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## A super Summer Festival

St. Patrick Church of Cedar Lake's Summer Festival was described as super. It was an apt description as Sunday, July 24, was a sunny day, with temperatures in the low 80s, plus a large crowd turned out for the annual celebration. Held at the church north of New Prague, the day began with an indoor Mass at 10 a.m. and after services there were games, food and music

on the grounds of St. Patrick Church.

The main meal was the grilled chicken dinner with all the fixings. There were 1,200 chicken halves bought for the dinner and they were going steadily through the day. There was a snack bar for those still hungry after the dinner. While many people took advantage of the air conditioned dining room, others went outside and had a picnic at the many tables set up outside.

There were also kids' games, bingo, a silent auction, a raffle

Andrea Feist leads the pony around St. Patrick Church of Cedar Lake with Jemma Cross riding during the Summer Festival on Sunday, July 24



Patrick Fisher Photos

(Above) The Pint family prepare to enjoy a game of Bingo at St. Patrick Church of Cedar Lake's Summer Festival. The Bingo tent was among the popular spots for entertainment at the annual celebration. (Left) The antique tractors were popular with families and children who took time to explore the vehicles at the Summer Festival.

and the country store that offered a vast array of items. George's Concertina Band provided live music. Many families also took a look or climbed into the driver's seats

of the antique tractors. There was also a petting zoo and a pony ride that had a long line of children waiting for it. The pony was led around the church for the ride.



## School Board approves agreement with Dittberner

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The New Prague School Board unanimously approved a new work agreement with Superintendent Tim Dittberner at the board's Monday, July 25, meeting.

Director of Business Services/Human Resources Sandy Linn presented the agreement, noting that it is for two more years. The agreement began on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 and lasts until June 30, 2024. It covers several items from responsibilities to compensation.

All seven board members casted votes in favor of the agreement. Six members were present in the room, while member Dennis Havlicek attended the meeting electronically.

The board also had a brief question period over the proposed voter levy that is being considered for November. Linn said she is having the school district's attorney look over the paperwork for

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## Music at the Broz offers energetic fun

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Energetic was the best way to describe the performance given by the Air Force Starlifter Band on

Thursday, July 21, as part of the Music at the Broz in New Prague. The series of summer concerts held on the grassy space west of the Hotel Broz continued its run

of having a large crowd and good weather. Crowds have been estimated around 300 people for each concert. Weather for the performances has been warm and sunny.

The Starlifter Band is made up of Active Duty Airmen and featured high energy rock, plus a few ballads and some traditional patriotic musical pieces. In the band were Technical Sergeant Ryan Rager on the keyboard, Staff Sergeant Kathryn Yuill on the drums, Staff Sergeant Bryan Andrews on the bass, Senior Airman Josiah Joyce on the guitar, and Staff Sergeant Melissa Griffith and Airman First Class Jessie Dunnivant both singing. Working at the audio controls for the band were Staff Sergeant Brad Femiak and Airman First Class Mike Peloquin.

Several of the children enjoyed the music, getting up to dance during the performance.

"It was great to see the community come out and support the military," said Technical Sergeant Ryan Rager of the Starlifter Band.

At one point the Starlifter Band had Armed Forces veterans or their family members stand up to be recognized for their service. "It was an enjoyable opportunity to honor all of those in our military, past and present," said Technical Sergeant Rager. The band played a medley of music from the Armed Forces and asked those who served to stand up when it came to music from their branch of the Armed Forces. There were several people who stood up when it came to the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and when the Air Force was recognized it was noted it is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. At the singing of "God Bless America" the entire audience stood in reverence for the musical piece.

The band members arrived in New Prague on Wednesday night and spent most of Thursday setting up for the performance. People could get snacks from Froggy's Sweet Treats or a meal of hot dogs, chips and pop from Boy Scout Troop 7323, which was having a fundraiser.

Tonight (Thursday), Music at the Broz continues at 6:30 p.m. with Timbre Junction, which plays traditional bluegrass, country blues, cowboy and western swing, although they do pull out a few surprises by putting a unique twist on pieces of music.



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Staff Sergeant Melissa Griffith, left, had Braylon Mitchell come up to play air guitar while she sang him a song during the Air Force Starlifter Band's performance on Thursday, July 21, as part of Music at the Broz. Mitchell also had a chance to strum a guitar during the program.

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Summer Concert Series 2022

The Echos Big Band Up Next for Music at the Broz on August 4th



The Echos Big Band is set to appear at the Broz Hotel from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 4. This band swings into action, playing big band music from the 1930s and 1940s, featuring tunes from such greats as Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, and Tommy Dorsey, as well as standards from the 1950s and beyond. They will appear on the grassy area on the west side of the Hotel Broz building.

The concert series runs every Thursday through Aug. 11. A different band is featured each night. The event is free and attendees are encouraged to bring any food and refreshments they want, along with a blanket or lawn chairs. Rest room facilities are available outside the facility and a food truck will offer treats for all ages. The concert series is presented by the New Prague Area Arts Council.

The Echos have been playing for over 20 years and, after a brief Covid-related hiatus, are back to presenting concerts and dances in southern Minnesota and the surrounding region.

The Aug. 4 concert is sponsored by Bruzek Funeral Home and Gardner & Gardner Communications.

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