**Dayton's Bluff Co-Ed Flag Football Team Selected**

Mario Stokes

Dayton’s Bluff Co-Ed Flag football team was selected in partnership with the Vikings to go to the NFL Pro Bowl Flag Football Championships. There were eight boys and two girls on our team. We left February 1st and flew into Las Vegas. Our team played four games all which where hard fought. We got to tour Allegiant field and met professional players such as Justin Tucker (Kicker Baltimore Ravens), Jared Goff (QB Lions), Danielle Hunter (DB Vikings), Andrew DePaola (Long Snapper).

The kids had an absolute blast and would like to say a big thank you to The Minnesota Vikings for the opportunity. Flag football is like regular football, but there is no tackling people, and the defense has to remove a flag or flag belt from the ball carrier. There are several other teams in St. Paul. The Minnesota Vikings paid for all the Bluff teams expenses. Photos provided by Jane Prince and Mario Stokes.

**Friends of Swede Hollow Hosting Descendants of Connemara Irish**

**Free Film Event for All**

Brad Griffith

The Irish residents of the Connemara Patch community came from the western coastal areas of Counties Galway and Mayo, Ireland. They were small tenant farmers, fishermen, and kelp gatherers who had recently suffered from the Forgotten Famine that gripped the area between 1879 to 1881. Most of the early inhabitants traveled to Minnesota under the sponsorship of two assisted emigration programs: the Graceville Catholic Colonization Scheme (1880) and James Hack Tuke’s Fund (1882-1884).

The Graceville emigration program was coordinated by Father James Nugent, an English Catholic social reformer, and Bishop John Ireland of the Diocese of Saint Paul. The Catholic Church sponsored the passage of over thirty destitute families and set aside hundreds of acres of farmland near the community of Graceville in Big Stone County, Minnesota.

Unfortunately, the program largely failed. One factor was that the emigrants did not arrive in Graceville until early July of 1880 — far too late in Minnesota’s short growing season. Some other issues included language barriers, the emigrants lack of large-scale farming experience, and familiarity with western Minnesota’s deep prairie soil, and a record-breaking cold and snow event during the winter of 1880-1881. In the spring of 1881, Bishop Ireland released most of the settlers from their obligations and helped them resettle in St. Paul in the area that became known as Connemara Patch. This film tells their story.

**Metro Gold Line Construction Open Houses**

Compiled from Information on the Metro Transit Website metrorail.org/gold-line-project

The Metro Gold Line will be Minnesota’s first bus rapid transit (BRT) line that operates primarily within bus-only lanes. Gold Line will provide frequent, 10-15 minute, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week. The planned 10-mile route is between St. Paul and Woodbury with bus-only lanes being constructed generally north of and near Interstate 94. It will become operational in 2025.

The route through Dayton’s Bluff and the rest of the East Side will be on Hudson Road and Old Hudson Road with construction of several new connecting bus lanes and bridges. There will be two stations in Dayton’s Bluff, located at Mounds Blvd and Third St., and Earl St. and Hudson Road. The three other St. Paul stations will be at Etna St., Hazel St. and Sun Ray. There will also be a Park and Ride at Sun Ray. Join us at an upcoming open house to learn about what to expect with construction in 2023! Information about construction throughout the entire corridor will be available at all meetings. Stop by anytime throughout the meeting time frame to talk with staff one-on-one about any of your questions. There will be no formal presentation. Information on the full line will be available at all open houses.

**Landfall/Oakdale/Woodbury Open House**

Thursday, March 16, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Grace of God Lutheran Church
420 Hayward Ave. N., Oakdale

**East St. Paul Open House**

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Dayton’s Bluff Elementary
262 Bates Ave., St. Paul

**East St. Paul/Maplewood Open House**

Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Eastern Heights Elementary
2001 Margaret St., St. Paul

**Downtown St. Paul Open House**

Tuesday, March 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Metropolitan Council Chambers
390 Robert St. N., St. Paul

For more information on the Gold Line including detailed plans, videos and interactive maps, visit metrorail.org/gold-line-project.

**Read the paper online at daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org**
Family Coaches Now Available Through Ramsey County

American Indian, African American/Black Families

Ramsey County

Family coaching services for American Indian families and those caring for American Indian children are now available through Montessori American Indian Child Care Center. Family coaches offer strength, motivation and holistic support for up to one year to help families thrive.

How do families receive coaching? Community providers and staff from Ramsey County and Family Values Life and Community Care providers and staff from Ramsey County and Montessori American Indian Child Care Center can initiate a referral. Families can also request a referral. The completed referral will be sent to Family Values for Life who will contact the interested person with more details.

What do family coaches do?: Implement Kellogg Family-Centered Coaching Model to meet families where they are and help them work towards stability. Provide a safe space for families to access and navigate culturally responsive, community-based resources and services for themselves and children, resolve challenges, and develop their own solutions needed to reaching their personal goals. Offer voluntary, flexible, holistic, trauma-informed, follow-along support to assist families in acquiring skills and setting goals. Provide support for families for a minimum of six months.

Friends of Swede Hollow

The mission of the Friends of Swede Hollow is to protect the natural beauty of Swede Hollow Park and remember its past.

Friends of Swede Hollow will hold their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 651-776-0550 or email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

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 31 at 11 a.m. If you’d like to attend, call 651-776-0550 or email daytonbluffdistrictforum@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.

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting is inviting everyone to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, March 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street.

Come meet your neighbors, share your ideas, hear from others, and elect board members. Your voice matters! Welcome address from the Board President, remarks from other local officials, open discussion with your neighbors, and board members. Looking forward to seeing you and serving your neighborhood needs. All are welcome.

New National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route calls to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Text or Dial: 988 just launched as an alternative to calling 911.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Gas Leak: 800-885-2999. Power Outage: 800-895-1999 . Call 811 before starting construction work, remembering that you must call before starting any activity that involves digging or excavating in the public right-of-way. The National Uniform Call Before You Dig program is a free service to help protect you and your neighbors.

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 651-484-8241 or email naps@2harvest.org and someone will assist you with your application.

Need Groceries?

Visit moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets and get more information on up-coming events. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

Community Garden Plots Available

Skidmore Park Community Garden has 24 raised bed plots that are available to the public. Located near Earl Street and East 4th Street. Cost is $20 per season. Grants are available. For more information or to request an application, email Steve at SkidmoreGarden@gmail.com.
St. Paul Company is Recognized

Mitchell Lallier

Ninoska Salinas Lallier and Mitchell Lallier from S & L Team Cleaning have worked hard at developing a working relationship with many community groups. They have built a strong company that this year received awards because of their work with the disability community and recognized for their dedication and hard work in the community.

Each award cites the company’s effort to hire handicapped, older workers, Veterans, and people from the immigrant community. S & L Team Cleaning has a work force that has 40% of their workers have some type of disability but perform their work every day providing cleaning in many areas of the metro area.

Hennepin County Mike Freeman recognized Mitchell’s dedication and hard work in the community. Besides the cleaning of libraries and other offices in Hennepin County, S & L Team Cleaning was responsible for two COVID centers and three homeless shelters during the pandemic.

S & L Team Cleaning is always trying to find new employees to meet the goals of the company and to help their 55 employeess to reach their goals. Mitchell says that everyone has talents, and he helps everyone to shine and be successful.

Frank Herd, Placement Coordinator for Vocational Rehabilitation Services of the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development Department and Alanna Rice Career Consultant said S & L Team Cleaning genuinely deserves the award from the agency.

Mitchell works with each employee to make sure they understand their jobs from the daily cleaning that they need to accomplish, and he makes sure they understand their jobs from the daily cleaning they need to accomplish. Mitchell also wants to make sure they can get to work to adjust the job duties for each individual worker.

Ramsay County Commissioner, Mary JO McGuire, is very impressed with S & L Team Cleaning’s energy and charisma that is a given for each employee. It seems that Mitchell and his staff have a “We Can Do Anything” attitude when we set our minds to getting done.

Tracy Chinelt, the Operations Manager, has worked with S & L Team Cleaning for 11 years. She started out as a part time house cleaner and has moved up in the company to Operations Manager because of her positive attitude and helping everyone get to where they want to be.

At Ramsey East Government Center, more than 50% of the workers have some type of disability. So, Ramsey County along with the State Senator John Hoffman of Brooklyn Park says, “With Mitchell, people of disabilities they find a place where they can thrive and do a good job.”

Like his mother, the late Edith Lallier, Executing Director for Ramsey Action Program (Antipoverty program) in the 1970s and a founder of Head start, Mitchell Lallier finds pathway to success for people he hires. Hoffman says Mitchell sees potential in every person he meets. He creates flexibility in places where his employees need it, Hoffman explains.

Mitchell Lallier is a fixture in the St. Paul area because of his work with the YMCA in their aquatic program, running the state youth handball program, being part of S & L Team Cleaning, Chairing the neighbor advisory for the HHB Job Corps. He stays involved to help anyone that needs a helping hand to build their future.

Mitchell and Ninoska Lallier feel very honored to be awarded for their work to help and build a better place for persons of disability and providing the opportunity to prove anyone the chance can be successful in work and the community.

March Events Happening in Ramsey County

March 1, 2:30-6 p.m.; COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic-Consulate of Mexico — Ramsey County Public Health offers free COVID-19 vaccine clinics throughout the community.

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Career Services in Roseville — Stop by the library in Roseville for drop-in job search assistance and career planning services.

March 2, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Open Senior Skate at Aldrich Center — Senior Skate is open to 55-plus.

March 4, 9-10 a.m.; Mid-Winter Bird Discovery Walk — Join us as we celebrate the season by tapping maple trees, boiling sap and enjoying maple treats.

March 5, 9, 11 a.m.-noon; Youth Works! Orientation — Come learn about Youth Works!, a county-wide youth employment partnership initiative.

March 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Building Your Own Future: Trade Up — Union job opportunities for Ramsey County residents.

March 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sap to Syrup — Join us as we celebrate the season by tapping maple trees, boiling sap and enjoying maple treats.

March 14, 28, 11 a.m.; Union Depot Tour — Union Depot tour to learn about the history, recent renovation, sustainability initiatives, expanding transit options and much more.

For more information about these events, go to ramseycounty.us/calendar and choose March dates on the left-hand side.
February 11, 1965: There was a Lincoln Day dance at the Dayton’s Bluff American Legion Post #515.

February 11, 1936: An East side woman speaks on radio about “Home Women in Politics.”

February 12, 1925: Mounds Park School PTA group votes 37-8 in favor of child amendment to the federal constitution.

February 13, 1920: A union card was proudly windowed in the lobby of John Peyton’s bar shop at 70 E. 7th Street. February 15, 1966: William C. Figgie retired as president of Hamm’s Brewery.

February 18, 1985: H. P. Keller speaks to neighborhood residents in “Dayton’s Bluff 50 years ago.” (Keller grew up in Dayton’s Bluff and became a city council member, the city’s mayor, and a county commissioner).

February 26, 1927: Dayton’s Bluff Grocer was awarded a 98-pound bag of Gold Medal Flour for $4.09.

February 26, 1942: A four-week strike ended at 3M (then known as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing) Installers Union wins contracts.

February 28, 1930: St. John’s Men’s Card Club holds party with prizes for high scores inbridge and 500.

February 27, 1925: Large minstrel program and basket social sponsored by the Big Brothers Club of the Dayton’s Bluff M. E. Church.

March 1, 1978: Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood joins the Citizen’s League to promote the renaissance of the East Side.

March 2, 1925: Harding High School boys write a letter to the newspaper protesting the 21 girls enrolled in metal shop classes.

March 2, 1925: The Dayton’s Bluff Improvement Association adopts motto: “Remember, united we stand, separated we fall.”

March 14, 1930: The Philately Club organization (stamp collectors) meet at the East Recreation Council.

March 15, 1939: “New Salem Silverware” were given to women moviegoers in the Radio Theater.

March 19, 1904: The Sacred Heart sisters occupy their new home.

March 21, 1930: St. John’s Rosary Society sponsors a series of card parties to raise funds for a school building.

March 3, 1930: Sacred Heart Church ordered a 1,000 pound church bell from St. Louis, Missouri.


March 11, 1930: T N T players Miss Aimie Grandmairets was cast as the lead actress in “Miss Lulu Bett.”

March 12, 1921: Herman C. Wenzel, a Dayton’s Bluff barber, begins campaign for city councilman.

March 21, 1929: the East Side Association was pushing for a four-year pool permit for the new Harding High School at a City Council meeting.

March 21, 1919: The Lind shoe company founded by Eric Lind. (The company stayed at 712 East 7th until 1970, when they moved to Stillwater.)

March 26, 1927: Thedegree of “Order of the Mystic Arabs” is conferred on some members at Odd Fellows Hall at 4th and Reaney, serving refreshments and cigars.

March 2, 1930: The Van Buren School PTA presented a play “Sewing to the Heaten.”

March 4, 1935: Home for the Friendless at 755 E. 7th changed its name to The Protestant Home of St. Paul.

March 6, 1955: A group of men meet in home of Bob Wylie of Johnson Parkway and formed plans for Parkway Little League.

March 7, 1917: Vessuvius Club holds sleigh party at home of Edmund Les- man, 803 Margaret, with refreshments at A. J. Reinhardt’s at 850 Faquier.

March 13, 1936: Harding High’s Beacon newspaper reports the formation of a school madrigal singing club.

March 16, 1902: The St. Paul Globe reports a visit to Commercia Park, calls it “St. Paul’s most unique amusement.”

March 19, 1942: Joan Pepin, 375 Bates Avenue, is a winner in the children’s arts class sponsored by WPA Red Cross.

March 25, 1927: Homes along Commer- cial Street and southern 4th, 5th, and 6th were taken by the construction of high- way I-94.

We’ve had a really snowy winter and we might get more in March, but the official first day of spring is March 20th. Snow will start to melt, trees will start to grow, warmer and it’s easier to play out door. Kids can go outside to see the snow falling and the trees starting to grow. The official first day of spring is March 20th.

The No-cook Cookbook: More Than 50 Heart-free Recipes for Young Chefs by Rebecca Woodard

Cooking can be so much more than using the stove. Here’s a book full of ideas for something to do. Have your adults told you to get off the electronic devices? This book comes to the rescue will all kinds of ideas to have fun and be creative. If you are looking for ideas on how to use your Legos, this is a great book to start with. The library has many more books on this subject so you will have lots of ideas to do before you toss them.

The Lego Book by Daniel Lipkowitz

If you are looking for ideas on how to use your Legos, this is a great book to start with. The library has many more books on this subject so you will have lots of ideas to do before you toss them.

A selection committee comprised of staff from several City departments will be recommending Vang Partners, Inc. as the tentative developer for the original Hamm’s Brewery Complex follow ing an extensive request for proposals (RFP) and review process. Vang is the experienced developer of affordable housing, commercial, and historic rehab projects. Their propos al most closely aligned with the RFP review criteria and the vision of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to create an East Side anchor de velopment.

Specifically, the JB Vang plan proposes: 259 affordable housing units, with one and two-bedroom rentals and own ership live/work studios in the renovated brewery complex and family-sized own ership rowhomes and rental apartments in a new construction building. 56,000 square feet of commercial space, includ ing a two-story marketplace in the for mer brewhouse; and an outdoor public plaza, indoor community space and greenspace adjacent to Swede Hollow Park and Bruce Vento Trail.

The proposal from JB Vang considered the cultural and economic needs of the neighborhood and offered the largest number and greatest variety of affordable housing types and a balance of residential, commercial and multiple op portunities for wealth building through homeownership and entrepreneurship are also part of the plan.

The redevelopment of the historic Hamm’s Brewery is a landmark project for Saint Paul’s East Side that will enable this site to again serve as a hub of vibrant community activity,” said Ward 7 City Councilmember Jane Prince. “This project will restore what was once the beating heart of the East Side and create a new engine, a cultural and economic need for our neighborhood. Additionally, this location connects Payne and Arcade’s popular business districts that are undergoing their own successful revitalization ef forts.”

“Could there be a bigger choice for master developer than JB Vang Partners, who is an exceptional, local expert in the fields of housing, commercial, and institutional development throughout Minnesota,” said Councilmember Prince. “Company principal Kuo Vang, who is well known to East Siders as a community leader, delivered a proposal that is truly innovative, vibrant and a perfect fit for our neighborhood and added back our diverse multicultural commu nity’s values and aspirations.”
What's Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library?

Show your work in our Micro Gallery. Dayton's Bluff Library is looking for artists, crafters, and collectors to display their work to the community. Our Micro Gallery is a lit, locked, glass display case in the hub of our library. Items can be no larger than 12” x 15” x 1 1/2” and there are four shelves available. Displays rotate monthly. Please keep content suitable for the general public. While we will list contact information for artists, we cannot sell artwork. Submit a sample photo of what you would like to display to daytonslibrary@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call 651-793-1699 for more information.

Volunteer with us! Whether you love the quiet and calm of the fiction stacks or the joyful fun of our children’s programming, there is a place for you to help. Volunteers are integral part of the work we do and we have a wide range of opportunities for you to get involved. Reading mentors, homework tutors, tech assistants, teen mentors, garden helpers, and library assistants are a few ways you can support your neighborhood libraries. We invite you to be a part of our team as we connect, learn, discover, and grow with the communities we serve. Tell us a little about yourself in an email to Dayton's Bluff@ci.stpaul.mn.us and we will contact you to learn about your volunteering interests and skills. Stop in and play at our new game table. Challenge your friends to a chess match, a round of cribbage, or a hand of cards.

Teen Tuesdays @ Dayton's Bluff Library:
Join us every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8 for a safe and fun space to hang out, eat snacks, and meet new people. Stop in for Dungeons and Dragons on March 7th and 21st, Teens Know Bay St Book Club on March 14th, and Teen Writers’ Guild on March 28th.

We play Teen Dungeons and Dragons at the Table every first and third Tuesday of the month. We welcome seasoned campaigners and people who are curious to learn about the game. There will be hot chocolate and snacks! Masks are welcome but not mandatory. For more information go to: rpg.org/teen-tuesday-dungeons-dragons.

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.

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

Dayton’s Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, is a public library branch located inside the Metro State University Library and Learning Center. We are open six days a week offering books, movies, music, interni, internet stations, programs and services for all ages. The outdoor book drop is always open.

St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority Announces Next Round Of Inspiring Communities Developers

Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority

The Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Board announced finalists to redevelop the latest batch of Inspiring Communities properties. The Inspiring Communities program provides focused investment in neighborhoods most impacted by foreclosure and vacancy and supports developers and homebuyers to create new, affordable homeownership opportunities and rental units on land owned by the HRA.

The most recent request for proposals (RFP) included twelve vacant lots available for developers to construct housing on HRA-owned properties and resell the homes to buyers with low and moderate household incomes. The City of Saint Paul received proposals for 11 of the 12 properties and the following have now been identified as finalists to be awarded developer rights.

Nine emerging developers responded to the request for proposals. This is an increase of 50% over any prior Inspiring Communities RFP and the result of a concerted effort by the HRA, the City of Saint Paul, the Incremental Development Alliance (IDOA), Partners, Family Housing Fund, LISC Twin Cities, the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund and others to engage emerging developers and developers who are Black, Indigenous and people of color and address barriers to their participation in publicly subsidized real estate development. Four of the finalists identified above are emerging developers.

“I was pleased to see the number of emerging and BIPOC developers directly in response to our efforts to incorporate more developers into our RFP process,” shared Commissioner Rebecca Neeley during the December 14 HRA meeting.

“And just the number of multi-unit responses as well...it’s really exciting to see these innovative models come forward.”

“How wonderful it is for us to be bringing forward all these emerging developers on projects where they can really learn the process and reenter in the future with experience and knowledge," said Commissioner Jane Prince. “The boot camp that we've done to reach out make very proud. Construction could start as soon as spring 2023, with homes reaching the market 12 to 18 months later. Financing for these projects will come from federal, state, and local sources, including the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency’s Community Homeownership Impact Fund, Community Development Block Grant funds made available through the City’s Capital Improvement Budget and the City of Saint Paul’s Housing Trust Fund.

“With home prices and interest rates on the rise, affordable homeownership opportunities are more important than ever,” said City of Saint Paul Housing Director Tara Beard. “Supporting the growth of emerging and BIPOC developers while creating those opportunities makes this good news even better.”

People interested in buying a home constructed through the program should first contact a nonprofit homeownership advisor. Contact information for homeownership advisors and additional information about the Inspiring Communities program can be found at www.stpaul.gov/inspir ingcommunities.

Since its creation in 2013, the Inspiring Communities program has added over 300 affordable homeownership opportunities and over 50 new affordable rental units to the City’s housing stock. Nearly two out of every three homebuyers and more than three out of every four renters served through the program are people of color.

The HRA may offer additional properties for sale or redevelopment in the future. Subscribe to our email notification list to receive updates regarding future requests for proposals.

Brief Bluff Pieces

G.B LeBoy

Did you know that there is a Dayton’s Bluff Family Center inside the Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center? I didn’t until I recently found it while delivering the Fo rum newspaper in mid-February. I happened to see a space that included the names including Neighborhood House, and the Dayton’s Bluff Family Center. It has some relation to the West Side organiza tion. They have a wide range of offer ings and it can help local people to vari ous community resources.

Their resources include a food pantry, free household items, hygiene/personal products, and a clothing closet. There are resources that can help people find furni ture, there is telephone and computer ac cess, and some sources such as assistance searches, resumes, and resources including MNsure health coverage.

It is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. inside the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center on Conway Street. Contact Tiffany Ramirez for more information at 651-793-7342.

I also recently ran across something posted on the internet that I thought some East Siders would find interesting. Thursday May 19, 1881, it was reported to Saint Paul Police Headquarters about 9:30 p.m. that a group of tramps had tak en possession of the North Star Brewery located on Commercial Street between Plum and Hudson. SPPD Officers Roseland and Murphy were dis patched. Arriving at the brewery they found a mess and the proprietor Reinhold Koch reported that earlier in the evening six tramps had paid him a visit and threat ened injury if interfered with, drank a large quantity of beer, got drunk, and left without paying. These were veteran po lice officers, and they knew to search nearby Curver's Cave in Dayton's Bluff which was a known hangout for tramps. The trio found four men there whose drunken condition seemed to prove police instincts correct. They were arrested and swapped the comfort of the cave for the city jail. The four would get 10 days in jail.

Note: The North Star Breweries Brew master was Jacob Schmidt. Schmidt would go on to take over North Star and when it burned down purchase the Stahlmann Brewery on West 7th where it became the Schmidt Brewery. Another Bluff piece was on the internet lately. The East Side Business Association announced that the East Side's own Kendall's ACE Hardware & Home Improvement, located on Payne Avenue, has been selected for the major award in the ACE coop. Only two stores out of the 5,000 received this honor. They were named "Coolest Store on the Planet." I have to say that is so apt. Congratulations! A picture shows Mary L. Was presenting their Silver Saw Award to the President of Ace, John Vanheuizen.
Recipes from Rondo
Put together by Steve Trimble

If I had found the cookbook in my piles, I would have put this in the Forum for February, which was Black History Month.

The Pilgrim Baptist Church in Saint Paul is the oldest African American church in the state of Minnesota. A group of enslaved people left Missouri and began worshiping in 1866 under the leadership of escapee Robert Thomas Hickman. This cookbook was created by the Young Women Guild of Pilgrim Baptist in 1975 and these are a few of its recipes:

**Shrimp Creole**
Submitted by "A Friend"

Shrimp Creole owes its sweet, spicy thickness to tomato sauce with tomato tidbits.

**Ingredients:**
-1/2 teaspoon paprika
-1/4 teaspoon thyme
-1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
-1 clove garlic, minced
-1/2 cup diced celery
-1/2 cup diced onion
-1/2 cup chopped parsley
-1/2 cup chopped okra
-1/2 cup chopped green pepper
-1/2 cup chopped tomato sauce
-1 cup cooked rice

**Directions:** Combine all ingredients. Cook for 30 minutes on low heat. This sauce can be kept sealed or in refrigerato tor.

**Barbecue Sauce**
Submitted by Marie C. Matthews

-1 large can tomato puree
-1 tablespoons salt
-1/2 teaspoon paprika
-1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
-1/2 cup water

**Ingredients:**

**Directions:** Combine all ingredients. Cook for 30 minutes on low heat. This sauce can be kept sealed or in refrigerato tor.

**Chitterlings**
Submitted by Margaret Rinehart

-10 pounds chitterlings
-1/2 cup diced onion
-1/2 cup chicken gizzards
-2 tablespoons melted shortening
-2 tablespoons vinegar
-2 tablespoons water

**Ingredients:**

**Directions:** Mix above ingredients, add 1 egg and milk until of running consistency. Pour into 8 x 8 inch greased pan. Bake at 400 degrees until brown.

**Cornbread Dressing**
Submitted by Mary Blakely

-1/2 cup corn meal
-2/3 cups water
-1/2 cup flour
-1/2 cup sugar
-1/2 cup shortening
-2 eggs
-1/2 cup sour milk

**Ingredients:**

**Directions:** Mix above ingredients, add 1 egg and milk until of running consistency. Pour into 8 x 8 inch greased pan. Bake at 400 degrees until brown.

**Save the Date for Art in the Hollow**

Mark your calendar, Art in the Hollow will be on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Swede Hollow Park.

For more information call 651-776-0550.

Come find this hidden gem of St. Paul’s park system, and we’ll open the summer by filling the park with local art! You can park your car at Saint Paul Brewing and wander through the reimagined ruins of city history en route to the park, winding the path under the shadow of the old Hamm Brewery building.

You’ll find art, nature, food, history, and community!

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April Easter Events Happening in the Cities

Family Fun Twin Cities

Easter egg hunts are a great way to celebrate the season with colorful eggs hidden in nooks and crannies in the Turnblad Mansion. Register for one of two sessions. Located at: American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis.

Party & Egg Hunt — Bring your bunny to this fun event, then decorate your bunny before taking it home. For ages 5-12. Located at: East Philippines Park, 2599 17th Ave S, Minneapolis.

April 8, 9:30 a.m.-1:23 p.m.; Free: Senior Easter Egg Hunt at the Castle — An Easter egg hunt in a castle! Hunt high and low for colorful egg hidden in nooks and corners.

April 1, 1-3 p.m.; Free: Harrison Spring Egg Hunt — Family-friendly fun, including springtime activities, games, giveaways, and an egg hunt. Activities are best for ages 1-12, but all families are welcome. Located at: Harrison Park, 503 Irving Ave N, Minneapolis.

April 8, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; $5: Bunny Party & Egg Hunt — While Windom Park hosts the bigger kids, Audubon Park hosts a fun-filled morning for kids ages 6 and under, which includes an Egg Hunt, crafts and breakfast goodies. Egg Hunt is at 11am. Pre-registration is required to receive a treat bag. Located at: Audubon Park Rec Centers, 1320 29th Ave. NE, Minneapolis.

April 8, noon-2 p.m.; Free: Bunny Party & Egg Hunt — Windom Park, ages 7-12 with games, a bounce house, children’s egg hunt and more. (Audubon Park for the little kids). Registration Required. Located at: Windom Park NE, 2251 Hayes Street N.E., Minneapolis.

April 8, 10 a.m.-noon; Free: Phalen Neighborhood Eggsstravaganza — Hunt for eggs by age for crawlers through fifth grade, crafts, spin art, field games, photographs with the Easter Bunny. All Ages. Located at: Phalen Recreation Center, 1000 E. Wren, Saint Paul.

April 8, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Free for egg hunt with two different age categories (at 11 and 11:45 a.m.), egg decorating and baskets, tissue paper flowers and spin art. Register for the Van Cleve spring hunt. Located at: Van Cleve Park, 501 130th Ave SE, Shakopee.

April 8, noon-3 p.m.; Free: Fairview Spring Egg Hunt — Plenty of activities to celebrate spring, including games, giveaways, food, and an exciting egg hunt. This event is for all ages but activities are designed for ages 1-12. All families are welcome. Located at: Farview Park, 623 N 26th Ave, Minneapolis.

April 8, 10 a.m.; Free: Kids Easter Egg Hunt — Have fun coloring, bunny photos (bring your own camera), balloon art, kids crafts and egg hunt. Located at: Midtown Global Market, 100 S and 10th Avenue South, Minneapolis.

April 8, 10 a.m.; Free: Mill City Church Easter Egg Hunt — All are welcome to join in the annual hunt with check-in at 10am. Located at: Logan Park, 690 13th Ave. NE, Minneapolis.

April 8, 4:30 p.m.; $5: Stewart Park Egg Hunt Night — A fun evening outside – families will design their own eggs. Bring a basket to collect them. Arts & crafts, games and badminton required. Located at: Stewart Park, 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis.

April 8, 10 a.m.; Free; Mill City Church Easter Egg Hunt — Most of the party was at Van Cleve, but the event was in two sites. Note: There will be more events added to the site in the next few weeks. To check back on the website for more information.

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Though we had visited by phone, talking for sometimes two hours, we had not seen each other (other than photos), hugged, looked into each other’s face for about 40 years. (This is where my heart always drops). My sons were about eight and 12 when their father and I divorced. When my older son graduated from our eighth grade, I had just graduated from NWTC with a degree in Marketing Communications. I was sending my resumes from Alaska to the east coast, desperate for employment. My ex had not been paying child support for most of our divorce, nor was he paying the mortgag as he had agreed — the bank was allowing the boys and me to live where there I graduated.

Will had asked me if he could live with his dad in Ohio pending our graduations. A first child, he had been the only child for four years and he and his dad had a close father/son relationship, sharing a sports-based bond. I had to say yes to his living with his dad in another state, against my better judgment, or deny his request and have him stay with me where I was allowing the boys and me to live there until I graduated. I knew he had wondered if he would have these beliefs he felt on the perimeters of his younger years. As he said to me, “...it doesn’t mean I love Dad more than you; or you any less.” At 14 years, my son demonstrated great wisdom.

Though I thought he lacked positive efforts as a husband, and some as a father, making questionable decisions for our family, I knew he loved them, and they him. I agreed to his wish. Life with Dad was not what Will had thought it would be. His dad was home less often; he resented that Will would call me to talk about his day, eventually putting an end to calls except in his presence. It was a difficult position for a young boy. Time went by, he joined the Air Force, learned technical skills, served in Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, and once out, always has had head-hunters calling. I was and am very proud of him. We kept in touch, but not personal visits. In all our contact, Will never challenged my past decisions. This I can laugh about now, but several years ago we would occasionally end our calls in anger and me bawling tears (nothing about our past, we disagreed vehemently on politics, gun control, and civil disobedience/protests closing highways — his mother among them). After a few of these experiences, we agreed we could NOT bring up these subjects. I kept wondering if he would have these beliefs he had lived with me and gone to protests with. But, with all this, I knew he had a truly caring heart, helped strangers or someone in need. Would the joy of visiting my son be as great as the possible blame and anger that might be exposed? I had no need to worry. When he was a child and I was an even older child, our personalities sometimes stormed at each other. Neither of us knew how this would go. I was so gracefully received and never felt a tense moment between us. It was such a perfect visit. I had talked with Kell a bit over the phone over the last couple of years and after meeting her, felt as if I had known this creative, smart young woman all my life. I loved watching my son cook (and totally enjoy it) and we chatted about family recipes I had sent him over the years. When they were young and when either had fallen asleep on the living room sofa, I used to sit on the floor and just watch them as they slept. They were (and are) sooo beautiful. Is that creepy? I still find myself gazing at their faces. It filled me with joy to absorb Will’s face and know it in all its dimensions. Both sons laugh easily, with his crinkles at the corners of his eyes and mouth. As he grew, Will became a young man with shared pictorial histories. We have three ways for you to donate:

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