2019 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour

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The annual Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dayton’s Bluff homes on the tour this year demonstrate a variety of architecture, age, and style. Included on this year’s tour is 216 Bates Avenue, which was a popular destination on last year’s tour and is in the process of being converted into a gorgeous private residence.

There will be three houses in a row on East 4th Street that the owners have lived in for years and have done amazing work on them. Dayton’s Bluff has so many wonderful homes that each year we have a number of them on the tour. Many people from all over the Metro area come to see the Dayton’s Bluff homes featured each year. Some of the visitors like it so well that they have moved to the neighborhood.

Volunteers are needed to serve as “neighborhood ambassadors” to help with the tour. On Sunday evening after the tour is over, the traditional “After the Home Tour Supper Party” will be held for the families whose homes are on the tour and all neighborhood ambassador volunteers.

For more information on the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour, visit www.msphometour.com.

To volunteer, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

Don’t miss the 7th Annual CABARET!

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The 7th Annual CABARET! will be held on Friday, March 8, at the Historic Mounds Theatre, located at 1029 Hudson Road, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The evening will offer a wonderful mix of dancing, singing, music, comedy, and poetry. It is a yearly celebration of talent with East Side roots.

The evening will also include a silent auction of original art and other items. CABARET! tickets are just $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Get your tickets now and get the CABARET! on your calendar! The theater will come alive with an amazing variety of acts.

To buy your tickets online, go to www.moundstheatre.org or contact Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550. Don’t miss the fun!

The CABARET! is a fundraiser for this year’s 10th annual Art in the Hollow, the art festival in Swede Hollow Park (Saturday, June 1, 2019). The CABARET! and Art in the Hollow are programs of Friends of Swede Hollow, a nonprofit organization that works on restoring and protecting the park, celebrating Swede Hollow history, and hosting events honoring Swede Hollow Park and the neighborhood.

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Sorry we missed you...

The February edition of the Forum was available online only.

Visit www.daytonsblluffdistrictforum.org to view this and other past issues (all the way back to the year 2000!)

The Forum depends on readers like you. If you’d like to continue to receive this newspaper in print, please make a donation! See page 8 for details.
Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike

On the second Saturday of most months, the Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at 10:30 a.m. Check-in will be on Saturday, March 9. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Swede Hollow Cafe, 725 E. 7th Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsblliftforum@gmail.com for more information.

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, March 8, at 1:00 p.m. at Swede Hollow Cafe, 725 E. 7th Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsblliftforum@gmail.com for more information.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police will host their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha. The next meetings are on Wednesday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meetings are intended to be a time to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

SNAP Food Program at CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos.

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Need healthy food for your family? The SNAP program provides funds for low-income families to buy food. Even if you are not a citizen, your children born in this country could qualify. Participation in the SNAP program won’t affect their immigration status.

Call CLUES to find out if you qualify at 612-746-3500. Our bilingual staff can facilitate the process for your family.

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy foods directly to underserved neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 8: The Friends of Swede Hollow presents the 7th annual Cabaret! Celebrity judges, dancers, singers, musicians, comedians, magicians and other zany acts. Plus a Silent Auction, VIP Bingo, and free food. This is a fundraiser for Art in the Hollow, an art festival in Swede Hollow Park. 7:30-10:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 in advance, $30 at the door. To buy tickets online go to moundsdtheatre.org.

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, March 22-31: Skylark Opera Theatre presents Cosi Fan Tutte. Skylark Opera Theatre throws a modern new light on the story of two guys who think they can dupe their girlfriends by switching places. But the women have their own power and they aren’t afraid to use it! Mozart’s gorgeous score is sung in English in this immersive production, set in the present day.

The following events will be held at the Dayton’s Bluff library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul:

- Saturdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Maker Space in the FunZONE! Play computer games like Minecraft and enjoy other hands-on fun in the Zone.

- Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Dayton’s Bluff Book Club: join the club in reading a mix of fiction and non-fiction from a diverse collection of authors, many with local settings. Discussions focus on social justice, anti-racism, and equity. A light dinner is provided as well as a free copy of the book.

- Tuesday, March 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m, Teens Know Best! Teens have exclusive access to books before they are published.

This group meets on the second Tuesday of every month to share opinions and pizza. Teens Know Best members are expected to write reviews of the books they read. The reviews are submitted directly to local publishers to help guide their decisions. New members can register at the meeting.

Did you know that you can check out boards at the library? Library visitors can play the games in the library or check them out for two weeks. The full list of games can be viewed at http://bly/the/Metagames and all are available to the public. See the full calendar of events happening in February at Dayton’s Bluff Library on page 4.

For information about these and other events check spl.org or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton’s Bluff Library shares its space with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7th Street.

Wish List Care Packages

Help East Side Elders distribute food, hygiene items, and more to seniors on the East Side by shopping their Amazon Wish List! Visit www.amazon.com/register/wish-list/3KK001OGFSNU. You can have these much-needed items sent right to our office. From there, our team of volunteers will distribute them where they are needed. Help us make a bigger impact and shop our wish list today!

With the help of supporters like you, we are able to supply groceries and personal care items to nine seniors in the community, at no charge to them. These items help stretch their monthly budgets and give them access to healthy food and much-needed personal care products. For ideas, visit our Amazon Wish List. When you purchase from our Wish List, the items are sent directly to our office. Donations can also be dropped off at our office: East Side Elders, 463 Maria Avenue Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55106. A printable wish list can also be found on our website.

Grocery Shopping

Did you know that East Side Elders can help you and your loved one with grocery shopping? We want to be part of your support team!

Let East Side Elders take a chore off your list! To get help with grocery shopping, simply give us a call at 651-683-2326 or email us at Info@EastSideElders.org with a detailed grocery list. Please call us to set up your grocery shopping trip and schedule a day and time that works for you and the volunteer for delivery.

As an added service, grocery shopping is donation-based. You can donate what you can for the convenience of not having to head out to the store. Reimbursement for the groceries can be done directly with the volunteer - they will bring you a receipt when they make their delivery.

2019 Swede Hollow Winter Photo Contest!

Don’t miss the fun! Photos must be taken in Swede Hollow Park between December 21, 2018, and March 23, 2019. We ask that contest participants allow their photographs be printed and sold as a fundraiser for the Friends of Swede Hollow during Art in the Hollow on June 1, 2019.

Submit photographs to karindupaul@comcast.net in jpg format. Use “FOSH Winter Photo Contest” in the subject line and your contact information along with the name of your image(s) within the body of the email. Submitted photos will be judged by the East Side Arts Council. First prize is $75, second is $50, and third is $25. For more information contact karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 to visit the friends of swede hollow at www.friendsofswedeforex.com.

Business Classes

The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. Class training lasts 12 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, and one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and developing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one assistance with creating a business plan.

Who those successfully complete the course are eligible for ongoing business support services (they don’t have to locate their business in target neighborhoods to be eligible).

The course is sponsored by the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited, so sign up now to reserve your space in the training department at 651-379-8113.

Free Help for East Side Pets

The Animal Humane Society’s Community Outreach program has special clinics for pets on the East Side. The clinic offers free heartworm tests, vaccines, nail trims, spay/neuter appointment scheduling, guidance from the AHS behavior team and St. Paul Animal Control, free pet food, and more.

For information on upcoming events and locations call 651-788-4685 or visit http://animalhumane.org/outreach-services-frogtown-and-east-side paul.

Accepting applications for summer employment

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation is currently hiring lifeguards for the 2019 beach and water park season. Positions are available at Battle Creek Waterworks park and the county’s five guarded swimming beaches. All positions are full-time throughout the summer season, which begins Saturday, June 8.

Learn more and apply online at https://www.ramseycounty.us/content/hfregard-applications-2019-now-open?Swimming not your thing? The Ponds at Battle Creek and Goodrich golf courses are currently hiring for the 2019 golf season. Positions include: Golf shop staff, bartenders, grill staff, beverage cart attendants, and junior golf volunteer instructors.

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Send your guess to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured below for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the April edition of the Forum.

Urban CROSS 2019

Eric Buck
Mounds Park United Methodist Church

Urban CROSS is a week serving the Dayton’s Bluff community and surrounding area, and is hosted by Dayton’s Bluff Community Services and Mounds Park United Methodist Church. Each year we serve households and non-profit organizations. Projects include the likes of simple construction, yard work and landscaping, indoor and outdoor painting, cleaning, and organizing.

There are many ways you can help us help our community. We are looking for homeowners and non-profits to serve. We are looking for individuals and groups who would like to work along side us with these projects. We are looking for individuals and groups who would like to help with the hospitality of our “campers.” We are also looking for donations of tools and supplies, as well as food for our staff.

This year’s Urban CROSS is the week of June 9-15. We’d love to have you be a part of it. Please contact Eric Buck, Director of Urban CROSS, at (651) 774-8736.

Homes needed for 2019 Home Tour

The 2019 Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour will be here before we know it. We are hot on the trail for homes to be featured on the Home Tour now. The tour will take place on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28. The home tour is for occupied homes to show visitors our wonderful Dayton’s Bluff people, homes and community. Visitors come from all over the metro each year to see the lovely homes in Dayton’s Bluff.

Six to eight Dayton’s Bluff homes are needed to be on the tour. Homes can be large or small, Victorians or rambler. There is anything in between. Homes may be works-in-progress or finished products. It’s a fantastic opportunity for us to show off our neighborhood and all the good things about Dayton’s Bluff. Each year some visitors like Dayton’s Bluff so much that they buy a home here. The tour is also a great way to get new ideas on remodeling and updating your home. You can nominate your own home, or talk to your neighbors about getting their homes on the tour.

Neighborhood people are also needed to volunteer to help out during the tour. On Sunday evening after the tour is over, an “After the Tour Supper Party” will be held for the home owners’ families and all home tour volunteers. To learn more about having your home on the tour, to volunteer, or for more information, please email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-6550.

Did you know?

Nick Duncan
Forum Staff

Did you know St Paul’s largest park – bigger than Como, bigger than Phalen, bigger than Crosby – is located right in the shadow of Dayton’s Bluff? You’re not alone, almost no one is aware that Pig’s Eye Regional Park is really a thing.

The park encompasses over 400 acres of land and the 500 acre Little Pig’s Eye Lake. It is located south of Warner Road and west of Highway 61. Many people are familiar with the northern most section of the park which is near the DNR regional headquarters and accessible from Fish Hatchery Road. This part of the park includes an archery range and a paved trail connecting Battle Creek Park to the river, but that is only a small part of the entire park.

The majority of the park is much more secluded and difficult to access. The expansive Canadian Pacific/Union Pacific railroad bisect the park, and the only access point to the southern part of the park is literally on the other side of the tracks.

To get to the park you will need to exit Warner Road at Childs Road and turn onto Pig’s Eye Road where it intersects with Childs Road under the Warner Road railroad over pass. Be careful, if you miss your turn you will end up at the water treatment plant at the end of Childs Road. Also be aware that this whole area is heavily industrial with trains and trucks traveling every which way.

If you are able to find Pig’s Eye Road, it will take you across a couple sets of railroad tracks and down a barren stretch of blacktop that runs about a mile before dead ending. The only real destination point is the St Paul wood recycling center. Even on a snowy February day the truck traffic from the recycling center was steady. Pig’s Eye Park is off to the left (east) just past the recycling center.

The city is in the process of building a parking lot to improve access, but for now there is not much in the way of parking or even a sign announcing the park. Now you know.

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**Fine Free statement**

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**Chair Library Board**

As the chair of the Saint Paul Library Board, I want to address some of the issues that have been raised about the library getting rid of fines. When I took office in 2016, one of my first actions was to remove fines from our library system. We created a spreadsheet of recreation center hours and programs across the city, with an overlay of area median income. As I think about the impact of fines and fees and conducted the research.

In the name of equity, we have worked since that day to increase free and low-cost programming in areas of concentrated poverty. This included about $100K in the last budget under Mayor Coleman, and has been tripled in the 2019 budget to over $300K. I start with this example, because the total revenue from library fines in an average year is about $250K. A similar analysis to the one my constituent did on rec center hours revealed that libraries in wealthier neighborhoods, where families could afford to pay the fines, they do. But in libraries in low income neighborhoods, families who couldn't afford the fines had their cards blocked. Of the 51K+ cards blocked, the highest percentage were in areas of concentrated poverty.

Library staff spearheaded the move to consider eliminating library fines and fees and conducted the research. For the last several years, there have been no fines on children's materials. Yet, even without fines, materials have returned at the same rate that they had been with the "incentive" of fines. I understand that the research of libraries in Minnesota and across the country, which have eliminated fines, had the same experience. When library staff were invited to share their experiences at the Mayor's Library Budget Address, they said that it was clear that when a family is struggling to keep food on the table, paying library fines is a necessarily low priority. Adapting to the library to return books on a timely basis is addi- tionally challenging for a family with transportation challenges, difficult work schedules.

Saint Paul happens to be one of the only cities in the metro area with poverty on the rise. Our libraries are vitally important to families in need of resources and assistance: books, videos, music, computers, computer hot spots, homework help, computer training and certification, job seeking assistance, early childhood education and play resources, healthy snack times, story times in 11 languages, and librarians who will help you with ANYTHING, just to name a few of the things people find there. Our libraries are constantly reinventing themselves to meet the needs of the people who walk through their doors. Faced with new immigrants who had no published books in their languages, the libraries went out and published their own.

I put the costs of eliminating fines in the same category as creating free and low-cost parks and recreation programs. When I took office in 2016, two Ward 7 recreation centers had been shuttered and one more had been demolished. For families in poverty and new immigrant families, it is vitally important for their children to have access to safe places to connect with caring adults. There are countless stories of young people who share stories of going to college, or finding a career, because someone at a library or recreation center connected them to resources or opportunities to change their lives.

I can also assure you that our library staff and board will be evaluating the ongoing impact of the new policy, par-

**Benefit for Judy Lee, “The Barber Queen”**

*Friends of Judy Lee Special to the Forum*

As the owner of Mounds Park Barber for over 30 years, Judy Lee has relied financially on her ability to stand for hours and work magic with her hands, clippers, and scissors. A recent health issue has temporarily closed her small business. For now she is unable to work. This is why Judy's friends have organized a benefit for her, to help alleviate the financial stress while she focuses on her recovery.

On Saturday, March 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., please join us at the Saint Paul Saloon (1045 Hudson Road) for an afternoon of celebrating the “Barber Queen.” Festivities include: bake sale, gift baskets, silent auction, wine pull, 50/50’s, plus $10 spaghetti dinner with one complimentary rail drink or domestic beer.

**The Green Book and St. Paul**

*Seeley Booth*  
*Forum Contributor*

There has been a lot of interest in a 2018 movie about an African American pianist and his bodyguard who took a concert road trip through the deep south in 1962. The cinema was named *Green Book,* after a real volume that helped African Americans know what places were safe and welcoming. At time of print, it is expected to win some Oscars at the February 24, 2019, Academy Awards and you might want to discover how the Green Book was connected with St. Paul.

Its official name was *The Negro Motorist Green Book* and it was created by Victor Hugo Green, a postal carrier who lived in Harlem. He was aware that African American car owners on road trips often met with many difficulties including refusals of service at restaurants, hotels, and service stations. In 1936, Green decided to produce a *Green Book* for the New York metropolitan area and that was so successful, it went national the following year. Green used his connections with the National Association of Letter Carriers to find families who would rent a room, businesses that were friendly, and those who hired African Americans. I thought it might be interesting to see if St. Paul was included. I dropped by the East Side Freedom Library, on the chance they might have one in their collection. Actually, they had two - one original and one recent reprint. You can even search for yourself, but you have to read them at the East Side Freedom Library. The first edition is located at 1105 Greenbrier Street. I also found out that the downtown library and the Rondo library have copies that can be checked out.

Here’s what I discovered in 1940 edition of the Green Book: Under the St. Paul heading of “tourist homes” (people who take others into their homes) there was Reuben Floyd who lived at 379 Carroll Street. One restaurant, was noted, the G&G Bar-B-Q at 313 Rondo Street. There were quite a few more spots in the 1954 guide: Tourist homes listed Villa Wilson at 697 St. Anthony, a four-bedroom house that is still there. The G&G Restaurant was still in the guide book but had moved to 291 North St. Albans, and also Jim’s at St. Anthony and Kent. Gardner’s Service Station located at Western and Central was noted, as was Milligan’s Garage at 1008 Rondo, and a tailor at 1597 University Avenue. There were now several liquor stores: Bond, at 471 Wahbasha, First, at Robert and Fifth, Commerce, at 2183 Ford Parkway, Seven Corners, at 158 West 7th, and Jack’s, at 517 Wahbasha.

The Green Book ceased publication in 1966, possibly because of the somewhat friendly Civil Rights Act of 1964. In the 1954 Green Book, its creator had written, “There will be a day sometime in the near future when this guide will not have to be published. That is when we as a race will have equal rights and privi-

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**The Negro Motorist Green Book.**
Celebrating Women's History Month: Some noted Dayton’s Bluff women

Steve Trimble Forum Historian

I wanted to do something special for this month’s history article. So, I decided to go to the Minnesota Historical Society and check out the Who’s Who of Minnesota Women that was published in 1924. I found that there were several people with Dayton’s Bluff connections and a few from other parts of the East Side and wanted to share my finds in the Forum.

First, some context on the development of women’s history research. According to a few articles I read, there were at least three stages. When the women’s liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s developed, they looked to the past. The first approach was searching out “Women Worthies,” those whose important contributions were accomplished in a male-dominated society. They may have been overlooked and needed to be rediscovered and were put on posters in schools.

After a time came what was known as the “oppression-oriented” stage, when history pointed out that women were kept from being “important” but this did not change the way of determining what was meant by “important.” A third approach, sometimes called “woman-centered history,” has been the most recent. This stage looked at what women did to improve the lives of themselves, children, and society as a whole working with other women. During this time, women’s clubs were established, society worked to create institutions to help young mothers, impoverished veterans, and tried to deal with social maladies.

The following are some of the Dayton’s Bluff women whose biographies were published in the Who’s Who of Minnesota Women.

Clara Linz Bergmeier grew up in St. Paul and was educated in the city schools. She married William F. Bergmeier, a successful businessman, in 1890. She traveled in Europe and engaged in philanthropy. She was a member of the Dayton’s Bluff Female Club, the Lion’s Club Republican Woman’s Club, and worked for the Eichenwald Branch of the Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution. As she served as the school’s principal, and quit teaching for a time. After he died, she returned to the classroom and was later appointed principal of Ramsey School.

Hannah Ryan McGee was born in Milwaukee, one of 15 children, and came to St. Paul where she became a teacher at Van Buren Elementary, a predecessor of today’s Dayton’s Bluff Elementary. In 1893, she married Charles McGee, who was the school’s principal, and taught as a teacher of the school. The Who’s Who book said that Hannah was “A woman with a keen sense of civic responsibility, a broad social vision, and the most generous sympathies.” She served as the Johnstone Keller below are good finds for those seeking out “woman-centered” history.

Carrie Johnston Keller was raised in Wahabha, Minnesota, and when she came to St. Paul, worked many years as a record keeper for Ladies of Maccabees. She married Herbert Keller, a politician from Dayton’s Bluff who became a St. Paul Mayor. The Who’s Who said she was “Active in club work, social welfare, civic activity and education.” She was a president of the Woman’s Auxiliary to the Dayton’s Bluff Commercial Club and worked with the Working Woman’s Branch of the Minnesota Federation of Woman’s Clubs, the local chair of the National Council of Women’s Federal and the Victory Liberty Loan during World War I, Tag Day chairman for many years, headed The Auxiliary to the Lion’s Club Republican Woman’s Club, and worked to create a state reformatory for incarcerated women. She was also Chairman of the National Convention of Saengerbund, a German choral society.

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World Wide Holidays: March edition

Temperance Brennan Forum Contributor

The response to my first holidays article in the February Forum was so good, we decided to do another article that might be timely. I know that St. Patrick’s Day is a favorite time for March, but for a change, why not check out countries below and maybe have a party that includes some of their culture? Why not try to make a Libyan palava sauce, listen to some Greek music, try to find some Red Rooster Beer made in Palau, read Persian poetry, or plant a tree?

March 2: Tree Planting Day. On this national holiday, people across North Korea plant trees.

March 5: Custom Chief’s Day of Vanuatu. This country observes the holiday to recognize the power of chieftains (locally known as “Jife”) on matters concerning politics, economy, and judiciary, among other things. This South Pacific Ocean nation is made up of roughly 80 islands that stretch over 1,300 kilometers - about 808 miles.

March 13: Decoration Day. On this day, Libyans refurbish the graves of family members. Firefighters check out the public of Liberia in 1916, to have a time for communing with family spirits.

March 16: Youth Day. One of the most important holidays of the small Micronesian island country of Palau honors the role of youth in shaping Palau society. The holiday raises awareness about the importance of early integration of young people in public service.

March 19: Oil Nationalization Day. This day marks the anniversary of the nationalization of the oil industry in Iran in 1951, when members of the country’s parliament voted for the nationalization. This put an end to Britain’s 40-year monopoly over the oil wealth.

March 25: Independence Day in Greece. This is a holiday that has blended with an older festival - the Feast of the Annunciation, and the time in 1821 when the Greeks rose up against the Ottoman Empire that had occupied their land for almost 400 years, leading to the war of independence. Temperance Brennan can be reached at daytonsbladistrictforum@gmail.com.

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Pictured at left are Mary Petrie and her travel companion, John, visiting the National Gallery in London with their copy of the Forum in tow. Photo submitted by Mary Petrie.

Pictured above and below: Ward 7 City Council Member Jane Prince took to the dance floor at the Historic Mounds Theatre with choreographer Edna Stevens of Universal Dance Destiny to prove that politics can be fun! Universal Dance Destiny is a dance performance and entertainment company offering a variety of dance educational presentations, master classes, workshops, residencies in primarily traditional West African dance with live drumming accompaniment and modern African dance to upbeat African music. Selected company members and special guest instructors on our roster teach classes and special workshops in African drumming, Latin dances, Hip hop, Breaking (using kid-friendly music for youth groups) and wedding dance choreography. Facebook/Universal Dance Destiny for more information.

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