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City Council upholds its dangerous dog decision

Members back order that Princess the pitbull be euthanized

By Emma McNamee
The Globe

WORTHINGTON — During their Monday night meeting, the Worthington City Council moved to uphold a decision by the city of Worthington's legislative hearing officer to classify a local dog as dangerous.

The council heard previous findings regarding the behavior of the dog from Assistant City Attorney Jeff Flynn. Flynn summarized the events that had led to the "dangerous dog" designation, the results of a prior legislative hearing regarding the dog's status as dangerous, and the recommendation of an animal control officer that the dog be euthanized.

They also heard a statement from the dog's owner, August Temol, who had brought the appeal before the city council.

This appeal was the result of two separate instances where the dog, a black and white pitbull named Princess, attacked strangers unprovoked, once in May and again in August. Princess was declared a dangerous dog by the public safety director and taken to the pound, where she currently remains and has continued to show signs of aggression, according to an animal control officer.

During his appeal, Temol acknowledged that Princess was a dangerous dog, which he attributed to her coming

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The Peterson State Wildlife Management Area is located just south of the Lake Ocheda outlet on 310th Street.

HEARING A CALL FOR HELP

Farmer finds injured hunter while combining

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

Worthington — As a 23-year-old Worthington man continues to recuperate from an accidental gunshot to his shoulder while hunting south of town near Peterson Slough on Oct. 19, the farmer who found the man spoke to The Globe on Monday about the discovery.

Wishing to remain

anonymous, the farmer said he was combining corn just west of Peterson Slough late that Tuesday afternoon when he spotted a blaze orange hunting hat and what appeared to be someone waving at him.

"I was combining back and forth and out of the corner of my eye, I saw something out in the field," the farmer shared. "How he got there, I don't know. I'd just combined there a half hour before."

The farmer said he was about 150 feet away from the hunter when he noticed the hunter wave his arm.

"I thought he was friendly and just waving to me," the farmer said. But, not understanding why the hunter was in the field in the first place, the farmer turned his combine around and headed across the field to where the man lay on the ground.

"When I got out of the combine, he was saying,

"Help me, help me," the farmer shared, noting that seconds later, the hunter's cell phone rang and the hunter asked the farmer to answer the call.

On the other end of the line was the hunter's girlfriend, whom the hunter had called after the gun discharged. He told her he was at Peterson Slough, but she didn't know where that was. The farmer

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'A Night with Carol' hits Round Lake stage in November

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

ROUND LAKE — If you're looking for a reason to get out of the house, mix and mingle with others and enjoy an evening of pure slapstick comedy, then

you'll want to get your tickets for JD Productions' latest performance, "A Night with Carol."

The tribute to Carol Burnett and friends will be presented Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 6-7

and 13-14, with Saturday performances beginning at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees starting at 2 p.m., at the Round Lake Community Center (formerly the Round Lake High School gymnasium).

All shows will include complimentary popcorn and pop, as well as table seating to provide for social distancing.

JD Productions, founded earlier this year by Jeri Sirovy, of rural Jackson, and

Denise Deitchman, of Lakefield, have directed four shows together since March. This time, they lead a cast of 17 players, hailing from several southwest Minnesota communities including Worth-

ington, Lismore, Round Lake, Windom, Storden, Jeffers, Lakefield and Jackson.

"A Night with Carol" features 17 original skits from the Carol

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The tie that binds them together

Worthington women celebrate 95th birthdays and a 76-year friendship

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

WORTHINGTON — One celebrated her 95th birthday on Aug. 25, and the other will celebrate her 95th birthday on Monday; and together, Gladys Berger and Verla Gerdes are marking 76 years of friendship in 2021.

The Worthington women were first introduced in 1945 by their husbands-to-be — close friends LeRoy Berger and Bennie Gerdes — at a gathering for young people at the Assemblies of God

church in Worthington. Then 19, the women clicked and forged a friendship that has stood the test of time.

Each raised four children in Worthington, and each has experienced the loss of their husband.

Berger said it was their connection through church, their children and their love for chatter that can be credited for their nearly lifelong friendship.

"We just like to be with each other and do things," Gerdes said. "Our kids grew up together, and I still talk to her almost every day — she'll either call me or I'll call her."

"We got married and then we went to the

same church, and from then on we've been pals," Berger added.

In September, Gerdes' children — Marvene, Vonda, Loren and Jureen, who all became ministers in the Assemblies of God church — hosted an early 95th birthday party for her. Berger was a special guest, having already marked her milestone birthday in August. Berger's children include Sandy, Jack, Scott and Rhonda. The eight offspring also forged friendships because of the closeness of their parents.

"I just thank the Lord that we have known each other all these years," Gerdes said.

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Worthington residents Verla Gerdes, front, and Gladys Berger are celebrating 95th birthdays this year, and have maintained a close friendship for 76 years.

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helped direct her to the location, and a passenger in the woman's car relayed the address to the 911 dispatcher.

"It wasn't too long and the deputy came screaming in there," the farmer said, adding that ultimately, nearly a handful of sheriff's deputies and Worthington police officers were on the scene, as well as the Round Lake Rescue and Sanford Worthington Ambulance.

The first deputy to arrive kept the hunter talking until medics arrived, asking the hunter what kind of gun he had and what kind of shells he was using. The hunter said he'd left the gun in the trees so he could reach the combine. The gun was recovered that night.

The hunter also told law enforcement, who then shared with the farmer, that he knew he had to get to the combine — it was the only hope he had for survival. He was in intense pain from the gunshot wound to his shoulder and was bleeding considerably.

When the farmer found him, blood had seeped from his shoulder down his torso and through his jeans.



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The hunter who was injured in an accidental shooting incident crossed the fenceline to reach the cornfield in hopes of alerting the farmer who was combining the field of corn.

The farmer also learned from one of the deputies that the hunter had been using his gun as a walking stick, which is how he was accidentally shot in the shoulder. It's unknown whether the gun was on safety, but it is believed the trigger was somehow engaged by walking through the weeds, reeds or small trees in the area by Peterson Slough.



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Burnett show, which aired for 11 seasons — from September 1967 to March 1978 — on network television.

"The writers put these out for people to have fun with," Sirovy said. "The skits are all fairly short — the longest is probably seven minutes; most are three to five minutes per skit."

Attendees can expect to be entertained by "just plain fun comedy," she said, adding it's appropriate for people of all ages.

"We have many different Carols, Harveys and Tims," Sirovy said. "That's what's really fun about this."

Both Sirovy and Deitchman are cast in roles, with Sirovy playing Carol for one of the skits.

"She is so iconic. Everybody knows how fabulous she is and you think, 'Can I come close?'" Sirovy said. "We have such a high bar. The writers were funny and ... we've had a lot of fun giving it our own interpretation."

The production includes several of the Old Folks skits from the Carol Burnett show, and



Julie Buntjer / The Globe

The cast of "A Night with Carol" includes Peyton Bohlke, front, from left, Gena Miller, Darin McGuire and Laura Svoboda. Row two: Sol Miller, Thomas Krumbach, Tucker Kern, Cissa Tusa, Jeri Sirovy, Cindy Taylor and Denise Deitchman. Row three: Amber Thomas, CJ Grantz, Leann Jeffers and Tammie Wiese. Missing from the photo are Jackie Bomgaars and Maryellen Suhrhoff.

Sirovy said the same two actors will portray them throughout the performances.

Because of the short skits, Sirovy said the stage will be split, with one half depicting a liv-

ing room/dining room setting that will remain constant throughout the show. The other half of the stage will change from a jail to a dressing room to other scenes. Meanwhile, the front

porch scenes will take place out in front of the curtain.

The cast, which includes actors as young as 10 to older adults, has been in rehearsals since mid-September. A cou-

ple of people are new to the theater, and some have been performing on stage for years, Sirovy said.

Advance tickets for "A Night with Carol" are available for purchase at

the Round Lake Community Center in Round Lake, The Hair Gallery and BTU Heating and Cooling in Worthington, and will also be sold at the door during each of the performances.

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