experience then being a cabin person. When you live at the lake you go about your normal business and when the cabin people are around you might plan your weekend around avoiding them; at least that's what I used to do. Mainly because in the lake town I was living in the cabin people tended to forget how to follow traffic rules once they got there.

Now I'm experiencing all sorts of new things. On these short Friday evening through Sunday runs to the cabin. Such as kayaking, playing on the beach, and going out onto the lake without going to fish. I will say I quite enjoy kayaking.

Like I said there are three categories of Minnesotans when it comes to the lake. Most of us only ever fall into one or two of those categories. To my fellow people who have been in all three I hope that you are in your favorite of the three.



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Attendees can expect to see many of the familiar attractions as they have in the past including the operating sawmill, corn shelling, thrashing, blacksmithing, and more. The annual flea market will take place on the grounds and additional exhibits are many, including antique tractors, classic cars and

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The tractor parade takes place at noon each day.

Breakfast is served daily on the grounds as well as other food stands offering food throughout the day.

The kids pedal pull is Saturday after the parade, and the tractor pull is Sunday at 9:00 AM. For the annual fundraising raffle, a Club Car Golf Cart is the Grand Prize this year. Raffle Tickets are just \$5.00, with the drawing Sunday at 4 PM. .

A petting zoo will also be available for visitors, presented this year courtesy of Windy Willow Farm Adventures.

There will be live music all three days and a non-denominational church service will take place Sunday at 8:00 AM.

General admission is just \$10 for the entire weekend and all events are free for ages 12 and under.

Celebrating 50 years of shows, the all-volunteer group works hard to preserve history, maintain the grounds and bring new pieces



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of history to visitors every year. The newest building acquisition for the club was the former Waterford, MN schoolhouse and township building, which was moved to the grounds from its original location in Waterford (Just North of Northfield). Photos of the

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Complete information and event listings are available on the group's Facebook page and website at ricecountysteamandgas.com

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Why SAIL Takes Full Advantage of the things that the Safe Routes to School Program has to Offer

By Special Education Teacher
Wendy Haake
Wabasha County SHIP



Did you know that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) has a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program? I didn't either before autumn 2023 when my SHIP Coordinator Tina Moen sent along an email about applying for a SRTS Boost grant. The Building Opportunities in Out-of-School Times (BOOST) grants support communities and schools on new or existing SRTS plans to support non-infrastructure strategies for schools that help make it safe, easy and fun for students to walk and bicycle to school.

So, with Tina's help, I applied. It took a few weeks of my writing and Tina's editing before the application was ready to be submitted. I waited impatiently until the end of January when the results would be announced. It was a wonderful surprise to learn that we were granted nearly \$9,000 to buy bicycles, helmets, curriculum, and other miscellaneous items to start our very own bike fleet. I will say that for the four years preceding this opportunity, we had worked with Bike Minnesota to get a fleet of 40 bicycles delivered to our school for two weeks of fun each Spring. What a thrill to be able to have our own bikes to use whenever we wanted!

When autumn 2024 rolled around, I got another email announcing the new round of SRTS BOOST grants and I thought, "Why not try again"?

We have two other programs in different cities that would also benefit from having their own bikes. Again, I was thrilled to learn that we were granted a total of almost \$15,000. With this money we will be purchasing adaptive bikes and helmets for our autism program.

During the time between BOOST grant #1 and BOOST grant #2, I learned that there are a number of very beneficial things that the people at SRTS offer. There are opportunities to discuss how to set up SRTS programs with other people who have already done so. The people at the MnDOT SRTS office, especially Phoebe Ward, are wonderful sources of information. There is a plethora of wonderful



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resources available.

Give it a try. The benefits to your school and/or community are amazing!

For information on what it means to partner

with Wabasha County SHIP on healthy eating, physical activity, wellbeing, and/or tobacco-free environment projects, please email Tina Moen or call her at 651-565-5200.

SNAP-Education (SNAP-ED) Program Being Cut;

Thank you for your commitment to partnering in making Wabasha County healthier.

Congress's approval of the reconciliation bill eliminates Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Education (SNAP-Ed) funding, which in essence cuts the program at the end of the fiscal year, September 30.

As a result of the elimination of funding — including about \$7 million per year to University of Minnesota Extension — SNAP-Ed funded employees are being laid off across the country.

About 60 Extension employees across Minnesota are receiving job termination notices, and many will have employment end dates of August 22. These job terminations are not a reflection of the employees' performance or the program's effectiveness.

Last year, 756 community partners worked with Extension SNAP-Ed to implement community-level changes that benefitted 173,702 Minnesotans across the state. We couldn't have done it without your collaboration. Thank you for supporting our staff, our programs and our mission.

We know that SNAP-Ed makes Minnesota healthier. We are proud of the work we have done and the lives we have changed for the better.

Goodhue Wabasha Pierce (GWP) County Breastfeeding Coalition implements a Mobile Lactation Space with SHIP Support

By Wabasha County SHIP

GWP County Breastfeeding Coalition meets quarterly; currently facilitated by Tina Moen, Wabasha County Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) Coordinator. There was discussion during the meetings that it would be nice to have a lactation space at the county fair, increasing access for breastfeeding. Working with SHIP to fund the project, the coalition brainstormed about how to maximize the use of the tent. We are proud to inform you that the tent is available for check out.

Do you have an upcoming community event and need a place for breastfeeding? Contact Wabasha County Public Health to check out our tent made available with SHIP support. Call 651-565-5200 or email.

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Breastfeeding is good for moms

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Breastfeeding has health benefits like lowering the risk of ovarian cancer, breast cancer and osteoporosis.

Breastfeeding is great for mother-baby bonding.

Moms and babies enjoy breastfeeding.

Breastfeeding helps families

Breastfeeding saves money (no formula or bottle costs, fewer doctor bills and medication costs).

Breastfeeding saves time. No messy bottles to fix at night, so everyone sleeps better.

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Read more on Minnesota Department of Health's breastfeeding web page and the Why Breastfed? page.

SHIP is a state-based program that works at the local level to support healthier communities by expanding opportunities for active living, healthy eating, wellbeing and tobacco-free living, thereby helping to reduce the leading causes of chronic disease and death.

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Mazeppa UMC Youth Attend Fourth STORM Camp



Submitted by Ann Neil

Youth from Mazeppa UMC attended their fourth consecutive mission trip to STORM (Service to Others in Relational Ministry) Camp, July 13-17. Pictured are Colton Nelson and Ariel Nelson, children of Michael and Tracey Nelson of Mazeppa. Colton and Ariel joined 34 other teens and 2 dozen adult volunteers at Holy Trinity UMC at Prior Lake.

While there, the teens were divided into seven teams who then completed over 30 jobs in 3 days. Jobs included weeding, tree trimming, brush hauling, and painting.

Work and worship are the focus of the STORM Camps which have been in mission in Minnesota since 1991. This year's theme was "Christ is our Firm Foundation."

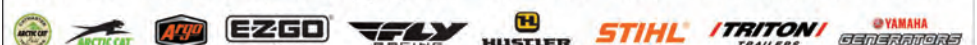
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A vintage police car and the military kicked off the Friday night Mazeppa Daze parade that lasted for 75 minutes. *photo by Beth Brekke*



The Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School marching band looked and sounded great in the Friday Night parade. *photo by Beth Brekke*



Zumbrota Dance Studio students threw out candy to kids along the crowded parade route. *photo by Beth Brekke*



A large crowd gathered around the Mazeppa Liquor Store following the annual Mazeppa Daze fireworks show July 12th. *photo by Beth Brekke*

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How to Remove a Tick and What to Eat When You Are Sick



By Shauna Burshem, D.C.

When you're sick, your body demands more nutrients, fluids, and energy to recover, but appetite often diminishes, creating a challenging mismatch. This is where food choices play a critical role. Eating becomes less about flavor and more about function, as the right foods can support your immune system, soothe symptoms, and speed up recovery. Conversely, the wrong foods can hinder healing, worsen discomfort, and prolong illness. Tailoring your diet to your symptoms ensures your body gets the building blocks it needs to heal effectively. Hydration is a top priority, especially during stomach bugs, as vomiting and diarrhea deplete both water and essential electrolytes like sodium and potassium. Coconut water and bone broth are excellent options for gentle rehydration, while high-water fruits and vegetables like watermelon and cucumbers provide hydration alternatives when plain water feels unappealing. For upset stomachs, bland carbohydrates such as bananas, rice, and applesauce are easy to digest and help stabilize the digestive system. Eating small, frequent meals rather than large portions is key to

avoiding further irritation. Specific symptoms call for targeted food strategies. For constipation, gradually increasing dietary fiber is essential, but overloading too quickly can worsen bloating and discomfort. Warm beverages like tea or coffee can help stimulate bowel movements, while fruits like prunes and fiber-rich legumes provide lasting digestive support once the gut stabilizes. For sore throats, both warm soups and cold foods can provide relief, while raw honey acts as a natural cough suppressant. Bone broth offers collagen and amino acids for tissue repair, and garlic's antiviral and antibacterial properties can reduce the severity of colds and flu.

Ultimately, food choices during illness should focus on supporting the body's natural healing processes without aggravating symptoms. Functional foods like ginger can calm nausea and soothe the digestive tract, while coconut water replenishes electrolytes without upsetting the stomach. Bone broth and warm teas are particularly effective for congestion, offering both hydration and soothing warmth. By aligning your diet with your symptoms, you can work with your body to

recover faster and more effectively.

Ticks pose a significant health risk, turning a simple outdoor experience into a potential battle with illness. The danger lies not just in the bite itself but in the aftermath, where improper handling can lead to infections and long-term complications. Many people, driven by panic or outdated advice, resort to unsafe removal methods like burning the tick or using nail polish, which only increase the risk of infection. Knowing the correct removal techniques and preventive measures is crucial to staying safe and healthy. The safest way to remove a tick is by using fine-tipped tweezers to grip it close to the skin and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Twisting or yanking can break the tick apart, leaving fragments embedded in the skin. While it may be tempting to dig out leftover parts, experts advise against it, as the body will naturally expel these fragments over time, much like it does with splinters. Attempting to remove them manually often causes more harm, leading to skin irritation or secondary infections.

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Wabasha County Public Health Spotlight

By Tammy Fiedler, PHN



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Measles is an airborne, extremely infectious, and potentially severe rash illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control Measles was declared eliminated in the United States (U.S.) in 2000. This was thanks to a very high percentage of people receiving the safe and effective measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. In recent years, however:

- U.S. and Minnesota MMR coverage among kindergarteners is now below the 95% coverage target—much lower in some communities and is decreasing.
- Global and U.S. measles activity is increasing, meaning the risk of an unvaccinated person becoming infected during domestic and international travel is a risk.

Measles is a very contagious disease caused by a virus:

- It can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.
- Measles spreads through the air when a sick person coughs or sneezes.
- The virus can stay in the air for 2 hours after a person with measles leaves the space.
- It is so contagious that about 9 out of 10 people who come near a person with measles will also become infected if not vaccinated.
- The best way to prevent measles is with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.
- Anyone who is not vaccinated is at risk of measles infection and severe complications.

Measles symptoms appear 7 to 14 days after contact with the virus. Common measles symptoms include:

- High fever (may spike to more than 104°F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red and/or watery eyes
- Rash (breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin)

Measles can cause severe health problems, including:

- Pneumonia
- Swelling of the brain (encephalitis)
- Possibly even death

Total confirmed or probable measles cases investigated in Minnesota since January 1, 2025: 5 (July 14, 2025)

(Data are preliminary and subject to change.)

Wabasha County: Presently, we have no reported cases.

What are the symptoms of measles?

- Rash AND
- Fever AND
- Cough OR runny nose OR watery/mattering eyes

Measles is spread through the air when people who have it breathe and cough. It is highly contagious. You cannot get measles more than once, because after you have had it, you are immune.

MMR vaccination is the best way to prevent measles and its complications. For those who cannot or prefer not to get vaccinated, risk of measles infection and severe illness during an outbreak is much higher. Recognizing measles and getting appropriate medical care is important to help prevent spread of the virus and to prevent severe complications.

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ADHD



By Noel Aldrich, PhD, CNS
Licensed Nutritionist

Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) has become a well-known term in many households and communities in recent years. In 2022, around seven million children between the ages of three and seventeen had been identified with ADHD, according to the Center for Disease Control. In a 2022 research paper, Dr. Jeff Schein estimates that more than eight million adults in the USA also have symptoms of ADHD resulting in employment challenges, productivity loss, and increased health care expenses. So what exactly is ADHD and what are effective ways to manage it?

ADHD is most frequently identified during childhood but can be a challenge in adult years as well. Specific characteristics include lack of interest or attention, being extra active or impulsive, making quick choices or decisions, difficulty concentrating on a task, easily distracted, and difficulty being still. These challenges can result in difficulty with school work, strained relational interactions, and problems accomplishing work related tasks. When ADHD is diagnosed, there are holistic treatment options available to improve mental clarity and quality of life.

Refined sugar is a key ingredient to consider removing in order to improve mental clarity. A 1978 clinical study found 76% of hyperactive children had an abnormal response to glucose, a simple sugar. Just as a patient with diabetes needs to carefully monitor sugar intake, so does an individual managing ADHD. Refined sugar includes white sugar, brown sugar, powdered sugar, corn syrup, sucrose, and maple syrup. Whole food options for

sweet treats would include whole fruits, dried fruits, and raw honey. By reducing sugar intake, the energy from food sources is more easily managed by the body resulting in decreased stress reactions and clearer mental abilities.

Highly processed foods often contain artificial coloring and preservatives associated with ADHD. In July of 2025, PepsiCo announced they would be removing artificial coloring from Lay's and Tostito products. The Food and Drug Administration has begun to recommend the removal of artificial coloring from food products with many food industry companies targeting the end of 2026 for complete removal of these ingredients. Highly processed foods include box mixes, breakfast cereals, soda pop, and packaged sauces. These products often contain phosphates, monosodium glutamate (MSG), and other preservative chemicals to help maintain shelf life of the product, but these can generate hyperactivity in the nervous system.

Food allergies are another significant con-

nection with ADHD. Common allergy categories associated with ADHD include artificial coloring and preservatives, cow's milk, chocolate, grapes, wheat, cheese, eggs, and peanuts. Elimination of one or more of these items for one week can be a helpful step to confirm what may be contributing to symptoms. In addition, allergy testing is available to quickly identify what may be causing reactions. When specific food items are identified then treatment options and alternatives can be recommended.

ADHD, along with depression and other mental health challenges, can often be effectively managed with a proper balance of vitamins and minerals. In other words, ADHD symptoms can be a signal of nutrient deficiencies. In the book, "The Better Brain," Dr. Bonnie Kaplan provides multiple sources documenting effective management of ADHD symptoms with a specific formula of vitamins and minerals. A person with ADHD simply needs more vitamins and minerals regularly compared to a person

without ADHD symptoms. A licensed nutritionist can provide the proper mix for a multi-vitamin / multi-mineral to help live a balanced life.

Nutrient deficiencies and allergic responses to food items are a common factor with many health challenges. As the next school year approaches, identifying the nutrition sources needed can help to make a good start. A simple consultation with a licensed nutritionist can identify the next best steps to take toward healthy living and improved quality of life.

Every health challenge you face in the year ahead has a nutritional answer to it. Your health challenge can be successfully addressed with a quality nutrition plan. Contact me to discuss your health goals for the coming year. I can help you realize greater health freedom in 2025. You can contact me at nutritionproportion@gmail.com, or check out my website at www.nutritionproportion.net

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How to Remove a Tick and What to Eat When You Are Sick

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Using improper tools or methods, such as squeezing the tick or applying petroleum jelly, matches, or nail polish, can force harmful bacteria into the skin, increasing the risk of diseases like Lyme disease. These methods also delay proper removal and heighten the chances of serious illness. Once the tick is removed, safe disposal is essential. Crushing it with fingers is risky, as its fluids may carry pathogens. Instead, wrap it in tape, flush it, or submerge it in alcohol to prevent contamination.

Prevention is the best defense against tick-borne illnesses. Wearing protective clothing, using natural repellents, and performing daily tick checks significantly reduce the risk of bites. Tools like lint rollers and proper tick disposal methods can help you stay proactive. Additionally, documenting bites with photos and saving the tick in a sealed bag or alcohol can provide valuable information for medical professionals if symptoms develop later.

Ticks are more than just a seasonal nuisance; they are a hidden threat that requires vigilance and proper handling. By understanding the risks and following expert-recommended practices, you can minimize the

chances of infection and avoid the complications associated with tick-borne diseases. Staying informed and prepared ensures that a simple encounter with nature doesn't turn into a prolonged health challenge.

Spinal pain impacts millions of people, despite over \$134 billion being spent annually in the United States alone. Most patients remain trapped in chronic pain cycles because treatments often focus on alleviating symptoms rather than addressing the root causes. Common pain generators, such as weak ligaments, tight muscles, structural misalignments, trapped emotions, and inflammatory conditions, are frequently overlooked. This leaves patients cycling through increasingly risky interventions without resolving the underlying issues. Conventional medications often exacerbate the problem rather than solve it. NSAIDs are the leading cause of drug-related hospital admissions, Tylenol results in 56,000 emergency room visits annually due to toxicity, and Gabapentin offers minimal relief while causing cognitive side effects like drowsiness. Corticosteroids, often hailed as "wonder drugs," inflict severe long-term damage, including 5% to 15% yearly bone loss, a 70% rate of weight gain, and dramatic increases in heart attacks (226%), heart failure (272%), and strokes (73%). Spinal surgeries, while highly profitable, are often questionable in their effectiveness. They carry significant risks that patients frequently only learn about after complications arise, with no way to reverse the damage caused by the procedures. Natural alternatives for spinal pain focus on addressing root causes and promoting overall healing without the

risks associated with conventional treatments. These approaches often include strengthening weak ligaments through prolotherapy or platelet-rich plasma (PRP) injections, which stimulate the body's natural repair processes. Gentle practices like yoga, Pilates, and physical therapy can improve posture, release tight muscles, and correct structural misalignments, while acupuncture and chiropractic care provide targeted relief by restoring balance and alignment. Anti-inflammatory diets rich in whole foods, omega-3 fatty acids, and antioxidants can reduce systemic inflammation, while supplements like turmeric, magnesium, and collagen support joint and tissue health. Additionally, addressing emotional stress through mindfulness, meditation, or therapy can help release trapped emotions that contribute to chronic pain. These holistic methods not only alleviate pain but also empower patients to take an active role in their recovery, fostering long-term wellness. Chiropractic care offers a natural, non-invasive approach to managing spinal pain by focusing on restoring proper alignment and function to the spine and nervous system. Through techniques like spinal adjustments, chiropractors can relieve pressure on nerves, reduce inflammation, and improve mobility, often providing immediate pain relief. Regular chiropractic care can also address underlying issues such as poor posture, muscle imbalances, and joint dysfunction, preventing the recurrence of pain and promoting long-term spinal health. Additionally, chiropractic treatments are tailored to each individual, ensuring a personalized approach that targets specific pain generators. Beyond physical benefits, many patients report improved overall well-being, better sleep, and reduced stress levels as a result of chiropractic care, making it a holistic solution for those seeking relief from spinal pain without relying on medications or invasive procedures.

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Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Troy Christianson,
Minnesota State Patrol



Question: Can you write about airbags? I know you just wrote an article about it being best for kids to ride in the back seat. I know airbags are an issue for kids in the front seat so I thought this would be a good topic. Thank you.

Answer: An airbag is a supplemental restraint system. Airbags work with seat belts to prevent injuries but are not designed to keep occupants from being ejected. For safety reasons, children under age 13 must ride in the back seat if it is available.

Airbag safety suggestions

- Try to keep at least 10 inches between yourself and the steering wheel. Keep your hands at the 8 and 4 o'clock or 9 and 3 o'clock positions on the steering wheel. Avoid the 10 and 2 o'clock position.

- Keep your thumbs turned out on the steering wheel.

- Move front passenger seats as far back as possible. Read your operator's manual before driving or riding in a vehicle with airbags.

- For more information about seat belts, airbags and car safety seats, visit the Department of Public Safety's Office of Traffic Safety at ots.dps.mn.gov.

Question: I heard some talk about a new law of July 1st that allows motorcycles to drive through traffic. Can you explain this as a lot of my friends are talking but I can't get the same answer from any of them.

Answer: Motorcycle Lane splitting and filtering are legal on Minnesota roads as of July 1. The new law, passed by the Legislature in

2024, allows motorcycles to share lanes with cars for the first time in the state, with notable restrictions on speed and where lane sharing can be performed.

It is the responsibility of motorcyclists to perform these actions safely and legally. Motorists need to be aware of motorcycles that are splitting and filtering and cannot get in their way, however they are not obligated to accommodate them.

- Lane splitting allows a motorcycle to share a lane with and pass a vehicle in slow-moving traffic at no more than 25 mph, and no more than 15 mph over the speed of traffic. Once traffic gets back up to 25 mph, the motorcycle must go back into their own lane of traffic.

- Lane filtering allows motorcycles to move through traffic that is stopped, such as at a stoplight or in a traffic jam. The motorcyclist cannot go more than 15 mph as they filter toward the front of the line of traffic.

- Splitting and filtering are prohibited in roundabouts, school zones, freeway on-ramps and work zones where traffic has been funneled down to a single lane.

For more information:
<https://dps.mn.gov/news/ots/lane-splitting-filtering-begin-mn>

Question: Somebody was trying to tell me the other day that it's ok to throw out their fruit peels along the highway as they break down fairly quick and it shouldn't be an issue. I disagreed and told them garbage is garbage. I asked if they would want someone to throw that stuff in their yard. What does the law say?

Answer: You are correct. That would not be allowed. It is illegal to throw items from your vehicle onto streets, roads, and public or private land. Do not throw, leave, place or dump any items, including: cigarettes, fireworks, debris, snow, ice, glass, nails, tacks, wire, cans, garbage, papers, ashes, refuse, carcasses, offal, trash or rubbish.

Question: I was driving in the metro area the other day and I witnessed a bus driving on the shoulder. Is this allowed?

Answer: Transit buses and metro mobility buses are permitted to use the shoulder of a freeway or expressway. Buses can use the shoulder only when main-line traffic speeds

are less than 35 miles per hour. Bus drivers on the shoulder may not exceed the speed of main-line traffic by more than 15 miles per hour and may never exceed 35 miles per hour. Bus drivers on the shoulder must yield to merging, entering and exiting traffic and to other vehicles on the shoulder.

Question: I see a lot of motorists pulling campers and trailers that don't have experience or simply don't know what they are doing. I see some crashes that I suspect are due to this. Can you talk about pulling campers and trailers?

Answer: If you pull a camper or trailer with your vehicle, you must maintain at least 500 feet of following distance from other vehicles.

When loaded, 10 to 15 percent of the trailer's weight should be balanced on the hitch between the trailer and vehicle. When correctly loaded, the trailer's floor should be level. After the first few miles, stop and check the hitch, tires, lights and load. Repeat this process at all rest stops.

Travel at a slower speed. Many trailers have smaller wheels that turn faster than your car wheels, causing heat buildup that can lead to trailer wheel bearing failure.

Remember that the brakes on your vehicle were probably not designed to handle heavy trailer loads. A sudden stop at high speed could flip both the trailer and the car.

Speed up carefully, using a lower gear if necessary. Maintain enough following distance to prevent the need for sudden stops. When passing other vehicles, remember the additional length of your trailer and be aware that your ability to accelerate is reduced.

Wind and rain will affect your ability to handle and control a vehicle pulling extra weight. When towing a trailer or camper in wet or windy conditions, slow down more

NEW LAW! Effective July 1, 2025

Lane Splitting and Filtering is Legal ON MINNESOTA ROADS

Motorcyclists and motorists need to be aware of this new law to ensure it is executed safely and respectfully on Minnesota roadways.

LANE SPLITTING

is allowed when two or more lanes of traffic are traveling in the same direction and traffic is MOVING. It allows a motorcycle to pass another vehicle in the same traffic lane and direction of travel only under these conditions:

- All motorcyclists must travel at no more than 25 mph.
- Must not exceed 15 mph over the speed of traffic in this lane.

LANE SPLITTING AND FILTERING CANNOT BE PERFORMED IN:

- A Roundabout (approach, drive-through or exit).
- A School Zone.
- A Work Zone where only a single travel lane is available.
- An On-ramp to a freeway or expressway with or without an active control device where moving or stationary vehicles are queued in one or more traffic lanes.

LANE FILTERING

is allowed when two or more lanes of traffic are traveling in the same direction and traffic is NOT MOVING. It allows a motorcycle to move through traffic that is stopped, such as at a traffic light or traffic jam, only under this condition:

- Must not exceed 15 mph.
- Must not exceed 15 mph over the speed of traffic in this lane.

MOTORCYCLISTS

It is your responsibility to determine if these maneuvers can safely be performed in every situation. **DO NOT** perform them if you cannot do so safely and within the legal speed restrictions.

MOTORISTS

Be aware of motorcycles sharing your lane in slow-moving traffic and when stopped at intersections. **DO NOT** impede their legal right to do so.

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than you would normally do in such weather.

Allow plenty of room for turns. Long trailers will swing closer to the edge of the road than your vehicle.

Pay extra attention to your vehicle's cooling system when towing extra weight. Your engine will overheat more easily in warm weather, at high speeds and in hilly areas.

You can avoid a ticket — and a crash — if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and of course, drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Troy Christianson – Minnesota State Patrol at 2900 48th Street NW, Rochester MN 55901-5848. or reach him at, Troy.Christianson@state.mn.us.

E-Bike Laws and Safety - Know the Rules, Share the Road

With warm weather and more people out and about, e-bikes are becoming a common sight on our roads and trails. Whether you're riding or driving near them, it's important to understand the laws and how to keep everyone safe.

Here's what you need to know:

No license or permit is required to operate an e-bike in Minnesota.

Minimum rider age is 15.

E-bikes are regulated similarly to bicycles, so most bicycle laws apply.

Riders should follow traffic signs and signals and yield to pedestrians.

If you're driving near e-bike riders, be extra alert, give them plenty of space and slow down — especially in neighborhoods or shared-use paths. Whether you're behind the handlebars, behind the wheel or walking, safety is a shared responsibility. Together, we can drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.

Tall Corn = Blind Spots

As we enter peak growing season with corn reaching its full height, it's a great time to remind drivers of the importance of stopping at rural intersections. The height of the corn significantly obstructs visibility at intersections, creating blind spots that can lead to devastating crashes. Never rely on indirect indicators like dust during the day or headlights at night that another vehicle may be approaching. These do not provide adequate warning, and never assume that the other driver will yield or stop.

Stay safe:

Stop at corners, even if there's no stop sign.

Stop, even if you know the other road has a stop sign.

Stop, even if you think no one is coming.

We've seen too many friends, neighbors and loved ones suffer injuries or fatalities at these blind rural intersections during growing season. Your life is precious. Rushing to save a few seconds just isn't worth the risk. Whether you're walking, biking, on a motorcycle, ATV, in your car or driving farm equipment, always — without exception — stop at the corners.



BE CAREFUL AT
RURAL INTERSECTIONS

New Motorcycle Law Started July 1

A new state law went into effect that allows motorcycles to share lanes with vehicles under specific conditions. The Minnesota Safety Council and Minnesota Network of Employers for Traffic Safety (NETS) developed a resource to help drivers and riders understand the changes to ensure this new law leads to greater safety, not greater risk. Drivers or riders looking for additional resources on lane sharing should go to drivesafemn.org for more information.

Lane Splitting (when traffic is moving):

Motorcyclists may pass between vehicles in the same lane only if:
Traffic is moving and there are two or more lanes in the same direction.
The motorcycle is going no more than 25 mph.
The rider is traveling no more than 15 mph faster than other traffic.

Lane Filtering (when traffic is stopped):

Motorcyclists may move between stopped vehicles (such as at a traffic light or traffic jam) only if:

There are two or more lanes in the same direction.
The rider travels no more than 15 mph faster than other traffic.

Where It's Not Allowed:

In roundabouts or their approaches/exits
In school zones
In single-lane work zones
On freeway/expressway on-ramps

Whether you're behind the handlebars or the wheel, it's important to stay alert, check blind spots, and give motorcycles space. Let's work together to drive Minnesota toward zero deaths.

Local Patriotism



By Benya Kraus
President & CEO Southern
Minnesota Initiative Foundation

This summer, I celebrated our nation's birthday in Harmony – a small town along the Root River in southeast Minnesota, and apparently home to one of the largest 4th of July parades in the region.

Despite having a population of 1,000, Harmony seemed to attract at least triple its population in spectators from all over the Root River Valley and beyond as it hosted a four-day festival complete with pork chop fundraisers led by the local churches, a petting zoo hosted by the local 4-H, nearly 24/7 music in the beer garden and my favorite event: a nightly showing of "Let's Have Harmony!" – a play about the founding of the town's name, adapted from early town council meetings from 1895 and put on by a talented cast of local high schoolers.

Throughout the many festivities, one constant kept catching my eye: parade buttons. All over town, the many community organ-

izers and event supporters sported them to promote the event – a symbol of the time, local funds, and care it takes to put on this major event year after year.

Outside of the 4th of July, the sacrifices and virtues laid forth in the founding of our Constitution may seem like an irrelevant past time – an action done and complete. We may think of ourselves only as the beneficiaries of a constitutional democracy, not necessarily as its preservers or safeguards.

I would argue that when we think of patriotism, we should think about those Harmony parade buttons.

Alexis de Tocqueville was a French philosopher who travelled to America in the 1830s and wrote a book titled Democracy in America. In it, he commented on what made American democracy, and the patriotism that animates it, truly unique:

"The strength of free peoples resides in the local community. Local institutions are to liberty what primary schools are to science; they put it within the people's reach; they teach people to appreciate its peaceful enjoyment and accustom them to make use of it. Without local institutions a nation may give itself a free government, but it has not got the spirit of liberty."

If we are to embrace what de Tocqueville found to be the secret sauce of American democracy, our primary allegiance must be first tied to the local level. That is, the major-

ity of our attention ought to be directed to the wellbeing of our local places, and our understanding of issues informed by the needs of our local neighbors. Building the habits of caring for the places and people where we live help us learn what it takes to be good citizens of the nation, and the world, to which we also belong.

Because preserving our American values takes participation from each of us, not just our national politicians and military servicemembers. Patriotism looks like the Wabasha school district running an annual blood drive to raise scholarships for their high school seniors. It looks like the Faribault Chamber partnering with a Saudi-Somali-American entrepreneur to expand her child care business and invest in the wellbeing of their community's children. It looks like civic groups, employers and everyday volunteers showing up to address hunger and food insecurity in Mower County.

It looks like communities utilizing our Small Town Grants (applications due August 28) and Taylor Rural Improvement Grants (opens September 8) to create more vibrant towns.

It looks like putting on our own version of Harmony 4th of July parade buttons.

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

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FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 1956

Dairy Days Princess Candidates Lining Up

The county Dairy Days celebration looks bigger and better with each passing day. The two-day event to be held in Mazeppa June 23-24 is jam packed with interesting activities.

Following a picnic Saturday when free ice cream and milk will be furnished, the kiddie's parade will be held. Children up to and including the age of 10 are urged to enter under the supervision of Mrs. G.A. Gahler and Mrs. J.B. Gregoire and prizes will be awarded.

Supt. Fred Eimermann, parade chairman, states there will be at least 75 entries in the giant parade at 1 p.m. Sunday.

A feature event, of course, will be the appearance of the American Dairy princess, Ruth Marie Peteresen. There are eight to date from the Mazeppa area. Four who will appear on the Mazeppa Farmers Cooperative Dairy association float include Laurel Wobschall, Bernetta Seipel, Arlene Holtorf and Marcella Krier. The American Legion auxiliary float will be graced by Dolores Sommerfield, Betty Mehrkens, Mary Sommerfield and Phyllis Wobschall.

MAZEPPA LIVEWIRES PLAN STATE FAIR BUS TRIP

The Mazeppa Livewires 4-H club met at the Mazeppa School, June 8.

We will go on a bus trip to the State fair on Children's Day for our tour. We would like to have as many of the parents of our club members as can take this trip with us. Will parents who might be interested please telephone or write to Mrs. Vernon Smith as soon as convenient.

Club members and parents pay their own bus fare and outside gate admission.

Linda Ferber gave a table setting demonstration.

Margaret Reiland, Elizabeth Reiland and Linda Ferber and Abby Grossbach volunteered to serve as Dairy Day float committee.

The next meeting will be held July 6, at the Community rooms. On the refreshment committee are William Wobschall and Kenneth Liffbrig.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1956

Spectacular Dairy Days Event Set to Go

*Historical Happenings are taken directly from the archives of the original papers as printed.
Any discrepancies need to be taken up the Editor and Publisher of the said papers, who are deceased.*

Spectacular Dairy Days Event Set To Go

Pictured to the right:

The Journal editor shows how he'll be operating in the editors' milking contest, reversing cap, nestling head against Bossy's flank and milking with smooth easy strokes. The scene is Walt Liffbrig's barn and the amused spectators Eldred Kuehn, Dairy Day Chairman, and Ray Young of the Wabasha County Herald.

- Courtesy Rochester Post Bulletin



One of the most charming entries in the parade Sunday promises to be this pony cart drawn by Bobby Gahler. The rest of Bobby's family includes Gay Gahler and his daughters, Vicky and Cindy.



- Courtesy Wabasha County Herald
Editor Ray Young of The Wabasha Herald here demonstrates the famous chop-stroke he plans to use in that incredible milking contest during Dairy Days. Bossy seems to be cooperating nicely.

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Regular Meeting of the Mazeppa City Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 9, 2025

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, Steve Liffriq, Erica Young, and Dustin Wiebusch.

Others Present: City Attorney Luke Lamprecht, City Engineer Matt Mohs from Bolton & Menk, Public Works Director Scott Ellingson, Wabasha County Sheriff Rodney Bartsch, Andrew Forliti from Smith Schafer CPA's, MMLS Manager Todd Ihrke, Diane Gilsdorf, Theresa Post, Rhonda Sand, and City Administrator-Clerk Karl Nahrgang.

Present via electronic meeting: Holly Galbus from the News Record.

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

Motion by Young, second by Liffriq to approve June 11, 2025, regular Council meeting minutes. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Andrew Forliti from Smith Schafer CPAs presented the City Audit for 2025. The Audit has been submitted to the State of Minnesota.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffriq to approve the 2024 City Audit. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Wabasha County Sheriff Rodney Bartsch gave the ICR for June. He said that the deputies have been checking Herb Vik Park in the evenings after events and monitoring the construction site to deter vandalism and theft. Bartsch also said that the extra shifts for Mazeppa Daze are filled, and the Sheriff's Department is ready for Mazeppa Daze.

Public Works Director Scott Ellingson gave the Public Works report and said that Public Works is ready for the Mazeppa Daze events.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang gave the Fire Department report.

MMLS Manager Todd Ihrke gave the Liquor Store report.

City Engineer Matt Mohs gave the Engineering update.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve WWTP project pay application #8 to Wapasha Construction for \$437,928.69. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffriq to approve Street Utility project pay application #1 to Schu8macher Excavating for \$63,431.09. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to

approve Task Order #7 for preliminary planning and design for stormwater, wastewater, and community resilience for a total of \$45,926.00 of which \$41,300.00 will be reimbursed by an MPCA grant. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang reported on City Hall Activities.

Rhonda Sand asked for updates on City actions to make sure the property at 140 Cherry St. E is safe and that progress on clean up is still moving forward. The also asked the City to do something about items being set out on curbs for a "giveaway" and left there. Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang responded that he has been in contact with multiple parties to get permission to enter the premises and do a structural inspection.

Diane Gilsdorf and Theresa Post asked Council to close a portion of Walnut St. for a benefit event. Discussion of alternatives to avoid blocking Riverview Apartments entrance were discussed.

Administrator Clerk Karl Nahrgang updated on 2 minor subdivisions. He had received the materials for LaRoche Lookout and contacted Mr. Olson for Scenic Heights Replat 7. Those documents will be completed and submitted in the next week or so.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Young to approve building permits. 25-18-0013, 454 3rd Ave. NE - home addition. 25-18-0015, 1249 River Bluff Rd. SE -Deck. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffriq to approve hiring Steve Mehrkens as a part-time

employee in the Public Works Department. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Liffriq to approve purchase of a new Hustler mower for \$7616, after trade-in of current Hustler mower. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Wiebusch to approve a contract for a pop machine located at City Hall with proceeds dedicated to park projects. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Young, second by Hammes to approve replacing 2 overhead doors and installing openers on the City Shop for \$11,670. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Motion by Wiebusch, second by Liffriq to approve Resolution 2025-25 accepting a donation from the Mazeppa Lion's Club. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

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

Council members thanked all of those who volunteered to remove dead trees in the park and to Erik Vik for volunteering time and equipment to assist in that project in preparation for Mazeppa Daze.

Council also let everyone know that the Market in the Park event is going to be Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Motion by Hammes, second by Liffriq to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Administrator Clerk

Next meeting: Working Session, date to be determined.



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Great Mazeppa Daze! Congratulations and THANK YOU to all the people and organizations that make this celebration happen. And BONUS, City Hall received very few negative reports about behavior or inconvenience. That lets us know that most of the people that came to enjoy the celebration were mindful of respecting property and other celebration participants.

The common theme to the complaints that we did receive was about trash. Trash is also one of the complaints received by City Hall apart from Mazeppa Daze too. During the celebration, some attendees leave bottles, cans, packaging, and almost anything else lay wherever they are sitting. Some had the courtesy to bag it before leaving. There are numerous trash receptacles at the event and some individuals can't seem make the effort walk their trash to the bin. As for the "other" Mazeppa trash problem, people leave "curb alert" items along the street. If someone isn't interested after a day or two, get it into the trash.

Other ordinance infractions of this type are people burning garbage and unlicensed or non-running vehicles sitting on residential properties. The City needs property owners to make sure their property is not in violation. City Hall sees the effort that is being made on some problem properties. We also thank everyone who we don't have to remind to keep their space clean.

CLERK CHATTER
By Karl Nahrgang
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THEME: AT THE CIRCUS

ACROSS

- *Jumbo The Elephant or Sirius in space
- "But I heard him exclaim ' ____ he drove out of sight"
- Young salmon
- Blood component
- What Lizzie Borden did
- Leather razor sharpener
- "The Famous Five" author ____ Blyton
- Back of the neck
- Letter-shaped girder
- *Feats-of-strength circus performer
- Indian restaurant bread
- In need of a muffler
- Away's partner
- Backward
- Same as ruin
- Greek R
- Net sales minus cost of goods sold
- Europe/Asia mountain divide
- Approximately, as in date
- Overnight lodging
- Inflicted a blow
- Celestial bear
- Goose egg
- ____-AFTRA
- Frying pan
- Eating establishment
- Type of English crs.
- Traffic accident
- Wading bird
- *Sara Gruen's novel "Water for ____"
- *Lion tamer's tool or counter seat
- Justice's garb
- Hit it on the head
- Run off, as in couple
- Was in the hole
- Japanese zither
- Something ____
- Movie "Saturday Night" subject matter, acr.
- FedEx, verb

DOWN

- Tom Jones' " ____ a Lady"
- *Big Top
- Gulf V.I.P.
- Remodeled
- Tests
- Settle a debt
- Biblical place of bliss
- *"The Greatest Showman" protagonist
- Equals length times width
- Multicolored horse
- Dashboard acronym
- Type of heart pain
- Moses' mountain
- Hollywood legend ____ Shearer
- *Like circus audience's experience, hopefully
- Bow-like structure
- Dodge
- Trunks
- *Three- ____ circus
- What phoenix did
- Batu Khan's people
- JD Vance's "Hillbilly ____"
- Civil disorder
- African grazer
- *Sound of circus
- Money under mattress, e.g.
- *Aerialist's bouncy safety device
- Piled
- Twisted cotton thread
- Give it generously
- *Funny one
- James Dean's famous role
- It will
- *Unwelcome reception, pl.
- Cupid, to the Greeks
- Sodium hydroxide
- ____ caca, South American lake
- Trough stuff
- Witness

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LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- 1:00 PM - Livestock Demonstration
- Livestock Arena
- 3:00 PM - Poultry Show
- Swine Barn
- 6:30 PM - Rabbit Show
- Swine Barn



ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT

- 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- All Star Animal Petting Zoo
- 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Free Inflatables

GRANDSTAND

7:00 PM IMP AUTO CROSS

- All tickets \$15
- Gates open at 5:00 PM

THINGS TO DO

- 12:30 PM - Pet Show
- Event Center Lawn
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Fair Games at the Gazebo

Minnow Races
1:30 & 2:30

Halls Of Magic

2:00 PM • 5:00 PM • 8:00 PM

Pig Races - All Star Animal Petting Zoo
1:00 PM • 3:00 PM • 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, JULY 31st OPEN 9:00AM-CLOSE

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- 8:00 AM - Swine Show
- Swine Barn
- 12:00 PM - Sheep & Market Goat
- Livestock Arena
- Market goat show to follow immediately after sheep show
- 4:00 PM - Beef Show
- Livestock Arena



FAMILY NIGHT

- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Music by Dan & Connie
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Touch a Truck
- 6:00 PM
- Power Wheel Races
- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- Nick's Skid & Steer Show & Tell
- 7:00 PM
- Hay Toss Contest



ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT

- 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- All Star Animal Petting Zoo
 - Free Inflatables



THINGS TO DO

Senior Day Events

- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Music in Event Center
- 11:30 PM
- Lunch
- 1:00 PM
- Euchre Tournament

Fun For All

- 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Fair games at the Gazebo
- 10:00 AM & 3:00 PM
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Assessing Soil Health
- Monsters with Leaves

Halls Of Magic

- 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM • 8:00 PM
- Pig Races - All Star Animal Petting Zoo
1:00 PM • 3:00 PM • 5:30 PM
- 3rd Lair Skate Park
3:00 PM • 5:00 PM • 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1st OPEN 9:00AM-CLOSE

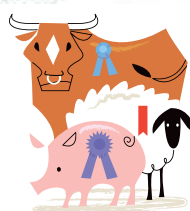
LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- 8:00 AM - Dairy Goat Show
- Livestock Arena
- 10:00 AM - Dairy Show
- Livestock Arena
- 4:00 PM - Animal Costume Contest
- Livestock Arena
- All ages welcome



ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT

- 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- All Star Animal Petting Zoo
- 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Free Inflatables
- 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Fair Games at the Gazebo



Minnow Races
12:00 1:00 2:00



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7:00 PM GREAT FRONTIER BULL RIDING

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- Kids (3-10) \$15
- Gates open at 5:00 PM



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THINGS TO DO

- 5:00 PM
- Celebrity Showmanship
- 7:00 PM
- Talent show - Event Center



Halls Of Magic

- 11:00 AM • 1:00 PM • 5:00 PM
- Pig Races - All Star Animal Petting Zoo
1:00 PM • 3:00 PM • 5:30 PM
- 3rd Lair Skate Park
12:00 PM • 3:00 PM • 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2nd OPEN 9:00AM-CLOSE

LIVESTOCK BLUE RIBBON AUCTION

- 8:30 AM - Buyers Breakfast
- Event Center
- 9:30 AM - Blue Ribbon Auction
- Livestock Arena
- 3:00 PM - Premier Showmanship
- Livestock Arena

TRACTOR PEDAL PULL
2:00 PM Sign Up - 2:30 PM Start

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AUTO CROSS
5:00 PM



ALL DAY ENTERTAINMENT

- 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- All Star Animal Petting Zoo
- 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Free Inflatables
- 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Fair games at the Gazebo



GRANDSTAND

5:00 PM IMP AUTO CROSS

- All tickets \$15
- Gates open at 3:00 PM

THINGS TO DO

- 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Pedal to the Medal Art Demo
- 2:00 PM - Cupcake Decorating Contest
- Event Center
- Halls Of Magic
- 12:00 PM
 - 4:00 PM
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