

COVID-19

| County | Total | Deaths | 1st Dose | 2nd Dose |
|----------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Le Sueur | 4,365 | 33 | 16,063 | 15,136 |
| Rice | 10,992 | 137 | 40,345 | 37,655 |
| Scott | 24,685 | 177 | 97,489 | 90,532 |
| Waseca | 3,587 | 32 | 10,316 | 9,734 |
| State | 875,917 | 9,192 | 3,593,342 | 3,338,219 |

From Minnesota Department of Health.
Case data as of 11-22-2021. Vaccination data as of 11-18-2021.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

The **New Prague Times** and the **Montgomery Messenger** have once again been designated as official Santa Claus drop-off sites for the 2021 Christmas season.



Letters to Santa Claus will be shipped to the North Pole by The Times and the Messenger, provided they find their way to one of our offices by **Monday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.**

Parents, please be sure the **first and last name and age of your child are printed clearly on the letter or included on the email.**

Letters received by the deadline will be published in The New Prague Times Christmas edition on Dec. 16th or Montgomery Messenger Christmas edition on Dec. 23rd.

Look for our North Pole Mail Slot Drop at the New Prague office!

Drop off, mail or email to:
Santa, c/o The Times
200 Main St. E., New Prague, MN 56071
E-mail: letterstosanta200@gmail.com

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310 First St. S., Montgomery, MN 56069
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The MACC reports on KD finances at annual meeting

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Powered by nice weather, a waning COVID-19 pandemic and 87 years of tradition, this year's Kolacky Days was successful - and expensive.

"It was the most expensive Kolacky Days to date," said Tom Washa, President of the Montgomery Area Community Club, the organization that oversees and plans the summer event. Washa reported the financial summary from the 2021 Kolacky Days Festival at the MACC's annual meeting on Nov. 8.

According to the financial report, after \$216,386 was received for income, and \$209,805 was paid for expenses, the MACC banked a profit of \$6,581.

Washa noted one of the main sources of income was the beer garden, which generated \$74,891 on an expense of \$34,398 for a profit of \$40,500. He also pointed out the sponsorships for the festival generated a profit of \$23,671, and the raffle brought in \$8,027. Sales of the buttons added \$15,970 to the MACC's coffers, and vendor fees for for-profit food stands, which were new this year, generated \$3,955.

However many, if not all of the Kolacky Days events, make little to no money. The top five areas of net losses Washa reported are the parade \$11,820, sales tax on beer \$8,236, pageant scholarships \$7,500, entertainment \$6,858, and \$3,840 for sanitation.

Washa said the MACC is already planning for other expenses for the 2022 celebration. Those include setting funds aside for fireworks, park improvements, and an update to the Kolacky Royalty float.

"I think the last time it was rehabbed



Wade Young Photo

The 2021 Kolacky Days Royalty (from left) Miss Congeniality Aubrey Filter, 2nd Princess Ronnie Smith, and 1st Princess Ellaina Novak talk about their year as Montgomery ambassadors at the community club's annual meeting on November 8.

was the year after Annie Mladek was queen in 1993," he said.

Some of the 2022 ideas include an entrance sign on the south side of town, TCU Main Street banners, and ending the royalty scholarships.

"After COVID, we realize a lot of our things are paid for and occur every year. The royalty scholarships, now that we're having a typical festival, have created a deficit. If we could create an endowment, we wouldn't have to come up with \$7,500. So we're looking to explore that," Washa said.

He said the MACC continues to explore grants, different kids and teen events at Kolacky Days, and enriching the setup at Memorial Park. He said they continued to review the volunteer program and will possibly redo the montgomerymn.org website.

The report also highlighted how the

MACC gives back to the community. Washa said some of the previous projects it has assisted with were the entrance sign on the north side of town, funding for one of Steam Engine Joe's engines, Czech flags, Log Cabin and mural restorations, park upgrades, pioneer monument restoration, Kolacky Days signs, fireworks for the 80th and 85th celebrations, and a photo digitizing project.

Also at the meeting, Jake Edel, Washa, and Jill Skogerboe were reelected to the Board of Directors, with Washa retaining the position of president. Board member Lisa Schroeder accepted the position of Vice President. Other officers include Maureen Franek as secretary and Abby Brockway as treasurer.

All of the members present voted on this year's Kolacky Days button design, which will be announced at a later date.

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Montgomery Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events

- Business After Five – Saturday, Nov. 27, 5 p.m. at Rise and Shine & the KR Monty Bar and Hotel
- Small Business Saturday, Nov. 27
- Torchlight Parade & Fireworks, Thurs. Dec. 2
- Board Meeting, Dec. 21

Members Spotlight

Rise & Shine NUTRITION

300 1st St. S., Montgomery, MN
Hours: Tues-Fri 7 am-2 pm
tami.juberian86@gmail.com

November Specials!

- Apple Orchard Tea Bombs
- Fall Harvest Sangria Tea
- Pumpkin Pie Blizzard Shake
- Caramel Apple Crisp Shake

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