

Laura's Prairie Summer Guest Updates

Bill Richards

This weekend, listen to Laura Ingalls Wilder author William Anderson on Facebook Live and YouTube at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18. Saturday at 7:00 p.m. the Wilder Pageant mini-series welcomes Wendy McClure and Melanie Stringer to share thoughts on Laura Ingalls and pioneer history.

July 24th will feature Alison Arngrim, everyone's favorite Nellie Oleson from the "Little House" TV series and Barb Mayes

Boustead, representing the LIWLR Board well known for her fascination with Laura's weather!

Saturday's guest on July 25th will be Pamela Smith Hill, an American authoress, with many works including Laura Ingalls Wilder, A Writer's Life" and "Laura Ingalls Wilder's Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography".

William Anderson is the author of "The Selected Letters of Laura Ingalls Wilder". He says that he is a lucky person. As teacher and author, both careers enhanced one

another, and both of them focus mostly on young people. His teaching includes History, Literature and Writing. His writings fall into those categories as well.

Wendy McClure is an author, columnist and children's book editor. She is the author of "The Wilder Life: My Adventures in the Lost World of Little House on the Prairie", winner of the 2011 Midwest Booksellers Choice award in 2011. She will have a new children's book out soon called "It's a Pumpkin!"

Melanie Stringer, ALM is an Interdisciplinary

Public Historian, Museum Specialist, and lifelong scholar of Laura Ingalls Wilder. She has presented over 250 living history programs to audiences in nine states since 2010. She is Co-Chair of the LauraPalooza academic conference.

Laura's Prairie Summer is a six-part mini-series with live guests interviews, recorded and live scenes about Laura Ingalls and opportunity for audience participation in the Pa Look-A-Like and Laura Nellie Challenges. For More information find us at walnutgrove.org



LITTLE ANGLER...

WALNUT GROVE — This young angler was holding a pole that was much larger than him as he watched his bobber at the Loggers Fishing Derby last Saturday morning at Lake Laura. Photo/Tom Merchant

City updates ordinance for burning regulations

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WESTBROOK —The council heard the first reading of the Burning Code 8.15 that outlines open burning and recreational fires. City Clerk Katie Steen told the council the changes were made to further clarify open burning and regulation of recreational fires. Steen also noted there are several other ordinances that need updating for clarity.

After hearing the police report by Michael Hubin, the council approved the hire of a new part time officer.

Street Supervisor Carl Conrad told the council the engineer is just about done with the specifications for the new lift station at the lagoon site. Conrad said they should be able to call for bids soon.

Conrad got bids from Duininks and R&H paving to repair the west end of Seventh Street. It is a patch 16 and half feet by 78 feet. Duininks bid was \$12,000; R & H bid was \$4,620. The council approved the low bid from R & H paving for \$4,620.

Conrad told the council the heater at the pool is working and the pumps are working but he said they are noisy.

The council approved the purchase of 3 sets of new turn out gear. They

also approved Wyatt Christians as a new member for the fire department.

The city received a bill for \$11,000 from the Utilities Commission for hydrant repair. Nobody there could remember having to pay for those repairs in the past Mayor Dennis Phelps said they have to discuss it with the commission.

Clerk Steen told the council they had to pay to rent an ambulance while theirs was being fixed. The damage came on a return trip on the interstate when they hit a deer. Steen said the insurance paid for the repair, but not for the rental of a unit while the repair was being completed.

Lee Glidden, a local concrete contractor, recently purchased the old food pantry building. He wanted permission to park some of his equipment in the city owned lot next to his building. The lot is used for overflow parking and piling snow in the winter. The council decided to allow Glidden to park some things near his building. But they also said it will be on a limited use basis.

Clerk Steen told the council the city is eligible for \$53,492 of money from the Covid Relief Fund. The money can be used only for specified items. The city will need to apply for the funds before the end of December.

The city approved city employees

to donate PTO time to other employees.

The council approved an exempt permit for the Southwest Minnesota Heroes to hold a poker run in Westbrook.

A golf cart permit was granted to Judy Knudson. The following building permits were approved:

- Sidewalk replacement and deck replacement at the Gordy Eichner residence on Eight Street.
- Construct a deck, widen driveway and build a fence at Amber Bouldans residence on Ash Avenue.
- Set a grain bin on the property of Bonnie And Clydes Bar and Grill on First Avenue.
- Alter the existing cell phone building at the tower site on the south edge of the city, by ATT.
- Stan Erickson received a variance to raise the height of his fence at his residence on Eighth Street.

June Police Report.

Parking complaint; child protection report; two disturbances; two public assists; driving complaint; assist county at hospital; two verbal domestic-parties were separated; assist state patrol and sheriff's office with fatal accident; drug complaint; air ambulance assist; vehicle unlocked; two warrant complaints.

CLUB NOTES

Club News

Please check with organization before attending. The Sentinel Tribune has not received any updates regarding cancellation/postponements

Mary & Martha's Pantry

Pantry is open Mondays 1:30pm - 3:30pm. Volunteers will greet clients outside and then return their food needs out on a cart. Phone 507-537-1416 if you need special arrangements or have any questions.

RSVP Bone Builder

WESTBROOK —RSVP Bone Builder classes meet every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Peterson Estates dining room.

Jeffers Petroglyphs

Beginning Wednesday, July 15, 2020, Jeffers Petroglyphs will once again welcome visitors to the red rock ridge. Timed entry tickets can be purchased online or through the box office at 651-259-3015. A limited number of tickets will be available for walk-ups.



FISHING DERBY AT LAKE LAURA

Twenty-nine children participated in the Fishing Derby at Lake Laura on Saturday, July 11. There were 29 kids total. Winners were Ages 6-12: 1st Kendall Jenniges 2nd Riley Alms; Ages 0-5: 1st - Jace Engen 2nd Hattie Kletscher. Pictured are Riley Alms, Kendall Jenniges, Hattie Kletscher, and Jace Engen. Submitted photo.

Cottonwood County Museum Plans Re-opening

The museum re-opens for visitors on Monday, July 20. We will be resuming our regular hours of operation, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. We encourage visitors to wear masks and sanitize hands upon entering. Only groups of 10 or less will be allowed to visit at one time. Anyone interested in doing research in the office/research library must make an appointment. This is a great way to ensure we can assist you in your research and have a minimum amount of volunteers at the museum. If you want to see the museum on Saturday this summer, please call and make an appointment at 831-1134. To keep our visitors as well as our staff healthy, we plan to sanitize, sanitize and sanitize!

The temporary case in our Exhibit Hall

showcases our county as the "Flax Capital of the World". Discussed in the display is the flax plant itself along with its various products, "Flax Days" which was held in the county from 1947-1956, and the Schweitzer Flax Plant under the leadership of Carl Schneider. We have an assortment of artifacts relating to Flax Days including buttons, programs and even a dress donated by one of the Flax Queens, JoAnn Hanson of Bingham Lake. Stop by and check out "The Days of Flax".

Coming in August will be a new exhibit in the Remick Gallery entitled "Knit Loud, Knit Often" by Jane Leverenz. The opening reception is planned for Sunday, August 2, from 2-4 p.m.

Redwood County Relay for Life

The Relay is coming! The Relay is Coming! Yes, that's right! The 27th annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Redwood County is coming to all 15 communities in Redwood County this year from July 22-July 31. The Covid 19 has affected the Relay For Life like it has everything else. In the past the people came to the Relay. The Committee did not want to just cancel it. After much discussion of what to do, the idea of bringing the Relay to the 15 communities in Redwood County was approved. Members of the committee and teams will work to "paint the towns purple". Around the 22nd you will start seeing purple decorations to remind you of the Relay For Life. In some cases luminaries will also be put up. They, however, this year will not have candles in them.

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This year we will not have the meal or the silent auctions either. Some teams might figure out a way to have a curbside meal. There will be donation containers put up in some businesses for people to give a donation to the Relay if they wish. The money raised through events such as the Relay For Life helps the American Cancer Society save lives, celebrate life, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. Donations are used to fund lifesaving cancer research, patient support services, prevention and education information, and detection and treatment programs. Seventy-nine cents of EVERY dollar goes directly to FIGHT CANCER 16 cents is spent on fundraising expenses for our events nationwide. Only five cents of each dollar is used to fund management and general expenses.

Everyone is encouraged to visit the communities of Redwood County and take part in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Redwood County. Thank you for your support.

