

Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

The Rocking East Side

Mandy Okonek

The old Swedish bank building at 965 Payne Ave. is now home to a music venue. The basement has been converted to an all-ages music hot spot called The Treasury. It's operated by non-profit Catalyst Music, the same folks who run the only other venue dedicated to underage artists and performers, The Garage in Burnsville. Average ticket prices are \$12-15 making this an affordable entertainment option for Saint Paul's young people.

Just for comparison, I recently purchased tickets for my daughter and me to see her favorite band Panic at the Disco at the Xcel Energy Center and I paid over \$100 each for tickets on the balcony. Uff da!

According to their website, The Treasury aims to empower youth by giving them their own spaces to perform and grow as musicians, in turn, building com-

munity. They are an alcohol-free venue and offer year-long in-person and virtual music classes for youth interested in the performing arts. When I worked in the music business, I had the opportunity to be a judge at a few all-teen battles of the bands at the Garage in Burnsville. Emersed in a microcosm of youth culture, I was able to experience emerging talent in its rawest form. Pure creative expression. I'm beyond grateful I don't have to drive to the suburbs to share this experience with my daughter.

Many of the upcoming artists performing at the Treasury this summer have songs on YouTube so you can get a feel for the bands before you buy tickets. My daughter and I are deciding who we will see for our first show, and I can't wait to report back to the *Forum* with a full review.

To learn more about The Treasury or to inquire about booking please visit their website, catalystmusic.org/the-treasury/. Looking for a fun night out with the young person in your life? Head to Payne Ave. Let's support the future generation of Minnesota's talented young musicians and welcome The Treasury to our East Side community.

East Side Elders Summer Picnic

The event is sponsored by the East Side Elders, an organization that works throughout the community to help seniors with food, travel, and social needs.

The picnic will be on **July 14** at the Phalen Park Picnic Pavillion, 1600 Phalen Drive from **11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and other treats. There will also be raffles and door prizes!

To reserve a place call 651-683-2326 or 651-335-8840. A \$7.00 suggested donation per meal is asked to help cover the cost of the event. Need a ride? Let them know when you make your reservation.

St. Paul Farmers' Market

Our St. Paul Farmers' Markets bridge the gap between local growers and the neighboring communities by providing access to healthy foods and helping to sustain the lifestyle of small, independent farmers, local food makers, and their families.

The St. Paul Farmers' Market (SPFM) allows only fresh, locally grown produce to be sold directly from the grower to the consumer, making it unique among many farmers' markets. The baked goods, artisan foods, confections, and other products offered are produced locally as well.

The Saint Paul Farmers' Market is located at 290 5th Street East downtown St. Paul. The SPFM will run every Saturday through the summer from **7 a.m. to 1 p.m.**



Johnny Nguyen

One of the bands, the Gully Boys, live at The Treasury.

Holiday Fireworks and Festivals

Greg Cosimini

Once again the city of Saint Paul will not be sponsoring any fireworks shows this Independence Day weekend but that doesn't mean you and your family can't see fireworks if you know when and where to look. Here are a few suggestions in the East Metro and surrounding area. All events are subject to change due to weather, COVID, supply chain issues and other random occurrences, so be sure to check before going to any of them.

Saint Paul, CHS Field, downtown, Friday July 1, Saturday July 2 and Sunday July 3: Fireworks begin after the Saint Paul Saints – Omaha Storm Chasers games, usually between 9 and 10 p.m. **July 1:** Regular Friday Night Fireworks; **July 2 and 3:** "Fireworks Super Show." Fireworks can be seen from various locations in and around the stadium downtown and of course inside the stadium with a paid game admission. No fireworks on **July 4.**

Maplewood, Hazelwood Park, 1663 County Road C, July 4: Fireworks at 10 p.m. at the conclusion of the Light It Up Maplewood festival that runs from 4-10 p.m. There will be food trucks, family games and activates, and music by Good for Gary.

Woodbury, M Health Fairview Sports

Center, 4125 Radio Drive, July 4: Fireworks at 10 p.m. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with bounce houses in the Kids Zone and food trucks, including KCM EggRolls, B to Z, Snack Shack, State Fair Cookie Co., Go BBQ, Milk Mart Ice Cream and more! The Southern Express Band plays at 6, followed by Free Fallin'.

Roseville, Central Park, 2540 Lexington Avenue North, July 4: Fireworks at 10 p.m. at the conclusion of Roseville's Party in the Park. The Party begins at 1 p.m and includes carnival games, inflatable fun, and a multitude of food vendors, with musical entertainment provided by Songs of Hope. Sawyer's Dream, the Roseville Big Band, and the Roseville Community Band.

Eagan, 1501 Central Parkway, July 4: Fireworks at 10 p.m. Eagan's July 4th Funfest begins at 10 a.m. with a parade, followed by the KidZone, Carnival, Royal Brain Freeze, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Car Show, and Bingo, with musical entertainment provided by Lipstick & Dynamite, Twin Cities Wedding DJs, and the 70's Magic Sunshine Band.

Dayton's Bluff, whenever and wherever: Of course there are no legal private fireworks displays allowed in St. Paul, but residents in Dayton's Bluff can expect an extended Independence Day weekend of unauthorized aerial fireworks, at least based on previous years. Legal Disclaimer: *The Dayton's Bluff District Forum* does not support any illegal fireworks displays but there is no law, yet, against enjoying them should they occur in your vicinity.



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The *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* staff is asking you to support our newspaper! Just a small donation can help us get our newspaper back to the printing press each month, so that you can read a hard copy!

Your donation will go toward printing costs. We miss having our newspaper displayed in the businesses on 7th Street. We have found a new printer and are able to print for less each month.

We are so close to meeting our goal to print each month, and we know your donations would bring us one step closer to printing your favorite paper! We are also working toward enough donations for our mailing permit so that the post office can deliver our monthly newspaper right to your door again!

Own a business? Consider taking out an ad with us for a future issue.



Greg Cosimini

This monarch butterfly caterpillar grew from a little guy to almost full size in five days by eating some tasty Dayton's Bluff milkweed leaves. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on milkweed plants because it is the only thing their caterpillars eat. Within two or three weeks this caterpillar will have transformed into a butterfly, and the cycle will be repeated several more times until the last monarch flies off to Mexico in late summer.



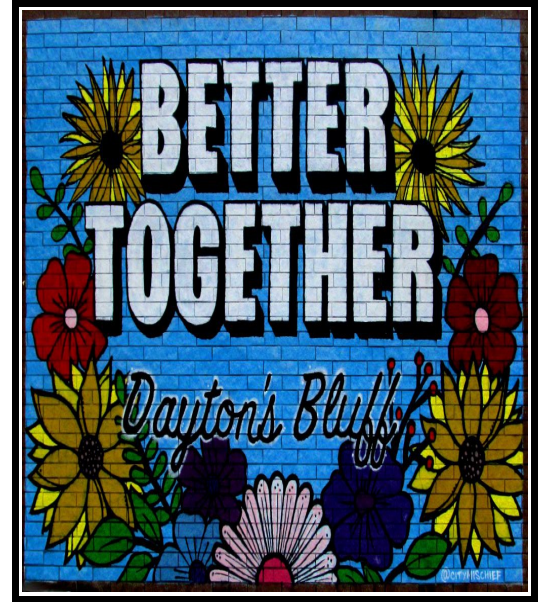
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Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Send your guess to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured at right.

The reader who submits the correct entry will be notified, and the winner(s) will be announced in the August edition of the *Forum*.

We didn't have anyone guess in June, write to us with your guess!



Dragonflies & Flycatchers • July 2nd • 1-3pm
Swede Hollow Park

Join in getting a closer look between the predator-prey relationship between dragonflies and birds of the Flycatcher family.

This is a FREE event, but we ask that you register via Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dragonflies-flycatchers-tickets-356738072177>



The Great Crested Flycatcher is about to catch a Common Green Darner Dragonfly. Photo by Carl Hoang taken at Veterans Memorial Park in Richfield May 2022.

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Friends of Swede Hollow

Friends of Swede Hollow watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meetings.

Our next meeting will be on **July 19** starting at **6:30 p.m.** at 668 Greenbrier Street. Anyone interested in Swede Hollow is welcome to attend. Discussion will include National Night Out, Pickup Truck Opera, and other upcoming events.

For more information, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police hosts their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The meetings are intended as a time to learn, listen, and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side. Policing meetings are held at **9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your neighbors!

Call or email Robyn at 651-266-5580 or robyn.brewin@ci.stpaul.mn.us to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales — join us at our next meeting on Friday, **July 9 at 1:30 p.m.**

If you'd like to attend, call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information. We are currently meeting at the Dayton's Bluff Library.

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into neighborhoods.

The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on **Wednesdays, from 2 to 3 p.m.**

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) funds can help single folks, too.

Here is a list of agencies that help with deposit and/or rent assistance through FHPAP:

- Neighborhood House: 651-789-2500
- MN Community Care: 651-266-1290
- American Indian Family Center: 651-793-3803, CLUES: 612-746-3550,
- YMCA: 763-493-3052, Face-to-Face: 651-224-9644

Need Groceries?

If you are 60 or older, you may be eligible to receive a box of nutritious food every month from Second Harvest.

This box is part of a program called NAPS, and we can help you apply! Give us a call at 651-683-2326, and

someone will assist you with your application.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Gas Leak: 800-895-2999. Power Outage: 800-895-1999 .

Call 811 before you dig: Before starting that roto-tiller or heaving that shovel into the ground for *anything*, call 811. At no charge, Xcel will have a trained technician check the area on your property or on the boulevard to be sure there are no wires, pipes, other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the 'no-dig' area with painted lines...and everyone is safe!

Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The DBCC Board of Directors meet the third Monday of every month. The next meeting is **July 18, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** Meetings are open to the public and are currently being held via Zoom. Visit daytonsbluff.org or call (651) 772-2075 for more information.

Free Health and Human Services

United Way 2-1-1 provides *free and confidential* health and human services information for people in Minnesota, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, connecting you with the resources and information you need: Alcohol & Drug Abuse; Child Care; Consumer Regulation; Financial Assistance Programs; Healthcare; Money Management; Transportation; Animal Services; Criminal Justice, Legal Ser-

vices; Employment; Food and Housing/Shelter; Tax Organizations & Services; Utilities (includes phones); Mental Health.

When calling 2-1-1 you will need to enter your ZIP code and then will hear a menu of services. Be patient, please. With COVID-19, lines are busy. You may be given options to waiting on the line.

Free Summer Workshops

Metro State University and Urban Roots are co-hosting a series of summer workshops on the second Wednesday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

Events are free and open to the public. They will take place at GROW-IT Center at 445 Maria Ave., Saint Paul. July 13's topic will be Container Gardening: In receptacles of many kinds and August 10 will be Boulevards & Rain Gardens: Minimizing water use.

Register at [Eventbrite.com/e/urban-roots-metro-state-university-workshop-series-registration-337482247487](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/urban-roots-metro-state-university-workshop-series-registration-337482247487).

For questions email GROW-IT@metrostate.edu.



Monday, June 27: Seven Deadly Sins Soirée is a fundraiser for the Twin Cities Horror Festival. Join us for live performances, tarot readings, and a celebration of all things spooky. Come get spooky with us. Time: 7 pm, Tickets: \$15.

Visit moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets and get more information on upcoming events.

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

House Workforce Committee Approves Legislation to Invest in Minnesota Workers and Businesses

Minnesota House of Representatives

The House Workforce and Business Development Finance and Policy Committee approved their bill compiling proposals from legislators and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) to invest in and improve the lives of Minnesota's workers and businesses.

"Working Minnesotans are driving our state's economic recovery, but far too many of them are left out of the benefits of a prospering Minnesota," said Rep. Mohamud Noor (DFL - Minneapolis), chair of the committee. "We won't have a truly strong economy until workers and businesses, especially those that have been historically marginalized, are able to achieve their full potential in our state. The solutions we put forward today will build a stronger, more inclusive economy for Minnesotans."

The legislation contains \$175.9 million in investments aimed at promoting economic development opportunities, particularly for communities that have largely been left out and underrepresented. The bill also provides substantial funding relief for small businesses that continue to struggle, including businesses in the northern part of the state that were directly harmed by the closure of the Canadian border.

"This bill provides historic investment into the economic development of our highly disinvested communities. For too long, many populations and locations in certain areas have been overlooked and not adequately funded and invested in. This must end now. We must start a new day," said Rep. Jay Xiong (DFL - Saint Paul), vice chair of the committee. "We're committed to economic growth and equal opportunity for all people. This includes initiatives to support minority-owned businesses, women entrepreneurs, Black developers who want to break into the development industry, and businesses along the Canadian border that are barely hanging on. There are parts of Minnesota's economy that are doing extremely well and parts that are genuinely struggling. It is high time we equalize the playing field and ensure that everyone has the same chances to grow and succeed. With a \$9.25 billion surplus, now is the time for the state to step

up to the plate and give all Minnesotans a genuine chance to share in prosperity.

The bill's most significant investments are dedicated to supporting small businesses, including \$45 million for the new Spark Revolving Loan Program, and \$35 million in small business recovery grants with amounts dedicated for businesses owned by veterans, women, or people of color. With the closing of the Canadian border, the businesses that rely on international travel have dealt with compounded difficulties, which is why \$7.5 million has been appropriated to help establishments in the region.

Funds in the bill are also appropriated for redeveloping and revitalizing business communities. The legislation invests \$5 million in DEED's Redevelopment Program, which provides grants to local units of government to help prepare blighted properties for development. The Main Street Revitalization Program would receive \$20 million, building upon last year's work of providing loans to targeted areas throughout the state, notably the Twin Cities business corridors impacted by civil unrest in 2020.

To support economically disadvantaged communities, \$25.2 million is appropriated for another round of the popular Targeted Community Capital Projects Grants, which were awarded to businesses throughout the state as part of last year's tax bill. The DEED program funds projects that have otherwise not benefited from capital funds.

In order to support new entries to the country and the workforce, the bill invests \$470,000 into the Office of New Americans at DEED, and establishes the Interdepartmental Coordinating Council on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs. This council will advise the Office of New Americans and assist in their duties to connect employers with the immigrant and refugee community, and ensure that immigrants and refugees have equitable access to state services. An additional \$1 million is appropriated for new American support in anticipation of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees.

The bill also invests \$5 million in Women of Color Economic Opportunity, breaking the investment into three parts with \$2 million for the Center for Economic Inclusion, \$2 million for the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, and \$1 million for the Coalition of Asian American leaders.

Other significant investments in the bill include: \$20 million to be split among the state's 16 workforce development boards, \$20 million for the Emerging Developer Fund, \$5 million in youth tech training, \$4 million in childcare grants, \$1 million for the Minnesota Marketing Campaign, and \$800 million for Enterprise Minnesota.



Gregory J of Dayton's Bluff

On May 19 Dayton's Bluff was the recipient of some very large hail. I ran outside after the hailstorm and gathered up some of the largest hail, photographed it, and then stored it in my freezer. After a couple of days the novelty had worn off and I was about to toss the plastic cup full of hail. But then I noticed something. When the frozen mass of hail was removed from the cup and inverted, it sort of resembled a small tree. With only a few modifications and the addition of an ice cube star on the top, I created a hail tree. For scale, the largest piece of hail is approximately 1.5 inches in diameter. For reference, a golf ball is 1.68 inches in diameter.

Personal History in Recipes

G. B. Leroy

I was leafing through a 75th Anniversary Cookbook of Our Savior's Lutheran Church that was published in 1989. I found a few recipes that offer food that I remember from my childhood. As a child, I liked helping my mother make a different version of the recipe below.

Rice Krispie Bars: 1 (12 Oz) bag butterscotch chips, 8 cups Rice Krispies, 1 cup peanut butter, 1 (9-12 oz.) bag chocolate chips.

In a large bowl, microwave chips and peanut butter until chips are melted. Stir in cereal. Press into 9 x 13 greased pan. Chill. Melt chocolate chips in microwave, spread over chilled bars, re-chill. - Kay Rindal.



One of my most favorite things at my junior high cafeteria (except for cinnamon rolls) had to be:

Porcupine Meatballs: 1-1/2 lbs. hamburger, 1/2 cup uncooked regular rice, 1/2

cup milk, 1/4 cup chopped onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper, 2 cups tomato juice.



Mix hamburger, rice, milk, onion, salt and pepper. Roll in balls (stuff into green peppers if desired). Pour tomato juice over the top. (Can

use 1 can tomato soup mixed with 1 can water). Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour - Rhoda Morris.

Grandma's Sloppy Joes: 1 onion, chopped, 1 lb. lean hamburger, 1/2 cup catsup, 2 tbsp. brown sugar, 1 can tomato soup, 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce, 1 tsp liquid smoke.

Brown meat and pour off grease. Add



onions, simmer until onions are clear. Add rest of ingredients and continue to simmer about 30 minutes. May be doubled or tripled. It freezes well too! - Mary Arnold

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Safely Dealing with a Bee Swarm

Jeff Borden and Kathleen Hoffer

Bees on the Bluff

If asked what they know about honeybee swarms, many people might describe something like a scene from the 1978 horror film *The Swarm*, with crowds of terrified people running and screaming as they are engulfed in a huge black cloud of killer bees.

Asking a beekeeper the same question will prompt very different responses. That beekeeper might tell the sad tale of losing a colony to swarming; almost guaranteeing the remaining bees would produce no honey that year. They could brag about enticing a swarm to move into an unoccupied hive by baiting it with a spritz of lemongrass oil. Or they might describe the adventure of capturing a swarm. In almost a decade of beekeeping, we have experienced all those things.

Swarming is the natural way honeybees form new colonies, and it usually happens when the hive gets too crowded. A honeybee queen can lay up to 3,000 eggs per day, so the population of the colony can increase quickly. When this happens the worker bees begin to build some very large brood cells along the bottom of the hive frames. These peanut-shaped cells are a good indication that a hive is getting ready to swarm. Any egg laid in one of these brood cells is a potential new queen bee.

Responsible beekeepers do their best to keep their bees from swarming. They add more hive boxes to reduce crowding, ensure adequate ventilation, and remove the queen cells as they appear. But honeybees are notoriously fussy, and sometimes they just decide they're ready to go. The forager bees fill their stomachs with honey for the journey, take their queen, and leave, all at once.

I was standing about 30 feet away talking to a neighbor when it happened to me. He looked up and said, "What is that?!" At the same time, I heard a loud droning sound. I turned and looked up to see a black ribbon of bees leaving my hive and streaming away across the sky.

This is obviously where those horror film scenes come from. A swarm is about half the bees from the original colony, typically around 25,000 bees. The

buzz of all those moving wings is LOUD, and that can sound really dramatic. But keep in mind, that's all the noise is: bee wings moving. It doesn't indicate aggression or agitation, just that the bees are flying.

Now it probably won't surprise anyone to hear that honeybees are not good planners. They leave their original colony with no final destination, so at some point the swarm stops to rest. Most of the bees make a basketball-sized clump with the queen somewhere in the middle while scout bees go about the business of finding a new home. Finding a resting cluster hanging in a tree in their yard can really scare people. The irony is that bees are least aggressive when they have just swarmed. They have no hive, honey stores, or brood to defend. They're just hanging out, trying to figure out what to do next.

So, what should people do if they find a swarm of bees on their property? Definitely do not kill them. And don't just wait for them to leave, because they will end up living somewhere they're not wanted. A better option is to call an expert.

The Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers Association maintains a list of local beekeepers who will capture honeybee swarms. It's a good opportunity for a beekeeper to increase the number of colonies in their apiary. A package of bees can cost as much as \$200, so it's worth the time and effort. Plus, it's pretty fun.

Bees on the Bluff is on that swarm catchers list, and we got our first call in June of 2020. A guy in Burnsville named Nick had a swarm in his yard, about 10 feet up a tree. We drove out there with a hive setup, a ladder, and a big cardboard box. While Nick and his kids and their neighbors watched, I held the cardboard box below the cluster, Jeff shook the branch and eight pounds of honey bees dropped into the box. We poured the bees into the hive boxes, put the lid on, then chatted and answered questions for an hour while the rest of the bees followed the scent of their queen into the hive. Then we closed up the hive and brought our new bees home. It was a happy ending for everyone.

The Minnesota Hobby Beekeepers association website is mnbeekeepers.com. The number to call if you see a honeybee swarm is 651-436-7915.

Jeff Borden and Kathleen Hoffer have kept honeybees on St Paul's East Side since 2013.



July Events Happening at Battle Creek and Dayton's Bluff Recreation Centers

July 7, 2-3 p.m., Free; Battle Creek Rec Center—Shadow Chalk Painting: For ages 6-10. Participants will create unique chalk designs by tracing shadows.

July 11-13, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10; Battle Creek Rec Center—Volleyball Camp: For ages 7-10. Participants will work on their serving, passing, and hitting. Instructors include high school coaches and high school volleyball players. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. Bring a water bottle.

July 11-15, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$10; Battle Creek Rec Center—Sunshine Story time 4-H: For ages 5-12. The curriculum will thematically combine a children's nature book centered on BIPOC characters, outdoor building skills, environment stewardship, snacks, guest speakers, and service learning. Participants will receive a t-shirt. To qualify for a t-shirt, participant must enroll by July 1.

July 13, 5:30-7 p.m., \$5; Battle Creek Rec Center—Rock Painting: For ages 8-14. Participants will paint unique art on rocks.

July 14-28, 4-5 p.m., Free; Dayton's Bluff Rec Center—Cupcake Decorating: For ages 8-14. Learn different easy techniques to decorating cupcakes. Bring cupcakes home with you!

July 15, noon-6 p.m., Free; Battle Creek and Dayton's Bluff Rec Centers—Amazing Race: For ages 7-13. Join us for the 2022 Amazing Race: Gamer's Gauntlet! Compete on a team with fellow rec center participants. Video games are brought to life in this race against other rec centers. Be the first team to complete all of the challenges and solve all of the clues and ultimately finish the race. Lunch and dinner are provided. Participants all receive a team t-shirt. Please note: This race takes place outside and is for all skill levels. We highly recommend that you send a water bottle with your child and have them wear clothing they can run around in, including sneakers or tennis shoes. Youth participants will have the option to swim after the race. We encourage any youth who may want to swim to bring a towel and swimsuit.

July 18-20, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10; Battle Creek Rec Center—Summer Basketball Camp: For ages 6-9. This camp the participants will work on their dribbling, passing, shooting and court sense. Participants will receive a t-shirt.

July 18-21, 1-3:30 p.m., Free; Dayton's Bluff Rec Center—Soccer Camp: For ages 5-12. The Sanneh Foundation along with Saint Paul Parks and Recreation is offering free soccer clinics for youth ages 5-12 yrs. Topics covered include basic skill training, speed and agility development, attacking, defending, small-sided games and tactics. Participants should bring appropriate footwear, shin guards, and water/sports drink.

July 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Free; Dayton's Bluff Rec Center—Paint Night for Teens: For ages 12-18. Let the artist come out in you! Teens will create a masterpiece on canvas and be able to take it home.

Visit stpaul.gov/facilities/battle-creek-recreation-center for the full list of events. You can also choose Dayton's Bluff Rec Center when searching.





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Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, is a public library branch located inside the Metro State Library and Learning Center. We are open six days a week offering books, movies, music, internet stations, programs, and services for all ages. Call 651-793-1699 or visit spl.org for more information.

Upcoming July programs:

Tech Help: Drop in with questions about how to use your tablet, smartphone, or laptop. If we can't answer the question, we'll do our best to find resources or organizations that can. No registration is required. Drop-in Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Summer Spark Camp: Kumihimo (Japanese for "gathered threads") is a traditional way of making braids and cords that are both strong and decorative. Using delicate threads and a weaving disk, we will make colorful eight-strand braids that are perfect for friendship bracelets and bookmarks. Taught by Lisa Czech on Wednesday, 7/13, 7/20, 8/3, 8/10 from 12:30-2 p.m.

Teen Tuesdays: Activities and programs exclusively for teens age 12-18 every Tuesday evening 6:30-7:45pm.

Scheduled programs include:

·July 12: **Teens Know Best (TKB)** where teens can read books before they are published, write reviews that go directly back to the publishers, meet others from around the city to talk about books, and enjoy free pizza!

·July 19: **Dungeons and Dragons:** Join the epic adventure; experienced players and newbies wanted!

·July 26: **Teen Writers' Guild (TWG).** Meet other teen writers over tea and have good conversations about the art of writing.

Storytime for preschool families: Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. includes singing, dancing, bubbles, and stories followed by a hidden pictures of the scavenger hunt and playtime.

The outdoor book drop is open all the time.

Current hours are available online at spl.org/locations/DB/ or call 651-793-1699.

All Saint Paul Public Library locations will be closed July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Dayton's Bluff Library Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays
noon to 8 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Dayton's Bluff Library

Volunteers are an integral part of the work we do and we have a wide range of opportunities for you to get involved. We invite you to be a part of our team as we connect, learn, discover, and grow with the Dayton's Bluff community we serve. Find out more at spl.org/volunteer/.



Dayton's Bluff Library

Make the Dayton's Bluff Library your summer spot with Summer Spark, the library's summer reading and activity challenge program that includes hands-on exploration activities and free books! Find out more at spl.org/summer/.

July Events Happening in St. Paul

July 1, 9-11 a.m.: Children's Activities, Free: Starting Friday morning, there will be activities for kids and families — drawing and coloring, button making, Song Festival bingo, and the Latvian billiard-like game Novuss (with instructors), and more! Activities take place at 11 E Kellogg Blvd.

July 1, 9-11:30 p.m.: Can Can Circusland: With pop up performances all night long and throughout the venue, the entertainment never ends! Catch a drag queen on the golf course, or enjoy some burlesque, aerialists, clowns, jugglers and more! Featuring performances by local Twin Cities artists, including some of our very own Queer Circus cast members! For adults 21-plus. Located at 755 Prior Avenue North Suite #004.

July 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, Various times: Music Makers Zone, Free: Here you will have opportunities to interact with instruments from across the globe. Be blown away by an instrument "tornado" — whirling with sounds from around the world. Get inside the beat as you clatter and clang along the Wall of Percussion. Try your hand at the keyboard instruments and learn to play! Come make music and learn how music is made. Admission to the Schubert Club Museum is always FREE!

July 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30: Guide to the Gilded Age Walking Tour, \$20: Join Sister Celeste on this historic walking tour as she goes "off-campus" to explore the vast homes and singular landscapes on Summit Avenue and the Hill District's southern edge. Meet at 418 Summit Avenue.

July 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 7 p.m.: Summer Sessions at Keg and Case Market, Free: Summer Sessions at Keg & Case Market is a FREE local music series in June, July, and August every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening - featuring local music in a range of genres. Keg & Case Market is home to Clutch Brewing and many food vendors offering delectable bites that pair well with local music. Located at 928 7th St. W.

July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Various times: Summer Music & Events at Dock and Paddle, Free: We are looking forward to a summer of live music, great company and delicious food and beverage at Dock and Paddle at the Como Lakeside Pavilion in 2022!

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 6-8 p.m.: Laugh Camp Comedy Open Mic: Your perfect one stop evening for socializing, food, drinks and laughs. The sign-up list will cap at approximately 20 comics performing 3-5 minute sets. Bring your friends, grab a drink or two, and take in some of the best up-and-comers and familiar faces in the Twin Cities comedy scene!

July 9, 3-8 p.m.: Rosé Fest: Rosé Fest is back in sunny downtown Saint Paul for another celebration of everyone's favorite summer sippers. Now in its second decade as an annual rite for Minneapolis-St. Paul's wine drinkers, Rosé Fest is back and bigger than ever before. This year, we are expanding to accommodate more folks, more fun, and most importantly — more rosé! No matter if you're a casual consumer, or a serious connoisseur, Rosé Fest offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to rosé all day! Located at 62 West Kellogg Boulevard.

July 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, 6-8 p.m. True Confessions Gangster Tour: Sr. Celeste has been in Heaven for over a century, but she graciously returns to tell the tales that both enlighten and put the fear of God in her listeners! A tour that explores the lesser-known chapter of the city's history when America's Most Wanted lived and died on the streets of St. Paul. Located at 26 E. Exchange Street.

Bonus Checks Coming For Frontline Workers

Senator Founq Hawj said that the Senate approved \$500 million in long-awaited bonus checks for 667,000 Minnesota frontline workers — including thousands of workers in St. Paul — who got the state through the past two years of a deadly pandemic. The measure, which at the same time replenishes the state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund, also passed in the House and was quickly signed into law by Governor Walz.

Sen. Hawj said the legislation will send \$750 to Minnesotans working in health care or long-term care facilities, child-care workers, grocery store staff, and retail employees.

"I fought hard for the frontline workers because they put their health and safety on the line to get us through a deadly pandemic. A word of thank you is not enough," said Sen. Hawj. "These bonuses reward workers who did not have the option of working from home, and their sacrifices got Minnesota through this health and economic crisis. They deserve these bonuses and have waited far too long for them"

Sen. Hawj said that among the frontline workers eligible for bonus checks are: home care and long-term care workers, building maintenance, janitorial and security workers, school workers, food service workers, public health workers, retail workers, hotel and temporary shelter workers, ground and air transportation workers, manufacturing and vocational rehabilitation workers.

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Task Force to Clean Up Pig's Eye Landfill on St. Paul's East Side

Senator Fong Hawj said today that the Senate has passed his legislation to establish a task force to explore ways to accelerate the clean-up at the Pig's Eye landfill, and the measure will now be sent to Governor Walz to be signed into law.

Senator Hawj said he pushed the legislation because harmful contaminants in the landfill leak into nearby waterways, including the Mississippi River, and threaten the people and wildlife in the area. The site contains high levels of pollutants, including metals, mercury and PFAS/PFOS. The contaminants, especially PFAS, has impacted wildlife in the area and threaten all downstream communities that rely on the Mississippi River for their water supply.

"For many decades, the city and community have been hoping to get the Pig's Eye Landfill cleaned up and restored so that it can be turned into a park that can be enjoyed by citizens," said Senator Hawj. "Now, with my measure set to be signed into law, we can establish a task force made up of representatives from city, county, state and federal agencies and other stakeholders and give them the resources to make that vision a reality. I am pleased to have gotten this bill through both the House and the Senate and onto the Governor's desk."

Under Sen. Hawj's bill, the task force must begin work by October 2022 and report annually on the the task force's work, with a final report due February 2026.

Recipe

Moroccan Spiced Sweet Potato Medley

Sage Holben

Main Dish: 4 servings
20 minutes to prepare
30 minutes to cook

Bake: 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 ½ tsp. ground coriander
- 1 ½ tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 1 ½ lb. sweet potatoes (about 2 medium size), peeled and cut into ¾" pieces
- 1 can (14 ½ oz) stewed tomatoes
- 1 C bulgar (cracked wheat)
- 2 ¼ C water



about 20 minutes. Stir in beans, raisins, and cilantro; heat through. Serve with yogurt if desired.

If you'd like to submit your favorite recipe, please send it to: daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

1 can (15-19 oz.) garbanzo beans, drained, rinsed

½ C dark, seedless raisins
1 C loosely packed fresh cilantro leaves, chopped
plain, low-fat yogurt, optional

Directions:

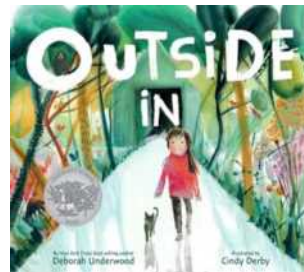
1. In nonstick 12" skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Add onion and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, until tender and golden, about 8 minutes. Add garlic, coriander, cumin, salt, and ground red pepper and cook, stirring, one minute.

2. Add the potatoes, tomatoes, bulgar, and water; heat to boiling over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer until potatoes are fork tender,

Kids Corner

*J. Mason
Dayton's Bluff Library Staff*

Summer is a time to go outside and find nature. Did you know that Saint Paul has nearly 200 parks? Some are so small they only have enough room for a bench and others are big enough to have a lake in them! The library has so many books that help us understand the outdoors, so we can be free to explore! For more information on Saint Paul parks visit: stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks.



Outside In written by Deborah Underwood and illustrated by Cindy Derby

Derby

A beautifully calm picture book about how nature is always a part of our lives. This gorgeously illustrated book encourages us to get outside and explore the beauty that is around us.

Coquí in the City by Nomar Perez

A sweet picture book about a boy who moves to the U.S. mainland from Puerto Rico. He misses his grandparents, neighbors, and pet frog, Coquí. As he and his parents begin to explore their new home, Miguel realizes that his new city might have more in common with his old home than he first thought.

Anne's Kindred Spirit adapted by Kallie George and illustrated by Abigail Halpin

This beginner chapter book is inspired by the classic story of

Anne of Green Gables, the awkward and passionate girl who wants to fit in more than anything.

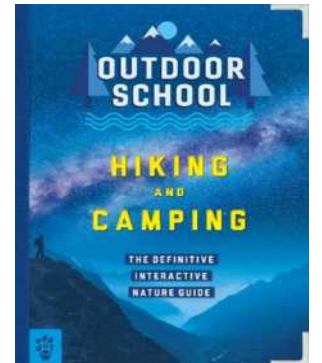


Is the picnic that her new friend invited her to going to be the perfect way to ensure their friendship or will it be a disaster?

Outdoor School: Hiking and Camping the definitive

Interactive Nature Guide by Jennifer Pharr Davis and Haley Blevins and illustrated by Aliko Karkoulia

The practical handbook shows how to do everything from pitching a tent to identifying animal signs, perfect for your next outdoor adventure.



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Deadline for the August issue of the *Forum* is July 10, 2022.



Steve Trimble

On June 10 there was a "school's out" carnival at the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center grounds at 800 Conway Street from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. It was a family friendly event that featured activities for kids, including face painting, art projects, and two different large, inflated bouncy houses. A group of Target workers served hot dogs and chips and handed out bottled water. There were several tables with games and information about summer events. There was a platform for music and speeches. If you want to find out about summer programming at the Rec Center, look at their Facebook page or call them at 651-793-3885.

American Indian Family Center (AIFC) – Grand Reopening

Steve Trimble

When COVID-19 began to effect inside meetings, the AIFC closed to the public for many months. However, they carried on their work in a virtual approach with Zoom and other ways. Still, they loved to be able to gather together with their friends in person.

It was a great afternoon on May 31 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A special guest was Peggy Flanagan, the Minnesota Lieutenant Governor, who is enrolled in the White Earth Nation. The Tickster Tacos food truck served up Indian tacos, and fry bread. There was face painting, free books for children, and

door prizes.

The AIFC has their headquarters at 579 Wells at the corner of Edgerton Street. The group has a wide variety of programs to aid the local American Indian residents. That includes helping with housing, employment, aid to families, mental health, and a youth program that provides opportunities for connecting to culture, peers, elders, and offers academic and career support.

According to their Facebook page, "All of our program participants and community members have access to healing ceremonies and traditional knowledge to support their personal journey. Our Elders, staff and families gather to share these teachings in a way that brings about healing for our entire community."

The Center's doors will now be open from 11:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. People can also call 651-793-3803 for information or to make a reservation.



Steve Trimble

On May 31, the American Indian Family Center held their grand reopening after being closed through COVID. There was a food truck, face painting and free books for children, and door prizes.

View From My Porch

Sage Holben

Hangman Tattoos, endless laughter, and "do you remember..." comments; watching beloved women of three generations working in their kitchen, making sushi and Asian noodle soup. Allie, Sage (my niece), Bobbi, Howie, and me, gathering in the goat pen with Hank the Tank, Bucky, and the other goats, our own little lovefest. The impromptu, mini concerts of Sage playing banjo and Allie with her teak ukulele. Watching Howie and Sage corner a rattlesnake (one of several outed in the week I was visiting), disturbed by nearby construction. Rides up the Sierras with switchbacks that tested the nerves of Bobbi and me...perhaps because as a passenger it feels we are so often on the drop-off side! The landscape is spectacular and never ending.

This is a synopsis of a week-long visit I recently enjoyed with my sister, Bobbi, seven years younger than I am. It had been well over 30 years since we had last seen each other. In our birth family, this is not unusual. I left home when I was 18 and was not present during much of my



sisters' (Mary, Bobbi, and Gail) most tumultuous preteen and teen years. My parents worked on the unspoken premise that once you left home, you were essentially no longer part of the family. Except for Gail, no one was actually disowned, and she twice, but only temporarily.

Bobbi and I reconnected through Facebook a few years ago, sharing chapters of our lives, filling in large and small gaps, learning which memories might trigger pain, and which triggered laughter and sweetness of family. I am always reminded of what my once-six-year-old neighbor Kenchi said of people being complicated, and our agreed reminder of always some good in bad and bad in good; that pertains to family systems as well as individuals. I think it was in the last year that we began considering an in-person visit. Bobbi was hospitalized, part of a lung removed, her granddaughter Allie hospitalized with COVID, and still experiencing breathing issues.

We both felt we had covered a great deal of ground through our phone conversations and could handle a visit. Bobbi and Sage arranged for private "get-away" space for me, if needed. We shared "best ways" to work through any stress or tension; then tentatively started talking about making a visit. My son, Sam, surprised me with airline reservations to Sacramento. Perhaps our ages and health problems were the

prompt we needed to say now or possibly never and regret it. I spent most of May in the hospital, emergency, and doctors' offices. Bobbi's family was living every day facing the challenges of health. Needless to say, we each admitted to some degree of nervousness.

From the moment Sage strode toward me at baggage claim, she captured my awe and pride. We last saw each other, I think, when she was a teen. Here she was, a truly beautiful woman exuding independence, emotional, and physical strength (she works in construction) and the biggest, deepest, brightest smile that captivates me. As she drove from the airport and we talked nonstop, I felt as if we had been friends forever. Her daughter, Allie, gave the same welcoming warmth, even with her busy work schedule. Over the week I met Allie's sister Makeda and two of Makeda's children, Mateo and Briana.

Once home I felt I still had Bobbi with me — I feel her presence and sometimes see her as I sit on the edge of my bed, or at the writing table. She is one of the conversationalists in my head; and I see her face. Sage has said several times from the back we walk alike. My sister Bobbi is one of the most creative, intellectually aware, and artistically talented persons I

have ever known. Her daughter, Sage, shares Bobbi's inner strength. Each of Sage's daughters share that powerful trait.

Oh, about Hangman Tattoo. One afternoon on an outing to Placerville, aka Hangtown, the four of us women, Bobbi, Sage, Allie, and me (Sage, aka Cookie to my family) kept a surprise appointment made by Allie and Sage as a gift to me, to memorialize my September bat bite with a tattoo on my right hand. Symbolizing the many strengths of women may not be in the lore of bats, but that has become part of my bat experience. I do feel I need to say one more thing. If physical or emotional distances, have kept you apart from a family member or dear friend, if at all possible, consider making that contact. The first step is not usually very easy, on either end. Take time to become reacquainted, share

mutual "rules" or boundaries to feel respected and safe. Most importantly, listen. Listen with your heart. Listen without giving advice, without your opinion, and without defending yourself. Listen. Your turn will come to share, but you need to create a safe space first...and sometimes that space fills with so much love, your own words may be unnecessary. "I love you" may be all that is needed.



St. Paul and Maplewood Students Recognized on Dean's List and Honors List and Graduates

Aurora University has named Jack Jaunich of St. Paul, to the Dean's List. Andre Smith of Saint Paul, is a recognized graduate of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point recognizes Olivia Schultz of Maplewood to the Honors list. Minnesota State College Southeast President's List recognizes Logan Haan of St. Paul.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List. Maplewood residents Ella Buffalo and Lilia Ryan. St. Paul residents Tierney Boler and Lucas Thao.

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls has recognized students named to the Dean's List. Maplewood resident Robert Bruski. St. Paul residents Dionna Berzat, Brendan Fernlund, Etta Frase, Samuel Gray, Isabelle Hammond, Tou Ger Her, Katelyn Lee, Joseph Mehsikomer, Madison O'Donnell, Eh Hay Taw, Peyton Thomas, Tennessee Wacek, Andrew Willett, Ryan Willett, and Zachary Willett.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston recognizes Justin Gilbert Abdulkadir Jama to the Dean's List.

July Events Happening in Ramsey County

July 5, 6, 3-5 p.m or 4-6 p.m.: **MakerTeen:** MakerTeen is all about being creative, making new things, and using high-tech and low-tech tools to change your world. Hosted by Ramsey County Library.

July 6, 6-8 p.m.: **Archery in the Park:** Try your hand at the exciting and challenging sport of archery through this free event at Keller Regional Park.

July 7, 10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.: **Career Services:** Stop by Ramsey County Library — Roseville to get job search assistance and career planning and more.

July 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: **Free Open Skate at Highland Park:** Sharpen your skating skills, or just get out on the ice for some exercise! Open sessions are free and open to all ages and skating abilities.

July 7, 6-7:30 p.m.: **Let's Go Fishing!:** Join us for free fishing opportunities for youth ages 15 and under. Participants will learn basic fishing techniques and skills.

July 8, 10:30 a.m.: **Storytime in the Park: Long Lake Regional Park:** Come to our parks and enjoy a story in the great outdoors.

July 10, 1-4 p.m.: **Teen GSA:** Please join us for a safe, welcoming place to hang out, have fun and talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. Hosted by Ramsey County Library.

For more events going on throughout the month, visit ramseycounty.us/calendar.

East Side Eating Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has set out to eat at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton's Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town.

There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 60 may now be found online at daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org: click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

Casa Azul Agave

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Hours:

Mondays closed

Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sundays noon to 10 p.m.

Facebook: Casa-Azul-Agave-Mexican-Restaurant

well.

Here are some of what they label "House Specialties." Chile Colorado with fried beef tips with tomato sauce, served with rice, and beans, served with a side of flour tortillas. Shrimp Fajitas made with zucchini, mushrooms, onions, bell peppers, and tomatoes. Veggie Quesadilla consisting of flour tortilla, sauteed mushrooms, onions, bell peppers, tomatoes, and lettuce. Mexi-Burger with its home-made patty of beef or pork, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, ketchup, mustard, jalapeno tornados, and a side of French fries. Huarache made with oval



shaped fried masa (a corn dough) smothered with refried beans, your choice of meat, topped with lettuce, cheese, and sour cream.

Another grouping on the menu is Chicken (Pollo). One on the list is Guadalajara which is grilled chicken, beef, and shrimp, onions, bell peppers, and tomatoes. It comes on a bed of rice with cheese, served with a side of flour tortillas. Then there is Taquitos Mexicanos that has four chicken taquitos with a side of cheese dip and guacamole salad. Pollo Vallarta consists of chicken breast with grilled shrimp, tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, rice, and refried beans, served with a side of flour tortillas.

There are quite a few Seafood (Mariscos) offerings. Starting with Fried Mojarras served with rice, and guacamole salad. Tilapia Camaron is made with tilapia fillet with grilled shrimp, onions, bell peppers, tomatoes, rice, and guacamole salad. Camarones A La Diabla, as the name suggests, features deviled shrimp cooked in a spicy sauce, rice, and guacamole salad.

Traditional Cuisine is on the menu. It includes Street Tacos with choices of steak,

chicken, al pastor (Pork), carnitas, and chorizo. There are also Street Tacos with Tripa and Lengua, with tripa (Intestines), and lengua (Tongue). Burrito Azteca is a burrito filled with choice of meat (Asada, pastor, chorizo, carnitas, pollo asado), onions, cilantro, beans, rice, and cheese, topped with cheese dip, served with guacamole salad. Also, they have Huevos con Chorizo with three eggs, Mexican chorizo, rice, and beans, served with a side of flour tortillas and Menudo Soup, a traditional Mexican soup made with beef stomach in broth with red chili pepper base, con grano with hominy or sin grano without hominy.

There is even a Kid's Menu with Chicken Fingers that are lightly crisped chicken tenders and fries. Or a Cheeseburger with a Hamburger patty topped with cheese, and fries. Also, there is a Beef Burrito Platter consisting of a soft tortilla filled with beef and rice.

After your meal, you might want Desserts: Churros Sweet snack of fried bread dough sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon that comes with a scoop of ice cream. Another possibility is fried ice cream with a large, breaded scoop of ice cream quickly deep-fried, creating a warm, crispy shell around the still-cold ice cream. Tres Leche is a sponge cake soaked in three kinds of milk: evaporated, condensed, and heavy cream.

I ordered a beef Burrito Azteca with a sauce over it and a Modelo Beer. Even though I was full and would be taking half the food home, I couldn't resist the fried ice cream. It was something I had never tasted before. I was surprised what a big helping it was.



Casa Azul Agave has been open around three years. Erika and Jorge are the owners, but they were not there

at the time. They were from Guadalupe in Mexico and have two other restaurants, one in Minneapolis and another in Forest Lake. Incidentally, the English translation of Casa Azul Agave is blue agave house. Agave is a plant used in food and is used for the making of liquor. Agave tequilana, is commonly called blue agave. They do have "happy hours" from 2 to 5 p.m. when domestic beers are \$3.00.

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