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City Council upholds its dangerous dog decision

Members back order that Princess the pitbull be euthanized

By Emma McNamee
The Globe

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEARING A CALL FOR HELP

Farmer finds injured hunter while combining

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

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

Wishing to remain

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The tie that binds them together

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

By Julie Buntjer
The Globe

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We got married and then we went to the

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

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

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

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

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2021 Toys for Tots of Nobles County campaign underway

By Julie Buntjer
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ADRIAN — The 2021 campaign supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots Program of Nobles County is now underway, and organizers are asking community residents, businesses and volunteers for help to make this a successful event.

The Toys for Tots Program of Nobles County provides new, unwrapped toys for disadvantaged children at Christmas. By providing a brand-new gift — something many children may take for granted — everyone can help less fortunate children believe someone cares and that the magic of the holiday season hasn't passed them by.

Campaign co-coordinator Dan Harrington said the registration period for families to request toys from the Toys for Tots campaign began Oct. 1 and will continue through Dec. 4. Children ages 0 to 17 years are eligible to receive a gift through the program. They, along with their



parent(s) or guardian(s), must be residents of Nobles County.

Applications for toys are available at Walgreens, HyVee and Serenity Gifts in Worthington; Keith's Grocery and the City of Adrian office in Adrian; or at TC's Tavern in Brewster. Applications must be mailed to the address on the application or scanned/ emailed to Adrian.MN@ToysforTots.org.

Applicants will receive a letter with the status of their application and information about distribution day in December. The toy distribution is planned Dec. 18.

Families will be required to bring documentation, which is outlined in their letter, to the distribution site on distribution day.

Those who wish to purchase toys for chil-

dren ages infant to 17 may drop them off at collection boxes provided at Duffers Bar & Grill, Walgreens, Schwalbach Ace Hardware and Serenity Gifts in Worthington; Keith's Grocery and the City of Adrian office in Adrian; and at TC's Tavern in Brewster. All toys must be new and unwrapped, and all donations stay in Nobles County.

In addition, a Toy Drive — sponsored by Pulver Towing of Worthington — will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Memorial Auditorium Performing Arts Center, 714 13th St., Worthington. During the event, people will be able to deliver their donations of new, unwrapped toys, register to win a Green Mountain Grill donated by Steve Henderscheidt Trucking of Worthington, take a

photo with Santa, and visit with Nobles County Toys for Tots staff, Memorial Auditorium staff and the Buffalo Ridge Young Marines. Sugar cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Toys for Tots is also seeking volunteers throughout Nobles County to assist with Distribution

Day. Volunteers may sign up at <https://bit.ly/3lx4a3A>. The organization also provides updates on the campaign on its Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/nctft. Please like and follow the campaign there.

For questions regarding the Toys for Tots Program of Nobles County, contact Harrington or co-coordinator Tina Johnson, at (507) 481-0069 or email Adrian.MN@ToysforTots.org.

Thanks to the generosity of Nobles County residents, businesses, and volunteers, the Toys for Tots program in 2020 provided new, unwrapped toys to more than 170 disadvantaged children in Nobles County.

LIBRARY NEWS

WORTHINGTON — The Nobles County Library, 407 12th St., Worthington, is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The Adrian Branch Library, 214 Maine Ave., Adrian, is open from noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Monthly Book Club: Meetings are at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the library. We'll discuss how each of our books connects to the theme of the month and what we liked/disliked about the book. Call 507-295-5340 or e-mail nobleslib@co.nobles.mn.us to sign up.

Fall Book Sale: Nov. 1-6,

during regular library hours in Worthington. A bag sale will be at the end of the week! Book sales are open to the public.

Screen-free Saturdays in Adrian: Every Saturday through May 21, excluding holiday weekends, for grades K-8. Visit the library for games from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring your favorite board game or play one available at the library.

Youth programming

Registration requested at the library or by calling 295-5340. Students are responsible for their own ride to and from the library, and should be picked up by 5 p.m.

► Wednesday: Story Time (toddlers-preschoolers), 10 to 11 a.m.

► Nov. 1: Wii U (grades 5-9),

after school until 4:45 p.m.

► Nov. 2: After-School Program (grades K-5), after school until 4:45 p.m.

Special programs

Oct. 28: Musical artist Dennis Warner will perform at 1 p.m. at the Adrian Senior Citizens Center, 120 N. Maine Ave., and at 4 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Worthington.

Nov. 18: Winter Skies Star Party with Mike Lynch and Paul Seifert, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Minnesota West Community & Technical College, 1450 College Way, Worthington. Meet in the northwest corner of the parking lot next to the observatory.

Watch our Facebook page and website for updates and future events.

DOG

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from a "broken home" and being a "fighting dog" prior to coming into his care. Temol stated that he had only taken on responsibility for Princess in April, but he had begun to see improvements in her behavior and that the attack in August came as a shock to him.

"I agree she is a dangerous dog," Temol said, "but I'm just trying to help her become better."

Though more than one member of the city council commended Temol on his efforts to rehabilitate Princess, it was decided that based on the evidence presented and, at the risk of liability for the city, Princess was too dangerous to be released back to the public and that the decision to euthanize her had to be upheld.

Stormwater utility ordinance amended

Also during Monday night's meeting, the city council heard the first reading of an ordinance to amend the storm water utility rate, which saw no change in 2021.

The currently proposed budget requires

more than \$713,000, an increase of more than \$17,000 from the 2021 budget. Included in these budget changes are plans for a more proactive approach to improving and repairing catch basins in the community, which have been dealt with only as needed in the past.

In order to accommodate the new budget, a 2.43% increase in the storm water utility rate has been proposed. For residential lots, this will mean a 14-cent monthly increase, or \$1.68 a year. Other base rates changes for land uses other than residential include a monthly increase of \$1.17 (\$14.07 annually) for commercial and institutional use, a 97-cent monthly (\$11.69 annually) increase for industrial use, and an 86-cent monthly (\$10.36 annually) increase for multi-family use.

The city council heard and approved the first reading of the proposed ordinance to amend the base annual rate. Should the proposed rate increase be approved, the 2022 storm water utility fund operating and capital Improvements budgets, and equipment revolving schedule will be updated and presented for Council approval as part of the

proposed 2022 budget. In other action, the council:

► Approved recommendations for committee appointments including the reappointment of Chad Jaycox to the Airport Advisory Board; reappointment of John Stewart, Gretchen O'Donnell and Betty McAllister to the Memorial Auditorium Advisory Board; appointment of Bob Jirele to the Housing & Redevelopment Authority; and reappointment of Dan Krueger and Craig Stock to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

► Approved a memorandum of understanding between the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce and the JBS Fieldhouse, which will house the chamber upon its opening. The memorandum included the chamber's agreement to pay the city \$200,000 towards construction costs of the new facility, the chamber's responsibility to operate the welcome desk and additional terms and conditions.

► Approved an independent audit of Worthington Police Department's body-worn camera system. The audit, conducted by Captain Jeff Wenker of the Marshall Police Department, found

that WPD is adhering to Minnesota statutory requirements.

► Authorized Director of Public Safety Troy Appel to use a Toward Zero Deaths Communities grant. The grant includes reimbursement funds for officers' overtime during operational waves, with a focus on traffic safety and impaired driving enforcement. The city of Worthington has collaborated with the counties of Jackson, Cottonwood, Nobles and Rock and the city of Mountain Lake as part of this process.

► Approved the creation of an assistant manager position at the JBS Fieldhouse, outlining position guidelines and salary grade. The city council also moved to accept a donation from the Worthington Early Risers Kiwanis for the all-inclusive playground in Chau-tauqua Park.

► Heard a statement from Honorary Council Member Salvador Adame, as part of his last meeting. Adame thanked the City Council for the opportunity. He spoke about some of the challenges he encountered during his time with the council as well as his hope to continue being involved with city affairs and organization.

ANNIVERSARY



50th Wedding Anniversary

Don and Barb Thier are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married November 6th, 1971 at St. Adrian Catholic church. Please send cards or greetings to 1987 Bay Street, Worthington, MN 56187 to celebrate this milestone anniversary with them.

BIRTHDAY

80th Birthday Card Shower

80th Birthday Card Shower for Sandy Thompson's birthday on Nov. 3. Please send cards to Sandy Thompson at Good Samaritan Society, 705 6th St. Windom, MN 56101.

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Minnesota policymakers seek medal for Prince

By Dana Ferguson
Forum News Service

ST. PAUL — Minnesota's congressional delegation on Monday, Oct. 25, announced that it is leading a push to award a posthumous Congressional Gold Medal award to Minnesota-born musician Prince Rogers Nelson, more commonly known as Prince.

The state's 10 members of Congress in a statement said they'd introduced a resolution to honor Prince, commending the singer's "legacy of musical achievement and ... indelible mark on Minnesota and American culture."

The medal is the highest honor that can be handed down to a civilian from the U.S. Congress. There have been 163 of the accolades awarded since the first went to George Washington in 1776. To advance, two-thirds of the members in each the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate would have to co-sponsor the proposal.

"The world is a whole lot cooler because Prince was in it — he touched our hearts, opened our minds, and made us want to dance," U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar said in a news release. "With this legislation, we honor his memory and contributions as a composer, performer, and music innovator. Purple reigns in Minnesota today and every day because of him."

Klobuchar and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, introduced the legislation, with Tina Smith, Reps. Jim Hagedorn, Angie Craig, Dean Phillips, Betty McCollum, Tom Emmer, Michelle Fischbach and Pete Stauber signed on as original co-sponsors.

"I remember when I first came to America being captivated by Prince's music and impact on the culture. He showed that it was OK to be a short, Black kid from Minneapolis and still change the world," Omar said. "He not only changed the arc of music history; he put Minneapolis on the map."

Prince was an award-winning singer, songwriter, actor and producer who was born and raised in Minneapolis. He died in 2016 of an accidental opioid overdose.

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FRIENDSHIP

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"And we still love to gab," Berger added with a laugh.

That's what helped both of them get through the long days at home during the height of the global pandemic. They always knew the other was just a phone call away and they could "hang on the telephone," Berger said.

According to Gerdes' son, Loren, the two cou-

ples traveled together frequently, and both women served together in volunteer ministry positions at Solid Rock Assembly in Worthington.

"They complement, encourage and help each other in various ways, treasuring each day they are able to share together, but also having the assurance that when their lives here on earth come to an end, their friendship will continue on forever in their heavenly home," Loren said.

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