Minnesota Association of Townships

2022 Scholarship Program for High School Juniors

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The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is proud to announce its 2022 Scholarship Program, which will award up to five $2,000 scholarships to high school juniors. All students currently enrolled in 11th grade and attending a Minnesota public, private, or parochial school, or a home-study program, are eligible to apply for this program. Since its inception in 2001, the MAT Scholarship Program has had over 2,000 submissions and 92 winners.

Applicants should submit a written essay using critical thinking on the topic of promoting township government by May 1, 2022. Winners will be chosen by an independent panel of judges and will be notified mid-August 2022. They will also be invited to attend MAT’s annual conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota in October 2022. For more information and application details, please call the MAT offices at 1-800-229-0292 or visit matownships.org.

"Townships are proud to offer the Scholarship Program, and encourage as many high school juniors as possible to apply, whether they are from the largest cities or from smaller rural areas. We know the MAT Scholarship Program has made a real difference for our recipients in furthering their education. It is also an opportunity for learning about township government, which embodies the values of "grassroots government" where local citizens directly participate," said MAT Executive Director Jeff Krueger.

There are approximately 914,174 township residents in 1,781 townships in Minnesota. Townships exist in every area of the state, including the metropolitan area. Some, with populations of more than 1,000, function in much the same way as a small city. While many townships remain rural agricultural centers, others host a variety of residential, light commercial, and industrial development. The Minnesota Association of Townships is a non-profit corporation representing Minnesota townships. Its goals are educational and charitable, promoting an understanding of the history of townships and being a voice for its roughly 10,000 officers.

February 2 to May 18, 6-8 p.m., Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Sew What: For ages 10 to 13. Participants will learn the basics of sewing.

February 8 to April 19, 6-7:30 p.m., Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Centists Kids in the Kitchen: For ages 9 to 11. Come explore the great food of St Paul. Participants will learn about the diverse cultures that make up our amazing city, and learn how to make different foods from different cultures.

February 8, 6:30 p.m., $25; Battle Creek Rec Center—Paint Night for Teens: For ages 11 to 16. Let the artist come out in you! Teens will create a masterpiece on canvas and be able to take it home.

February 9, 9:30-10:30 a.m., $14; Battle Creek Rec Center—Valentine’s Day Party KidCreate: For ages 1.5-5. Join us for a Valentine’s Day story and gift making party. Nothing says “I love you” like a homemade gift! Let your young artist show their favorite Valentine how much they love them with a jumbo-sized Hershey Kiss made out of clay. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

February 11, 4-5 p.m., Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Valentine’s Ice Cream Party: For ages 6 to 11. Come Celebrate Valentine’s Day and have an Ice Cream Treat!

February 14, 5-8 p.m., $5; Battle Creek Rec Center—Valentine’s Night Out: For ages 6-12. Parents do you need a night out without the kids? If so, bring them here so they can participate in baking, enjoy arts and crafts, and play in the gym while supervised by staff.

February 24, 6-8 p.m., Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Paint Night for Teens: For ages 11 to 16. Let the artist come out in you! Teens will create a masterpiece on canvass and be able to take it home.

February 26, 10 a.m.-noon, Free; Battle Creek Rec Center—Marie Kars Battle Mode: For ages 8 to 12. Kids will participate in a team setting and battle against others to collect coins without getting out. Snack will be provided.

Donations Needed for Us to Print

We are writing the April Issue!

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 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 Seventh Street.

We are so close to meeting our goal and we know your donations would bring us one step closer to printing your favorite paper!

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

St. Paul Winter Carnival

Happening Through February 6

Mandy Okonek

The Saint Paul Winter Carnival challenges the popular saying To Keep Saint Paul Boring. For 10 days starting January 28 through February 6, our metropolis will be packed to the brim with fun, family-friendly activities celebrating winter.

This year’s in-person festivities include the tried-and-true favorites of the ice sculpture competition in Rice Park and the snow sculptures at the State Fairgrounds. However, I’m most excited about the addition of The Ghosts and Gangster’s Walking Tour and the beverage sponsor for 2022, Birch Beer. Birch Beer is a cleverly marketed soda flavored with oils from the birch tree that offers a flavor profile somewhere between a root beer and a cream soda.

The Ghosts and Gangster’s walking tour is $20 per person and must be pre-booked. Tours are 60 minutes in duration and limited to 12. I plan to drink Birch Beer during the Ghosts and Gangster’s tour.

Also worth mentioning is the crowning ceremony of The Winter Carnival’s ca- nine king and queen, Saturday, February 5 at 10 am at the Union Depot. The event, which will include dog friendly activities like dog yoga and pet vendors galore. Lisa Jacobson is both mayor of Brooklyn Park and new CEO and president of the non-profit company, Saint Paul Festi- val & Heritage, the group that runs the St. Paul Winter Carnival, is excited for the return to in-person festivities. In an email, she stated, “I am looking forward to the Saint Paul Winter Carnival making a comeback during a difficult time in our community — and for to safely celebrate our 136-year traditions together with our community — and for to safely celebrate our 136-year traditions together with our emerging history and new events!”

Her excitement for community building is apparent in the myriad of events, new and traditional, that cater to the outdoor enthusiast, the local music fan, and for those of us, like me, who love winter. No winter hate mail, please. Wherever you stand on the spectrum of winter emotions, this year’s Winter Carnival boasts something for everyone.

Our freezing winter months offer the perfect opportunity to congregate with our friends and neighbors outside as we safely socially distance ourselves from other patrons. Your face mask will not only keep you safe from airborne germs but doubles as an accessory to block the bitter winds of winter.

The ice bars will also be returning this season for the option of warming up with a beverage. I would personally love a Birch Beer cocktail, fingers crossed.

There is a complete calendar of Winter Carnival events listed on their website at wintercarnival.com. Where you are sure to find some fun ways to support the longest-running Winter Carnival America.

Let’s all go, mask up and tip our servers and be kind to the volunteers who are working hard to give us legitimate reasons to go outside, and more importantly, downtown which is only a 50-cent bus fare from many stops in Dayton’s Bluff. Maybe Saint Paul doesn’t have to be boring, at least not all of the time.
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 Febru-
ary 15 starting at 6:30 p.m. at 668 Greenbrier Street. Anyone interested in Swede Hollow is welcome to attend. Discussion will include Art in the Hol-
low (which will be June 4), park clean up, etc.

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

Dayton's Bluff District Board Meeting

The Forum is seeking writers and help with online content, idea genera-
tion, and ad sales — join us at our next meeting on Thursday, February 3 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police hosts their monthly meetings for com-
munity members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha A-
v enues.

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 our email Robin at 651-266-5580 or robyn.brewin@ci.stpaul.mn.us to ensure the meetings have not been can-
celled.

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

¡Necesita más comida saludable para su familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que beneficián a familias de escasos recursos.

Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podian cali-
ficar. Participar en el programa SNAP necesita sus estatus migratorios.

¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califi-
cia! 612-746-3500. Nuestro personal bil-
ingue puede facilitar el proceso para usted y su familia.

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 af-
fordable, 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

American Indian Family Center: 651-266-1290

Minnesota Universal Care: 651-529-3850

Dayton's Bluff Library

The library is hosting plenty of fun ac-
tivities. Listed below are some Febru-
ary events:

February 2 — Dayton’s Bluff Book Club: A great fit for folks who love reading books by local authors and dis-
cussing them, 6-7:30 p.m via Zoom.

February 2, 9, 16, 23 — Craft and Be-
breakfast: Join us for storytelling and art for a craft for caregivers and kids! We'll read stories, sing songs, learn rhymes, dance, and practice ASL. 2:30-3:

February 5, 12, 18, 26 — Senior Lounge: Senior Lounge is a program for older adults to spend time socializ-
ing, painting, doing crafts, or complet-
ing crossword puzzles, 10-11:30 a.m.

February 5, 12, 19, 26 — FunLab: STEAM steam for ages 7-11: Join us for a fun drop-in session for crafts, engi-
neering projects, science experiments, or relaxing boardgames and movies, 2-4 p.m.

February 8 — Teens Know Best: Teens Know Best is for teens, ages 12-
18, who want to read and review YA books that aren’t available to the public yet. The review are used to influence the future of the publishing industry, 6:30-
7:45 p.m.

February 16 — Local Author: Heather Demetrios: Author of Code-
Breaking: The True Story of Vir-

ginia Hall A “riveting, spirited biography of the most dangerous of all

Allied spies — courageous and kick-ass Virginia Hall” 6:30-7:30 p.m.

March 1, Stuffed Toy Sleeperwear— Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket along with your favorite stuffed toy for bedtime stories and crafts. Say good-

night to your buddy — they get to stay for a fun sleepover at the library with other toys! 6-7 p.m.

Visit spl.org’s calendar for more.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Gas Leak: 800-895-2999. Power Out-

age: 800-895-1999

Call 811 before you dig: Before start-
ning 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 prop-
erty or on the boulevard to be sure there are no wires, pipes, other hidden sur-
prises in the designated digging area.

Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the ‘no-dig’ area with painted lines...and everyone is safe!

Need Groceries?

If you are 60 or older, you may be eli-
gible 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 appli-

cation.

Help the Metropolitan Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites.

Make a difference in your community by becoming a State Health Insurance Assistance Program certified Medicare Counselor. Help people understand their Medicare options.

Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer to learn more.

Financial Assistance

Increased financial assistance is avail-

able for Ramsey County residents who lost income due to COVID-19 and need help for housing costs.

Residents may be eligible for Emer-

gency Assistance that can help pay for past due rent/mortgage, a damage de-
posit, or prevent utilities including wa-
ter, electricity, and heat from being disconnected.

Go to ramseycounty.us/Emergen-
cyAssistance for an application or call the Emergency Assistance hotline at 651-266-4884.

Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2945 or go to smrl.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, educa-
tion issues, and more. You can also call if you're behind on your bills, hav-
ing problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues.

If an interpreter is needed, SMRL will provide one.

Visit smrl.org for more.

Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.
Cerenity Marian Dementia Discussion

Kris Kulseth

Cerenity Marian will be sponsoring a discussion around dementia on **February 15** at our campus near Mounds Park in St Paul. Featured speaker Jenny West with Family Means will be our presenter and cover several key topics: Discussion of relationships and how dementia might change that dynamic, changing behaviors for everyone involved, listening to our emotions, practicing self-care when stressed, and options for family members.

If you have a friend, family member, acquaintance, or other loved one that has early to late stages of dementia this information could be very valuable. Learn about options such as dementia support groups, daycare, respite care, and memory care from our team.

The event will be held from **10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** and the general public is invited, but seating is somewhat limited, so we ask that you RSVP any time prior to February 15. Please contact Sharyl Kaase via phone at 651-495-1819 or via email at sharyl.kaase@benedictineliving.org.

There will be coffee and treats available. We look forward to seeing you!

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 March edition of the Forum.

Recipe: Cudighi

*Sage Holben*

This recipe is from my cousin David Roberts, formerly of Negaunee, Michigan. Cudighi, an Italian meat dish, has been a popular meat sandwich served in Upper Michigan bars. Some make oblong or round patties; I make cudighi as appetizer-sized meatballs.

**Ingredients:**
- 6 pounds pork (or ½ pork and ½ venison)
- ¼ tsp. mace
- ¼ tsp. allspice
- ¼ tsp. cloves
- ¼ tsp. ginger
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 T. red pepper flakes

**Directions:**
Combine above ingredients. Shape as desired. Bake on sheet pan. Serve warm on buns or sliced French bread with spaghetti sauce, or serve as meatballs in spaghetti sauce.

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East Side Audubon Christmas Bird Count Adventure

Kathy Sidles

Every December since 2005 I have been able to find people to help count birds in our East Side neighborhood for the annual Saint Paul Audubon Christmas Bird Count. The group changes each year depending on how cold it is and who has time. We are always a mix of long-time birders and people new to birding. But everyone is willing to dress warm, go to neighborhood natural areas with a clip board and binoculars, and look for and count our winter bird neighbors.

Due to COVID rules Matt, Jennifer, Brad, and I gathered at sunrise in our garage, instead of our living room, for coffee and muffins and planned our route. About 150 years ago, people had contests to see how many birds they could shoot on Christmas Day. So early conservationists decided it was better to see who could count the most of each species instead. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is still a kind of contest. I like to see if we can count as many birds and species as in previous years, and if our urban area compares with counts in other parts of the country.

This year due to COVID we had to drive separately instead of carpooling. It had just snowed, so this was a test of our tire treads as we went up and down our river town hills. Some of us drove with heat on and windows down to listen for and count house sparrows, pigeons, chickadees, or hairy or downy woodpeckers.

Our first stop of the morning was Frost Lake Park east of Lake Phalen. We split up and counted birds in two halves of the park and in the neighborhood. This way we combined our birding eyes, ears, knowledge, passion, and focus. Also, we matched our ability to get through snow with a sidewalk or more rugged path. We followed this pattern most of the day. But sometimes we split up to count birds at cemeteries, the bike trails, and smaller woods. Jennifer counted wild turkeys near her house along the Gateway Trail. I went to Rivoli Bluff, where I counted 29 juncos.

What is most fun is to see hawks, owls, and eagles. If you look for birds all day in our count area you will see them, thanks to our remaining large wooded areas. They are good urban top predators that experts say natural areas need. These birds control mouse and rabbit populations. We saw our first Hawk – a Merlin – at the top of a cottonwood tree at our next stop at the south end of Lake Phalen. Through the day we also saw eagles fly over, a few red-tailed hawks, a cooper’s hawk (see picture), and three great-horned owls.

The long running set of Audubon Christmas Bird Counts is a Citizen Science database. Researchers use it to keep track of how the birds are doing. They aren’t doing very well! A 2019 study using this database and others in the journal, Science, shows the number of birds in the U.S. has decreased by 25% since 1970. Common birds that we see in towns and cities are in decline. Prairie birds have declined the most since prairies have been changed to pasture and cropland. Wetland birds are doing OK, thanks to protection of wet areas for hunting and clean water.

Even with drought this summer we counted 20 species and 337 individual native non-duck birds. This year’s species count is higher and the total birds count lower than our 15-year average. We saw 18 species and 355 native non-duck birds. There are many simple things we can do in farms and our city to improve habitat for birds and for the plants, animals, and insects they depend on. Planting cover crops, native prairies, pollinator fields and gardens, mowing high and less often, leaving sticks and leaves, and removing invasive plants all help. If we live within and not instead of nature, we can keep our bird’s Christmas Bird Count numbers and species counts high.

You can learn more about birds and birding, and sign up to help with future Christmas Bird Counts, at the Saint Paul Audubon website: saintpaulaudubon.org.

Saint Paul Audubon is a sponsor of the local Urban Bird Collective. Their events help everyone feel comfortable learning how to be a birder: urbanbird-collective.org.

National Audubon’s Natural Climate Solutions plan shows how we can best help birds while storing 23% of the extra CO₂ to stop global warming: audubon.org/conservation/climate/natural-solutions.
Dayton's Bluff and the Winter Carnival

Greg Cosimini

The Saint Paul Winter Carnival was started in 1886 to show the world that Saint Paul was a winter wonderland, not a winter wasteland. It caught on and continues today. While Dayton's Bluff has no longer has much of a connection to the Winter Carnival, it was a major participant for many years.

That first Carnival featured a gigantic Ice Palace. Due to the expense of building them, not to the mention the vagaries of our weather, large Ice Palaces are not an annual event. Some years they were no more than an ice throne for King Boreas and the Queen of the Snows.

Dayton's Bluff's one and only Ice Palace was built in 1938 at Plum St. and Mounds Blvd. in what is now the west end of Mounds Park. Today it is just an empty lot filled with grass and weeds located near a freeway exit, but back then it was an area used for various activities connected with Bluff Playground across the street.

Usually referred to as the Ice Court, its main features were two giant discs made of ice. The one in back was 60 feet tall. The one in front, 50 feet. In front of them was a huge ice throne at the top of a grand ice staircase. An ice rink approximately 100 feet by 300 feet was in front of the stairs. Colonades of ice with colorful pennants flanked each side of the ice rink.

The 1938 Ice Palace was brightly lit at night. Supposedly its lights consumed the same amount of electricity in 10 days that a town of 7,000 inhabitants would use in a year. Every part of the Ice Court was lit from within by a variety of colored lights. One disc was illuminated with green and yellow beams of light that shot skyward giving the effect of sunbeams or the Aurora Borealis.

Dayton's Bluff never saw another Ice Palace but the 1986 Centennial Ice Palace was built on the Island at Lake Phalen. At the time it was the tallest Ice Palace ever built. While there is nothing to mark the location of the 1938 Ice Palace in Mounds Park, there is an impressive stone monument in Phalen Park which is a replica of the 1986 Ice Palace, located across the lagoon from its location.

Local businesses such as Hamn's Brewery, Whirlpool, and 3M, and other groups like the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club and Harding High School, were huge supporters of the Winter Carnival for many years until they left Dayton's Bluff for various reasons. They built impressive floats that took part in the Grand Day and Torchlight Parades for many years. Dayton's Bluff also had ski jumps and toboggan slides that hosted many events.

The Pioneer Press/Winter Carnival Treasure Hunt began in 1952. Mounds Park was always a popular place to hunt for the treasure because its view of the city often seemed to fit the early clues of the mystery. The treasure medallion was actually found there in 1987, 2005, and 2008. As Swede Hollow Park was developed, it also became a favorite of treasure hunters. The medallion was hidden and discovered there in 2009.

Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Teens Know Best presents local author, Heather Demetrios. Heather is the author of teen non-fiction Codename Badass: The True Story of Virginia Hall, a "riotous, spirited biography of the most dangerous of all Allied spies — courageous and kick-ass Virginia Hall." We invite teens ages 12-19 to participate in a lively book talk with Heather and ask her questions about her book and the craft of writing. Join us on Tuesday, February 15 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan State/Dayton's Bluff Public Library, 645 E 7th Street. There will be light snacks and beverages. Masks are required, and registration is strongly encouraged. A free copy of the book will be given to the first 30 registrants. Limited library copies for checkout will be available to pick up at Dayton's Bluff Library. Please call 651-793-1699 to register and to check if copies are still available. Teens Know Best (TKB) is a book club for teens, ages 12-18, who want to read and review young adult (YA) books that aren't available to the public yet. TKB is hosted collaboratively by Metro State Library and Saint Paul Public Library.

Senior Lounge is a offered every Friday for older adults to spend time socializing, painting, doing crafts, or completing crosswords puzzles. Join us to connect with each other and to the resources in your neighborhood library. For the time of this drop-in event, call the Dayton’s Bluff Library at 651-793-1699 or visit sppl.org/library-social-worker-assistance/ for more information about services she can provide at the library! Carolyn Hockey is available by phone Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 651-280-2190 or via email Caroly.hockey@wilder.org. For more information about services she can provide, visit sppl.org/library-social-worker-assistance/.

FAIR Banking Solutions Community Ambassadors are now taking appointments at two Saint Paul Public Library Locations! They will be making accounts (checking, savings, and/or credit builder) accessible to the public. Ambassadors will be at Sun Ray and Arlington Hills in Saint Paul. Learn more and register at fairfi-nancial.org.

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

For black and white and $.75 for color. Faxing services are also available for $.25 per page (we can only send faxes, not receive them).

New social worker at the library! Carolyn Hockey is available by phone Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 651-280-2190 or via email Caroly.hockey@wilder.org. For more information about services she can provide, visit sppl.org/library-social-worker-assistance/.

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Dayton’s Bluff Through the Decades
Steve Trumble
This month’s history article is going to be three different posts from various sources and different times that occurred in the Dayton’s Bluff area. The first event takes place more than a century ago and deals with a person who will be a major brewer in St. Paul.

Between the Civil War veteran Reinhold Koch became an owner of the North Star Brewery, he hired Jacob Schmidt, an experienced German Brewermeister. Schmidt did such a good job increasing production that by the 1880s the North Star Brewery was the largest brewery west of Chicago, producing at an annual clip of 12,000 barrels.

Schmidt was brought in as a partner and in 1884 he became the sole owner. He continued to run the successful company below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plant. He then moved below the bluff until 1900, when a major fire destroyed the plan...
View From My Porch
Sage Holben

January seemed, at first, to mark our burgeoning into our third year of living with COVID-19. Happily for me, it was my son Sam’s 50th birthday, and he chose to celebrate it with me! Sam and his significant other, Stephen, drove up from Madison for a three-day weekend. During our COVID life I have been visiting them and the children, adults, and school aged in Madison. It has made more sense in controlling any possible viruses among the ages. With them here away from their jobs, I enjoy more time with them in conversation — my dinner alone with Sam at Kinkaid’s on Friday felt like a respite. Meaningful, personal topics, and sharing deep feelings. As I age, I find there are thoughts and memories I want to share with my son. I talked to him about our dog, Liesel, and the day I was in for a real treat.

While I browsed re-homing sites, I found “the one.” Greta after her health cross the “rainbow bridge” last December. I had to be a sign. Sure enough! The woman contacted me, this day, and introduced me to her new furry family member, Liesel. She seemed to him.

I fell in love instantly and Liesel came home with me that day. She seemed docile enough — snuggling, wearing little sweaters, being sweet with Lucy and Go-lah. She seemed to be a real treat.

It amazes me still to this day, despite having many dogs throughout my childhood and adulthood, that each dog has such different personalities. Greta was so stubby and she was so connections of the house. She would only allow you to love her when she wanted it. Lucy is beyond clingy and will take love where she can find it. Go-lah barely barks and is so laid back, which is quite unusual for a weenie. But Liesel...what can I say? She’s a firecracker! She loves to tease, bark a lot, she’s curious, and thinks she’s brave, even when she’s not (she’s afraid of our turtles). She will take love where she can find it. Go-lah barely barks and is so laid back, which is quite unusual for a weenie. But Liesel...what can I say? She’s a firecracker! She loves to tease, bark a lot, she’s curious, and thinks she’s brave, even when she’s not (she’s afraid of our turtles).

Featured Pet of the Month
Liesel Lou
Allison Lund-Zalewski

This little spitfire is Liesel Lou. My husband and I adopted her last spring and she just celebrated her first birthday in January! We had made the tough decision to help our nine-year-old dachshund, Greta, cross the “rainbow bridge” last December after her health failed. We both told each other that we will continue to love our other two dachshunds, Lucy and Goliath, and wait a while to adopt another.

While I browsed re- homing sites, I didn’t find “the one.” Greta was my baby before I even met my husband, so her loss was devastating. Well, just as I was beginning to call site-surfing quits for a while, my little Liesel popped up on a rehoming site. However, there were over 100 comments of people inquiring about her and it was sure she had been chosen by someone else. I didn’t think I would have a chance to talk to her last owner, let alone adopt her! I told myself and convinced my husband that if, out of those hundreds of people, the woman contacted me, this had to be a sign. Sure enough! The woman had said that because we had two other weenie lovers at home, we seemed like the perfect people to adopt Liesel.

So, the next day I went to meet the lady “just to see if I liked Liesel.” Yeah right...put any dachshund in front of me and I’m smitten. Insert my husband rolling his eyes when I tried explaining that to him.

February Events Happening in Ramsey County

February 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: Authors Read and Recommend: Brian Malloy: Meet Brian Malloy, author of the novels Twelve Long Months; Brendan Wolf; The Year of Ice, and after Francesco. Presented by Ramsey County Library. There is also a virtual option to attend.

February 2, 9, 23, 12:30-2 p.m.: The Presidency of Barack Obama with J.B. Anderson Part Two: Join historian and the creator of the popular History of the Presidents series, J.B. Anderson, for a look at the accomplishments and the complicated ongoing legacy of President Barack Obama. Presented by Ramsey County Library.

February 3, 10, 17, 24, 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.

February 5, 6, 12, 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Winter Recreational Sampler: Experience kid-sledding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding, and more.

February 7, 1-2:30 p.m.: Virtual Job Club — Interviewing: Interviewing Success plus open forum.

February 14, 1-2:30 p.m.: Virtual Job Club — Job Search: Interviewing Success plus open forum.

February 16, 9:30-11:30 a.m.: StrengthsFinder Online — Participants will take the Clifton StrengthsFinder assessment to discover their top five strengths, and learn how to leverage and turn your dominant talents into strengths for career planning. Hosted by Workforce Solutions.

February 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: We Are Meant to Rise Panel Discussion — Join local authors as they read and discuss their writings from We Are Meant to Rise: Voices for Justice from Minneapolis to the World. Presented by Ramsey County Library.

February 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m.: Explore Your Career Personality — Attendees will participate via internet access, and the ability to stream video and audio through your computer is required.

February 28, 1-2 p.m.: Virtual Job Club — Career Direction: Assessments and job searching tips.

For more information about these events, go to 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 soon be found online at daytonsblluffdistrictforum.org, click on “East Side Eating” at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

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I was recently told there was a new restaurant in the community that had just opened. So, I had to go find it and add their name to my Taste Trek. I had an address that I put into Google and a map showed where it was. It seemed I had been there when it was the Taste of Thai. It seemed I had been there when it was the Taste of Thai. It seemed I had been there when it was the Taste of Thai. It seemed I had been there when it was the Taste of Thai. It seemed I had been there when it was the Taste of Thai.

The Wokery features Pan-Asian and there was a sign inside using the term Authentic Asian Cooking. I’m not enough of an expert on food styles, so you figure out what to call things after you eat there, so you will figure out what to call things after you eat there.

When I entered, I saw a large single room with a lot of windows, good lighting, and a tile floor that was wood or of a similar composition. The walls were done in a wood and red 3rd. No large or small television. There was a large kitchen and a cashier’s area. There was a lot of empty space on the walls, but there are some artwork and posters.

There were around eight long tables that seats at least eight people and a few smaller ones with four chairs each. It was snowing fairly hard and there were only a few other people there at the time, which was around 5 p.m.

On one side wall there was a trio of photos. One of a cash registers. The other two are framed posters. One says “Chop it Like it’s Hot.” Any ideas? There were several of what I would call traditional Japanese lanterns strung over the cashier’s area. And some decorative pumpkins were sitting here and there that may or may not be left over from Halloween. There is a little machine that you can get a piece of bubble gum for a quarter just inside the front door. Here are some, but not all, of the menu items. You can see all of them on their website:

Small Plates: Including shrimp, egg rolls, cheese puffs, gyozas (dumplings filled with meat), satay (Southeast Asian dish with pieces of meat grilled on a skewer).

Noodles: pho, coconut curry noodles, pad Thai, traditional lo mein, Singapore mee fun, tempura shrimp, and xiaolongbao served with rice or fried rice for an extra $2.

Daily Features: Teryaki chicken, Vietnamese rice platter, crispy pork belly, catfish curry, Mongolian stir fry, green beans, and gai law.


Sides: miso soup, steamed edamame, seaweed salad, and jica salad.

Beverage/Dessert: Thai tea, green tea, Thai pink cooler, can sodas, several kinds of boba, triple color (nun van), and mochi ice cream.

I decided on the pad Thai that isn’t exciting, but it is one of my favorites. Maybe I’ll come back and try something more exotic. Oh, I also decided on a Coke. Wokery still does a lot of catering for events, birthdays and the like. They have a sheet that shows what they can bring and the prices if you ask for one. The restaurant even accepts checks along with cash and cards. They are hoping to expand seating in the future and extend the hours they are open. There is plenty of parking in their lot to the east of the building. You need to wear masks (as I did, and I even had my receipts of vaccination and boosters) but you can take them off while eating. They are requiring social distancing and they carefully clean off tables after use.

Both photos below provided by Steve Trimble.

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