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Giant Days

Celebrate in Blue Earth

BY CHUCK HUNT
Register Editor

After the huge success of last year's greatly expanded and enhanced Giant Days, this year is being touted once again as the biggest and best party in town.

Giant Days 2022 is going to be held on Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9, and you are not going to want to miss any of it.

The Giant celebration starts off on Friday evening, July 8, with a party at Giant Park from 5-9 p.m. It will include a Giant Fundraiser Dinner, Super Hero Training 5-6 p.m. and Super Hero Meet and Greet 6-7 p.m.

The KBEW Dance DJs will provide music and games from 7-9 p.m. at Giant Park.

Meanwhile, there will also be a party on Friday evening in downtown Blue Earth. There will be a Beer Garden downtown, with musical entertainment on the Main Street Stage from 5 p.m.-12 a.m. It will be Steele Prairie from 6-8 p.m. and Lunatics Anonymous from 9-12 p.m., both on the Main Street Stage.

There will also be bouncy houses, food vendors and food trucks nearby.

And, of course, as every year, fireworks will be shot off at dusk, east of the BEA High School, and will be visible from Giant Park and other areas nearby. The fireworks are sponsored by Bev-comm and First Bank Blue Earth.

Saturday, July 9, there will be events at both the fairgrounds and downtown.

At the Faribault County Fairgrounds on Saturday there will be the annual Giant Classic Car Show running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Trinity Lutheran Church Fair Stand will also be open starting at 8 a.m., and the Faribault County Historical Society will be holding their annual Pie & Ice

Cream Social from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at the fairgrounds.

The big event on Saturday is the Giant Days Parade and it is at a brand new time this year – starting at 10 a.m. The route will be similar to last year, but please make note of the time change.

Another special new event on Saturday will be at the Blue Earth Community Library and Fossil Discovery Center, when new Wall Art will be dedicated at 12:30 p.m., with special guest Minnesota author William Kent Krueger.

Other Saturday events scheduled for downtown include a petting zoo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by the Business Improvement Committee (BIC). There will be pony rides and laser tag running from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. sponsored by Thrivent. The bouncy houses will be open all day.

There will also be a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament downtown running from 4-8 p.m. Also, check out the Garden Tours at both 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The tours start at the first garden stop at 204 S. Circle Drive.

There will be lots of entertainment on the Main Street Stage on Saturday, starting at noon with 'The Real Forest Gump,' American war hero and Medal of Honor recipient Sammy L. Davis will speak about his acts of bravery and heroism in the Vietnam War.

Davis' visit is sponsored by Rural Renaissance Project.

At both 1 and 4 p.m. there will be a magician performing on the stage.

From 2-5 p.m. it is Brett Feist performing, from 6-8 p.m. Sawyer's Dream hits the stage and from 8:30-12 p.m. it will be Weekend Rockstar.

Plus, various food vendors and food trucks will be located downtown during the day and evening, as well as the Beer Garden being open.



W'bago's SuperValu bites the dust

BY FIONA GREEN
Register Staff Writer

Monday, June 27, marked both an end and a beginning for one of Winnebago's Main Street mainstays.

For the past few years, Winnebago's aging, but historic SuperValu building has crumbled into a decrepit eyesore and veritable safety hazard.

Hoping to transform the unusable building site into a valuable Main Street lot, the Winnebago Economic Development Authority (EDA) placed the building's demolition at the top of its priority list.

Last week, the EDA's efforts finally succeeded. Years of dogged planning resulted in the building's back-to-front demolition.

Like many Main Street buildings, the late SuperValu had a long history which few can recall in its entirety.

About a century ago, the building, once home to the old Princess Theatre, took its first step toward store-hood in 1939 when it was purchased by C. Thomas Stores, of Minneapolis.

The space was remodeled and occupied by Rudy Oothoudt, who invited locals to "Come in and see

The demolition will make way for new development



The long-anticipated demolition of Winnebago's SuperValu building on Main Street finally began on Monday, June 27. The process took several days. Demolition started at the back of the building before the construction crew made it to the Main Street-facing store front. A crane gouged through the front of the building mid-week, as pictured above.

Staff photo by Kevin Mertens

one of the most modern food stores to be found in this part of the state" in an issue of the local newspaper, which announced the store's grand opening on Nov. 4 of that year.

Oothoudt, the store's manager, announced another grand opening just a few years later when C. Thomas Stores was taken over by National Tea Co. in 1943.

"The building has been all newly decorated in an attractive two-tone green color and new fixtures have been installed, including a refrigerated dairy case, and fruit display section," the

newspaper now reported. The building's ownership passed to Elmo Oothoudt in 1951.

"The new Elmo's Food Store gives Winnebago one of the most modern super

markets in this territory," *The Enterprise* reported on Dec. 20 of that year.

It wasn't until 1956 that the Oothoudt's SuperValu

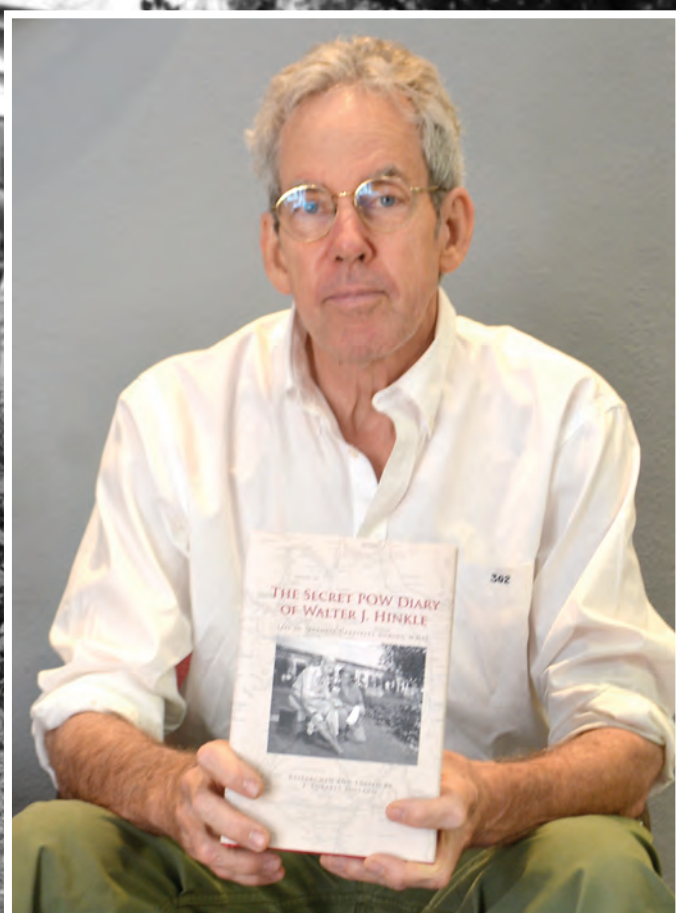
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THE SECRET DIARIES OF WALTER J. HINKLE



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Walter J. Hinkle, above, far left, shows his diaries, and their secret compartment in his wooden leg, to Pfc. Russ Simon. Right, Jim Pollard with his new book.

Jim Pollard's new book reveals POW Hinkle's concealed Pacific War diaries

BY FIONA GREEN
Register Staff Writer

Imprisonment, a world at war, parted lovers and a mysterious wooden leg...

This is the story of Lieutenant Walter J. Hinkle, which was nearly lost to the ravages of time.

When Blue Earth resident Jim Pollard obtained Hinkle's diary in 2017, he recognized he had stumbled upon a treasure. Now, that treasure is revealed to the public in *The Secret POW Diary of Walter J. Hinkle*, a book researched and edited by Pollard.

The diaries, which are presented, unedited, in Pollard's book, detail Hinkle's experience as a prisoner of war at the Davao Penal Colony in Japan.

Hinkle was stationed in the Philippines in the spring of 1941. His leg was severely injured that December, leaving him an invalid when the Philippines fell to Japan in May of 1942.

Bedridden and imprisoned by the Japanese army, Hinkle pieced together a diary on scraps of paper and cigarette wrappers.

According to Pollard, it is very lucky that he did so.

"It's extremely rare to have a Pacific War diary," Pollard says. "There were fewer soldiers fighting in the Pacific, and keeping a diary was very low on your

list." Unusual circumstances enabled Hinkle to keep his 136,000-word diary safely hidden from the scrutiny of the prison guards.

When Hinkle's injured leg was amputated, it was replaced with a wooden leg containing a false compartment — perfect for concealing a contraband document.

The carefully-kept diary details one of the longest periods of Japanese military captivity experienced by any American during the Second World War.

Hinkle updated his diary faithfully, sometimes bartering food for paper. Pollard believes Hinkle hoped

to craft an accurate portrayal of his experiences for the benefit of the outside world.

Unfortunately, Hinkle was often unable to document specific details for fear of implicating the people around him. Instead, he reported important bits of news as 'camp rumors.'

Hinkle's experiences themselves were also limited. "The problem with Hinkle's diary is that he spends the entire war in a (prisoner of war) hospital bed," Pollard notes. "Part of camp life was missing from the story."

Pollard wanted to flesh out Hinkle's experiences with additional perspectives in his book. So, he supplemented Hinkle's diary entries with the di-

aries of other individuals with whom Hinkle crossed paths.

"He (Hinkle) is the hub-bub of the wheel around which the story turns," Pollard explains. "The other five stories have completed the wheel."

Pollard wove five supplemental perspectives throughout the book. They include the diaries of a Japanese soldier, a Filipino local, a Bataan Death March survivor and a Davao Penal Colony escapee. Pollard identified them as the best stories to compliment Hinkle's after two years of painstaking research.

The endeavor required a combination of dedication and serendipity, as do many aspects of Pollard's hobby.

"In a way, discovering things is a form of adventure," he considers.

"(When doing research) you have to be sort of dogged and obsessive. It's a trail, and it leads you where it leads you."

Pollard's book, for example, is a product of chance and relentless patience. It is luck, after all, that led Pollard to Hinkle's diary in the first place.

The diary traveled between four owners before landing in Pollard's possession.

Eileen Hinkle initially owned the diary after her husband's death. However, when Eileen died, she willed the Hinkle estate, and the diary along with it, to the family lawyer,

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"It's extremely rare to have a Pacific War diary."

— Jim Pollard

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This year's Arts in the Park goes out with a Broadway bang



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Town and Country Players & Yvonne Cory took to the gazebo on Tues

BY FIONA GREEN
Register Staff Writer

Arts in the Park returned for a final performance on June 28, entertaining locals from its usual location in Gazebo Park.

Under the shade of the picturesque gazebo, The Town and Country Players gave attendees a special preview of their summer production: Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. They also performed a few old favorites.

Recent Blue Earth Area High School graduate Marianna Rincon kicked off the show with a powerful rendition of 'On My Own' from the hit musical 'Les Miserables.'

Rincon's performance was followed by a cheeky performance of the title number from 'You're a

Good Man, Charlie Brown' by Nancy Steinke.

Alyssa Sloneker took to the gazebo next to perform 'How Could I Ever Know' from 'The Secret Garden.'

The Players wrapped up the show with several numbers performed by *Cinderella* cast members. The program included 'In My Own Little Corner,' 'The Prince Is Giving A Ball,' 'Ten Minutes Ago' and 'Loneliness of Evening.'

Fiber artist Yvonne Cory followed the Players with her beloved program 'Joys and Tears in the Apron Strings.'

Cory, of Easton, presented a wide variety of her works. One was an apron made of a rainbow of squares to represent her business's logo. Another, 'Ties of the Past,' was made of neckties which used to belong to her fam-

ily and neighbors. She also displayed a wedding apron constructed from bits and pieces of wedding gowns.

Though this was the final Arts in the Park performance of the summer, director Johanna Hocker informed the assembled audience that the program will return next June.

Hocker shared she is already recruiting for two Arts in the Park performances which she hopes to put on next season: a children's talent show and a sing-along featuring a large group of guitar players.

"My idea is to fill the gazebo with guitar players," Hocker explained.

She encouraged anyone who would like to participate in either performance to contact her, before concluding, "I hope you have enjoyed Arts in the Park this season."



The season finale of Arts in the Park featured the Town and Country Players and Yvonne Cory at Gazebo Park on Tuesday, June 28, at noon. Top, Yvonne Cory presented her program, Joys and Tears in the Apron Strings, along with many of her pieces. Directly above and below, members of the Town and Country Players performed Broadway tunes and selections from *Cinderella*, their next musical.



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Opinions

It's already July and it's time to party with the Green Guy!

Oh man, I had a rude awakening the other morning. And, it had nothing to do with the sound of the helicopter taking off from the roof of United Hospital District and sounding like it was going to fly through my bedroom on its way to some large hospital somewhere with someone having a medical situation on board.

That was once me, of course, but that was not why I woke up a bit startled.

No, my rude awakening happened a bit later when I suddenly realized that it was the end of June, and the first of July was Friday.

You know what that means, don't you? The year 2022 is now half over.

Is that even possible?

As you get older you start to feel that the years are just flying by.

When you are a kid, a school year lasts forever and a day. When you are older, and the end of school comes, it seems impossible because you feel school just started two months ago.

Same with 2022. It just got started, didn't it? How can it be half over?

It seems like just a couple of weeks ago Giant Days was months away.

But somehow the time went by faster than greased lightning and suddenly Giant Days is this coming weekend.

Wow. Seriously, I just don't know how that is possible. Wasn't it just the end of winter a couple of weeks ago?

Anyway, Blue Earth's big summer event is soon going to be upon us. And, as I have been busy with other things, the Giant Days Committee has been busy planning and plotting another big celebration of the Big Green Guy.

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to it, especially after last year's big, new and improved event. This year promises to be just as great.

You can read all about it elsewhere in this issue of the *Faribault County Register*.

But, I want to note that there is going to be not one, but two pretty well-known people showing up at Giant Days this

from the Editor's Notebook

By Chuck Hunt, Register Editor



year. First is Sammy Davis, a war hero and one of the men who was the inspiration for the Forrest Gump character, specifically the part with Forrest Gump serving in Vietnam.

Davis is spending the day here on Saturday, July 9, and will be in the parade and speak around noon.

Another dignitary, Minnesota author William Kent Krueger, will also be in the parade and will be at the dedication of the new mural on the wall at the Blue Earth Community Library and Fossil Discovery Center at 12:30 p.m.

Maybe you have heard of Krueger, or maybe not. A lot of people I know have read his books and enjoy them. I know that I sure do.

I have quite a few friends that I have pointed in the direction of Krueger's books about Cork O'Connor and life in a fictional town in Northern Minnesota.

I always strongly advise that they try and read the books in order, as there is a definite progression, especially when it comes to following along with the main character Cork O'Connor's life.

I did not follow my own advice when it came to reading the series of books however.

I still remember the first time I read one of Krueger's novels. I was up north in Minnesota in a small town years and years ago, and stumbled on a book store. I can't resist those so I went in.

While I was perusing the shelves I found a book titled 'Boundary Waters.' Since I had made a habit of going to the Boundary Waters every other summer or so, I decided to buy the book.

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One of my fortunate meetings with famous Minnesota author William Kent Krueger.



Sprouting connections at SMIF networking events

Throughout the month of June I had the pleasure of visiting with folks from across Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's (SMIF) 20-county region during our Sprout events. These events, which were held in New Ulm, Dundas and Winona, were an opportunity to directly share SMIF's resources and stories so that more people can take advantage of the funding and support services that we offer to help communities in the region thrive.

Our staff are often out on the road meeting with clients, hosting trainings and visiting with partners. However, we do not get very many opportunities to bring people from all three of our pro-

gram areas – Early Childhood, Economic Development and Community Vitality – together. The Sprout events did just that. Similar to a Business After Hours, these events were primarily about networking, forging new connections and doing what we do best – collaborating for regional vitality.

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Guest Column

By Tim Penny, President/CEO Southern MN Initiative Foundation



Reflecting on Roe v. Wade

To the Editor:

I'd like to acknowledge the brave, dedicated patriots and pioneers of the right-to-life movement, especially my parents, Dick and Dolly Engesser.

Over the years, while enduring threats, heckling and ridicule, they lovingly supported women and families experiencing unexpected pregnancy, giving educational talks, donations, handing out literature and 1000's of precious feet pins ... saving countless lives from abortion violence. Mom never became discouraged and often reminded us that God will ask not, "Did you succeed?" but "Did you try?"

Letters to the Editor

Last Friday, while celebrating the overturning of Roe v. Wade with a jubilant crowd of hundreds in St. Paul, I could sense my mother in heaven rejoicing along with a chorus of tiny voices never heard in this world. It's encouraging to see young people, the pro-life generation, carry the torch and boldly speak-up for justice and sanctity of all innocent human life.

Joe Engesser, Red Wing

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The road worked ahead and that gave me some class

I was certain it was a trap to lure me out of hiding and bring me to justice for not turning in my slide rule.

I struck out into the unknown. There had been bygone days when gas was cheap and I'd stay on a road just to see where it went. With so much road work ahead of me, I'm never sure where any road will take me. A GPS gives directions with a caveat on what could go wrong. I try to make good time getting from one place to another, but good time can be hard to make. A rational man adapts to the path. Road work has become my quicksand.

I used to worry about quicksand. It's a flashback from watching Tarzan movies during my formative years. Quicksand is a mushy annoyance, but it's improbable anyone shuffled off this mortal coil in the way depicted in movies and TV because quicksand is denser than the human body. I thought it was deadly. The sinking sand was shown in "The Lone Ranger," "Swiss Family Robinson," "Lawrence of Arabia," "Gilligan's Island," "Batman," "Blazing Saddles" and "The Hound of the Baskervilles." I don't worry about quicksand now. Avoiding quicksand hasn't been difficult. Avoiding road work has been impossible. I couldn't leave home one day and I couldn't get home another.

I needed to get out. Not for nothing. Things needed tending. I'd received an important invitation. A class reunion needed attending.

You know you're getting older when your class reunion begins at the reasonable hour of noon instead of the night before. Many things that used to apply only to people much older than us, now apply to us.

Tales from the Batt Cave

By Al Batt, Special to the Register



We are a small class. We don't need to pretend to remember people who don't remember us. I graduated in the top 54 of my class of 54. In our small school, if you picked your nose, people knew which nostril.

Every member of the class still able to take nourishment has done well. That includes me. Years ago, my wife and I bought a new bathroom scale. I figure it's been a good life if you're on your second bathroom scale.

Each of us could still fit into our old high school gym. Reunions are where you hear, "You haven't changed completely." Like forgetting to send a forwarding address, we change without alerting everyone.

I was lucky. School wasn't akin to being covered in honey and staked to an anthill for me. The Main Ingredient had a hit song, "Everybody Plays the Fool." Everybody plays the fool in school. I remember my first push-up frozen treat. I removed the wrapper. It said to push up bottom. I did and could barely walk.

I liked my classmates and promised them if I won the lottery, no one around me would ever be poor. I didn't add that would be because I'd move to a gated community of rich folks.

I was noted for my amazing ability to find my way to the correct classroom nearly 83 percent of the time. After turning my poor-quality homework into a high-quality paper airplane, I told a math teacher the three words that scared me the most were "pop quiz." I got a weary smile in return. I wasn't the only one who took Play-Doh to college.

For many years, in the company of my classmates was where the world could find me. We knew better, but we couldn't picture growing much older. We thought we'd be immune to the ravages of time. The older we get, the more we're reminded of how old we are. We're holding up like a water-damaged ceiling, but the class has a few holes in it. I wish those dearly departed individuals were back where they should be. I never imagined the world without them.

The lines between past and present blur. Memories, sometimes flawed, surface from the deep. In his book "Requiem for a Nun," William Faulkner wrote, "The past is never dead. It's not even past."

The reunion was a welcome landing. We talked of the frivolous and of things that mattered. There was little tilting at windmills.

I plan to continue avoiding quicksand. I want to stay on the road just to see where it goes.

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Scrappy's opens on Main Street; County Fair to have a beer garden

15 years ago
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When Ana Ostrowski met Blue Earth's Brandon Ankeny while on a mission trip in North Dakota three years ago, more than just a budding romance blossomed.

Two weeks ago, Ostrowski opened Scrappy's on Main Street — the most recent Ankeny family franchise.

Ostrowski, who hails from Deerwood, just east of Brainerd, says the new scrapbooking store hopes to capitalize on the continuing trend by keeping hobbyists supplied.

The Faribault County Fair has been one of two in the Minnesota not allowing a beer garden.

However, that's going to change this year.

Blue Earth bar and restaurant Double Play will operate and supervise a beer garden at the fair held July 23-28. It will be located in a tent on the east side of the fitness center.

After several months of discussions, Fair Board chairman Daryl Murray says a majority of the 12 fair board members voted in favor of having a beer garden.

"It took awhile to iron out all the details. We needed to make sure we were following all the city's rules and we listened to public opinion," says Murray.

After years of debate, deliberating and planning, the

Register Reflections

Faribault County Board anticipates spending \$10.944 million on its new Law Enforcement Center.

The board voted unanimously Tuesday to move forward with its efforts after receiving official cost estimates from its architect and construction manager.

Commissioners also hope lower-than-expected bids will reduce the costs even more, while at the same time conceding \$1 million alone will be spent on construction management, architectural and permitting fees.

John Huisman's busy resume and history of volunteer work made him an easy choice for the Blue Earth City Council Monday, who tapped him as the new First Ward councilman.

Huisman was chosen over fellow applicant Jerry Rogers and replaces council representative Marlyse Oswald, who resigned in April.

Huisman was sworn in soon after the 5-1 vote.

After two weeks of advertising for a replacement, the Winnebago City Council will have three candidates to choose from to fill a vacant seat.

Deputy City Clerk Sue Lynch says three people filed applications by Friday's June 22, noon deadline. She says three other people also had picked up



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Ana Ostrowski alongside her fiance Brandon Ankeny and Chamber of Commerce Director Shelly Greimann prepare to cut the ceremonial ribbon officially opening "Scrappy's" scrapbooking store in Ankeny Furniture.

applications for Tim Hynes' council seat that he resigned from effective June 1.

The three interested in serving on the council are Rick Johnson, Colleen Lempkie and Dennis Lynch.

Johnson lost to incumbent Mayor Scott Owen in last November's general election. Lynch is currently serving on the Planning Commission.

Faribault County is spending \$25,000 less than anticipated during its first phase of site preparation and geothermal well drilling for its upcoming 'Justice Center.'

According to project manager Mike Kearns, who represents the county's construction management firm, work on the

estimated \$11 million jail project will start this week.

Minnesota Lake is preparing to celebrate its 55th annual Festival of Agriculture July 10-11.

Known as Festag, the two-day event caters to all ages. Visitors will not want to miss buying their Festag Buttons. Only \$2 will register owners in drawings for prizes.

40 years ago
The Blue Earth Post
July 7, 1982

"Once Upon a Mattress" is being put on by the Town and Country Players on July 8-11 at Coleman Hall in Blue Earth. Choreographer is Linda Holland, technical director is William Eckhardt, vocal director is Debra Govern, director is Michael Crary.

The Class of '52, Elmore's largest, held their 30-year class reunion. Twenty-five classmates attended along with spouses.

65 Years Ago
The Blue Earth Post
July 7, 1957

A huge crowd is expected here for the 36th Hamilton Story Picnic on Sunday. The affair normally draws anywhere from 2,000 to 5,000 persons.

There will be a Jaycees animal circus at the fairgrounds on Saturday.

Moultons Super Market is featuring lean ground beef for three pounds at 99 cents.

Brens year around toy department is advertising tricycles for \$7.89, wagons from \$1.49 to \$9.95 and bi-

cycles from \$37.95 to \$39.95.

The Avalon Theatre is showing a Disney true life adventure, "The African Lion." Beginning the week will be "Designing Woman" starring Gregory Peck and Lauren Bacall.

90 Years Ago
The Blue Earth Post
July 16, 1932

Shipment of 8,000 to 10,000 more cases of Green Giant early peas started this week. This is the second largest shipment of the present pack.

Blue Earth remains the most famous horse race town of southern Minnesota. The July 4th celebration brought thousands of celebrators, crowding the grandstands and lining the fences to witness nine thrilling races.

From the Sentinel — J.W. Kamrar brought over that albino Indian pony from Blue Earth and rode in the parade. Blue Earth alone sent 150 carloads of people to see the parade.

The Aulger Bros. Stock Company, who have held forth here for eight days, left on Tuesday for Wells, where they are showing for six days.

Schwen's Ice Cream Co. ad says the boy scouts go to camp Cedar Point for a glorious week, playing and eating. Camp directors who carefully plan the rations put ice cream at the top of the list. Why? Boys like ice cream and ice cream is the perfect food for boys.

Get ready! It's time for Blue Earth's Giant Days on July 8 and 9

After months of planning, Giant Days will be celebrated this Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9, all around town. The committee has come up with an amazing array of activities for all ages, so there should be something for everyone. No one should even think about saying that there is nothing to do, because there is plenty!

Events kick off Friday night in Giant Park with the Giant's Birthday Party, celebrating his 43rd anniversary of his placement in the park. There will be a fundraising dinner served out of the Little Red Barn along with Army Fitness testing and the sure-to-be-popular Super Hero Training. After the Super Hero Meet & Greet, the KBW Dance DJs will get everybody up and movin' to the music. The evening will be capped off by the awesome fireworks display, which will be shot off east of the Blue Earth Area High School, courtesy of First Bank Blue Earth and Bevcomm. Huge thanks to both of these fine Chamber supporters along with the vol-

unteers from the Blue Earth Fire Department, who will be setting off the pyrotechnics.

Meanwhile on Main Street, Bounce Houses and Food Vendors will be set up from 5-12 p.m. The Main Street Stage will feature "Steele Prairie" from 6-8 p.m. followed by "Lunatics Anonymous" from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday activities kick-off at the Fairgrounds with the 8 a.m. Trinity Ladies Bake Sale in the Trinity Food Stand. The Classic Car Show registration runs from 8 a.m. to noon, with the awards presentation later in the day. At 11:30 a.m. the board and volunteers from the Faribault County Historical Society will begin serving their fundraiser lunch (pulled pork, chips, beans, coleslaw, beverages) capped off with assorted fruit pies and Schwann's ice cream. Serving ends at 2 p.m. Cindy Lyon will be leading Garden Tours at 11

a.m. and 1 p.m., starting from the first stop at 204 S. Circle Drive.

Downtown events get started with the Giant Days Parade at its new time of 10 a.m. After the parade the Bounce Houses and Food Vendors will be ready to entertain and serve you throughout the rest of the day and into the evening. Pony Rides, Laser Tag and the Petting Zoo gear up at 11 a.m. and run to 1 and 2 p.m. respectively. The Friends of the Library will be hosting a short dedication program for their LEWP (Library Exterior Wall Project) at 12:30 p.m., outside the library entrance. Special guest will be Minnesota author William Kent Krueger, who will also appear in the parade.

The Main Stage downtown will be home to a ter-

rific array of performers and musicians throughout the day, beginning with "Heartsong" from 11 a.m. to noon, when the "Real Forrest Gump, Sammy Davis," takes the stage. After that break "Heartsong" will entertain until 2 p.m. A magician will make appearances at 1 and 4

p.m., while the 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney runs from 4-8 p.m. Brett Feist will be performing from 2-5 p.m. At 6 p.m. "Sawyer's Dream" takes to the stage for a two-hour show. The entertainment wraps up with "Weekend Rockstar" from 8:30-12:30 p.m. Beverages will be available in

the Beer Garden, sponsored by the Blue Earth Eagles Club, one of the Giant Sponsors of Giant Days.

For the most up-to-date information check out the Chamber's Facebook page or website and be sure to have fun and enjoy all that the Giant Days celebration has to offer!

Blue Earth Chamber Focus

By Lill Robinson, Chamber Board



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The City of Winnebago and the Winnebago Economic Development Authority are proud to announce this year's Winnebago Hall of Fame Recipient

Raymond Masters

An Open House Reception for Ray will be held at the Winnebago Municipal Center



Saturday, July 16, 2022 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 with a presentation scheduled at 3:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.



Members of the Blue Earth Community Foundation, left to right, **Rob Hammond, Renee Beattie and Larry Anderson**, present a \$2,000 check to **Lill Robinson**, far right, of the Friends of the Library, to use to help fund the Library Exterior Wall Project, which is shown in the background and above.

CAREGIVERS

Sending Our Sincerest Thanks

The Board of Directors and the Staff of Interfaith Caregivers would like to thank everyone who helped make our Golf Fundraiser a success on Friday, June 24. This tournament continues to be our biggest fundraiser and this year was the biggest yet, bringing in nearly \$7,000.00! These funds will help support our programs for seniors in Faribault County such as: transportation, friendly visiting, cleaning services, and social events for caregivers and their care receiver.

Thank you to all of the sponsors, everyone who bought a raffle ticket, all who came to golf or eat, all who made a donation and Riverside for hosting us again! We love to see the community support and are honored to be able to provide resources to our aging community.

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Engagement Announcement

Morgan Frandle Jayden Huset

David and Gina Frandle, of Blue Earth, are very pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Morgan, of Albert Lea, to Jayden Huset, of Fairmont. Jayden is the son of David and Cindy Huset, of Fairmont.

The bride teaches Family and Consumer Sciences at Albert Lea High School. The groom works alongside his father, Dave Huset, selling insurance for Farm Bureau Financial Services in the Fairmont and Blue Earth areas.

The wedding will take place under a canopy of trees near the groom's home at Hand's Park, Fairmont, July 23, 2022.

Morgan is the granddaughter of Glen and Sharon Perrine, of Blue Earth, and Glen and Ardell Frandle, of Frost. Jayden is the grandson of Ruth Felton and the late Floyd 'Skeeter' Felton, of Canby, and the late Merlyn and Bonnie Huset, of Winnebago.



Obituaries

Joanne H. Oswald, 86

Frost - Joanne Helen Oswald, age 86, of Frost, died peacefully at her home in Frost on Saturday, June 25, 2022. A celebration of Jo's life was held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2022 at United Lutheran Church in Frost. Burial took place in the United Lutheran Church Cemetery.



Joanne Oswald

Joanne was born on Nov. 17, 1935 on a farm near Dell, to Theodore and Agnes (Mondahl) Thompson. She attended country elementary school and Frost High School. Shortly after graduation, Jo married Ronald D. Oswald, during a violent thunderstorm, on June 7, 1953.

When Jo wasn't busy with all the tasks of being a farmer's wife, homemaker and mother, she enjoyed reading and music. Playing the piano was a favorite pastime. Jo also sang in choir, both at school and in church for many years. She

was a faithful member of United Lutheran Church in Frost. She enjoyed fishing with Ronnie and going to Twins' games. When her children left home, Jo discovered a new activity - golf. She became passionate about it and won many club championships, both in Minnesota and their winter home in Arizona.

Joanne is survived by daughter, Nolie (Kim) Kapplinger and their children,

Jill (Ty) Huber, Jenny (Tyler) Clementson and Jamie (Kara) Kapplinger; son, Randy (Sue) Oswald and their daughter, Sheena Oswald (Mike Arons), and daughter-in-law, Anna Oswald (fiance' David Birkey); great-grandchildren, Isaiah and Ida Huber, Annie, Brynn and Malena Clementson, Vera, Syneva and Leieta Kapplinger, Ava and Rex Oswald, and Griffin and Hayes Arons; brothers, Arden (Jeanette) and Ronnie Thompson; sisters-in-law, Myrna, Sandy, and Gloria Thompson; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronnie; two infant grandchildren, Ryan Dale and Ria Jeanne Oswald; grandson, Reece Oswald; her parents; sister, Barbara; brothers, Thomas, Dennis and Neil; sister-in-law, Kathy Thompson; and two nieces.

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Remembering Cheryl A. Fairchild

This is Cheryl. Every summer on her Facebook page she was counting down the days until Christmas with this picture.

Cheryl loved life! She enjoyed cooking, baking, caning, growing plants. She loved photography. Cheryl's retirement adventure was to make copper jewelry with gem stones.

Cheryl traveled when she could and boy did she have some stories to tell. Cheryl could make a person smile, laugh or feel comfortable in any situation.

Cheryl is loved by many people - her mother, father, sisters, nieces, nephews, family and friends. Cheryl made a positive impact on everyone's life she came in contact with and will surely be missed by many.

PS: if you want the less interesting details of her life read last week's paper.





Staff photos by Fiona Green and Kevin Mertens

Demolition of the SuperValu began at the back of the building, left. Right, cranes eventually reached through to tear out the storefront on Main Street. Above, the Winnebago EDA is looking to develop the now-vacant lot.



W'bago demo, from page one

store expanded, occupying the footprint it is known for today.

A decade later, in 1966, Phil Cleary purchased the building from Elmo Oothoudt and LeRoy Hahn became one of the Winnebago SuperValu's managers.

Hahn managed the SuperValu for many years, through an expansive renovation in the 1980s.

Hahn decided to purchase the building in 1993. He owned it until 2000. At that point, he was more than ready to retire from the business.

"I need to slow down a little. Seven days a week isn't an easy job," Hahn said in an issue of *The Enterprise*.

Hahn originally planned to sell the business to Jim

Baldus, of Austin, following his retirement. By this point, the business had been rechristened 'Jack and Jill Foods.'

However, before the sale was finalized, Hahn and George Jensen, who owned the Jensen Family Limited Partnership, agreed that the building should be donated to Our Savior Lutheran Church.

As such, it was the church trustees who eventually sold the building to Baldus in the amount of \$30,000. Proceeds from the building's sale went to the church.

"This gift to the church is an exciting development for both our congregation and the community of Winnebago," the church trustees wrote in a resolution authorizing the transaction.

Baldus continued to oper-

ate a grocery store out of the SuperValu building for several years.

However, after decades of grocery store-dom, the space took a sharp departure when it was purchased by Mark and Melinda Franklin. The Franklins opened 'The Sports Shak' in the historic building, which offered an archery range and a sizeable inventory of sports-related goods.

After years of ups and downs and shifts in management, the building eventually fell into disrepair.

Until last week, it was a lonely presence on Main Street, unoccupied and condemned.

The building's story came to a close with its demolition on Monday, June 27.

The Winnebago EDA hopes the now-vacant Main

Street lot can be developed into a thriving business.

The board worked hard to make the building's demolition possible, investing a great deal of time in securing funding for the expensive process.

In the demolition loan application, EDA specialist Angie Stier stated, "(SuperValu) has been abandoned for over seven years, which has resulted in the obvious need for demolition. Having a large eyesore in disrepair downtown, facing Highway 169, has been a detriment to the community and hinder(s) our ability to economically thrive."

Stier eventually succeeded in securing a demolition loan for the project last April. The \$109,900 loan, funded by the Department of Employment and Economic

Development (DEED), made it possible for the city to swing the wrecking ball on June 27.

The city officially adopted the loan and its repayment plan on May 10, certifying the SuperValu building as structurally substandard and certifying a property tax abatement levy to pay the debt service on the loan.

The total amount of abated taxes is estimated not to exceed \$109,900. They will be levied from the city's entire tax base and will be collected over a 10-year term starting in 2024.

Faribault County has also pledged funds to aid in covering the cost of the demolition. Winnebago is to be awarded \$30,000 in funds from the county after the demolition had taken place.

Stier noted early this year that a current business owner in the community has expressed interest in the SuperValu site in the past, although no formal intentions to purchase the lot have been documented.

Either way, the building's demolition represents an important step in Winnebago's future economic development.

As Stier stated in the demolition loan application, "The (EDA)'s goal is to rejuvenate Main Street, and the SuperValu building's overwhelming presence on Main Street has hampered this significantly."

Thus, as Winnebago says 'goodbye' to a piece of its history, the EDA hopes it is also saying 'hello' to new economic opportunities.

Hinkle diaries, from page 2

Camilla Broderick. Broderick sold the diary to her hairdresser, who had an interest in antiques, and the hairdresser listed Hinkle's diary for sale on eBay.

Eventually, the artifact was purchased by Rob Morgan, a friend of Pollard's and a big-time collector of diaries.

It just so happened that Pollard was on the lookout for a new research project when Morgan acquired the diary. Morgan suggested the unusual document might be just what Pollard was searching for.

"That began a five-year odyssey that concluded, this week, with Schiffer

Publishing's release of my book, *The Secret POW Diary of Walter J. Hinkle*," Pollard says.

The book's publication was nearly as complicated as its research.

Pollard considered offers from three different publishers before settling with Schiffer Publishing, who agreed to publish the book using Pollard's own design.

Pollard wanted an atypical layout for the book: two columns to a page, with a smattering of sup-

plemental diary entries throughout and a variety of photographs.

"I wanted that because of the types of photographs I had," Pollard says,

adding, "I wanted the book to be small: diary-size."

Pollard also insisted that Hinkle's diaries be published unedited.

"The way I like to read history is through a firsthand account," Pollard explains. "I insisted the book be printed as-is. My voice is not in there."

As such, Hinkle's original diary entries are now available on Amazon, Schiffer Publishing's website, and at Barnes & Noble. The book will also be available through booksellers in Germany and England.

You might say Pollard's long journey to authorship ended just as satisfactorily as Walter J. Hinkle's journey to freedom.

During his imprisonment, Hinkle found solace in memories of the Minnesota Boundary Waters, where he had once traveled with his dad on a fishing trip.

"At his worst moment,

that place was magical," Pollard says.

Hinkle returned to the Boundary Waters after he was liberated in 1945, an experience which was captured in a photograph appearing on the last page of Pollard's book.

In the photograph, honeymooners Hinkle and Eileen grin from a small, white fishing boat, the Boundary Waters and distant woods at their backs.

"The story is essentially a love story," Pollard says. "They met before the war on a cruise ship. They kept in touch, married after the war and had their honeymoon in the place he

dreamed of."

Pollard compares the story's poetic symmetry to that of a Hollywood screenplay.

And yet, Hinkle's story was very nearly lost to history, as are the words of so many people when nobody takes the time to read them.

"What's curious about diaries is if you see them at auctions, they sell for almost nothing," Pollard says. "Diaries are more ephemeral. They just sit in the drawer. You have to be the type of person who can enjoy seeing the experience vicariously through the words of other people."

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Sun. School: 9:45 am (Sept.-May)
- **First Presbyterian**
108 S. Galbraith, Blue Earth, 526-3486
Sun. Worship: 10:00 am
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- **Immanuel Ev. Lutheran** (Mo. Synod)
43103 120th St., Blue Earth, 526-2072
Sun. Worship: 8:00 am
- **Life Family Church**
111 S. Ramsey, Blue Earth, 507-399-6600
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Children Church and Nursery Provided
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- **River of Life Worship Center**
An Assembly of God Church
1329 S. Ramsey, Blue Earth, 526-2396
Sun. Worship: 10:00 am
Tues Men's Discipleship: 7:00 pm
- **St. Paul Lutheran** (Mo. Synod)
305 E. 5th St., Blue Earth, 526-7318
Sat. Evening Worship: 5:30 pm
Sun. Morning Worship: 9:30 am
Bible Class: 10:30 am
Sun. School: 10:30 am (Sept.-May)
- **St. Peter & Paul Catholic**
214 S. Holland, Blue Earth, 526-5626
Sat. Night Mass: 5:15 pm
Sun. Mass: 10 am
- **Trinity Lutheran** (ELCA)
235 E. 7th St., Blue Earth, 526-3463
Sun. Worship: 9:30 am
Wed. Worship: 6:30 p.m. (beginning June 8)
Check our website www.betrinity.com

... IN EAST CHAIN

- **East Chain Lutheran** (ELCA)
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Parish Office (507) 943-3555
Sun. Worship: 10:30 am
Sun. School: 9:30 am

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- **Shiloh Lutheran** (ELCA)
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- **St. John's Lutheran** (Mo. Synod)
KBEW Radio Broadcast: 8:15 am
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• **Elmore United Methodist Church**: 943-3455
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Wed. Evening Youth Ministry: 7 pm

... IN FROST

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- **South Blue Earth Lutheran**
48332 40th St., Frost, 878-3324
Sun. Worship: 9:00 am (check calendar)
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Box 487, 310 Howard St., Frost, 878-3195
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- **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**
205 Logan St., Ledyard, IA (515) 646-2525
Sun. Mass: 10:30 am

... IN MINNESOTA LAKE

- **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**
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... IN DELAVAN

- **Faith Lutheran**
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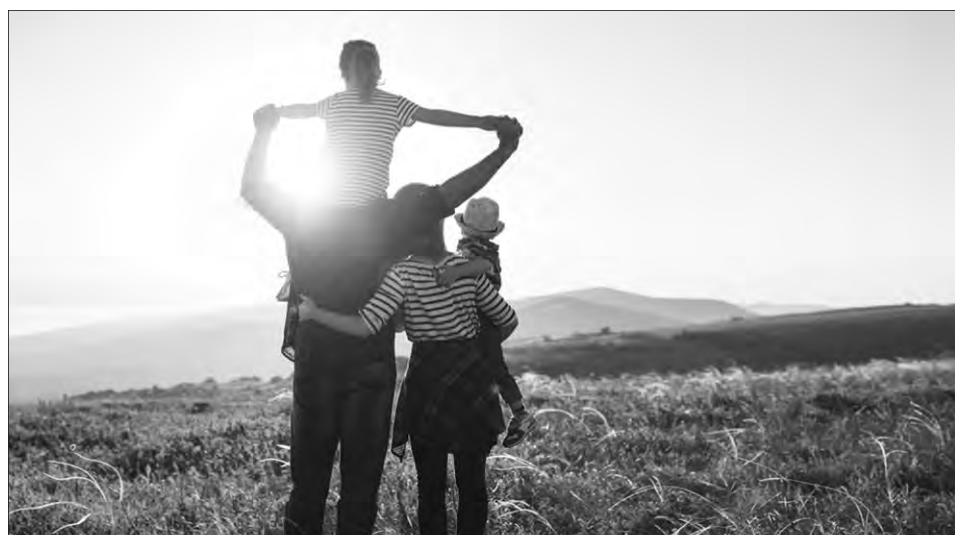
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~ Cindy Wells ~



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Minnesota Lake's Festag Days on the calendar for July 9-13

Festag, Minnesota Lake's Festival of Agriculture, will celebrate the 70th year of the annual summertime celebration when it is held on July 9-13.

Saturday, July 9
Festag gets underway with a livestock show which will be held at Old Mill Park. Check in time is from 10 a.m. until noon. The show gets underway at 1 p.m. featuring feeder calf, market steer and breeding heifer classes. There will also be a category for market lambs.

Prize money will be awarded for the champion

and reserve champion in each class and a hot dog lunch will be served by the Historical Society.

For more information on the livestock show, contact Doug or Jane Gartner at 507-462-3351 or 507-327-1491.

Monday, July 11
The always popular tractor pull for kids will be held with sign up at 6:30 p.m. and the tractor pull beginning at 7 p.m.

The tractor pull is for children ages 4-11 and is a Kids sanctioned event.

Tuesday, July 12
Tuesday, from 3-8 p.m., is entry day for arts and crafts at the Lembke Build-



ing. If you are entering food and hortag, you may do so at the American Legion Hall, also from 3-8 p.m.

Advanced sales of ride tickets will end at noon on Tuesday so make sure you stop by Murphey's Oil Food-n-Fuel or the City

Office to purchase your tickets ahead of time. They will be on sale beginning Monday, June 13. Family Fun shows will once again be providing rides at Festag beginning at 5 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. A kiddie parade will get underway at 6:30 p.m. with

the line-up beginning at 6 p.m. The fun continues at 8 p.m. with a free street dance featuring the Johnny Holm Band. The show ends at 11:30 p.m. and free rides home will be available courtesy of the Minnesota Lake Fire Department Relief Association. The shuttle can be found on Fourth Avenue, north of The Great Escape. Shuttle hours begin at 8:30 p.m. and will continue until 12:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 13
There will still be time, from 7:45-8:45 p.m., to get entries in to be judged at the arts/craft and

hortag/food fair events. Judging for those events will take place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

There will be time for the public to view the entries from 1:30-6:30 p.m. Family Fun Shows will open the rides back up beginning at 4 p.m.

Next, pick out your favorite spot and prepare to enjoy the Festag Giant Twilight Parade which begins at 7 p.m.

Following the parade the crowning of Miss Festag 2022 will take place on the Main Street Stage.

The evening concludes with a fireworks show and a free street dance.

Mediation is next possible step in Delavan dispute

By KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

The disagreement between the city of Delavan and Johnny M's Tavern could be heading for mediation.

A mediator has provided the

parties with a number of available dates when a mediation session could be held in Mankato during the month of August.

The dispute between the city and John Martin, the owner of Johnny M's, dates back to last year when the Delavan City

Council voted to terminate the lease with Johnny M's with a 60-day notice. A second motion to revoke the liquor license of the establishment, if not paid by the 10th of each month, was also passed.

The business has been closed

since June 1 of last year.

According to a lawsuit which had been filed by Johnny M's against the city of Delavan, two council members and the former mayor of the city, a dispute over terms of the lease between the two entities began in December

of 2020 over the amount of monthly rent which was due.

Johnny M's claimed it had overpaid the city by \$1,200 while the city contended a typo had led to the incorrect amount of monthly rent being stated in the lease.

Tim Penny, from page 4

Not only were people from all backgrounds able to come together in one location to make important connections, but we also

had a short program at each Sprout event during which several of our partners shared their stories of how working with SMIF

has impacted their communities.

Betty Uehling, director of Early Childhood and Family Education pro-

grams at New Ulm Public Schools, was one of several Early Childhood professionals who shared how receiving free books has contributed to early literacy amongst young children in the district. She also shared how important it has been for her staff to attend trainings about building social emotional development skills for children which set them up for success in school and in life.

Our economic development partners spoke about the support they have received, and programs they have partnered with SMIF on, to support economic growth in the region. Fatima Said, executive director of Project FINE, a Winona-based nonprofit that helps new immigrants

integrate into life in Minnesota, spoke about creating pathways to prosperity for entrepreneurs through support from SMIF.

We also heard how our partners are contributing to community vitality. SMIF supports 30 Community Foundations in the region, including the Wabasha Kellogg Area Community Foundation. Dr. Bob Mann, former chair of the Community Foundation, spoke about the many ways that they have been able to invest back into the community. Whether it's offering free pool passes to youth, raising funds for the local library to put in a children's addition, training a mental health professional that serves Wabasha, starting a tree garden to replace trees that have been

lost to the Emerald Ash Borer or making the food shelf more accessible, the Community Foundation has partnered with SMIF on many initiatives that give back to their small town and surrounding area.

My hope is that everyone who attended these events walked away with some new information about how they can partner with SMIF to help their communities thrive. If you didn't get a chance to attend our Sprout events this year, you can watch the videos of our speakers and view photos of the events by visiting smifoundation.org/sprout.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.



A message from the BE Chief of Police
Tom Fletcher



Mark your calendars

National Night Out event slated for Aug. 22

The Blue Earth Police Department and the City of Blue Earth, in conjunction with the National Association of Town Watch will again participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 22, 2022. Neighborhoods throughout our city will join over 38 million neighbors across 16 thousand communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Together, we are making that happen. The first Tuesday of every August, neighbors throughout Blue Earth and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement. Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, most communities celebrate National Night Out by hosting block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and other various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, and visits from emergency personnel. Part of being a healthy, safe, and thriving community is providing safe neighborhoods within our community. Community members need to feel safe being able to go on walks in their neighborhood, ride their bikes, taking their families to our city's beautiful parks, gardening in their own yards or playing with their kids outside. It has been a long-held philosophy of the Blue Earth Police Department that a safe neighborhood is a well informed and well-connected neighborhood. You and your neighbors are the ones who really know what is going on in your neighborhood each and every day. By going outside and participating in National Night Out, you have an opportunity to meet up and socialize with your neighbors or maybe meet new neighbors that you didn't know well, or maybe didn't even know at all. In doing this, neighbors are able to create personal bonds with each other. When neighbors and neighborhoods have those bonds, the overall safety of that neighborhood increases, and the crime and petty neighborhood disputes decreases. A person who you used to only live next to you now has a face and a name and a family that you know and recognize. You have formed a connection with that person, and now whether consciously or subconsciously, you care more about them, their property, and their family, and it is likely that they feel the same likeness towards you. When you know those details of the neighborhood people who are well informed are able to make better decisions and take better preventative measures to reduce crimes within neighborhoods.

This will mark our 20th year of participation in this citywide event. We did have one "skip" year, as during the height of the pandemic in 2020 this event never came to fruition due to the restrictions. The National Night Out Campaign was introduced by the National Association Town Watch in 1984. It involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. Blue Earth's first year of participation was in 2001. That year there was one hosted event at Putnam Park. The following year we had three locations around town. The Police Chief at the time wrote in a press release announcing the party locations that he "hoped this idea catches on and in the following years we can have dozens of block parties in all neighborhoods in the city".

Last year we helped to organize parties at seven locations. If you are interested in hosting a party, please contact the Police Department at 507-526-5959. National Night Out is an event to unite all members of our community and build foundational relationships with friends, neighbors, and public safety personnel, so we hope to see you on August 2.

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Editor's Notebook, from page 4

I loved it. I went to the library and got another one by William Kent Krueger. Then I discovered there was an order to them, so I got the actual first one - Iron Lake. Boundary Waters was No. 2.

I have read them all and quite a few of them more than once. And yes, I have read one of them while camping in the Boundary Waters.

I have also been fortunate enough to visit with

Kent (yes we are on a first name basis, even though Kent is technically his middle name) a couple of times. He once was at the Muir Library in Winnebago with a couple of his author friends. And back on July 11, 2019, he spoke in Elmore, of all places.

He gave a little talk about himself, how he became a writer, and how everyone should follow their dream.

He also read an excerpt from his brand new book at that time, This Tender Land. It was not even out in bookstores yet, so we got a nice preview of it.

This Tender Land and Ordinary Grace are his two books that are not part of the Cork O'Connor series. I thought they were great reads.

Back in March, while I was in Florida, I told a recently retired friend from Mankato about William Kent Krueger's books. He has now read all 22 of them - in order - and is making plans to come to Giant Days, just to meet the author of these books.

And maybe get his new favorite author's autograph at the same time.

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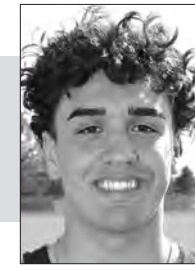
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Blake Ripley



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Gabe Torres

Girls' and boys' teams each recognized for academic achievements

BY KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

Now that the season is over, many Blue Earth Area track and field athletes have been honored with State, Section or Big South Conference awards. The boys' and girls' teams have also received recognition for their work in the classroom.

With his ninth place finish in the discus competition at the State Track Tournament, Luke Norman became a member of the All-State team.

A number of athletes were

named to the Section 2A track and field team which recognizes athletes who finish in sixth place or higher in an event.

The boys making the All-Section team were Austin Stauffer who finished sixth in the high jump, the 4x200-meter relay team of Jacob Grandgenett, Gage Barker, Jack Norman and Gabe Torres which also finished sixth, Blake Ripley with a fourth-place finish in the shot put, and Luke Norman who finished third in the discus and met the State Standard to qualify for the State Meet.

BEA girls who made the All-

Section team include Sophie Keister with a sixth-place finish in the high jump, Addison Armstrong with a sixth-place finish in the 400-meter dash and the sixth place 4x100-meter relay team of Eloise Blair, Keister, Kate Armon and Tailor Douglas.

Chloe Groe was named to the team after finishing fifth in the shot put and third in the discus. Addison Armstrong finished third in the pole vault to qualify for the team. Also making All-Section was the third-place 4x200-meter relay team of Armstrong, Armon, Lauren Bless and Douglas.

Blair, with her first-place performance in the high hurdles, also made the All-Section team as an individual.

Six Bucus were also named to the Academic All-State team. To qualify for this team the athlete has to be in the ninth grade or higher and have a minimum cumulative GPA (grade-point average) of 3.6. In addition, the athlete must have been either a State qualifier, All-Conference or met a Coaches Association Honor Roll standard.

The BEA girls named to the Academic All-State team were

Blair, Keister and Armstrong.

Making the academic team for the boys were Blake Ripley, Jack Norman and Jacob Grandgenett.

The BEA girls team received the Gold Academic Award with an average GPA of 3.97.

The Buccaneer boys team had an average GPA of 3.69 to receive the silver award.

Alicia Machecek and Grandgenett were named the outstanding rookies on the team.

Groe and Ripley were selected as the most improved athletes for the 2022 season.

Diamonds gain a split with St. James

Lose first game of doubleheader 3-0, but win second one 11-4

BY KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

The Blue Earth Diamonds softball team played host to St. James in a doubleheader on Tuesday evening, June 28. Each game was played with a 70 minute time limit.

St. James won the opening game 3-0 in a defensive battle in which both teams struggled to score any runs.

In fact, St. James used a walk and two bunt singles to load the bases with nobody out in the top of the third inning. Diamonds' pitcher Kylee Eckmann struck out the next batter for the first out. Eckmann then fielded a soft ground ball and threw to Diamonds' catcher Ashlyn Klinkner to force out the runner at home for the second out. The next batter hit a ground out to second baseman Olivia Dutton for the third out and the score remained tied at 0-0.



Staff photo by Kevin Mertens

The Diamonds' Ashlyn Klinkner was attempting to steal second base when she collided with the Saints' second baseman who was attempting to field the throw from the catcher. When the dust settled the ball had gotten by the second baseman and Klinkner was able to safely reach the base.

St. James finally broke the tie with a three-run outburst in the top of the fifth inning. Two well-placed bunts resulted in singles and

two doubles were enough to drive in three runs during the inning.

Blue Earth was unable to score in the bottom of the

fifth inning and St. James took the first game 3-0.

The Diamonds only had three hits during the contest with Ashlyn Klinkner,

Claire Sullivan and Kylee Eckmann each getting one.

Blue Earth 11, St. James 4

The Diamonds' bats

came to life in the second game and they salvaged a split of the twin bill with an 11-4 victory in a three-inning game.

Blue Earth was the visiting team on the scoreboard in the second contest and they wasted no time in jumping out to an early lead.

Taylor Klabunde walked, Kendall Harpestad beat out an infield single and Ashlyn Klinkner walked to load the bases.

Olivia Dutton's single drove in Klabunde with the first run of the game. Following a strike out, Claire Sullivan singled to right field to plate Harpestad and Klinkner with the Diamonds' second and third runs of the game and advanced Dutton to third base.

A walk to Berkley Hagedorn loaded the bases again. Another walk, this time to Kylee Eckmann, brought

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Waterville gets by Blue Earth 6-2

BY KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

The Waterville Indians took advantage of miscues by the Blue Earth Pirates and left Veterans Field with a 6-2 victory on Wednesday evening, June 29.

Gusty winds made fielding pop flies interesting. High pop ups which looked like they might be caught near third base ended up falling closer to second base.

The Indians opened the game with a single and then used a sacrifice bunt to the runner to second base.

Blue Earth then misplayed a pop fly to put runners on first and second base and a walk filled the bases.

A sacrifice fly to right field brought home the first run of the game and allowed Waterville's runner on second base to advance to third.

The runner at first stole second base and both runners scored a single to the outfield to give Waterville a 3-0 lead.

Blue Earth scored once in the bottom of the first inning when Brandyn Olsen hit a fly ball that



cleared the center-field wall for a home run to cut Waterville's lead to 3-1.

The score remained 3-1 until the top of the fourth inning when the Pirates committed two errors which allowed the Indians to score another run to go on top 4-1.

Waterville tacked on another run in the top of the seventh inning. After their leadoff batter was hit by a pitch, an infield error put runners at first and third base. A single brought home the runner from third to increase the Indians' lead to 5-1.

The Pirates scored one run in the bottom of the eighth inning to close the gap to 5-2.

Cody Sukalski led off the inning with a walk and moved to second base on a wild pitch. TJ

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Brandyn Olsen (3) is congratulated by his teammates after hitting a home run in the first inning of the Pirates' game against Waterville on June 29.

Staff photo by Kevin Mertens

USC trap team on target at State

Squad places 12th and Harpestad finishes 57th individually

BY KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

The United South Central trap shooting team ended their season on a high note with a 12th-place finish in the 40-team field of the Minnesota State High School League Clay Target Championship held at the Minneapolis Gun Club in Prior Lake on June 24.

The State competition was won by Wayzata with 489 targets hit out of a possible 500. Tri-City United was second with 481. USC was tied with Bemidji for 11th place but lost a tie breaker which put them in 12th place.

USC's five-person team hit 475 targets in the contest. The members of the squad are Konnor Harpestad, Will Allis, Braxton O'Rourke, Zale Bushlack and Matt Beyer, along with two alternates, Caleb Warmka and Chloe Lutteke.

Harpestad also had qualified for the individual competition where he tied for 57th place out of 100 competitors by hitting 94 out of 100 targets.



Members of the United South Central trap shooting team had great success this year and placed 12th at the Minnesota State High School League Clay Target Championship held at the Minneapolis Gun Club in Prior Lake on June 24. Konnor Harpestad placed 57th in the individual competition.

The USC team had qualified for the State Tournament at the Trap Shooting Championship which was held in Alexandria earlier in June. The Rebels had the second-best team score out of 360 teams at that competition.



Konnor Harpestad

There are a total of 400 teams in the trap shooting league.

"I am so proud of these kids; it was a great day for USC," one of USC's coaches, Michelle Gottberg, says.

Gottberg notes trap shooting is one of the fastest growing sports in the state.

"It is open for students as young as sixth graders all the way up to seniors," Gottberg comments. "Both boys and girls can be on the team and kids in wheelchairs can participate on the same squad. It is a sport almost anybody can enjoy."

Submitted photo

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Dutton home with the fourth run of the inning. Clara Ziegler's single to left field brought home Sullivan to give the Diamonds a 5-0 lead.

St. James scored twice in the bottom of the first inning but Blue Earth added four more runs in the top of the second inning to take a 9-2 lead.

St. James added single runs in both the second and third innings while Blue Earth tacked on two more runs in the top of the third to make the final score 11-2 in favor of the Diamonds.

Six different players each had one hit for Blue Earth. Hannah Meyer and Sullivan each had two RBI in the winning effort.



Dutton pitched the first inning and allowed two runs on two hits. She walked one batter and struck out one.

Meyer pitched the final two frames and gave up two runs, one earned, on three hits. She did not walk a bat-

Clara Ziegler watches the pitch sail high for a ball in the Blue Earth Diamonds' first game of a doubleheader against St. James. The Diamonds lost the first game 3-0 but won the second game 11-4. Hannah Meyer and Claire Sullivan each had two RBI in the Diamonds' victory.

Staff photo by Kevin Mertens

ter and struck out six batters.

Jackson 7, Blue Earth 4

The Blue Earth Diamonds' fastpitch softball team outhit their opponents from Jackson 6-5, but it was Jackson who came out on top in the statistic which really mattered. Jackson defeated Blue Earth 7-3 in the first game of a doubleheader played in Blue Earth on Tuesday, June 21.

Jackson took an early lead with three runs in the top of the first inning.

Still trailing 3-0 when they came to bat in the bottom of the second stanza, the Diamonds' Erika Gaydon bunted for a single with one out.

After stealing second base, Gaydon came around to score on Clara Ziegler's double to left field and Blue Earth had cut Jackson's lead to 3-1.

However, Jackson added two more runs in both the third and fourth innings while Blue Earth scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth to make the final score 7-3 in Jackson's favor.

Kylee Eckmann pitched three and one third innings of the four-inning contest. She gave up six runs on three hits. She walked six and struck out three batters.

Olivia Dutton came in to get the last two outs. She allowed one run on two hits while walking one batter and recording one strike out.

Gaydon led the offense with two hits.

Jackson 7, Blue Earth 1

Leading 2-1 heading into the bottom of the third inning, Jackson scored five runs to take command of the game and to head home with a 7-1 victory.

The Diamonds were held scoreless in the first two innings. Jackson, which was the home team on the scoreboard for the second game, scored one run in each of the first two innings before their big third inning.

Blue Earth scored their run in the top of the third inning.

Jackson had five hits in the game to two for Blue Earth.

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W/BE takes two games from MCW

Squad sweeps doubleheader with two 10-0 shutout victories

BY KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

Jimmy Allis pitched a complete-game shutout and his Winnebago/Blue Earth Legion teammates provided the offensive firepower in a 10-0 triumph over Martin County West in the opening game of a doubleheader on Thursday night, June 30, in Blue Earth.

W/BE took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Caleb Langager walked and went to second base on a wild pitch. He then stole third base and scored on a suicide squeeze bunt by Logan O'Hara.

The home team added single runs in the second and third innings to build a 3-0 lead.

After a scoreless fourth inning, W/BE erupted for seven runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the game with a 10-run triumph.

Allis allowed only two hits during his stellar pitching performance. He also benefitted from some fine defensive play in the field, including a double play in the top of the fourth inning.

Colton Hubly had two doubles in the game, Parker Meyers had a triple and Allis had a double.

W/BE 10, MCW 0

W/BE won the second game of the doubleheader by an identical 10-0 score.

The home team put four runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first inning.

With one out, Nick Barke was hit by a pitch. Logan O'Hara followed with a single to put runners on first and second. A wild pitch allowed both runners to advance a base and a double by Parker Meyers brought both runners home with the only runs W/BE would need.



Staff photo by Kevin Mertens

Somewhere in the dust is third base, the ball, the third baseman's glove and the legs of Colton Hubly as he attempts to stretch a double into a triple. Dusty conditions made it hard to see.

Logan O'Hara pitched the first two innings before being relieved by Peyton O'Hara.

Wells 11, W/BE 8

Winnebago/Blue Earth's Legion baseball team's rally fell short and the Wells Legion team held on for an 11-8 victory in a game played on June 23, in Wells.

W/BE scored once in the bottom of the first. Singles by Soren Fering and Parker Meyers were sandwiched around a walk to Caleb Langager to load the bases. Fering scored on a ground out by Logan O'Hara.

W/BE's lead did not last for long. Wells scored five runs in the home half of the first inning to take a 5-1 lead.

Wells added single runs in the bottom of the second and third innings to increase their lead to 7-1.

Two more runs by the home

team in the bottom of the fourth inning put Wells on top 9-1.

W/BE got their bats going in the top of the fifth inning and scored three runs to close the gap to 9-4 with Wells still in control.

Langager got things going in the fifth inning with a one-out single to left field. He moved to second base when Parker Meyers walked.

Langager and Meyers both scored on a triple by Logan O'Hara, who eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Jimmy Allis.

Wells added two more runs to their total in the bottom of the fifth inning to take an 11-4 lead.

W/BE tallied four more runs in the top of the sixth inning before Wells ended their rally and claimed the 11-8 victory.

W/BE 9, Janesville 7

The Winnebago/Blue Earth

Legion team took an early lead against Janesville and then had to withstand a late-inning rally to go home with a 9-7 victory on Monday, June 20.

After a scoreless first inning, W/BE scored four times in the top of the second inning.

Logan O'Hara led off the inning with a triple. After an infield pop out, Colton Hubly walked. With Abe Kokos batting, Hubly stole second base. Kokos then hit a sacrifice fly to score O'Hara and advance Hubly to third base.

A single by Carson Sturtz brought Hubly home with the second run of the game.

Sturtz moved to second base on a wild pitch and Noah Johnson walked to put runners on first and second.

Both runners scored on a double by Soren Fering and W/BE led

4-0.

Parker Meyers was hit by a pitch to begin the top of the third inning. Singles by O'Hara and Nick Barke loaded the bases with zero outs.

Meyers scored on a wild pitch and Hubly walked to fill the bases again. A single by Sturtz plated O'Hara with W/BE's sixth run of the game.

Janesville got on the board with one run in the bottom of the third inning to make it a 6-1 ballgame with W/BE on top.

Both teams scored in the fourth inning. W/BE added one run in the top of the inning before Janesville struck for three runs in the bottom of the inning to make the score 7-4 in favor of W/BE.

A double by Fering in the top of the fifth inning drove in the fleet-footed Johnson who had opened the inning with a walk. Fering would later come around to score on a single by Barke to extend W/BE's lead to 9-4.

Janesville rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning but W/BE's pitcher, Jimmy Allis, shut the door in the seventh inning to preserve the 9-7 victory for W/BE.

O'Hara led W/BE's 10-hit attack with four hits, including a double and a triple.

Fering, Barke and Sturtz each had two hits. Fering drove in three runs while Sturtz drove in two.

Taylor Davids and Jimmy Allis split pitching duties for W/BE. Davids threw four innings and allowed four runs on seven hits. He walked two and struck out seven batters.

Allis came on to relieve Davids in the bottom of the fifth inning. He was credited with three innings of work and allowed three runs on four hits while walking one batter and striking out seven.

Pirates, from page nine



Staff photo by Kevin Mertens

The ball reaches the glove of Pirates' first baseman Garrett Anderson before the Waterville batter makes it to first base to get the runner out on a bunt attempt.

Stallman walked to put runners on first and second base. Both runners moved up a base when Waterville's pitcher unleashed another wild pitch.

Sukalski scored when Olsen grounded into a fielder's choice. After eight complete innings, the Indians led the Pirates 5-2.

Waterville added one more run in the top of the ninth inning to make the final score 6-2.

Lee Hodges pitched the complete game for the Pirates. He allowed six runs, two earned, on 12 hits while

walking four batters and striking out nine.

The Pirates only had six hits. In addition to Olsen's homer, Kaylen Legred had two singles while Hunter Bleess, Ryan Madetzke and Tanner Nawrocki each had one.

Blue Earth committed five errors while Waterville had two.

The Pirates left eight men on base while the Indians stranded 12 base runners.

Morristown 9, Blue Earth 3

The Morristown Morries

scored five runs in the first inning, one run in the second and three in the third inning on their way to a 9-3 victory over the Blue Earth Pirates. The game was played at Veterans Field in Blue Earth on June 26.

Blue Earth scored single runs in the fifth, eighth and ninth innings to account for their runs.

Blue Earth 14, Janesville 4

The Blue Earth Pirates and Janesville Jays met in Mankato on June 22 and the Pirates came away with a 14-4 victory.

Blue Earth scored two runs in the top of the first when Kane Malo singled and Brandyn Olsen hit a home run.

Janesville put one run on the board in the bottom of the inning to make the score 2-1 in favor of Blue Earth after one inning.

The Pirates scored four runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to take a 10-1 lead with the Jays coming to bat in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Janesville was able to score twice in the bottom of the fifth inning. Each team scored once in the sixth inning to make the score 11-4 after six complete innings.

Blue Earth added three runs in the top of the ninth inning to complete the scoring.

The Pirates had 18 hits in the contest and were led by Logan O'Hara with four. Malo, Olsen, and Kaylen Legred each had three hits while TJ Stallman added two.

Malo, TJ Stallman, Olsen and Zach Shonrock

each had two RBI.

Gavin Storbeck picked up the win. He threw six innings and allowed four runs, three earned while walking six batters and striking out seven. Schonrock pitched two innings

and Legred pitched the final inning with neither pitcher allowing a run.

The Pirates will travel to Minnesota Lake on Wednesday, July 6, to take on the Royals. The game is set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

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 Faribault County Central Services is accepting applications for one union position as **PROPERTY APPRAISER**

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Qualifications include: Minimum qualifications should include H.S. diploma or G.E.D., training and experience in real estate appraisal and assessment helpful but not required. Must be able to obtain a Certified Minnesota Assessor License (CMA) designation within two years of date of hire and the ability to obtain an Accredited Minnesota Assessor License (AMA) four years following the receipt of CMA license. This is a full-time, union position at 37.5 hours per week. Wage range \$25.94- \$32.71 per hour.

Applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022

Applications may be obtained from the **Faribault County Central Services Office**
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Applications will be reviewed July 29, 2022 and the position will be considered vacant until filled.

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Qualifications include High School Diploma or G.E.D. with vocational training/certification in the maintenance field and 2 years of facilities/maintenance experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience to successfully perform the essential duties of the job. Valid Minnesota driver's license required. A valid MN boiler license is preferred but can be obtained within 6 months of employment.

Applications will be accepted through 4:30 p.m. on Wed., July 15, 2022

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Required qualifications include: A Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, successful completion of the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination administered by NCEES, or the ability to obtain within six (6) months, plus additional Mn DOT or University of Minnesota Certification(s) may be required. Valid Class D Driver's License or evidence of mobility. Position is based on a 40-hour work week. Wage is \$27.30 - \$33.87 per hour. Starting wage is based on qualifications and experience.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 24, 2020

MORTGAGOR: Michael B. Thorson, an unmarried man.

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded February 3, 2020 Faribault County Recorder, Document No. 382946.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC. Dated December 15, 2020 Recorded December 15, 2020, as Document No. 385986.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 10039241205271375.

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation.

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: M&T Bank.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 109 West North Street, Kiester, MN 56051.

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 270216600.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

Tract commencing at a point 33 feet due East and 66 feet due North and 175 feet due West of the Northeast corner of Lot 12 in Block I in the Village of Kiester, Faribault County, Minnesota, according to the plat of said Village on file and of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds (now County Recorder) of said county, running thence due North 175 feet, thence West 104 feet, thence South 175 feet, thence East 104 feet to the point of beginning.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Faribault.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$82,828.00.

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$101,713.81.

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Faribault County Jail, 320 Dr. H. Russ Street, Blue Earth, MN.

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on January 30, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and

unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: May 20, 2022

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
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May 30, June, 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 2022

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COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Faribault

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$85,600.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$75,981.44

INTEREST RATE AND PER DIEM: Current interest rate is 6.875%, with a daily per diem of \$13.06.

The person holding the Mortgage is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, Subd. 30. The name of the residential mortgage servicer and lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02 is: Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union.

That prior to commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 28, 2022, at 10:00 am.

PLACE OF SALE: Faribault County Sheriff's Office, 320 Dr. H. Russ Street, Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013, to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE AND TIME MORTGAGOR MUST VACATE THE PREMISES: January 28, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE (5) WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: May 26, 2022

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF SCOTT DISTRICT COURT First Judicial District: Court File Number 70-FA-22-2931

Case Type: Dissolution with Children In Re the Marriage of: Holly ReNaye Simmons Petitioners and Domic Xavier Simmons Respondent

WITHOUT REAL ESTATE THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

WARNING: Your spouse has filed a lawsuit against you for dissolution of your marriage. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. This summons is all official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this summons carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for a dissolution of your marriage (divorce).

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written Answer to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and your Financial Affidavit. You must pay the required filing fee. Answer forms and the Financial Affidavit form are available from the Court Administrator's office. You must serve and Financial Affidavit upon Petitioner within thirty (30) days of the date you were served with this Summons not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your Answer and Financial Affidavit, the Court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a nonprofit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota States, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Under Minnesota Statutes, Section 518.157, in a contested proceeding involving custody or parenting time of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a parent education pro-

gram that meets minimum standards promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court within 30 days after the first filing with the court. In some Districts, parent education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact the District Court Administrator for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

Dated: 3-3-22

County and State where signed: Scott County, Minnesota Holly Simonette 1167 Kensington Drive Shakopee, MN 55379 612-946-5310 simmonette1012@gmail.com June 20, 27, July 4, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 31, 2015

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$186,118.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Larry Block, a single person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 11, 2016 as Document Number 370389 in the Office of the County Recorder of Faribault County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: December 14, 2007.

MORTGAGOR: Carroll L. Christensen, husband and wife.

MORTGAGEE: Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union, a credit union organized under the laws of the United States of America.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded December 24, 2007, in the office of the County Recorder, as Document No. 342638, Faribault County, Minnesota.

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 50537 50th Street, Briceyln, MN 56014

TAX PARCEL I.D. NOS. 170170500

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S 1/2 of SW 1/4) lying East of County Ditch No. 44, and also all that part of the West 12 rods of the South 1/2 of the Southeast Quarter (S 1/2 of SE 1/4) lying East of said County Ditch No. 44, all being in Section Eight (8), in Township One Hundred One (101) North, Range Twenty-five (25) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in the County of Faribault and State of Min-

nesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Faribault

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$82,828.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$101,713.81.

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: July 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Faribault County Jail, 320 Dr. H. Russ Street, Blue Earth, MN.

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on January 30, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and

unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None.

"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."

Dated: May 20, 2022

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
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NOTICE OF ROAD VACATION HEARING

WINNEBAGO TOWNSHIP FARIBAUT COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the town board of Winnebago Township, Faribault County, Minnesota will conduct a public hearing on the 12th day of July, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Winnebago Municipal Center located at 140 South Main Street, Winnebago, MN, for the purpose of considering and acting upon a vacation of the following described road:

320th Avenue in Winnebago Township from 220th Street to 230th Street

All persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend the hearing.

The tracts of land through which said road passes and the owners and occupants thereof, as nearly as we can determine, are as follows:

Owners Description of Land

Janet S. Schonrock NW corner of Section 18 Parcel ID# 200180100

Terry Kucera SW corner of Section 18 Parcel ID# 200180300

Golly Farms Partnership NE corner of Section 17 Parcel ID# 200170300

Mary Ann Tonn SE corner of Section 17 Parcel ID# 200170400

Dated: June 24, 2022 **Debra M Claeys Township Clerk**

CITY OF BLUE EARTH

Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

District Number	6.1	7.1
District Name	Nicollet Place	Erdahl Housing
Current Net Tax Capacity	\$0.00	\$5,814.00
Original Net Tax Capacity	\$0.00	\$ 394.00
Captured Net Tax Capacity	\$0.00	\$5,420.00
Principal and interest payments due during the current year	\$0.00	\$6,460.00
Tax Increments Received	\$1.00	\$7,075.00
Tax Increments Expended	\$0.00	\$6,459.00
First Tax Increment Receipt	7/1992	7/2007
Date of Required Decertification	12/31/2017	12/31/2032
Increased Property Tax imposed on other properties as a result of fiscal disparities contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from:

Name: Mary Kennedy, City Administrator Telephone: (507) 526-7336
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Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on July 21, 2017 as Document Number 375196 in the Office of the County Recorder of Faribault County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded on August 21, 2019 as Document Number 381387 in the Office of the County Recorder of Faribault County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: A tract of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 104 North, Range 24 West, Faribault County, Minnesota described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 6; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 32 seconds East, along the north line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 6, a distance of 639.13 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes 12 seconds West, a distance of 642.40 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence North 86 degrees 03 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 257.07 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence South 00 degrees 52 minutes 37 seconds West, a distance of 342.41 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence South 41 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 205.74 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence South 64 degrees 41 minutes 29 seconds East, a distance of 180.73 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence South 88 degrees 13 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 117.64 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence North 02 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 510.34 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence North 88 degrees 32 minutes 20 seconds West, a distance of 100.00 feet to an iron pipe survey marker; thence North 00 degrees 54 minutes 12 seconds East, a distance of 689.67 feet to the north line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 6; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 32 seconds West, along said north line, a distance of 37.00 feet to the point of beginning, Faribault County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 55128 250TH ST, MINNESOTA LAKE, MN 56068 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Faribault County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE

ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$181,394.59
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: American Mortgage & Equity Consultants, Inc.
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: LoanCare, LLC
TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: R06.006.0201
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 0000039256-1

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Faribault County Sheriff's Office, 320 Dr. H. Russ Street, Blue Earth, MN 56013.

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 27, 2023.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICUL-

TURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 20, 2022
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Mortgagee
TROTT LAW, P.C.
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. /s/ *Sung Woo Hong, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee
25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (22-0422-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
 July 4, 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

American Towers LLC is proposing to increase the ground space for an existing telecommunications tower compound by 150ft, along with a 30ft buffer surrounding the current and proposed lease area, at MN-22 Wells, MN 56097, 300050031. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Interested persons may comment or raise concerns about the proposed action by submitting an e-mail to enviro.services@americantower.com. Paper comments can be sent to: American Towers LLC, Attn: Environmental Compliance, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801. Requests or comments should be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns and must be received on or before 7/22/2022. This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.

June 27, July 4, 2022

FARIBAUT COUNTY, MN COUNTY PROJECT BIDS CLOSE: JULY 28, 2022, 10:00 AM CDT
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 NOTICE is hereby given that **SEALED BIDS** will be received

at **until 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 28, 2022** by Darren Esser, County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator of Faribault County, at the Faribault County Courthouse, 415 North Main St., Blue Earth, Minnesota, 56013, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of said county for the following project. Bids will be opened and read publicly in the Commissioners Room in the Courthouse in Blue Earth immediately after the hour set for receiving bids. Any bids received after said hour will be returned to the bidder unopened. Any bid received without a certified check or bid bond will be returned without being read or considered.

PROJECT NO.: CP 22-600-02
LOCATION: Various Fuel Tank Locations
TYPE OF WORK: 2022 Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
LENGTH:

The major items of work are approximately:

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00003	Diesel to Winnebago	7,500	GAL
00004	Gasoline to Blue Earth	25,000	GAL

Proposals, and Plans may be obtained online or at the Faribault County Public Works, 727 East 5th Street, Blue Earth, MN 56013. Phone (507) 526-4288.

Online (No Charge): <https://mn-co-faribault.app.rvvision.com/oneoffice/bidding>
 Hard Copy Charge: No Charge.

Bids must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond made payable to the Treasurer of Faribault County for at least 5% of the amount bid.

The County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities thereof.

Mark A. Daly, PE
Faribault County
Director/County Engineer
 July 4, 11, 18, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

Mortgagor: Marnie Bastian, a single person
 Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Land Home Financial Services, Inc, its successors and assigns
 Dated: August 3, 2018
 Recorded: August 7, 2018
 Faribault County Recorder Document No. 378326

Assigned To: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
 Dated: January 26, 2022
 Recorded: January 26, 2022
 Faribault County Recorder Document No. 390100

Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
 Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 1001138-0000327262-7

Lender or Broker: Land Home Financial Services, Inc, A California Corporation

Residential Mortgage Servicer: Freedom Mortgage Mortgage Originator: Land Home Financial Services, Inc, A California Corporation

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) in Block One (1) in Sippel's Addition to the Village (now City) of Easton, Faribault County, Minnesota, according to the Plat of said Addition on file and of record in the Office of the Register of Deeds (now County Recorder) of said County.

This is Abstract Property.

TAX PARCEL NO.: 245610010

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 23 Main St., Easton, MN 56025
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Faribault

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$69,595.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$83,605.11

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 24, 2022, 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 320 Dr. H. Russ Street, Blue Earth, MN

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns.

DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is February 24, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Dated: June 28, 2022

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of Mortgagee
By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.
Attorneys for:

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Assignee of Mortgagee
101 Fifth Street East,
Suite 2626
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651-228-1753 (fax)

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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July 4, 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2022

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Kiester Fun Days



Staff photos by Fiona Green

Kiester Fun Days swept the town on Friday, June 24, and Saturday, June 25. Downtown was bursting with community events, including a volleyball tournament, food stands, a bean bag tournament and a band which performed in the Kee Theater. The most exciting part of the day, of course, was the parade. Grand Marshalls Dennis and Linda Hill led the way for police cars and firetrucks, the United South Central marching band, members of Kiester's American Legion, and lots and lots of candy throwers. A few furry ferrets even joined the parade.



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Submitted photos

Left, Sammy L. Davis receives the Medal of Honor from President Johnson on Nov. 19, 1968. Right, Davis, 'The Real Forrest Gump,' poses by a signed poster.

You never know when you're gonna see Sammy L. Davis at Giant Days

BY KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

People attending Giant Days on Saturday, July 9, will have the chance to meet and hear Sammy L. Davis, "The Real Forrest Gump," at various functions throughout the day.

An American war hero and Medal of Honor recipient, Davis is one of the people who was the inspiration for the movie "Forrest Gump" and he will be at Giant Days to present his inspirational message, "You Don't Lose 'Til You Quit Trying" on Saturday, July 9, at the Main Street Stage around noon. His appearance is sponsored by Rural Renaissance.

People will have other opportunities to interact with Davis during his time in Blue Earth.

Saturday will begin with a meet and greet breakfast with Davis at the American Legion in Blue Earth beginning at 7 a.m. that morning. Tickets are \$10 per person and include a chance at a giveaway for Davis' harmonica. Davis learned to play the harmonica in Vietnam. It was reassuring for his comrades.

Davis will also ride in

the Giant Days Parade before taking to the Main Street Stage. Following his presentation at noon, Davis will be at Connect the Grey studio at 120 South Main Street from 1-2:30 p.m. for another meet and greet opportunity.

Many people might consider 1994's "Forrest Gump" as a modern-day classic and one of the most beloved movies of all time.

Although the historical events in the movie are very real, Forrest is not. However, the character was inspired by a handful of real people and Davis is one of them.

Davis' selfless acts of bravery and heroism during the Vietnam War in November of 1967 were depicted in the movie.

According to the website military.com, Davis enlisted in the Army directly out of high school in 1965. Volunteering for the artillery because his father had been an artilleryman in World War II, he was assigned to the Fourth Artillery. Soon after completing training, he asked to be sent to Vietnam.

Early on Nov. 18, 1967, his unit of 11 guns and 42 men was helicoptered into

an area west of Cai Lay to set up a forward fire-support base – Firebase Cudgel – for American infantrymen operating in the area.

Shortly after midnight the next morning, Private First Class Davis' Battery C came under heavy mortar attack. Almost simultaneously, an estimated 1,500 Vietcong soldiers launched an intense ground assault, failing to overrun the Americans only because a river separated the two forces.

Davis' squad was operating a 105 mm howitzer that fired 18,000 beehive darts in each shell. When he saw how close the enemy had come, Davis took over a machine gun and provided covering fire for his gun crew. But an enemy recoilless rifle round scored a direct hit on the howitzer, knocking the crew from the weapon and blowing Davis sideways into a foxhole.

Convinced that the heavily outnumbered Americans couldn't survive the attack, he fired off at least one round from the

damaged artillery piece before being overrun. He struggled to his feet, rammed a shell into the gun, and fired point-blank at the Vietcong who were advancing five deep directly in front of the weapon; the beehive round cut them down.

An enemy mortar round exploded nearby, knocking Davis to the ground, but he got up and kept firing the howitzer.

When there were no more rounds left, he fired a white phosphorus shell, and then the last round he had – a "propaganda shell" filled with leaflets.

At this point, he heard yelling from the other side of the river and realized that GIs had been cut off there. Despite the fact that he did not know how to swim, he got in the water and paddled across on an air mattress from the American camp; other GIs followed him.

Scrambling up the bank, he found three wounded soldiers, one of them suffering from a head wound that looked fatal. He gave

them all morphine and provided covering fire as another GI helped the most gravely wounded soldier across the river, then pulled the other two through the water on the air mattress to the fire base.

He eventually made his way to an American howitzer crew and resumed the fight. Sometime before dawn, he was seriously wounded in the back and buttocks by friendly fire.

"I didn't swim across that river because I was big, bad and brave," Davis was quoted as saying. "I swam across that river because I loved my brothers."

While he was in the hospital, Davis heard that he was to be sent home. He petitioned Gen. William Westmoreland to be allowed to stay with his unit. Permission was granted, although Davis was still so hobbled by his wounds that he was taken off the line and made a cook.

Davis received the Medal of Honor from President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House on Nov. 19, 1968, exactly one year and one day after the night-long firefight at Cai Lay.

Footage of the president putting the medal around Davis' neck is shown in the

movie "Forrest Gump" (with Tom Hanks' head substituted for Davis'), and Gump's fictional Medal of Honor citation was loosely based on Davis' real one.

In addition to receiving the nation's highest military honor, Davis also received the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Davis was born in Dayton, Ohio to a family with a long-standing record of military service. Davis' family members had served in the Spanish-American War, World War II and the Korean War.

In the many years since his retirement, Davis has traveled the world in support of America's veterans with a simple message of duty we can all live by.

"I try to encourage America to stand up for what you believe is right in your heart and I try hard not to get into politics," Davis says. "I want you to stand up for what you believe is right."

"I swam across that river because I loved my brothers."
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The magic is here and the music is near at Giant Days

Lots of entertainment is scheduled in celebration of the Big Green Guy

BY FIONA GREEN
Register Staff Writer

Giant Days will be back with magic, music and fun from Friday, July 8 until the wee hours of the morning on Sunday, July 10.

The jam-packed weekend will feature many opportunities to eat, play and socialize. However, those who just want to sit back and enjoy some top-notch entertainment will find what they are looking for starting on Friday evening.

At 7 p.m., KBEW Dance DJ's will play the perfect tracks to coax the sun to sleep in Giant Park. The DJ's will cede the spotlight to the annual fireworks display at 9 p.m., or around dusk.

The Main Street stage will also feature musical entertainment on Friday to kick off Giant Days weekend.

Steele Prairie, a band based out of Mankato, will take to the Main Street stage on Friday at 6 p.m., and treat the crowd to country tunes until 8 p.m.

This will not be Steele Prairie's first sojourn to Jolly Green Giant territory. The band, which includes a Blue Earth native as one of its members, has already performed at Average Jo's several times.

Lunatics Anonymous will return to Giant Days on Friday at 9 p.m. They are slated to close out the evening's Main Street entertainment, jamming on the Main Street stage until midnight. The all-occasions cover band, based out of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, particularly enjoys playing 80s and 90s rock hits.

Heartsong, a local band based out of Martin County, will provide the first musical entertainment of the day on Saturday,



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Chaz the Magician entertains Faribault County Fairgoers above. Left, KBEW Dance DJ's play at last summer's Elmore Horse and Buggy Days. Below, Lunatics Anonymous jamming at last year's Giant Days celebration in Blue Earth.



July 9. They are scheduled to croon some tunes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Main Street stage.

Another local musician, Brett Feist, originally from Wells, will take to a different Main Street stage from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The second stage will be set up further down Main Street, where Giant Days' main thoroughfare intersects with Seventh Street. The stage was generously donated by the Faribault County Fair.

Further up Main Street,

Sawyer's Dream, a Minneapolis-based band, will perform from 6-8 p.m. The band, which has been lauded for their unique sound and original songs, presents a modern take on classic 60s and 70s rock.

Weekend Rockstar will

close out the evening, and the Giant Days weekend, on the Main Street stage starting at 8:30 p.m.

The high-energy cover band is slated to literally rock the night away until the clock strikes 12:30 a.m.

Non-musical entertain-

ment will once again include a magician this year.

The Magic by Chaz program is already a Faribault County Fair mainstay, but this year Chaz will also entertain Giant Days attendees with his sleight-of-hand.

Chaz will perform two formal shows on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Both shows will take place on the stage set up at the Main Street and Seventh Street intersection.

Chaz will also perform his characteristic 'strolling magic' shows throughout the afternoon, walking throughout the crowd to dazzle them with closeup magic.

Chaz claims, "My brand of magic is relaxed and approachable. It appeals to the imagination and focuses on sharing the wonder of the seemingly impossible."

Both magical and musical events alike will be open to all, free of charge, throughout Giant Days weekend.

The events are made possible, in part, by this year's Giant Days sponsors.

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Four of the superheroes pictured above will visit Blue Earth during Giant Days, courtesy of Occasions with Character. They will lead participants through superhero training, as is pictured below.

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Something super is coming to visit the Jolly Green Giant

BY FIONA GREEN
Register Staff Writer

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's...well, it won't exactly be Superman visiting Giant Days on Friday, July 8, but some of his friends will be dropping by to delight youngsters at the feet of the Jolly Green Giant.

At 5 p.m., Patriotic Hero, Spider Hero, Bat Heroine and Amazonian Hero will arrive at Giant Park to facilitate a super hero training session for local youth.

The epic, movement-oriented interactive performance will lead participants through an honorary hero training session.

The session will include lots of action and fun, including choreographed stage combat.

"If kids want to dress up as their favorite superhero, that would be fun, too," Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce director Shellie Poetter adds.

After participants are inducted into the honorary hero crew, a super hero meet-

and-greet will take place in Giant Park from 6-7 p.m.

Like most Giant Days events, the super hero training and meet-and-greet will be free to all who wish to participate.

The event is courtesy of Occasions with Character, LLC, an entertainment-based company which was created by mother-daughter team Linda and Melissa.

Both women are Twin Cities natives, and they enjoy putting their degrees in child psychology, music education and performance, and English to good use by creating heartwarming storytimes and events with entertainment, educational and inspirational value.

Their enthusiastic and talented cast is dedicated to providing magical memories for children.

As one cast member states on the Occasions With Character website, "The audible gasp and the light in their eyes when kids first see their favorite character warms my heart every time."



Auto Fair ... a Giant Days classic

Last year's Giant Days Auto Fair featured classic automobiles like the red beauty pictured above.

Register file photo

BY KEVIN MERTENS
Register Staff Writer

The 31st Annual Blue Earth Auto Fair will be held at the Faribault County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 9, as part of the Giant Days celebration. Registration is from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and the cost is \$10. Awards will be given out at 2:30 p.m.

A major sponsor of the show is Blue Earth Napa Auto and Farm Parts and Parts City Auto Parts of Blue Earth is a major door prize contributor.

"There will be a wide variety of cars at the show," John Hansen, the co-chairman of the event, comments. "The show will feature antique, classic, stock and modified vehicles."

Hansen says it is the variety of vehicles which makes the show such a fun

event. "People who come out to the fairgrounds will have a chance to see cars like they maybe used to drive," Hansen notes. "And there is something special about seeing an old car restored and all shined up for the show."

And, he notes, you don't have to be someone who restores cars to enjoy looking at the vehicles on display.

"It really is a fun time to just relax and appreciate the efforts the people have put into their automobiles," he adds.

Awards which will be given include two Best of Show winners, one for a 1959 or older car and one for a 1960 or newer car. These cars can be stock or modified.

Participants in the show will also vote for the top 25 vehicles in the show.



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Greet a garden on Giant Days

BY FIONA GREEN
Register Staff Writer

In the dog days of July, cool, shady greens and bright blooms are a balm against hot, humid weather.

Those who are interested in enjoying local natural wonders during Giant Days can join Master Gardener Cindy Lyon for the annual Giant Days Garden Tours on Saturday, July 9.

The garden tours are a

Giant Days mainstay; this year will mark the 24th year they have been organized during the annual celebration.

Lyon will lead two separate tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday. Both tours will be short and

easy – a great opportunity to stroll around Blue Earth and explore some of its horticultural showstoppers.

Those who would like to participate can meet Lyon at one of the designated tour start times. The meeting place is the home of Wendy and Steve Brown, whose garden is the tour's first stop.

"She (Wendy) would like to have it be a wedding reception venue," Lyon explains, adding the garden is currently a hardscape with potted plants.

From there, Lyon will lead participants to the home of June and Dave Bless, located at 428 Oak Knoll Court.

Lyon says the Bless' garden features well-established and common peren-

nials. "They've been yard of the week," Lyon notes.

After attendees have had their fill of the Bless' beautiful blooms, Lyon will bring the tour to a close at the home

of Mona Abdel-Rahman and Tom Fiero, who live at 420 Oak Knoll Court.

"(Mona) has such cool, different stuff back there," Lyon says.

According to Lyon, Abdel-Rahman's garden is currently a-bloom with hollyhocks and clematis.

"Hers are all newly planted in the last two years," Lyon adds.

At each stop, participants will be personally led through the featured garden by its owner.


Those who wish to join Lyon on July 9 do not need to sign up in advance; they can simply show up at the designated meeting spot at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

As Lyon concludes, the garden tours are a "fun addition to Giant Days."



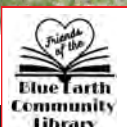
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New BE Library exterior wall project to be dedicated during Giant Days

BY CHUCK HUNT
Register Editor

There will be a special event at this year's Giant Days Celebration, and it includes a special guest.

The Friends of the Blue Earth Community Library and Fossil Discovery Center are planning a dedication ceremony for their new Library Exterior Wall Project (LEWP).

The dedication will be on Saturday, July 9, at 12:30 p.m. at the library parking lot. The dedication ceremony will have Ellyce Queensland as the emcee, with a special guest, Minnesota author William Kent Krueger.

The wall project includes four vinyl wall murals that each feature one famous author and a quote from the author from one of his or her books.

The whole thing was an idea of Friends of the Library president Lill Robinson.

"I had noticed a Carnegie-style library in Jefferson, Iowa, that had vinyl banners hung in its windows," Robinson says. "Then when the city of Blue Earth redid the Blue Earth Library parking lot, the west wall just looked like it needed something on it."

Robinson got in touch with Sign Pros of Mankato just about exactly one year ago, in July of 2021.

"I spoke with Jo Bailey of Sign Pro," Robinson says. "She said they could certainly do vinyl banners, and she suggested I tour their shop in Mankato."

Robinson did just that last August. By September Bailey had done a mock up of what the banners could look like, either vertical or horizontal.

"I took it to my Friends of the Library board members and they approved the idea," she relates. "Then I took it to the library board and they approved it. They



Staff photos by Chuck Hunt

The Friends of the Blue Earth Community Library and Fossil Discovery Center will host a dedication ceremony during Giant Days for the new Library Exterior Wall Project which was recently completed at the library. The vinyl wall murals which were recently installed on the library's exterior wall include, left to right in the top photo, authors Mark Twain, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Dr. Seuss and William Kent Krueger. Krueger himself will be present at the dedication. The installation process is photographed directly above.

took it to the city for final approval."

The wall project was funded by the Friends of the Library, a grant from Traverse des Sioux Regional Library System, and donations from the Blue Earth Community Foundation, Faribault County Historical Society and the Blue Earth Kiwanis Club.

The first decision which had to be made was to go with the horizontal style of banners, Robinson says. And the next decision was which four authors should be on the banners.

"We had quite a list of names at first and narrowed it down," Robinson says. "Then we let the patrons of the library vote for their favorites last winter."

And the top four vote

getters were Mark Twain, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Dr. Seuss and William Kent Krueger.

The next issue was to try and get permission to use a photo of each one of the authors. It was easy with Krueger, as he eagerly gave permission to use his photo and even sent one to the Friends of the Library.

But, the other three were

deceased and getting the permission was more difficult. Finally Sign Pro went to work and got the permission and photos, Robinson says, adding that the Friends had to pay a pretty good fee to use them.

Next up, which quote should they use with each author? Robinson created several to choose from,

and Krueger said OK to his.

"The other three we had people vote on during the Valentine's Day Tea at the library in February," Robinson says. "I think they are all pretty apropos quotes that deal with reading and libraries."

Sign Pro created the banners and they were recently installed in just two

days on the west wall of the library.

"I think it looks good, and we have received some nice compliments from people," Robinson says. "Most think it is a nice addition to the library."

One of those who was impressed was author William Kent Krueger himself.

"I sent him a photo of his banner right after it was installed," Robinson says. "He was impressed and thought it looked great."

In fact, Robinson says when she first contacted Krueger after he was one of the authors chosen to be on the wall, he emailed back that he was deeply honored.

Robinson decided to invite him to come to the dedication of the wall project during Giant Days, and he eagerly accepted the invitation, and said he did not need any type of fee or honorarium to come to Blue Earth.

The Friends of the Blue Earth Community Library also plan to have an entry in the Giant Days Parade with William Kent Krueger riding on it.

"I think there are a lot of William Kent Krueger fans around," Robinson says. "His series of books about Cork O'Connor and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota are very popular."

Krueger will be available to visit with his fans for a short while after the dedication ceremony, Robinson adds.



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