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Bouncing back

Injury sidelined Noah Morgan for much of his senior season, but he returned for the section championship.
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Casey and Kim O'Reilly love to show off their dairy farm operation south of Red Wing. **Page A4**



The Red Wing Arts Plein Air painting celebration starts this weekend. **Page A7**



"I've set out to make this season the most fun and joyful one the Sheldon's ever had," said Jeff Larson. **Page A10**



CONCERT IN THE PARK



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With the sax player playing the blues, people in the audience danced on the lawn at Central Park.

Music and dancing

Willie B Blues Band rocks Central Park

The Willie B Blues Band was the second Concert In The Park Wednesday evening with a rousing blues and rock performance at the Central Park bandshell in Red Wing.

About 300 people enjoyed the music on a beautiful evening with temperatures in the low 70s.

The Concert In the Park series is sponsored by Red Wing Arts. Concerts are Wednesday evenings starting at 7 p.m. in Central Park. The next concert, June 15, features the Double Down Daredevils.



Top right: Will Bergan, leader of the Willie B Blues Band, jams with the bass player. Bottom right: The fingers of the band's keyboard player flew across the keyboard.

RED WING SCHOOL BOARD

Title 1 reading program gets funding

\$1.7 million bond sale

BY SARAH KNIFF
 Staff Writer

"It's going well," Jen Grove, Burnside Elementary school principal, said while giving an update to school board members June 6 on Title 1 reading programs in Red Wing.

Title 1 is a federally funded general education program that helps students who are failing or at risk of failing to meet grade level standards.

Funding is based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches; however, students don't need to be in the lunch program to use Title 1 services.

Red Wing elementary schools use Title 1 to provide extra help and instruction for students struggling in reading.

In 2022, the district was given \$318,615 and is expected to receive \$354,063 in funding for 2023.

"Students are identified by our FastBridge Learning screening assessments; fall, winter, and spring," Grove said. "We also look at classroom performance, student grades, and teacher recommendations to identify students eligible to receive Title I services."

During the 2020-2021 school year, 240 K-4 students were served locally.

"[Our new program] is Waseca," Grove said.

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DEVELOPMENT

Port Authority projects progressing

BY MELISSA THORUD
 Staff Writer

The Port Authority discussed the progress of current redevelopment projects and upcoming summer events during the meeting on June 7.

There are several redevelopment projects in progress in the West End District and Downtown Red Wing.

The Bauer Built building is undergoing a property condition assessment and conversations are ongoing with a potential developer.

Community Development Director Kyle Klatt said, "A big piece of the Bauer Built building update is that we have met with a firm called rebound partners and they were listed as one of the potential developers of the project and they have expressed interest in the project."

The Old West Main project is continuing with the road construction and is on track. The most recent update for the project includes that additional parking on Levee Road near the bottom of the Riverview Skyway pedestrian bridge is ready for use.

The Block 27 project is taking next steps in the development process. Preliminary designs are being created and plans to bring the project before the City Council and Historic Preservation Committee are being made.

"Staff has continued to meet with developers for the downtown projects and have developed a TIF schedule and what that would look like," Klatt said.

Another redevelopment project that is continuing to move forward is the proposed

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Parking at the pedestrian bridge during Old West Main Street construction.

OBITUARIES PAGE B5

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