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**Sign up for
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Kindergarten
enrollment open

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SAUK RAPIDS
— Families in the Sauk Rapids-Rice School District who have moved, changed day-care providers or need to change their school bus pickup and drop-off locations are asked to complete a transportation form as soon as possible.

Bus request and change forms for Sauk Rapids-Rice students must be received by the transportation department on or before Aug. 30, Superintendent Bradley Bergstrom told the school board at their July 19 meeting.

Families who submit transportation requests after Aug. 30 will have their children assigned to the closest existing bus stop until routes are finalized after the first full week of the school year begins.

“We’re not saying that you can’t ride the bus,” Bergstrom said. “But you’re going to a stop that has already been pre-established, and it might not be as convenient.”

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Youth earn skateboards **for reading**

Skate Unity collaborates with Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota

BY ELLARRY PRENTICE | STAFF WRITER

SAUK RAPIDS — In 2003, Sauk Rapids resident Mike Thienes set out to raise awareness and money for a skatepark in St. Cloud through an event called Skate Unity.

His skatepark dream became a reality when Skate Plaza at Heritage Park opened in 2010. Skate Unity did not end there.

Eighteen years later, the event continues to raise money to connect local people with the popular sport.

“The first fundraiser was so fun we wanted to keep it going,” Thienes said.

Skate Unity fundraisers have supported several skateboarding initiatives in the area. In addition to supporting skateparks, Skate Unity has raised money to purchase skateboards for youth and to provide free lessons at skate camps.

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PHOTO COURTESY RUBINSKI VISUAL
Skate Unity volunteers Pat Jensen (from left), Mary Bruno, Justin Engelmeyer and Mike Thienes gift 25 skateboards to youth from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota this summer. The skateboards were purchased with money raised by auctioning skateboards featuring handmade designs by local artists.



Big voice comes to small town



Popular radio personality takes over morning show at Rockin' 101

BY TOM FENTON | STAFF WRITER

SAUK RAPIDS — Regular radio listeners in Minnesota are more than likely familiar with the voice of John Lassman. A fixture on two separate stints with the “KQ Morning Show” — which dominated the Twin Cities radio market for nearly three decades — has brought his deep tone and humor to “The Red House That Rocks” in Sauk Rapids.

Lassman joined Tri-County Broadcasting and WHMH-FM, also known as Rockin' 101, March 1. “The Johnny Rock Show” airs from 6-10 a.m. daily and features prominent guests from the rock ‘n’ roll and pop culture spectrum along with familiar humorous bits that helped shape and grow his popularity.

His character, The Chucker, is famous for roasting celebrities by intentionally getting their names wrong and getting confused of what television show or movie in which they starred.

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PHOTO BY TOM FENTON
After a long career in big market radio, John Lassman is the host of the “The Johnny Rock Show” on Rockin' 101, aired from Tri-County Broadcasting in Sauk Rapids. Lassman gained popularity in Minnesota as part of the “KQ Morning Show” in Minneapolis.

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