

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO • JUNE 7, 1999

Eager buyers and sellers have been flocking to the Cook County Farmer's Market, especially since the weather has been so nice on Saturdays.

Baccalaureate for the Class of 1999 was an evening of song, prayers, words of inspiration and congratulations, topped off with the usual Cook County bounty of sweet treats and beverages.

A bonus to the goodies was the chance to admire a brand-new mural painted by a group of seniors. Hans Tofte invited everyone to look at the mural recently painted on the hallway wall leading to the Family Resource Center rooms in the west wing of the school.

20 YEARS AGO • JUNE 5, 1989

Jane Gellner, CCHS business teacher, has been named the 1989-90 Teacher of the Year by the Cook County Education Association. Next spring her name will be submitted as the county's nominee for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

This past winter Mark Adams has been using his horses to give hay rides to guests at Lutsen and Grand Portage. It is an added attraction for guests coming to the area.

He said he would bring his horses up the Trail if there was a demand.

The 20 bluebird houses that surround the city's golf course are a product of the non-game donations that are taken in on state income tax forms.

Tim Webb of the DNR got the material and cut them out. The Boy Scouts, for their community service project, nailed them together in the school workshop.

Finally, last month, the volunteers waded through the snow and placed them.

50 YEARS AGO • JUNE 4, 1959

A 3-year-old Tofte boy died Wednesday evening at the North Shore Hospital after he apparently suffered a fall in his home and cut his arm above the wrist.

Doctors said he may have also suffered a head injury.

At least 21 of the Cook County High School graduating class of 59 plan to continue their education; five will find immediate employment; three will be married; one will enter the Air Force; and the remainder are still undecided.

90 YEARS AGO • JUNE 4, 1919

Memorial Day was observed in every community of the county. Gatherings with fitting programs were held at Maple Hill, Hovland, Tofte and Colvill. The day was ideal for outdoor exercises and the people turned out in large numbers.

"Lilly Snow," "Pansy White" and "Sambo Green" will sing minstrel songs that will make you glad you were at the Princess next Saturday afternoon and evening.

The commencement exercises of the Grand Marais High School were held last Wednesday evening.

There were only two graduates this year: Grace Samskar and Hulda Alida Nelson.

Do you like to gossip? No?

Well, a great many people will not admit that they are fond of that particular sport, but just the same you always find them ready to contribute to the fund of knowledge.

It is a clever person who knows when just enough has been said.

City noise ordinance sent back to drawing board

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It was even suggested that the ordinance could be only a simple paragraph or two, outlining when outdoor music was permitted in the downtown business district. There was no desire by council to include enforcement measures that would involve decibel readings.

Davison said, however, that the longer document was necessary. "The doors are wide open without it," he said of the suggested permitting process, which he said would act as a brake on outdoor activities. In response to concerns that the ordinance was too complicated and spelled out unnecessary and unwanted procedures and policies, Davison said a business would be able to apply for its permit once for the entire summer — not every time a band was scheduled.

Asked if, for instance, a neighborhood garage band would need a permit to practice, Davison said the proposed ordinance would only be in effect in the downtown district.

Still, council disagreed that all the suggested rules and regulations were needed.

"This comes at it from a whole different angle," observed Councilor Kay Costello. "This is kind of a crazy thing we're getting into. Most small towns don't have this," she said.

Councilors Jan Sivertson and Tim Kennedy said they also preferred to keep the new ordinance as simple as possible. "We can wait and see if it's a problem, then get into all that," Sivertson said of the plan to implement a permitting process. Kennedy said, "If it proliferates (loud outdoor music) and we get many complaints, then we can do something... but I'd like to see businesses be able to keep doing what they're doing without the threat of being shut down."

Council spent some time discussing the framework for a revision of the draft, and decided that outdoor music should be allowed from 9 a.m. to midnight, with no differentiation between seasons or days of the week. In addition, exceptions to the time restriction for special events such as Fisherman's Picnic or the Dragon Boat Festival will still be considered; it was believed a daily 1 a.m. curfew on music was too

late and would be poorly received by the public.

Davison said he would draft a new ordinance using the agreed-upon parameters and conditions in time for

council consideration June 10. A public hearing will be held once an acceptable draft is approved. It is still hoped the new ordinance can be adopted and put in place in time for the upcoming summer and fall busy seasons.

In other city news:

- A work session was held to discuss the city's capital improvements plan. The topic was prompted by a need to have some "shovel-ready" projects prepared in the event federal stimulus money becomes available. Roth presented a list of a couple dozen possibilities, categorized as "projects ready to go," "projects ready with some effort," and "projects not ready." Council reviewed the list and began making priorities. The list includes such projects as equipment replacement or upgrade, ditch and culvert improvements, fire hydrant replacement, utility reconstruction and building construction.
- There was consensus that priority should be given to practical projects that benefit not only the city, but local contractors and businesses as well. Roth said he would prepare a more specific list for council consideration based on those recommendations.
- Dan Anderson was granted a permit to conduct scenic air tours, using the beach on the Red Pine Realty property in the East Bay, and the harbor when necessary due to wind and waves. Anderson has done the tours in the city harbor previously, and most recently conducts business on Devil Track Lake. Anderson told council he will use a slightly larger aircraft than he has used in the city before (a Cessna 182 four-passenger plane), and will limit the offerings to between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Chamber of Commerce Director Bev Wolke was granted a permit for the annual Classic Car Show and parade on Artist Point June 13 and for the Fourth of July festivities that include a 6 p.m. parade, sidewalk vendors and fireworks.
- A discussion was held concerning noncompliance with the 90-minute parking zones in the downtown business district. Hakes said she received a call from a business owner, who said most of the offenders are business owners and their employees, and asked if something could be done, such as requiring employees to park north of the highway or in the municipal lot. Wolke said she would send a letter to downtown business owners asking them to be mindful of the 90-minute restriction and to park elsewhere when possible.
- A permit was granted to North Shore Federal Credit Union, allowing it to relocate a propane tank into the city's right of way. Council voted to require payment of an annual \$25 fee.
- Councilor Bill Lenz gave an update on the park master planning process, and said he was pleased with the public's response and participation in the recent listening session. There were 25 replies, he said, which is better than ever.
- Attorney Davison reported that local law enforcement officials are preparing for the possibility of a visit from the Hell's Angels during Fisherman's Picnic. The renowned motorcycle organization is holding a gathering in Carlton County that weekend, said Davison, and may elect to travel up the North Shore.
- Mayor Hakes reported that the county board has given its approval to a controversial ATV ordinance that will allow use of the county roads. However, she said, the issue of driving ATVs on state-aid roads within the city is still unclear and wasn't addressed in the new ordinance. The city has already gone on the record as saying it has no problem with ATVs using all city streets.



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Todd Anthony Gervais @ Jessica Jane Proch

At long last, they set sail for a much needed vacation and tied the knot in a tropical destination!

On April 25, 2009, on Little Bay Beach in Anguilla, B.W.I., vows were exchanged. The backdrop was a sunset in paradise, the aisle was a sandy, white beach, and witnesses were family and close friends.

Steve & Jane Proch of Glendale, Arizona along with Pete & Carline Gresczyk and Ron & Joan Gervais, Jr., both of Grand Marais, Minnesota will be hosting a celebration in August in Grand Marais, Minnesota.



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