

Three young women were named the Red Wing Royal Ambassadors in a ceremony Sunday. **Page A4**



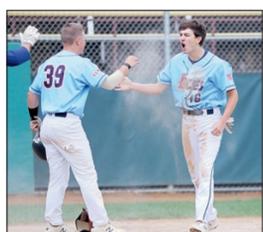
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There was a little of everything in the River City Days parade, including a smoke spewing serpent. **Page A8**



The Goodhue County Fair is a magnet for politicians hoping to spend time talking with voters. **Page A6**



The Red Wing Aces clinched another trip to the state tournament in a rain-delayed victory Monday. **Page B1**



It took years, but the Hope Coalition went to the state Supreme Court and won a victory for confidentiality. **Page A3**



BRIDGE DEDICATION



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Randy Seipel of Plum City waves to passing motorists on the Eisenhower Bridge of Valor on Sunday morning.

BRIDGE of VALOR

Rain doesn't dampen bridge dedication

BY JIM JOHNSON
Managing Editor

Rain did not deter a crowd of about 150 people from attending a dedication ceremony renaming the Eisenhower Bridge over the Mississippi River as the Eisenhower Bridge of Valor on Sunday morning.

The ceremony was held in Bay Point Park with the bridge as a backdrop for the ceremony. Nearly 100 people, each holding an American flag stood on the bridge throughout the ceremony.

Patriotism played a big part in the ceremony as did recognizing both Minnesota and Wisconsin, the two states connected by the bridge.

Wisconsin state Rep. Warren Petryk started the ceremony singing the national anthem.

Minnesota state Rep. Barb Haley recalled the long process of passing the law that named the bridge.

Haley also recognized Jane Drazkosky as the driving force behind coming up with the concept of honoring those killed in war as well as the



Veteran Bill Rodgers of Red Wing listens to the dedication ceremony for the Eisenhower Bridge of Valor.

first responders who work daily in the community to help residents.

Drazkosky was presented with a plaque and a photograph of the signing of the legislation renaming the bridge.

Poignant stories told the stories of local men who went to war and did not return. Ann Simerlink told about the valor of firefighters who helped

rescue family heirlooms as their home burned in frigid temperatures of 17 below 0.

The Red Wing Community Men's Choir sang, and Sienna Yockey, the 11-year-old winner of the Elks statewide essay contest, led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lynn Ista played bagpipes.

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COUNTY FAIR

Goodhue County Fair

Fair starts with 4-H, FFA competitions

BY MELISSA THORUD
Staff Writer

The Goodhue County fairgrounds were crowded with competitors and fairgoers on a sunny and warm entry-day on Tuesday afternoon.

While food vendors and commercial vendors set up, attendees walked through the 4-H building, watched the poultry show and played bingo.

On Wednesday, the fair started to pick up. In the morning children from day care centers went to the fair to play games and watch shows. As the afternoon went on more people started to fill the fairgrounds.

Competitors of all ages started to get their animals ready for shows that take place all week. Some include the sheep show, beef



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Jim Anderson and Reese Anderson at the Goodhue County Fair ready for the week of activities.

show, goat show and swine show.

Grandstand events began on Tuesday night with the

lawnmower derby.

Each night features a grandstand show including two demolition derbies.

Families and friends of competitors

watched in the stands

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GOVERNMENT/ ELECTIONS

Kliewer wins Ward 2 seat

November ballots set for other races

BY MELISSA THORUD

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Donald Kliewer will be joining the Red Wing City Council as soon as the special election results are canvassed and declared official.

Kliewer won the Ward 2 seat by just 31 votes, recording 481 votes to 450 for Min Martin-Oakes. Kliewer will take his seat on the Red Wing City Council effectively immediately.

"I was surprised it was as close as it was one way or the other, I started out behind and I was surprised when I came out ahead," said seat winner Kliewer. "I think it is the beginning of some new mindsets for the council and looking at things in a different light."

Primary elections

At-large primary candidates who will move onto the regular election in November are Janie Farrar and Chad Kono.

Farrar took 45.53% of the votes with Kono coming in with 29.38% of the votes.

"I am just really thankful to the voters in Red Wing, and I would like to congratulate Chad Kono on moving forward and thank Ralph Rauterkus for being a part of the race, Farrar said. "There is a lot more work to be done so I'm excited for November."

In the 4th Ward primary, candidates moving onto the regular election are Vicki Jo Lambert and Ted Seifert. Lambert finished with 47.29% of votes, and Seifert finished with 39.22% of votes.

"First of all, I'm excited and I'm just delighted by the support of people in town, it is the greatest thing ever," Lambert said.

"It has been super fun to get to know my neighbors and see people that I haven't seen in years. As a teacher in the community I had students many years ago and now I have seen them as grown adults and it has been really neat to reconnect," she continued.

House District 20A

The District 20A state representative race candidates moving forward to the general election are DFL candidate Laurel Stinson and Republican candidate Pam Altendorf.

Stinson ran unopposed in the DFL primary.

Altendorf edged Jesse Johnson with 51.81% of

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OBITUARIES PAGE B4

- Carole Mary Adams
- Wanda Amyx
- Paul Drotos
- Rodney Frantzen
- Larry A. Lodermeier
- Ruthann Nelson
- Marland Eugene Nugent
- Jean Qualle
- Marion Lee Smith
- Donald Stricker
- Janice Suchanek
- Gary W. Weber