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News from the Mayor

Spring is finally here. That means spring-cleaning, flowers, green grass and a lot of activity in our community. I'm pleased to report that work on the new Municipal Building is progressing nicely. We are about 60% complete at the time of this article and the nice weather this week enabled us to unveil the front of the building giving us our first look at the brickwork. I look forward to the day we can announce our grand opening. I think it will be a building you all will be very proud of.

The Minoa Farms project should start construction on the homes featured in this year's Parade of Homes within a couple of weeks. For anyone interested in more information about that project, signs and contacts will be going up soon at the site.

The first three months of every year are always interesting for the Village Board and me. That is when we have to put a budget in place, a tough task in today's' environment. The board has done a great job in delivering a tentative budget which is remarkable considering we have a state retirement fund which by itself would add \$1.00 per thousand to our present tax rate. If you remember last year when we had the referendum on the Municipal Building, we projected a tax increase of approximately \$.99 per thousand to cover the cost of the building. We were successful in bringing in a tentative budget at an increase of \$1.00 per thousand for the entire budget. This also includes high increases in fuel, utilities and insurance rates, etc. No one likes to see taxes increase, but given the current economic conditions, the Board did a great job. The growth in our community along with some ray of hope from Albany of some reform on their part should help us in the future by increasing our tax base and relieving us of some of our states unfunded mandates.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Memorial Day parade, under warm sunny skies, with a new building as a backdrop and a bright future ahead for our Village.



News from the Minoa Fire Department

MINOA FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FIELD DAYS

June 2nd, 3rd & 4th

Lewis Park

Thursday June 2

Kiddie Parade - 5:30

Men's Pushball - 6:00

Family Night Special - Hotdog, fries and soda \$2.00

Hawkins Ride Special \$12.00 wristband per person

Band - RAZBURI SUMTHING - 7:30 -11:30

Friday June 3

Men's Pushball - 6:00p.m.

Band - RHYTHM METHOD - 7:30 - 11:30

FIREWORKS - 9:00 p.m. Rain date Saturday June 5

Saturday June 4

Women's Pushball - 10:30 a.m. Junior's Pushball 11:30 a.m.

Hawkins Ride Special \$12.00 wristband per person

GRAND PARADE 6:00 P.M.

Band - - 7:30 - 11:30





A Word from the Department of Public Works

Spring Cleanup!!!!!!! Yard waste and miscellaneous debris should be in compliance with the curbside collection policy. Just a reminder.... Leaves are better left in piles near the road instead of rows, as this is easier for the machine to pickup. **Do not put leaves in plastic or garbage bags** and do not place in the roadway. If you need assistance, please call Tom Petterelli Superintendent of D.P.W. @ 656-7574. E-mail - minoadpw@twcny.rr.com

DPW & Waste Water Treatment Facility Schedule:

May 31 – September 2, 2005

Monday thru Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 4:30p.m. Friday 7:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Memo from the Water Department

Are you experiencing any of the following situations in your home?

Your sump pump runs continually

You've had to replace your sump pump due to over use

Your electric bill appears to be higher than it should be

If so, please contact Tom Petterelli, DPW Superintendent, at 656-7574 to discuss a possible resolution to your problem.



Minoa Welcomes our New Businesses



Mayor Donovan, the Board of Trustees and Village residents were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony last month. The Mayor declared "Sunshine Minoa Food Mart is officially open for business."

Stop in and welcome owner Avtar Singh Grewal to Minoa.

Monday – Friday 6:00 am – 10:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday – 7:00 am – 9:00 pm Phone: 656-3500

Opening soon Sunshine Liquor & Spirits



Our new video store is now open and busy as ever. The Movie Gallery is the fastest growing video chain in North America. Stop in and say hello to Store Manager Tristan Schaub.

Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 10:00 pm,

Friday and Saturday 10:00 am – 11:00 pm,

Sunday - 10:00 am – 10:00 pm.

Phone: 656-9440

A Word from the Minoa Chronicle

The Minoa Chronicle is a 12 page booklet published three times a year - {winter, spring and fall}. The first issue was printed in the fall of 1996 and this May we will be printing the 27th issue. This paper is sold at **Green's Hardware, Minoa Library, the Village Office** and **Louie C's Barbershop**. The cost is one dollar an issue or if you prefer you can have a year's subscription (3 issues) mailed to you for five dollars.

Most of us have listened to our parents and grandparents tell stories of people and places. Many of these stories were documented with pictures, scrapbooks and newspaper articles. Most of these tales have faded from our memories, and many people (not understanding their importance) have discarded these records of their past.

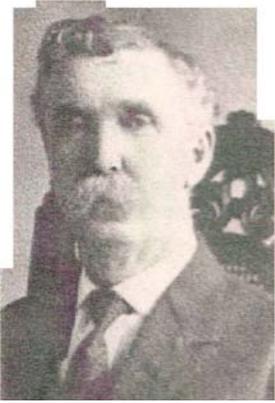
We were fortunate that Norma Jenner, one of the founders of the paper, had a wealth of historical data that she and her parents had saved. Her Grandfather and her Great Grandfather came to Minoa from Montbronn, in the province of Lorraine, France. Many of Minoa's early settlers came from the Alsace-Lorraine area in Western Europe. She has over 60 postcards of old Minoa, old maps beginning in 1854, old booklets written by our early ancestors, pictures of Minoa from the late 1800's to the razing of The Old Minoa School in 1996. This wealth of material was the basis for most of our early issues. Every issue is filled with people and events that shaped our village.

A resident of our village - Noel Hotchkiss - back in 1967, wrote a 92 page book consisting of the history of Manlius Station (now named Minoa) from when this land was still occupied by the Indians up to 1967. This is a very interesting chronology of our lovely village. He recently gave us permission to re-issue this book and that too is for sale for \$5.00 at the above named places. Both he and the present writers of the Minoa Chronicle have written of people, businesses, churches, buildings, sports, and events which have shaped Minoa into what it is today.

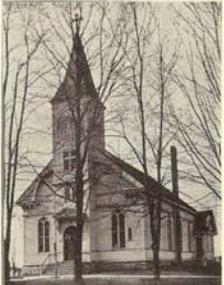
The Minoa Chronicle is written by Norma Heigle Danboise Jenner (656-9227), Beverly Carney Petterelli (656-4189) and Bob Kinsella (656-9302). Some of our readers have already contributed ideas and written stories of memories of their hometown. If the paper is to remain viable, we need input for new stories, people to feature, and any pictures or memories you may wish to share. We also are asking for anyone who has scrapbooks, newspaper articles, or any other documents mentioning Minoa ---anything that is about Minoa, --- please contact us. --- **Remember**, that is where your history comes from. Please help us. Or perhaps you might like to join us and write more recent history to keep this paper coming.

The Village of Minoa supports the Minoa Chronicle. The Village feels this is our link to Minoa's past and a guide to our future.

If you can help, please call one of the writers of the paper.



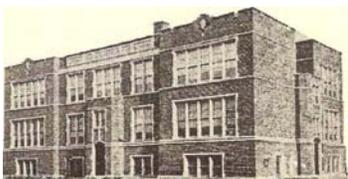
President Stanley Terwilliger
(1913-1915)



St. Mary's Church



Mayor Russell Schepp
(1969-1974, 1975- 1979)



Minoa Graded and High School

Calendar of Events

4/1/05 Water Billing – Section II
4/1/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section I
4/1/05 Sewer Penalty Billing
4/3/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Community Center
4/4/05 **Annual Organizational Mtg – 7:00 pm – Community Center**
4/4/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center
4/6/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center
4/11/05 **Public Hearing – Budgets – 7:00 pm – Community Center**
4/14/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center
4/18/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center
4/19/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Center
*Golden Age meets every Thursday @ 11:00 am

5/1/05 Water Billing – Section III
5/1/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section II
5/1/05 Sewer Penalty Billing
5/1/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – 6:30 pm – Community Center
5/2/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center
5/4/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center
5/12/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center
5/16/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center
5/17/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Center
5/18/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center
5/30/05 **Memorial Day Holiday for Village Employees – Village Office Closed**
5/30/05 **Memorial Day Ceremony - Parade at 11:00 am**
*Golden Age meets every Thursday @ 11:00 am

6/1/05 Water Billing – Section IV
6/1/05 Water Penalty Billing – Section III
6/1/05 Village Tax Bills Levied
6/1/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center
6/2/05 **Minoa Fire Department Field Days**
6/3/05 **Minoa Fire Department Field Days**
6/4/05 **Minoa Fire Department Field Days**
6/5/05 ESM Youth Sports Board Meeting – Community Center
6/6/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center
6/9/05 Planning Board Meeting – 7:00 pm – Community Center
6/14/05 Food Pantry – 10:00 – 11:00 am, 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Community Center
6/15/05 Justice Court – 6:30 pm – Community Center
6/20/05 Village Board Meeting – 7:30 pm – Community Center
*Golden Age meets every Thursday @ 11:00 am

Message from the Office of the Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Elections are over and your Village Government remains the same. Of the 396 votes cast, Trustee Ray Highbrown received 228 votes and John Champagne received 166 votes. Two absentee votes were not counted as instructions were not followed.

The Village Board has been working diligently on a tentative budget. A Public Hearing is scheduled for April 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center to present the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Village Budgets.

Just a reminder! Village Tax bills will be mailed on May 31, 2005. Payment without penalty is due by July 1, 2005.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the Village Office.



Karen A. Curulla
Clerk / Treasurer