

L I F E I N T H E P R A I R I E

Grace Elasky and daughter, Joan Barrett, sell at their first garage sale of the season



Sue Nelson and daughter, Noelle, enjoy lunch in the shade by Round Lake



Emma Crosby and Ian Anderson ready for take off at skatepark



JUNE 2005

Partnership Strengthens Community Policing

Tracking down crime, a missing loved one or searching for evidence, all of this is done by the Eden Prairie Police Canine Division.

The Division is an important operation within the Eden Prairie Police Department. Its staff includes two highly trained dogs, a supervising sergeant and two police officers.

Officer Ann Bogren joined the department in 1997, and has been on special assignment with the Canine Division since 2002. Officer Bogren's canine partner is Micah (meek-a), a German Shepherd with sharp skills on-the-job, and a big heart off-the-job. The two met three-years-ago and went through intensive training together. Micah was bred for police work but he and Officer Bogren worked together to learn specialized skills.

"The initial training was so he would learn to follow my commands," explains Officer Bogren. "Now I continue to use Micah's drive-to-play to keep his skills sharp."

Sharp skills are vital for the Canine

Division which also includes, Officer Emily Millard and her partner Riley. Both teams face annual certification in late-June this year. Eden Prairie's Canine Division, along with others in the region will be tested on tracking, apprehension, suspect and article location, obedience and bite work. Last year, during the regional certification process, Officer Bogren and Micah placed 11th of 59 teams competing.

Officer Bogren says the bond between partners goes beyond the job of law enforcement. "He's part of my family," she explains. "At the end of the day he comes home with me. I am responsible for not only his training but his overall care."

The Canine Division spends time in the community doing demonstrations at schools and community events. Make sure to always ask if a police dog is working before approaching or touching them.

If you'd like to learn more about the Eden Prairie Police Department log on to www.edenprairie.org and click on Residents and Police Department.

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Officer Bogren commands Micah to clear hurdles then praises him for a job well done

Community Clean-Up Day

Clean out your home, garage and yard during Community Clean-Up Day.

One day recycling drop-off is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th at Hennepin Technical College from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Some of the things you can drop off include:

Yard waste, tires, scrap metal, furniture, construction waste, general trash, light bulbs, batteries, electronics and appliances. There is a small fee for some of the items.

To celebrate our cleaner environment the City will offer free hot dogs and soda for those participating in the clean-up day. This service is for Eden Prairie residents only. For more information call the City's Environmental Coordinator at 952-949-8327.

Dr. Jean Harris Scholarship Winners

Every year the City of Eden Prairie awards high school students who reflect principals of human rights and diversity espoused by former Mayor Dr. Jean Harris. This year two incredible students take the honor and the scholarships off to college with them.

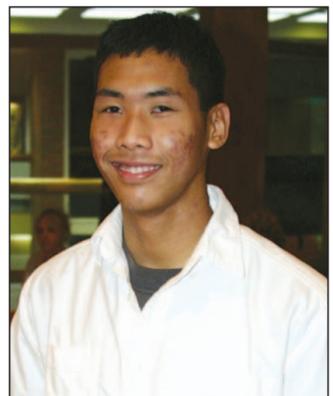


Anna Affias plans to attend University of Minnesota - Duluth

Anna Affias is a senior at Eden Prairie High School. She is involved with many activities including Habitat for Humanity, Feed my Starving Children and is the Regional Vice President for B'nai Brith Youth Organization.

"Anna is that special young woman who really stands out to so many people," says B'nai Brith Youth Organization Executive Director, Sarah Routman. "She always offers her friendship to anyone she is around and seeks out those who may need it more than others."

Anna was crowned homecoming queen this year and is also active in the track and swimming and diving teams.



Christopher Em plans to attend University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Christopher Em is also a senior at Eden Prairie High School. Christopher is active at the school as President of the Diversity Club, coordinating events for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Committee, and is a volunteer tutor at the library.

"While organizing the Diversity Fair it was clear Christopher's work helped students feel a deeper sense of awareness and connectedness to our vast and changing world," recalls Diversity Club Advisor, Stacey Pinski. "He has a great vision to teach others about diverse cultures."

Hearing Aid Leader Expands Business in Eden Prairie

Starkey Laboratories is the largest hearing aid company in the United States. It has been operating this successful run from company headquarters in Eden Prairie for the past 30 years.

In early May, the 3,500 employee company held a grand opening for its new 100,000 square-foot William F. Austin Center, named after the company's founder.



"There is no patient more important than the one you are currently with."

In 1967, Bill Austin began Professional Hearing Aid Services, as a repair shop and service center for hearing aid dispensers. In 1970, he paid \$13,000 for Starkey Laboratories. Soon after, Starkey Laboratories began making small cutting edge hearing aids that for the

first time fit inside the ear.

In 1975, Austin moved his company to Eden Prairie, where today Starkey Laboratories has five buildings and nearly 40 acres in the Golden Triangle.

In 2004, the company had total sales of a half-billion dollars and it continues to grow. Starkey Laboratories plans to add 100 people to its local workforce of 1,500 people.

"There is no patient more important than the one you are currently with." Bill Austin tells his employees. This kind of dedication to customer service, continued research and development has served Bill Austin and Starkey Laboratories well for nearly four decades.

New Road Construction

Drive with caution near two new road projects beginning in June along Mitchell Road and Technology Drive.

Technology Drive will expand from a two lane road to a four lane road. Improvements will also be made to the road's intersections and a pedestrian crossing will be added near St. Andrews church. Right and left turn lanes will also be added to both eastbound and westbound Technology Drive.



The second project is on Mitchell Road. It will expand to create two left turn lanes, two through lanes, and one right lane at both northbound and southbound intersections of Technology Drive. At times, road construction will restrict traffic on Mitchell Road down to one lane in either the north or southbound direction.

The goal is to finish these projects by September.

2005 Police Officer of the Year

The City of Eden Prairie congratulates Officer Orrin Alt, the 2005 Eden Prairie Police Officer of the Year. Officer Alt has worked for the department 26 years.

"I feel really fortunate to be here," says Alt. "So it's really special to me to be recognized by my peers."

Officer Alt says street patrol is the most enjoyable part of his job. Community policing is what attracted him to the Eden Prairie

Police Department back when it was just six-years-old. The department continues to reach out to residents through community meetings, crime prevention education and its expanding speaker bureau.

"People in Eden Prairie are fortunate to have such a professional department that is so focused on community policing," says Officer Alt. "When residents call 911 or need any kind of help, the response is coming from a top notch group of people."



Correction: In the May, 2005 edition, CNS was listed incorrectly in the story "Eden Prairie is Good Business". CNS manufactures "Breathe Right" and "FiberChoice" products.

YOUR ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

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Just for the Fun of It!

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Upcoming Events CALENDAR

MAY

- May 21** "Run for Fun" 5K
7:45 a.m. Register; 9:00 a.m.
Race begins at Round Lake Park. \$25 952-949-8447
- MAY 23** Auditions for "The Glass Slipper"
3 - 12 graders. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Riley-Jacques Barn, 9096 Riley Lake Road. 952-470-6300
- MAY 23-27** Science & Experiments for the Home Schoolers Camp
New science topic every day. Ages 7-12.
Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway
from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
\$75 Advance registration required. 952-949-8479
- MAY 30** Memorial Day
All City buildings closed.
- MAY 31** Horseshoe League begins
League plays at Staring Lake.
\$30 per player. 952-949-8438

JUNE

STARING LAKE CONCERT SERIES



Staring Lake Amphitheatre
14800 Pioneer Trail
Hotline: 952-949-8449 ext.5

- JUNE 4** Birding - Eden Prairie's Hot Spots
Ages 12 to adult. 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Meet at Outdoor Center, 13765 Staring Lake Parkway.
\$8 Advance Registration Required. 952-949-8479
- JUNE 7 - 23** Archery Lessons
Ages 6 to Adult
Youth Beginners 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.;
Youth Advanced 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.;
Age 16 to Adult Ladies: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Archery Range within Staring Lake Park,
near Cummins Grill House. 13600 Pioneer Trail.
\$52 (youth) or \$60 (adult) Advance registration required.
952-949-8456
- JUNE 10** School's Out Party
Ages 7 and younger must have an adult in water.
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Community Center, 16700 Valley View Road.
\$2 at door 952-949-8470
- JUNE 10** Teen Jazz & Blues Festival
7:00 p.m.
- JUNE 11** Arts & Antiques in the Garden
Arts, crafts, antiques and entertainment.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free admission. 952-949-8450
- JUNE 11** Riley Lake Beach Opens
Lifeguards on duty daily 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
(weather permitting)
Riley Lake Park, 9180 Riley Lake Road. 952-949-9447
- JUNE 11** Optimists Fishing Derby
Ages 1-14. Free Registration 8:00 a.m.
Fishing 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Sponsored by
Optimist Club of Eden Prairie 952-934-6508
- JUNE 12** Festival of Jazz on the Prairie
3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- JUNE 14** Splatter Sisters
11:00 a.m.
- JUNE 14** Welcome Coffee at the Senior Center
10:00 a.m., Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road
952-949-8475
- JUNE 17, 18 & 19** "The Pajama Game"
7:00 p.m.
- JUNE 18** Summer Sports Jam
10:00 a.m. Riley Lake Park, 9180 Riley Lake Road.
952-949-8438
- JUNE 18** Twilight Special
Blue Grass Night. 7:00 p.m.
Pay at the door: \$5 adults, \$3 students and seniors
Riley-Jacques Barn, 9096 Riley Lake Road. 952-949-8450
- JUNE 21** Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade
11:00 a.m.
- JUNE 21** Lunch Cruise & Showboat
Adults. 10:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Leave from Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road.
\$58 Advance Registration Required. 952-949-8575
- JUNE 22** Swedish Mid-Summer Celebration with
Ross Sutter and the Swedish duo Linnaea
7:00 p.m.
- JUNE 22** July 4 Volleyball Tournament Deadline
Register before June 22 for 4 or 6 player teams.
Tournament begins at 10 a.m. on July 4.
\$60 per team. 952-949-8438
- JUNE 23** Minnesota Twins Trip
Take your grandkids to the ballpark.
10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bus leaves from
Community Center, 16700 Valley View Road.
\$26 register before June 9.
Pennant and food coupon available \$6. 952-949-8475
- JUNE 24** Day in the Life of an Animal
Zoo trip for ages 13-22 with a disability.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bus leaves from
Senior Center, 8950 Eden Prairie Road.
\$20 Advance Registration Required. 952-949-8457
- JUNE 24** Fridays at Purgatory Creek
Guitar musician Andy LaCasse performs from
Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purgatory Creek Recreation Area,
13001 Technology Drive. Hotline: 952-949-8449 #5
- June 24, 25 & 26** "The Pajama Game"
7:00 p.m.
- JUNE 28** RiverCity Trolley & Sculpture Garden
Trolley trip for ages 13-22 with a disability.
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bus leaves from Senior Center,
8950 Eden Prairie Road.
\$20 Advance Registration Required. 952-949-8457
- JUNE 29** The Rock'n Hollywoods
7:00 p.m.

Summer Sports Jam

Softball • Volleyball • Basketball



Adult Tournaments
Saturday, June 18
Riley Lake Park
A full day of
fun & competition.

Gather your team and register for your sport by June 9.

Co-Rec Volleyball and Softball teams; open 3-on-3 Basketball teams. T-shirts awarded to 1st place teams. For more information contact Lyndell Frey at 952-949-8438 or LFrey@edenprairie.org



SOULFIRE STAGE AT SCHOONER DAYS

Friday, June 3
7 - 10 p.m.

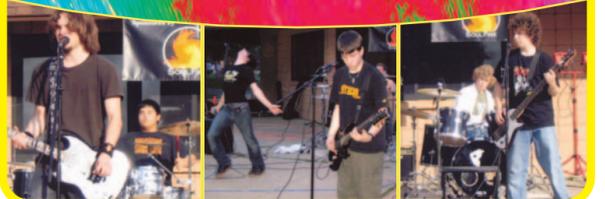
Round Lake Park

High School and Middle School bands will have a chance to perform during Schooner Days.

Free admission
Open to the public

Contact Kaari at 952-949-8456 or

NWeedman@edenprairie.org to sign up your band.



STARING LAKE CONCERT SERIES

Music and entertainment fill the air on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings at the Staring Lake Amphitheatre, 14800 Pioneer Trail.

Look for a 2005 calendar in the June 2 issue of the Eden Prairie News listing all the talented musicians and performers appearing this summer.



Upcoming Entertainment

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| June 10 Teen Jazz and Blues Festival
7 p.m. | June 14 Splatter Sisters
11 a.m. |
| June 12 Minnesota Festival of Jazz on the Prairie
3 p.m. Valley Jazz Big Band
4 p.m. Stan Bann Big Band
5 p.m. Just Friends Big Band
6 p.m. River City Jazz Orch.
7 p.m. Good News Big Band
8 p.m. Jazz on the Prairie | June 21 Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade
11 a.m. |
| | June 22 Ross Sutter
7 p.m. |
| | June 28 Bob the Beachcomber
11 a.m. |
| | June 29 The Rock'n Hollywoods
7 p.m. |

Weather & Info Line: 952-949-8449x5

The dangers of a workplace romance are explored to hysterical effect in this romantic comedy. Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between new superintendent Sid Sorokin and Babe Williams, leader of the Union Grievance Committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7-cent pay increase, setting off not only conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well. Classic musical comedy for the whole family. Free Will Donation accepted

THE PAJAMA GAME

A Musical Comedy
June 17, 18, 19 & 24, 25, 26
7:00 p.m.

Riley-Jacques Barn "Twilight Special"



Saturday, June 18
7 - 9 p.m.
Riley-Jacques Barn
9096 Riley Lake Road

Blue Grass Night Featuring
The Middle Spunk Creek Boys
Emcee: Storyteller Bob Gasch

Admission at the Door:
\$5 Adults
\$3 Students & Seniors

Questions? Call Sandy Werts at 952-949-8450
or swerts@edenprairie.org

Arts & Antiques in the Garden An Art Fair

Stroll around the fabulous peony gardens while hunting for the perfect gift or treasure. You will find a variety of art, craft and antique vendors. The J.R. Cummins Homestead will be open for exploring, and the Eden Prairie Community Band will play for your enjoyment in the afternoon.

Saturday, June 11
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

J.R. Cummins Homestead
13600 Pioneer Trail
Free Admission

Artists, Crafters, Antique dealers and Food Vendor inquirers contact 952-949-8450 or swerts@edenprairie.org.
www.edenprairie.org

Co-Sponsored by the Eden Prairie Historical Society



The Eden Prairie Players
present
A Summer Children's
Theater Camp
(3rd - 12 grades)

THE GLASS SLIPPER

by Vera Morris
Directed by Liz Michaelson

This version of the story introduces us to some playful, new characters: a fearless mouse, a timid cat and the amazing Pumpkinhead, who changes into a coach! The Fairy Godmother is busy tutoring an apprentice, but makes time for our heroine. Naturally, by the final curtain, Cinderella and the Prince are reunited and the stepsisters get an unexpected comeuppance. Participants will audition for parts or can be part of the behind the scenes crew learning about set design, props, costumes and more. Questions? Call 952-470-6300

AUDITIONS
Monday, May 23
7 - 9 p.m.
Riley-Jacques Barn

CALLBACKS
May 24 or 26
7 - 9 p.m.
Riley-Jacques Barn

REHEARSALS
Monday - Thursday
July 11 - August 18
3 - 6 p.m.

Camp Fee: \$125
paid after auditions

Public Performances

Friday, Aug 19 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug 20 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday, Aug 21 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Riley-Jacques Barn, 9096 Riley Lake Road
Tickets: \$5 Adults; \$2 Students
Children 5 and under:
Free with accompanying adult
No advance tickets - at the door only