

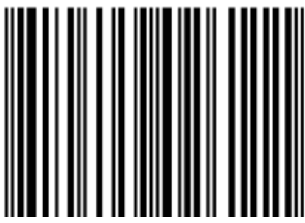
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5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 9 | 83°
Rain 8%
Wind ESE 5 mph
Mainly sunny. High 83F. Winds light and variable.

Thu 10 | 86°
Rain 24%
Wind S 12 mph
Partly cloudy. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 86F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Fri 11 | 75°
Rain 80%
Wind SSW 12 mph
Thunderstorms likely. High around 75F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Sat 12 | 78°
Rain 13%
Wind WNW 13 mph
Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 78F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph.

Sun 13 | 84°
Rain 21%
Wind SSW 12 mph
Mostly sunny skies. High 84F. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph.

Quote of the Week

Life imposes things on you that you can't control, but you still have the choice of how you're going to live through it.

— Céline Dion

A stunning display of Americana at the Great American Kites day



A 600lb Old Glory Kite flew above for the Great American Kite day at Farmamerica July 6. (Journal photo by Jordan Carrillo)

By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

Although it took a few hours for the 600 pound Old Glory to make its way into the Waseca skies above, the American pride and spirit it carried could be felt by those watching below.

It was a rather eventful day for Farmamerica on July 6 as they hosted an educational experience detailing the history and innovation of farming in the Midwest.

Recently, the agricultural depot was awarded 2025 Promoter of the Year from the Minnesota Turkey Research Promotion Council. Outdoor tours were taken by tram and patrons would explore the many sites at Farmamerica including the school house, a small pioneer village, and others.

While there was plenty of hustle and bustle indoors, the outdoor area had its great plains filled with families looking to take to the skies with Sleigh & Cutter hosting its fourth annual Kite Festival to mark the official end of the 75th annual version of the longstanding Waseca tradition. Typically, the Kite Festival has been held during the winter months and hundreds

would flock to a nearby frozen lake to fly their kites high in the sky; however, it was an unusually warm winter, so S&C's organizer, Ken Borgman decided to provide a more "grand finale" to the festivities with a summer event instead. This will be Borgman's final year running Sleigh & Cutter, and a brief round of applause was taken for his outstanding efforts and commitment to the Waseca communities.

With Sleigh & Cutter organizing the event, FarmAmerica being the host, the third company, Great American Kites, would be responsible for keeping patrons looking at the sky and unveiling a kite the size of half a football field.

The business is based out of Kansas City, MO and is the lifelong passion of Sean Beaver; his wife Stephanie would be the saleswoman of the day as she sold a variety of kites (8000 lbs worth) to families eager to unspool their kite and let the wind carry it through the air. Many of these kites, including Old Glory, were handmade by Peter Lynn Kites, a company in

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Elysian 4th Celebration
Thousands in attendance for annual parade



Thousands of spectators came for the 4th of July Parade.

(Journal Photo by Ricardo Moreno)

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

It may not be that much of an exaggeration to say that thousands of locals and visitors traveled to Elysian throughout the week during their 4th of July Celebration from Wednesday, July 2, to Sunday, July 6.

When it comes to patriotism, Elysian's celebration had everything, from the classic pageantry to a grand old parade. All food fried, barbecued, and greasy only added to the celebration of America's birthday. And what would a celebration of a town sitting upon three lakes be without a fishing contest?

The Miss Elysian-Jr. Miss-Princess of the Lakes pageant kicked things off on Wednesday, July 2. The pageant, held at the Elysian Fire Hall, featured two pairs of sisters who earned crowns and sashes. Miley Roemhildt was named Miss Elysian while her younger sister, Madison, was crowned one of the attendants for Princess of the Lakes. Emmi Frank earned the Jr. Miss Elysian title, with her older sister, Elli, becoming Miss Elysian's attendant. Jillian Huber won the Princess of the Lakes title with Nora Potter and Madison as her attendants. Adelaide Splett and Mya Stangler were named Jr. Miss attendants.

Thursday, July 3 featured

the Firefighters' Dance with "Smokescreen" once again providing the musical entertainment. The fiddle sure got people moving under the tent near the fire hall. The Elysian Fire Department's silent auction opened on this day, too.

As the weather heated up for Independence Day, so did the

appearance at the event. The parade was so popular that there were already cars parked along Highway 60 nearly an hour and a half before the parade began, as there were few to no parking spots left in town. Arm wrestling followed the parade, with the Chamber hosting the "Johnny Holm Band "for a dance at 9



celebration itself. The medallion hunt began, with face painting and balloons by Making Faces of Mankato at 11 a.m. Bryce Stenzel...ahem...I mean, Abraham Lincoln then showed up "On the Hill" at the Le Sueur County Historical Society at high noon to recite his Second Inaugural Address. The 39th Annual Bob Childs Turtle Races took place at 12:30 p.m.

Perhaps the most popular event of the whole celebration was the grand parade at 2 p.m. The Janesville Journal made an

p.m.

Things got a bit bumpy on Saturday morning. Showers and thunderstorms threatened to rain on everyone's parade...literally. However, the Lake Francis Boat Parade commenced at 11 a.m. while kids ages 2-12 enjoyed the annual Kids' Fishing Contest at Lake Francis Park. Competitive

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Songs in the Park features first time Farmers Market

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

While Mother Nature may have forced Janesville to reschedule its second Songs in the Park concert along with its first-ever farmers' market, both were rescheduled to the same day without a hitch.

The initial date for both events, set for Thursday, June 26, was forced to be postponed after showers and thunderstorms came through Janesville during the day. It was disappointing, but the reschedule was quick, as they made up the concert and the farmers' market on Tuesday, July 1.

The debut of Janesville's



Farmer's Market began at about 3:30 p.m. and ran until 5:30 p.m. when Songs in the Park started. Located on Front Street south of Veterans Memorial Park, the farmer's market had three vendors. One tent was for

McCarty Farm, located in Waseca, which sold baked goods, including scones. The other was Hofmann Apiaries of rural Janesville, which was selling mini cookies sweetened with their honey and advertising



their upcoming Pollinator Party later this summer. The third tent at the market was a Mankato resident selling excess Tupperware.

Although the farmers' market was admittedly small, the

rescheduling contributed to fewer units than expected. At the EDA meeting on June 12,

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Community Happenings

Waseca County Fair
Waseca
July 9-13

Tator Days
Eagle Lake
July 13-20

City Council Mtg
Janesville
July 14 7pm

Paddlefish Days
Madison Lake
July 24-27

City Council Mtg
Pemberton
July 14 7pm

School Board Mtg
St. Clair
July 21

Janesville Food Shelf
Hours:
Thursdays 1-3 p.m.
Second Thurs. of month
6-7 p.m.
First & Third Sat. of
month 1-3 p.m.

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July 21



Upcoming Events
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408 N STATE ST WASECA, MN 56093
507-835-2910

Minnesota Birds Block Printing
Parcel Arts will teach participants how to carve, ink, and print their very own loon or cardinal to create a block print at **Waseca Public Library on Monday, July 14th at 1 pm.** Geared for adults. Register at the library or at wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered
This event is made possible in part with a grant from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund of the Minnesota Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment through the Traverse des Sioux Library System.

Feathers and Strings
An assortment of intricate marionettes are the featured performers in this delightful, amusing, and eclectic Hunter Marionettes showcase at **Waldorf Public Library on Monday, July 14th at 10 am.** Geared for all ages.

Hunter Marionettes was founded by Kurt and Kathy Hunter. Kurt has designed and built puppets at the Minneapolis Children's Theatre Company and performed with In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre. Kathy is a classically trained soprano.

CD Scratch Art
Upcycle old CDs into colorful art at **Waseca Public Library on Monday, July 14th at 1 pm.** Create a mobile, hang in the garden, or place them on a wall. Ages 7-12.

Colorful Mosaics
Learn how to make a stained glass mosaic from artist Laura Ruprecht. Geared for ages 10-14. Register at the library or at wasecalesueurlibraries.com/getregistered

The events will begin at the following locations:
Tuesday, July 15th @ 10 am: Elysian Area Library
Tuesday, July 15th @ 2 pm: Janesville Public Library
Wednesday, July 16th @ 10 am: New Richland Public Library
Wednesday, July 16th @ 2 pm: Waseca Public Library
Wednesday, July 17th @ 10 am: Montgomery Public Library
Wednesday, July 17th @ 2 pm: Waterville Public Library
Wednesday, July 18th @ 10 am: Le Sueur Public Library
Wednesday, July 19th @ 2 pm: Le Center Public Library
Laura Liz Ruprecht is a stained glass mosaic artist from St. Cloud, MN. She continues to share her boundless passion for mosaics by teaching others and collaborating on public art projects.

Storyland Crafts
Enjoy books about crayons and colors, then bring the stories to life with custom crafts at **Waterville Public Library on Tuesday, July 15th at 5 pm.** This free event is geared for ages 0-5. A Romp 100 Event.

Jigsaw Puzzle Derby
Assemble a team of up to 4 players to compete in a jigsaw puzzle competition at **Janesville Public Library on Tuesday, July 15th at 5:30 pm.** The first team to complete the puzzle wins a prize . . . and bragging rights! Registration required.

Emoji Painting
Paint your emotions into this simple and expressive piece of art at **Janesville Public Library on Thursday, July 17th at 2:30 pm.** Geared for ages 8-12.

Echoes from the Loafers' Club Meeting
I was in a rut, but I changed my life.
How did you do that?
I got a universal remote control. It changes everything.

Driving by Bruce's drive
I have a wonderful neighbor named Bruce. Whenever I pass his drive, thoughts occur to me. I sat in a barbershop as a man had his beard cut—a process called pogonotomy. The growing of a beard is called pogonotrophy. Georg Christoph Lichtenberg wrote, "It is almost impossible to carry the torch of truth through a crowd without singeing somebody's beard."

The weather came in carts and baskets
We've had weather before, but it's all new and different each day. It was hot enough to bake lasagna in the mailbox as I pushed my cart to where it could join a conga line of corralled shopping carts. I didn't get enough items to fill the cart. I'd have used a basket instead of a shopping cart, but baskets don't have wheels and combining that with how short they are makes baskets difficult to push.

I've learned
Our smoke detector came with a guarantee. If our house burns down because the detector didn't work, the company will replace the smoke detector at no charge.
The loud sounds coming from an open window of a car pass-



Compostings
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ing in the night are never from motivational speakers.
The phrase "Rain follows the plow" falsely suggested that farming would increase rainfall in the Great Plains in the 19th century. This misconception, often propagated by land promoters, claimed that human alteration of the landscape would positively affect weather patterns, leading to more rain for crops. Drought and intensive agriculture practices, such as plowing up the native grasses that protected the soil, led to massive dust storms and erosion. The severe droughts of the 1890s and the Dust Bowl of the 1930s demonstrated the fallacy of the theory.

It's a good thing Friday the 13th never happens on a Monday.
I look at a person's face forever, and, eventually, I remember the individual's name. This process is called glacial recognition.
I enjoy a good breakfast. I like to believe there is some truth in what the character Ron Swanson of Parks and Recreation said, "There has never been a sadness that can't be cured by breakfast food."
Bad jokes department

Amazonesia is the inability to remember what you ordered when an Amazon package arrives.
When a daydreaming Uber driver drove past the destination, his backseat passenger gently tapped him on the shoulder. Startled, the driver drove through a red light and almost hit a bus before he pulled over. The passenger said, "I'm sorry I gave you such a fright." "It was my fault," said the driver. "This is my first day driving for Uber. For the past 25 years, I drove a hearse."
A limbo champion walks into a bar, and his winning streak ended.
Nature notes
Casey Madson of Hartland watched swallows hunt a farm field and wondered what kind of eyesight they have to be successful in catching flying insects. Barn swallows have exceptional eyesight, which is crucial for their aerial hunting style. They are two eyes with wings and have a bifoveate retina, meaning they have two areas of sharp focus (foveae) in each eye, one for distance and one for close-up vision. They share this trait with other predators like raptors, but most other songbirds have only

one. The foveae are areas with a high concentration of cone photoreceptors, which are responsible for sharp vision and color perception. This allows them to track insect prey with precision while flying at high speeds. The elongated eye shape of barn swallows further enhances their spatial resolution, allowing them to perceive minute details and accurately judge distances while flying. Like many bird species, barn swallows can perceive ultraviolet light, which helps them find insects. The killing of egrets is often cited for inspiring the U.S. conservation movement, but it was the millinery trade's impact on barn swallows that prompted naturalist George Bird Grinnell's 1886 Forest & Stream editorial decrying the waste of bird lives. His essay led to the founding of the first Audubon Society.
Becky Schuhmacher of Glenville asked why some sandhill cranes she has seen have had many brown feathers. Sandhill cranes are typically gray, but their plumage sometimes appears reddish-brown due to the preening cranes do with iron-rich mud. That may act as camouflage. The adults have a distinctive red patch on their head, while immatures (colts) lack this feature and have a more uniformly rusty brown appearance.
Meeting adjourned
"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."—Maya Angelou. Be kind.

Happy birthday, America



Mikes Corner
by Michael Roy
Staff writer
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The third week, about two weeks ago, we got all our stuff prepped, and we saw a huge mass of rain on radar, so we ended up delaying the job to the following Monday, which I couldn't work because of press day here at the Journal; we took this past Saturday off for the 4th of July.
I'm honestly a bit disappointed I haven't done much concrete work so far. Sure, it's a lot of manual labor that I'm not used to. But I was hoping that'd give me a boost in getting my body into shape. I still get paid for showing up, but at some point, I want to earn that money, not merely collect it. I know, don't look a gift horse in the mouth. At least I get quality time with my brother.
Despite the lack of work, I'm still making significant progress in my weight loss. I've set up an Excel spreadsheet to track my daily calories consumed, burned, and whether I'm in a calorie deficit or surplus. I've consistently weighed in at around 247 pounds, with a low of about 244 and a high of 250, depending on when I weigh myself and whether I've eaten beforehand. Going off the 247 figure, that's about eight pounds down from where I was to start June.
The most challenging part about trying to lose weight is staying disciplined, whether that's rejecting the idea of eating

more than I need or consistently going to the gym. This week, I've made it a point to go in almost daily, with most sessions dedicated to cardio and two days reserved for weight training. It's also challenging not to push too much, whether that's eating less to hit my calorie count or going extra at the gym.
Despite initially feeling tired after workouts, I've noticed a boost in my overall energy and even my stamina. My food choices have also prevented me

from feeling lethargic near the end of the day. I still occasionally enjoy my treats, though. I pushed myself to my limit in the gym on Thursday. Because of that, along with making good choices, I was able to enjoy some Chipotle (with my fix of guacamole and their new adobo ranch) and even eat some Halo Top ice cream, all while still exceeding my calorie deficit goal. It's funny how something that's a treat tastes a hundred times better because you earned it.
As we enter the 249th year of the USA's birthday, I'm sure it will be an interesting time in Washington, D.C. I'm just hoping to be healthy by the time America turns 250. Having washboard abs would be a solid bonus. God bless the USA.

TID-BITS OF TRIVIA

1. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was born in what country?

2. Formerly known as Sleuth, Cloo is a cable TV channel dedicated to what genre of programming?

3. Fought over for decades, what Mediterranean island speaks Greek in its southern half and Turkish up north?

4. Found at a German zoo, Ecluse the "zorse" is a half-horse hybrid animal with what distinctive markings on her coat?

5. Found in Asia and Africa, jackals belong to the same family as what domesticated animals?
6. Founded in 1868, Martinelli's is a California-based company best known for producing what?

7. Founded in 1881, the Wharton School is a prestigious business school at what university?

8. Founded in 1958, the FAA is a government agency controlled by what U.S. department?

9. Founded in 1999, Edible Arrangements specializes in edible "bouquets" primarily made of what?

10. Founded in Jamaica, the Rastafari religion was popularized by what famous iconic musician?

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Community and Economic Specialist Katelynn Kratz reported that she had five vendors committed and more interested. The three vendors continued to enjoy success as more attendees arrived for the upcoming Songs in the Park event.

This week’s band performing at Songs in the Park was In a Bind, a female trio based out of Janesville. They performed a two-and-a-half-hour set under the amphitheater in Veterans’ Memorial Park. About 50 residents attended the start of it, with more filtering in as the concert progressed. Infinity On Wheels provided food and additional refreshments, while the JWP FFA, along with its Alumni and supporters, served root beer floats.

The Songs in the Park Music Series features two bands a month, typically every second



and fourth Thursday. There is already another event featuring “The Only Sons” on Thursday, July 10.

The first concert of August, featuring AZBY on August 7, will serve as Janesville’s Night Out.

The farmer’s market will also take place on the same days as the Songs in the Park events for two hours prior.

Beef x Dairy Insights - Maximizing value in beef x dairy cross calves

With calf prices at record highs, it’s more important than ever for producers to capture top dollar for every calf sold—without leaving money on the table. But which traits actually return the most value per head, and which are worth the upfront investment? What beef breeds produce the highest-performing dairy-cross calves with the most valuable carcasses? These questions and more will be discussed at the upcoming Beef x Dairy Insights program, held July 15, 16, and 17 in three Minnesota locations.

UMN Extension and the Minnesota Dairy Initiative invite all dairy producers, calf growers, and industry professionals involved in beef-sired calf decision-making to attend a session in their area.

UMN Dairy Extension Specialist Dr. Brad Heins will present findings from his latest research evaluating the impact of various beef sire breeds on pre-weaning performance, carcass traits, meat quality, and economic return. He will also share results from previous studies on early calf health management and its long-term effects. UMN Beef Educator Melissa Runck will cover how to select beef sires for more profitable dairy-cross matings, including market trends, outlooks, and return-on-investment considerations across different marketing scenarios.

Each program location will

feature a local presenter covering topics such as early calf nutrition, optimizing value at auction, or effective management strategies for raising beef x dairy cross calves.

Dates & Locations:

- Tuesday, July 15 – Zumbrota VFW, 25 E 1st St, Zumbrota, MN 55992
- Wednesday, July 16 – Mr. Jim’s, 840 HWY 23 Foley, MN 56329
- Thursday, July 17 – Stonehouse Supper Club, 123 West Main St W, Pipestone, MN 56164

Schedule:

- Social/Registration: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Dinner: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Presentations & Discussion: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Please pre-register at the link below, or by calling the Worthington Regional Extension Office at 507-372-3900, ext. 3904. Thanks to generous sponsor support, this program is free to attend. A special thank you to Ag Partners, American Foods, Central Livestock, Haas Livestock, Plainview Milk Products, and Jasper Soy for their support of this program.

Registration link: <https://z.umn.edu/2025BeefDairyInsights>

*Note: Each program will include the same presenters and topics, with the exception of one local speaker at each location.

Visit <https://extension.umn.edu/beef/beef-events> for more information on the program.

President Lincoln gives Second Inaugural Address



By RICARDO MORENO JR.
Staff Writer

This Fourth of July was an especially warm day to celebrate the founding of our Great Nation. Despite the grilling heat, President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by Le Sueur County Historical Society President Bryce O. Stenzel, bore it in his 1860’s presidential attire on the historical yard. A mixed gathering of young and old Americans found a seat under the tree’s shade, or under their family’s tarp, to listen to President Lincoln give his



Second Inaugural Address. As high noon approached, the American flag of 1865 was flown to signify that the President would soon be addressing the crowd.

Stenzel began his Abraham Lincoln performances 35 years ago during the early days of his teaching career. His father, a WWII Marine veteran, inspired him to live by the ideals that President Lincoln makes clear throughout his inauguration, that all people are created equal. With each reading of Lincoln’s address, Stenzel hopes to inspire at least one person in the audience to use that ideal for the

betterment of themselves and their fellow Americans.

After a brief introduction by the Historical Society, President Lincoln gave his speech that has remained as moving today as it was when it was first given.

Gathering to listen to historic American speech and prose is a fine way to start an Independence Day afternoon. It offers a reminder that the freedoms enjoyed by all did not come without sacrifice, hard work, and dedication. At the end of the address, President Stenzel took a moment to recognize the fates of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

While some may have went on to become president or assume state offices, others were punished for signing their names on a traitorous declaration to the crown of England. 5 were captured, labeled traitors, and tortured. 12 had their homes ransacked and burned to the ground. 9 died in battle and some lost their sons to the war. Fourth of July is a day dedicated to the celebration of almost everything American. With the fan fair and family fun should come the honoring of the endless sacrifices made, being made, and will be made by Americans to preserve the life enjoyed by all.

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New Zealand, and featured patriotic designs, animals, Disney & Marvel characters, and colorful patterns. There was even a kite of a pig...proving that they can, indeed, fly. The company also made the 600 pound behemoth Old Glory in 2005, and that was the crown jewel of the event...everybody waited patiently to see this symbol of the American spirit fly high and proud in the sky.

While Sean has been an avid kite enthusiast for much of his life, it would be a trip to the family dentist that motivated him to pursue his dreams, “About 10 years or so ago, I went to the local dentist and they had kites all over the ceiling and that got me thinking back to when I was a kid flying kites with my dad. That’s something I wanted to share with my family and others as well.”

When it comes to the colossal kites, like Old Glory, Sean, an Army veteran who fought overseas in Kuwait, seemed incredibly giddy at the chance to fly this symbol of patriotism, “I’m always excited to fly some of our bigger kites, but there is a special place in my heart for this Grand Old Flag. I served and fought for this country, so there is no better privilege to be



able to share this with my fellow Americans.”

Out of the handful of times he has attempted to fly Old Glory, Sean has successfully flown it twice. Turns out, it takes an immense amount of patience, coordination with his crew, and, of course, the proper weather conditions to keep the kite in the sky. It took hours for a rain-soaked field to dry out just enough to lay this massive kite on the great plains at Farmamerica, and patrons waited with anticipation for the wind to blow hard enough to initiate takeoff.

During that waiting period, Sean and his crew prepared some larger kites—and yet still dwarfed by Old Glory—like a manta ray and sting ray. Each one would require a specific technique that would allow enough air to enter the “mouth” to carry the kite into the air and

once it reached a certain altitude, the kites would be anchored to a nearby tree on site. Old Glory would require something a bit more...sturdy, so a semi cab would be the only suitable anchor to keep this kaiju-size kite intact. Closer to the ground, local enthusiasts including an Uncle Sam flew their own kites or ones they recently purchased from Stephanie. It was a classic scene of fathers and sons working together to launch their kites into the sky.

Nearly two hours into the event, the weather seemed to be in everyone’s favor as a strong breeze rolled through Farmamerica. Sean and his crew quickly set out to unravel Old Glory and prepare it for possible liftoff. It took five of them to open the gaping maw of the kite and slowly, but surely, Old Glory began to fill with air.

As the 600 pound kite started

to rise, patrons stopped dead in their tracks, and fixed their attention to witness a spectacular marvel. Down below, Sean would direct his crew to help steer the kite in a certain direction, but suddenly, a gust of wind pushed Old Glory toward the northern side of the plains as it briefly collided into a small gathering of trees. A few patrons had to dance out of danger, but the kite was pulled back to the center plains. And then, Old Glory would rest high in the sky as a symbol, a beacon, of patriotism and sacrifice. Patrons roared with cheer and emotion; even I teared up at the majesty of this emotionally stirring moment. The giant kite would occasionally fall back to Earth, but it wouldn’t take long for Sean and his crew to get it back into the air. Each time, a wave of patriotic fervor flooded the great plains at Farmamerica.

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Summertime cold and flus; how to avoid them

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

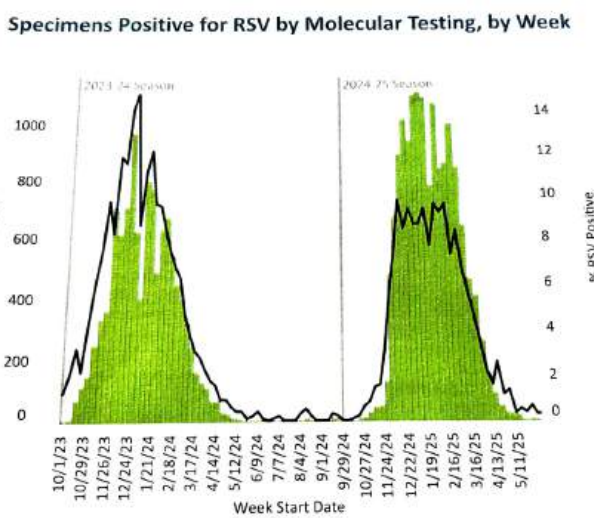
This editor has noticed in the past month or two that some friends and family have been getting sick with colds and flus. I was sick for a few days with cold-like symptoms that I caught from family, while another family member dealt with a bout of bronchitis after catching my cold.

I wanted to investigate the potential summertime sickness in the area. However, when talking with Waseca County Public Health Director Sarah Berry, there was nothing unusual in the county or the state of Minnesota.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health’s Laboratory Surveillance report, there hasn’t been any significant difference in the usual amounts of test results for colds or influenza. Although Berry did notice a slight increase in sicknesses between April and June, most of those cases were either caused by the rhinovirus (commonly associated with the common cold) or parainfluenza, a lesser version of the flu that’s typically common during the spring, summer, and parts of the fall.

Much of April and May was filled with hot and cold days. One day, it was sunny and in the 80s, and the next, it could barely reach 60 in air temperature with wind-driven downpours. When

asked if the weather could be contributing to some of the illnesses circulating, Berry hinted that it might be a factor. “Whenever our bodies aren’t at our peak, we’re more susceptible to illness,” she explained. “Going from hot to cold might affect your body. The environment you’re coming into that’s moister may



summertime. “You can get fresh air, and fresh vegetables are much easier to get,” she said, adding that the social aspect of summer could benefit our mental health, and in turn, our physical health. “It’s also nice when you have a breeze,” she added when talking about the weather. “A nice breeze dissipates the viruses and other particles in the air. But inside, air circulates. That’s when you could catch something.” Everyone’s been told multiple times when sick with a cold, “Drink your fluids.” That’s been melted in my head since I was a young boy. In the summer, you’re likely already drinking plenty of fluids to maintain the body as it loses liquids from sweat. So, is there any different advice to follow when dealing

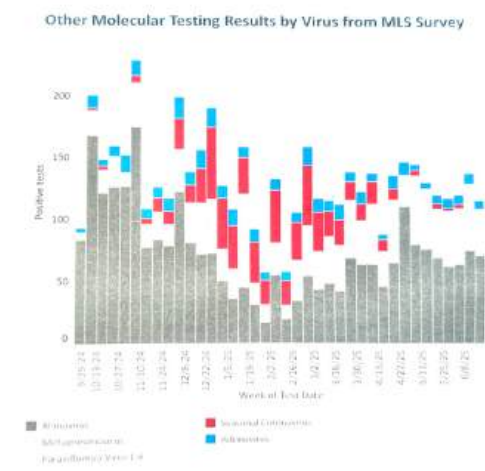
with a cold or flu in the summer?

Not necessarily, says Berry. “Water’s always your best bet, especially when it’s cold,” she said. “It’s refreshing in the summer.”

However, one thing Berry recommends when sick is staying away from people. While it’s easier to be persuaded from going out during the winter, it’s much more difficult in the summer. “There are always events in the summer we don’t like to miss, like Hay Daze or watching fireworks on the 4th of July,” she elaborated. “We may be more apt to be active, even when we aren’t feeling our best.”

The additional advice she gave is the same as year-round: wash your hands, eat healthy, exercise, and take care of your mental health. “For the most part, it’s not that different from season to season or disease to disease. But colds do happen year-round. I always like reminding people to seek medical support when they need to.”

So, if you’re feeling under the weather, even if you don’t have a sore throat, runny nose, or cough, maybe you need a break. However, if the allergy medicine isn’t working, consider trying some cold remedies. As Berry advised, “Listen to your body and see the doctor when you need to.”



be more favorable to the spread of germs.”

There are some perks to it being summer, though. Staying healthy helps prevent the body from catching a cold. This is naturally much easier in the

Reeling in prizes from Elysian's fishing contest



On Saturday, July 5, several kids age 2-12 scattered the beaches of Lake Francis Park in Elysian for the annual kids’ fishing tournament. Run by the Lake Area Women and the Elysian Fire Department Relief Association, the event was part of the Elysian 4th of July Celebration.

After registering at 9 a.m., the children aged 2-6 were the first ones to cast their reels and catch fish at 9:30 a.m. The 7-12 group followed shortly after 10 a.m. The judges allowed competitors to use the pier for fishing, provided they brought their catch back to the shelter on the eastern side of the park.

Shortly after 10:30 a.m., the judges looked at who to award trophies to for the most fish and the biggest catch of the day. The girl with the most fish was Parker Peterson in the 2-6

division with seven fish, and Evelyn Duffner in the 7-12 group with nine fish. Laikyn Running had the biggest fish out of the 2-6 girls with a 7.25-inch catch, and Paisley Schley won the 7-12 with a 10-inch beauty. For the boys, in the 2-6 age group, Logan Bohrer had the most fish with eight caught while Sawyer Schley caught the biggest fish, which was 6.3”. In the 7-12 bracket, Nash James had the most fish with eight caught in the contest, while Randon Pepper had the biggest catch out of any kids in the contest, reeling in an 18.5-inch beast.

This event is sponsored by the Lake Area Women, Elysian Fire Department Relief Association, North Elysian Silver Lakes, and the Minnesota Lakes Angling and Spearfishing

Schalow Drive Project to kick off construction schedule; Council considers utility billing Ordinance changes

JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

After months of preparation, the St. Clair City Council learned the official start of the much anticipated Main Street and Schalow Drive projects. Jeff Domras with Bolton & Menk was present during the July 1 meeting, and informed that the project’s contractor, BCM Grading, met with BEC and other appropriate parties on June 11 during a Pre-Con meeting.

The official start time of the construction would be August 4th and BCM would look to break up the 2025 construction into three segments with the Schalow Drive being the first big ticket item on the agenda. The project would consist of an overhaul of the small road, curb & gutter, and replacing the utility mains...Schalow Drive would take approximately 4-6 weeks for the work to be completed. Domras made it clear that during the Schalow Drive project, no portion of Main Street would be worked on.

The remaining segments would include Park Street North (from Main St) to the Lift Station and Main Street (Up-town) to Park Street North... some conversation about possible work on Pilgrim and Miller was mentioned, but Domras noted there would be “issues” managing the sanitary systems. The Lift Station was considered a “top concern” according to Domras, and was adamant the project would not go forward until the contractor could secure the appropriate materials and the electrical was

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“ready to go.” If those parameters weren’t met, the project would be delayed until 2026.

Baker furthered that careful consideration had been taken into account for the pipe fittings at the Lift Station during the construction. Approximately 450 feet of six-inch piping would be installed, so “managing different pressures”, especially during the Park Street North project, was at the forefront of everyone’s minds. Domras advised the City to consider purchasing “loaner pumps” to assist the Lift Station during that specific construction. Overall, he seemed confident the outlined projects would be completed by a November 1 deadline.

The Council felt relieved that a bulk of the construction was projected to be completed in 2025, but they shared some questions and concerns.

Councilor Flicek had received numerous inquiries about allowing residents to have third party contractors work on their personal property during the construction. The Council acknowledged this as a viable option for residents...Baker stated that during a recent Mill Street project, homeowners were welcome to “seek other contractors for their personal property.” Some minor discussion about residents requesting the City contractor to handle these private projects was quickly dismissed by Mayor More, “This contractor is on a tight schedule already...this is something residents will have to sort out on their own.”

While the construction is still roughly a month away, residents had taken notice of the northern side of town marked with orange cones in preparation for gas line boring by Xcel. Domras noted that many of the lines run through the “roadway of the curb” and would be moved to make way

for a new storm sewer system during the Schalow Drive project. There would have to be some caution used during this process as Bolton & Menk uncovered “many cables” running through that area, but he assured the City that all parties were working to mitigate “tearing everything up.” The Council thanked Domras for his report.

With the construction projects laid out before them, the City moved forward with a bond that would help cover the cost of the Schalow Drive project. Although the bulk of the Main Street & various road projects would be under a cost share between the City and BEC, the Schalow Drive project would be the sole financial responsibility of St. Clair. It was clear that only a portion of these projects would be completed, so a portion of the budgeted funds would be invested into a 4M fund. For the Schalow Drive project, a two million dollar bond with Northland Securities was reviewed by Blue Rose Advisors and officially approved by the Council. The payments on the bond would start in August 2026 with approximately 168K being paid annually until 2046.

Councilor Arndt had attended a recent St. Clair School Board meeting, and recapped a recent conversation with Superintendent Collins. A meeting between Collins, Ryan Thilges with BEC, a County Sheriff, and Mick Rasmussen detailed a few ideas regarding signs and other topics. Some conversations about placing a “patio of sorts” over by agency street, and a stretch of road by the east side of the school were considered by the Council, but it was clear they were unsure of the next move. They requested Collin’s presence for an upcoming meeting to further discuss the city’s role in purchasing the signs.

A new set of Family Medical Leave & Insurance guidelines would be implemented into law on January 1, 2026.

Janike informed the Council the language in the law would have City Councilors considered as “public employees” and would be included into the policies. The new guidelines would feature a “50/50” option for health coverage and essentially eliminate short-term disability in place of paid medical leave.

Amundson voiced some objections to the policies, citing a recent MVCOG meeting she attended. Some consideration for private insurance groups would be noted and Janike would seek out quotes from a broker named Todd...although she advised the City would be “locked-in” to the new policies if an employee files a claim. There would need to be a more concrete plan by September, and the Council would reconvene on the topic for their August meeting.

Janike highlighted some issues regarding utility billing and requested a “closer look” at the City’s ordinance. Over 40 accounts were reported overdue, but the greater concern stemmed from the unwillingness by several accounts to pay on time. Many accounts, according to Janike, had not “paid all year” and these residents would simply wait until November to apply the charges to their property taxes for next year. Currently, the ordinance points out a 10% late fee attributed to overdue accounts after 90 days.

Applying this fee has been a laborious process for the Clerk as Banyon is incapable of adapting to the 90 day threshold, and it would take her roughly an hour or so to comb through each overdue account and apply the 10% late fee. Discussion about altering the ordinance to 60 or 30 days and possibly a flat rate as a late fee would make the billing process a “lot easier.”

The Council seemed on the fence regarding the 90-day portion of the ordinance, but understood the importance of not receiving payment on utility bills. They requested more information before making a more concrete decision about the ordinance; however, Janike was unsure what specific information could be presented. The Council clarified that a bigger look into the finances of these overdue accounts was necessary and until that information was available, the discussion ended up being tabled for a future meeting.

The Council approved a Disaster Facility Rental Agreement with St. Clair State Bank; the agreement would allow the bank to use City Hall as a backup HQ of Operations in case of dire emergency. A horizontal changing table was also approved for one of the bathrooms at City Hall.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Fitzloff reported 85 calls responded to in 2025. Three firefighters completed First Responder training. 404 people chowed down during the Pancake Breakfast during St. Clair Days.

Public Works Report: Baker reported some recent hail damage done to some City properties. The shingled roofs at the park and some metal around the windows were “beat up” and an insurance claim would be filed. Baker would attempt to contact WW or Nielsen to add some blacktop to a few depressions and holes in the park parking lot as a result of the carnival during St. Clair Days.

City Clerk/Treasurer Report: Janike reported that 37 residents have signed up for online bill payment with Nuvei and there have been “very few hiccups.” The site could also help purchase building permits, but most people have applied for them in person. Budget Planning would be an incoming priority for the City and Janike was in the process of preparing a preliminary budget for the

August meeting...she noted that due to the construction projects taking a slightly different route this year, the budget “should be good” but the following year “may be a different story.”

Janike detailed a recent League of Minnesota Cities Conference attended 6/25-6/27. Cannabis was the main topic of discussion during the Conference, and the Clerk advised the Council to draft an ordinance about the topic “as soon as possible” due to the impact it could have on the zoning ordinances. The Council had its doubts about the ordinances, considering the State guidelines of where a Cannabis business could be located (1000 ft from a school & 500 ft from churches/daycares/post office), but Janike strongly recommended an ordinance to avoid “leaving us exposed.” She noted that Chris Kennedy may have already started on the cannabis ordinance, and that work on the zoning could add particular items like “no shipping containers” and others. It would be an “expensive process” to review and alter the ordinance, but the Council would work to address these ordinances during an August meeting.

To round out the meeting, Arndt recapped the School Board meeting held on June 23...Board Member Johns reported that the school’s track & field was receiving a “much needed” rebuild. Janike and More may attend an upcoming Mayor & Clerk meeting in Vernon Center on July 10. Amundson and Flicek would attend a MVCOG Elected Officials training on August 6 in Mankato. No update on a DAV clothing bin.

With no further items on the agenda, the Council motioned to adjourn at 20:46. The next St. Clair City Council will be held on August 5 at 19:00.

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Miss Elysian, Junior Miss and Princess of the Lakes 2025 crowned

Patriotism is shown throughout Elysian Pageant; Roemhildt crowned Miss Elysian, Frank given Jr. Miss Title

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

Naturally, any hometown celebration will have a pageant. Elysian’s 4th of July Celebration kicked off with the crowning of Miss Elysian, Junior Miss, and Princess of the Lakes at the Elysian Fire Hall on Wednesday, July 2. With the American theme, the pageant displayed a great sense of patriotism and love for America and its freedoms.

This year’s Miss Elysian title went to Miley Roemhildt, with Elli Frank serving as her only attendant. Elli’s younger sister, Emmi, was crowned Junior Miss with Adelaide Splett and Mya Stangler as her attendants. Jillian Huber was chosen as Princess of the Lakes.

Emma Kuball, former Miss Morristown, once again took on the role of Master of Ceremonies this year. As she pointed out, many of the talents in this year’s contest were unique, which meant a lot of moving around props on stage. She had a point. The two Miss Elysian contestants each had a display of items while giving speeches.

Elli Frank’s talent, which was a speech about quilting, was interesting. She displayed three quilts she had made, with the centerpiece a quilt of red, white, and blue. She announced at the end of her speech that she was donating the quilt to the Elysian Fire Department. Roemhildt’s speech was about welding, and she showcased two metal sculptures. One was a cactus that she claimed took her 20 hours to make, while another was a frog sculpture featuring a couple of horseshoes and washers; that one took her about 20 minutes.

The Jr. Miss candidates also possessed unique talents. Riley Mielke shared a poem about the city of Elysian, while Evelyn



Miller showcased her piano skills. Genna Coon delivered a

the Lakes was chosen by a random drawing to ensure fairness for all contestants.

Before the crowning of Jr. Miss and Miss Elysian, the 2024 royalty shared their favorite memories and a presentation before taking their final walk. Jr. Miss 2024, Mallory Wetzel, shared that some of her favorite memories included Jesse James Days in Northfield and getting to enjoy a hockey night at the Xcel Energy Center. As a hockey

event was sponsored by Elysian Bank, James Brothers



speech about Elysian, accompanied by singing and a performance of the classic “God Bless the USA.” Adelaide Splett elected to do a speed cake decoration for her talent. Emmi Frank’s talent was reciting Johnny Cash’s “Ragged Old Flag,” which drew some of the loudest cheers of the night. Mya Stangler, however, had more cheers with her dance routine and ultimately earned the talent award on the night.

Next up was the Princess of the Lakes candidates, Jillian Huber, Nora Potter, and Madison Roemhildt, all escorted by usher Patrick Coon. While they were asked questions like their Miss and Jr. Miss counterparts, it was more to show off their personality than to be considered for judging. They followed with a small dance presentation. Like many other contests for younger royals, the Princess of



player and a fan of the Minnesota Wild, she beamed, reminiscing about that memory. Miss Elysian Addie Scheurer and her attendant, Callie Bruns, shared some memories briefly, including the fun time the royalty had at the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

Following the crowning of Miss Elysian and her fellow royalty was a reception where cake and other refreshments were served.

This year’s Miss Elysian pag-



Construction, Nu-Chek-Prep, and Pamela’s Pet Shop. Special thanks was given to the fire department for providing the venue and the stage setup, Main Street Venue for the sponsor dinner and interview location, Greenwald’s Greenhouse for the flowers, Kristie Greene of SignPro for the sashes and float magnets, One Little Shirt Shop for the sash embroidery, Teri James and Candi Scott for serving as the pageant reception hosts, the city of Elysian for the programs, Lolli-Pops for catering the sponsor dinner, Laurie DeMars for the dress alterations, the Feldkamps for providing music throughout the pageants, Isabella Cage (a former Miss Elysian attendant) for the dance coordination, and Emma Kuball for emceeing the pageant.

It was a stellar way of kicking off the 4th of July Celebration festivities.

Lifes’ ambitions

Mother Knows
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By Kathy Richardson
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What are your dreams, goals, or ambitions for life?

As children, we dream of spending time with our friends going bike riding, playing hopscotch, jumping rope, or playing with our dolls together. The boys would ride bikes, go fishing, swim in the lake, play baseball, basketball, or football. Do you remember those days?

Some would dream of being a ballerina, a gymnast, being on a debate team, an actor or actress, musician, a star on the football, baseball, or basketball team. Some wanted to be a policeman, lawyer, or even a doctor. The list is endless. Some of us just wanted to graduate, get a job, fall in love, and have a peaceful, happy, average home.

To achieve those dreams, you must have goals and plans to achieve those dreams. Some would require starting at a very young age with a lot of determination. Some require going to college with taking the correct classes in school to get admitted to college with high enough grades to go along with those classes thus also starting at a young age.

Then the question is which college to go to which would fit your destination. Most importantly being able to afford the suitable college. Some may choose to go into the armed forces to get the schooling, and experience, for your goals. My next older brother went in the marines in which he took every class he could to learn about many different occupations. He was in the Marines for eleven years whereas he earned the rank of second lieutenant. The higher the goal, the harder we must work.

One instance is becoming a writer in which you take English classes, writing essays, or just writing book reports. Taking biology, chemistry led to doc-

tors, chemists to invent medicines. Taking math classes lead to accountants.

Even living the simple life requires plans and hard work. You have a job to get up for every morning, be on time for, and doing a good days work. Then you come home to do housework, cook meals, wash laundry, help our children achieve their goals, and being happy with spouse and children. It takes the love of children, math to budget the household bills, willingness to sacrifice for each other, and working together to achieve a happy home. You even need to know your math to do cooking and baking.

Another goal in your life may be to buy a new car. This takes some planning also. You need to check out the car dealers, and private parties that are selling cars, the amount of money you want to spend on a car, the insurance risks of the car you buy, and how much time you drive the new vehicle whether to work or pleasure.

How about your wedding that you have been planning since playing with your dolls since you were a child. The planning that goes into it includes invitation list, flowers, food to be served, and most importantly is your gown and bridesmaid dresses. Also, setting a wedding date and church. There are many things to plan for a wedding.

Another goal that is very important is the planning of your children or your first child. Do you want your family while you are young to keep up with them or do you want to pursue a career first before having children.

The most important part of our plans is to work together and have the support of our family and or spouse. This support makes the journey so much more worthwhile, enduring, and satisfying.

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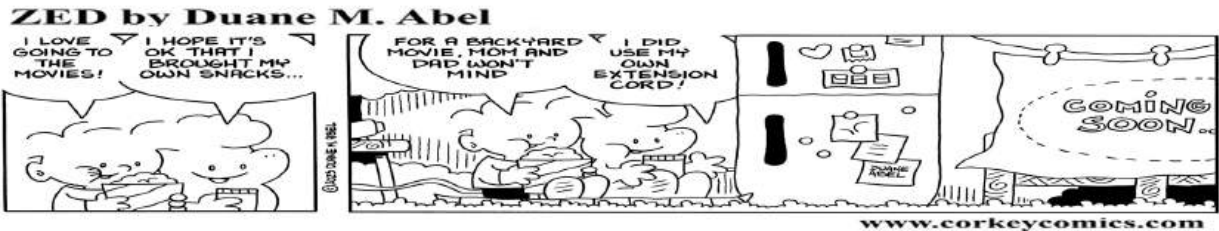
attendants participated in the bean bag and cribbage tournaments, along with bingo for both kids and adults at the fire hall throughout the afternoon. The American Legion hosted a chicken feed from 5

p.m. until the food ran out. Live music at the Thirsty Beaver and a fireworks show closed the Saturday activities.

The Elysian 4th of July Celebration wound down on Sunday with a pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes at 8 a.m. Attendees bought some of those flapjacks while walking through the flea market and classic car show. A pickleball tournament also took place

starting at 9 a.m., with the kids’ power pedal pull at 12:30 p.m. under the tent near the fire hall. The fire department water wars closed out the celebration at 2 p.m.

The 4th of July Celebration allows some of us to forget all the politics going on in the world and enjoy all of what makes America great: good food and even better company.



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- 12:30pm 4H Poultry Show
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- 4-8pm 14/27 Basketball Shooting (Oak Island)
- 4:30pm Local Veterans Official Fair Opening Ceremony
- 5pm Carnival Rides Begin
- 5-8pm Indigo Moon (Food Court)
- 6pm 4H Sheep Show
- 7:30pm Great Frontier Bull Riding
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- 8pm Skitzo Fonik (Beer Garden)



THURSDAY, JULY 10

- All Day Antique Tractor Display
- 9am 4H Meat Goat Show
- 11a Food Vendors Open
- Indoor Booths Open
- 12pm Dangerous Feats of Comedy
- 12pm 4-H Dairy Goat Show
- 1pm Carnival Rides Begin
- 1:30-2:30pm Beads & Bracelets (bldg. 4)
- 2:30pm Dangerous Feats of Comedy
- 4pm Freddie Justice Hypnotist
- 5-8pm Melissa Schulz Musician (Food Court)

THURSDAY, JULY 10

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- 6pm Dangerous Feats of Comedy
- 6pm Beef Show
- 6pm Enduro Auto & Compact Car Race (Grandstand)
- 8:30pm Gen X Jukebox (Beer Garden)



FRIDAY, JULY 11

- 8am 4-H Swine Show
- 10:30-11:30am Kids Scavenger Hunt
- 11am Indoor Booths Open
- Food Vendors Open
- Dock Dogs Big Air Show
- 11:30-1:30pm The Donner Party-Musicians
- 12pm Dangerous Feats of Comedy
- 1pm Carnival Rides Begin
- 4-H Dairy Show
- Dock Dogs Big Air Show
- 1:30-2:30pm Beads & Bracelets
- 2:30pm Dangerous Feats of Comedy
- 3pm Dock Dogs Big Air Show
- 5pm Dock Dogs Extreme Vertical Competition
- 5:15pm Freddie Justice Hypnotist
- 5:30pm Kiddie Coin Find
- 5:30-8:30pm Miller Denn (Food Court)
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Arm Wrestling Flexes for 36th Annual Competition



By JORDAN CARRILLO
Staff Writer

Shortly after a scorching hot parade, an arm wrestling contest had participants and the local crowd fired up under the big tent. This would be the 36th annual competition during Elysian's 4th of July Celebration and it was reported to be one of the biggest tournaments in the event's history. 54 entries spread across 10 brackets of varying age and gender squared up, locked wrists, and engaged in muscle-bound bouts for bragging rights and a shiny medal.

Although this contest is strictly for fun and the sake of competition, there was plenty of smack talk and brouhaha between combatants. Oddly enough, this tradition nearly met a grisly end during the height of COVID 2020, but Brady James, Chase Williams, and John Moechi kept this bruising battle of brawn going. James and Moechi would serve as the officials during each bout while Williams served as the MC of the event.

One of the biggest changes since these three have taken over the event is having younger participants ages 12 and up take part in the arm wrestling contest and well over half the entries featured youngsters ready to prove their mettle. In fact, one of Elysian's 2025 Royalty, Emmi Frank won her bracket after quickly dispatching her competition...maybe arm wrestling should be part of the pageant process next year? In true pageantry-style, Frank would give a celebratory pageant wave after each one of her victories. Frank's boyfriend would also win his own bracket and the two arm-wrestled each other...it seemed to be a fair fight until his smirk and icy stare disappeared...as did Frank's chances of taking the win.

What stood out during this contest was the patriotic regalia of many of the competitors. One combatant, Abby, wore an American flag jumpsuit and a bandana to boot...she would compete well in the same bracket as Frank, but would concede defeat to her in

one of the opening rounds. The top two in each bracket would receive their own medal and a photo op with the Elysian Royal Court.

As the adults stepped up to the ring, the audience seemed to gather closer and closer to the action. Some patrons were...let's say...well hydrated during the contest and voiced several motivational phrases to their buddies while they struggled and labored during their rounds. These single-elimination matches would bring a certain level of intensity, but no matter the result, many of these competitors shared a handshake as a sense of camaraderie brought everyone together. Several undefeated champions who have competed in the contest for years had finally met their match and accepted defeat with grace.

A South African man named Marco was a notable favorite as he easily dispatched every opponent he faced; one match had him face off against notorious Elysian outlaw Jesse James. Okay, James isn't actually an outlaw, but he did tout an undefeated record heading into the match...only to be defeated in a matter of seconds by Marco. He would later contend for the championship against another aptly named athlete...Big Sexy.

This match would be filled with hulking muscles, intense screams from the crowd, and a couple of resets from James and Moechi. Marco would take home the win, and despite the defeat, Big Sexy shook hands and the two posed for the cameras with big smiles on their faces. The heavyweight bout featured two towering men with 24-inch pythons...the two shared a hearty laugh after the match, and the loser promised to "get him back" at next year's event.

While the arm wrestling contest has been a tradition for 36 years, 2025 proved to be one of the most successful with a staggering 54 entries. Not everyone who competed came out on top, and that's okay. They'll have an entire year to hit the gym, pump some iron, and prepare for a measure of revenge once 2026 rolls around.

Le Center Fire Department blasts its way to victory



By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

Water Wars are a fun way for fire departments to provide entertainment to their communities and keep bonds with neighboring firefighters strong. Of course, it's also a great way to instill some friendly rivalries.

The Elysian Fire Department decided to bring back these aqua battles between local area fire departments to Elysian's Main Street during the town's 4th of July Celebration last year after a nearly four-decade hiatus. They figured that the returning rise in popularity of these events at hometown celebrations could benefit them, and they were met with high demand.

This year, the water wars closed out the Elysian 4th of July celebrations, starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 6. It was a battle between seven teams from various fire departments. Elysian fielded two teams, while Le Center, Waterville, Morristown, and Cleveland also fielded teams. There was also another group named "Heinz 57" with a firefighter from Le Center, Le Sueur, and Montgomery.

The rules were simple: use the fire hoses to move the metal barrel to the opponent's side past the guard rails. Each round, the two teams switched sides at least once to ensure that neither team had any perceived advantage with one fire hose.

The first battle was between the two home teams. Elysian 1 took the first victory within seconds. Elysian 2 put up more of a fight, but the first team once again took the victory. Heinz 57 then faced off against Le Center, with the latter team slowly chipping away for their first win. The second round appeared to be called early because neither side could gain an advantage.

Waterville then faced off against neighboring Morristown, with Waterville sweeping the two rounds. Elysian 2 had a chance for redemption against Heinz 57, but the team that named themselves after the savory condiment took two rounds. Elysian 1 found it difficult to handle Le Center, and although they had a valiant effort

in the first round with a comeback attempt, Le Center took a competitive win. The second round was much more decisive, with Le Center taking it.

Cleveland, the team that was seemingly the trio to beat, went up against Waterville. Although the Waterville trio forced some long battles, Cleveland had the

ultimately won the entire tournament. While the teams that placed in the top three didn't get their trophies on-site last year, Le Center gleamed as their beautiful first-place trophy glistened in the sunlight, and they posed with the Miss Elysian royalty for a photo.

It's an excellent way for the local fire departments to build

edge in both, sweeping two rounds. Elysian 1 then received redemption against Morristown, taking the first one relatively easily while accepting a stalemate in the second round despite having the edge in that one.

Le Center then faced Cleveland. Both teams won trophies in last year's Water Wars, so they arguably had the most heated rivalry. Le Center tried hanging on in the first round, but Cleveland prevailed. Le Center forced an extra round after taking the second with relative ease. The final battle between the two was the longest out of the entire Water Wars, lasting what felt like minutes. But after neither side seemed to be giving an inch, Le Center broke through with a well-aimed angle shot that sent the barrel rolling past Cleveland's firefighters for a victory.

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Veterans Corner

By Gary Mittelsteadt

Charles R. Bergmann
U.S. Marines
Served during Vietnam from 1966-1969

Chuck enlisted in the United States Marine Corps following his graduation from high school and served in Vietnam from 25 August 1966 to 11 June 1969. He received Specialized Training as an Automotive Mechanic and served with Engineering Company 8th Command Battalion. He was awarded the

National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal (4/#), and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Terry Ann James
U.S. Navy Reserve
Served during Vietnam from 1967-1968

Terry served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 24 March 1967 to 29 April 1968 during the Vietnam War and received her basic training at Brainbridge,

Maryland, which served as a Naval Training Center from 1942 to 1976. She received Specialized Clerical Training and served her entire military obligation with the Naval Legal Office at Pensacola, Florida. Terry was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Olaf R. (Ole) Lundquist
U.S. Navy
Served during Korea from 1953-1956

Ole served his country in the

U.S. Navy as a Radioman 2nd Class during the Korean War from 1953 to 1956. He received his boot camp training at the Great Lakes Naval Training station and Specialized Military Training at Brainbridge, Maryland, as Radioman. His initial Duty Station was Pensacola, Florida and his permanent Duty Station became Foley, Alaba which was home port for Aircraft Carrier Qualification on the Atlantic Coast.

Rodrick Lundquist
U.S. Navy
Served during Korea from 1953-1955

Rodrick served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1953 to 1955. He received his boot camp training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and was stationed in Japan for the extent of his military obligation.

Elysian Car Show; a look back at vintage automobiles

By MICHAEL ROY
Editor

Enthusiasts of vintage hot rods and muscle cars flocked to the Elysian 4th of July Celebration's Car Show on Sunday, July 6. Over 30 contestants arrived in town at 8 a.m. to showcase their vehicles. While the show mainly featured vehicles created in the 1950s and 1960s, there was something for everybody. One competitor had a modified state patrol car that they turned into a custom ride with several patches and stickers. The Marvel comic book character Deadpool was locked up in the back. Everyone who enjoys a trip back in time had fun checking out a 1932 Ford Coupe, a 1969 Ford Mustang, a 1955 Chevrolet Convertible, or a 1958 Cadillac Series G2. At 1:30 p.m., the awards for the car show were handed out at



Nu-Chek Prep near downtown Elysian. Brad McNeill of Northfield's 1934 International Pickup – Rat Rod won Best of Show. It was one of the oldest vehicles on display. Dennis Peters received a shoutout for sharing his sound system. It was a great start to the final day of Elysian's 4th of July Celebration. What's more American than reminiscing the days of when vintage automobiles changed the industry?



A Dying Breed

As baseball reaches its All Star Break and the greatest players from Shohei Ohtani, Aaron Judge, Paul Skenes, and others gather to celebrate this American classic, another perennial All Star, Clayton Kershaw finds himself at the center of the baseball pantheon after securing his 3000th strikeout on July 5. Kershaw has been a stalwart ace on the mound for much of his 17-year career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. While certainly not the flashiest or most powerful arm out there, Kershaw has used a slurry of slippery seams to record an astounding 15 seasons (12 straight from 08-19) with 100+ strikeouts in a season. He's recorded 200+ strikeouts six times, and a historic 301 strikeouts in 2015 (first pitcher since 2002 to do so). In 2014, he became the first pitcher since Bob Gibson (1968) to win both the NL Cy Young and the NL MVP in the same season. Pitching consistently at a high level in the Majors is one of the most difficult things in all of sports...thousands and thousands of hurlers have stood on that mound and attempted to

Jay's Way

By Jordan Carrillo

reach the peak, but so few have ever made the journey. Although he only has one World Series title to his name, Kershaw is a bonafide Hall of Famer and will be regarded as one of the elite pitchers in baseball history. There is no denying his longevity. But Father Time is undefeated even against the best arms in baseball. These past two seasons have been a struggle for the Dodger Southpaw as a series of injuries and conditioning sidelined him for much of the 2024 season and the start of the 2025 campaign. Nevertheless, the Dodgers seem to be faring well without him on the mound. They were quick to honor him once he became the 20th pitcher in the sport's decorated history to reach the 3000 strikeout milestone...a nearly packed Dodger Stadium erupted in applause the moment

he recorded the historic strikeout and he tipped his cap to the only fanbase he's ever known. He's only the fourth left-handed pitcher alongside Randy Johnson, CC Sabathia, and Steve Carlton to reach the feat. While Kershaw's 3000th strikeout is a momentous occasion for baseball fans, his achievement marks a possible turning point in this sport's revered history. As it stands, there are only two active pitchers, Chris Sale and Gerritt Cole, who are in the orbit of 3000 strikeouts, but it remains to be seen these two hurlers will be healthy enough to keep the necessary pace in order to join Kershaw atop the mountain. Sale stands at 2528 strikeouts, but as the 36 year old finds himself on the IL for the fifth time in five seasons, it seems unlikely he'll be able to muster up 472 strike-

outs. Cole sits at 2251 strikeouts and while he is considerably younger than Sale (31 years old), his future is cloudy as he misses the 2025 season with Tommy John. Not to mention that the game of baseball has started to fundamentally change the relevance of the starting pitcher. Most starters will rarely go the distance—only 12 so far in 2025—as the importance of relief pitching and being the fastest gun on the mound has changed how bullpens are constructed these days. Maybe if Paul Skenes can blaze his fastball by batters for 12-15 seasons, maybe we can witness the return of the starting pitcher and a new addition to the 3000 strikeout club. For now and for years to come, it may take a long while before Kershaw opens the entrance to the club for another pitcher...he may as well get comfortable. For a sport that idolizes tradition, history, and statistics, the current evolution of pitching rotations and management may virtually eliminate the significance of one of the premier positions in all of sports...and that would be an absolute travesty for baseball.

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Back in the Day

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Members of the 90-piece Waldorf-Pemberton Band with their trophy after winning a concert competition in 1975.



Waseca County entrants in the Regional Dairy Princess Contest in Owatonna in 1975. From left: Mr. and Mrs. Al Trahms with daughter Dottie; Waseca County Dairy Princess, Donita Tesch, with Mr. and Mrs. Armin Tesch of Waldorf; and Kauren Braun with Mr. and Mrs. William Braun.

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St. Clair Archives

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1941 (continued)
June 5 – Robert Fritzke received an "Industrial Arts" scholarship at Mankato Teachers College. George Macomber is depot agent.

December 8 – St. Clair Trucker Killed, Strange Mishap. Arthur Flitter, 27, of St. Clair was killed early Monday afternoon in a freak accident on the Clarence Nicolai farm a few miles northeast of St. Clair. The St. Clair trucker had a blowout in a rear tire of his gravel truck only a few minutes before the accident. Stopping in front of the Nicolai farm he explained to the farmer that he would have to unload to repair the tire and offered to sell the load of gravel.

The deal was made and Flitter started to drive slowly down the farm driveway, standing on the running board of the truck and steering through the cab window as gravel was dumped from the bottom of the truck box.

As he made a right turn off the driveway into the farm yard a front wheel on the truck buckled and the heavy vehicle toppled over. It almost cleared Flitter who was thrown or jumped from the running board, but the edge of the box just caught the top of his head and crushed it as the truck rolled completely over. He was instantly killed.

October – The Blue Earth County corn husking contest is held on the Jack Fitzloff farm. Close to 1,000 people gathered for the event. Durward Irwine of Amboy won the contest, husking 37.87 bushel.

1942
Population of St. Clair – 386.



Margie Westphal and her pony "Jerry" circa the early 1940s

With the Surplus Marketing Administration (S.M.A.) supplying the food and the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) providing labor and supervision, a hot school lunch was made available at the cost of three cents per day. Meal tickets were sold by the week for fifteen cents. The students lined up in the hall, had their tickets punched, then filed past the Home Economics room door and received a cup filled with dish and a spoon. They then filed back to their classrooms and sat at their desks to eat their lunch. The meals were generally served only during the winter months. Clara Hintze started this service.

July 24 – Mankato Free Press – Jack's Beanstalk Fitzloff Corn Sets Record. Jack's bean talk or just tall corn? Jack Fitzloff claims it is corn as he brought in some stalks grown on his farm near St. Clair that measure 10 feet, two inches. The corn is DeKalb 607 variety and was planted May 14, Fitzloff said.

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August 31 – 2 Escape Injury in Plane Crash Near St. Clair. James Miller, Albert Lea, and

James Kirkey, Minneapolis, escaped serious injury when their two-passenger light plane crashed near St. Clair yesterday.

Miller, who was piloting the craft, said the phone stalled on a steep turn as they were on the outskirts of St. Clair. They were about 300 feet in the air, he said, and as they crashed the plane cut off the tops of several trees.

The plane was demolished. Miller and Kirkey suffered cuts and bruises.

Guy Compton photographed the wreckage of the plane that crashed on the Henry Borgwardt farm at St. Clair.

September 1 – St. Clair Businessmen Help Farmer. When Arthur Dittman, local farmer, found it difficult to finish his grain stacking, due to serious illness of several members of his family, businessmen of St. Clair went out to his farm and finished the job. The men who assisted were Elmer Haugen, Gus Schostag, Geo. F. Juliar, Dick Engelerth, Arthur Dittman, Ted Glaser, Walter O'Brien, Henry Thielman, Albert Franke, Ernie Hager, Nic Juliar, Hugh Russell, Jack Sanborn, Leo Frank, Otto Froehlich, William Beccue and Earl Pagenkopf.

October 2 – Mrs. Jack Fitzloff is appointed as a Blue Earth County Director of the Victory Aides.



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