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218-821-1393 • By Appointment Only Cold fishing opener brought snow while temps hovered in the 30s

By ANN **SCHWARTZ** Despite cold and half-dollar sized snowflakes, all the landings in the Garrison area on Mille Lacs Lake were full of boats and trailers for the May 9 fishing opener. Wayne of Garrison Sports said opening day business was "decent."

He sells many types of bait; fat-



A family group from Pequot Lakes, Rogers and Baxter land their boat on Garrison Sports Pier on a cold fishing opener with snow, rain and fog. Mille Lacs Lake is catch and release only for now. The group said they hooked and threw back 21 fish. Ann Schwartz photos

heads, shiners, crappies, ready to go - awaiting suckers, leaches and wax worms. The state was not yet allowing launches on the big lake although most resorts have their ships

more news from the state (the governor was to make some further decisions on opening the economy on May 18). Garrison Sports

had one launch ready and one getting repaired. Jason of Garrison, left, spent the morning on the lake, getting lots of bites. "It was great till the snow came."



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## Aitkin Elementary School still has lots of activity during shutdown



Rippleside Elementary School Principal Andy Dokken Ann Schwartz photos

By ANN SCHWARTZ

Unlike Aitkin High School, which is kind of a ghost down because of the pandemic lockdown, Rippleside Elementary is bustling with activity.

Teachers come and go between their classrooms and home to deliver instruction via Zoom online and to correct assignments. The office is staffed, as is the kitchen and cleaning.

There are 40 teachers and 17 paraprofessionals who are still working at Rippleside, according to Principal Andy Dokken. There is also a childcare program daily for about 30 children of essential workers.

Communication takes place frequently with families and there is a whole tableful of items being dropped off or picked up. There are over 600 students enrolled at Rippleside in grades preschool through

"My expectations for teachers is that they communicate with students and families every day," Principal Dokken.

Buses continue to run daily with paras assisting drivers. Assignments are dropped off and picked up on Mondays for families who aren't using the internet.

Food — breakfast and lunch — is also prepared by cooks at Rippleside and the Aitkin HIgh School and brought to about 400 students a day in the school district via the bus system.

"It's hard being in these empty buildings when our kids are not here," said Dokken.

Cassie Conn, administrative assistant in the Rippleside office, tries to communicate among parents, students and staff to keep the educational wheels turning. "We try to keep parents informed as We try to be transparent and keep our families in the loop," observed Conn.

A silver lining of the pandemic for Conn is she has time to visit with and get to know the teachers in the building. During regular instruction days, teachers are consumed with students all day.

"A lot of staff and families made huge improvements in using technology,"

said Conn.

"I miss getting the energy from the kids," said Dokken. "Anyone who works with kids knows the tremendous energy that they emit that motivates all staff to do a great job for them."

A silver lining for Dokken has been adapting to distance learning in a tight time frame and being proud that Aitkin is



Administrative Assistant Cassie Conn. School offices workers are point people for communication among staff, students and their families.

much as we can. serving its students and their families.

> Dokken is also pleased to announce that he was honored with a Division Leadership Achievement Award from the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association.

**Teaching days a little different** 

"I spend my days doing one-on-one Zoom instruction and with the whole class three times a week," said Chesna Siegford, a second grade teacher. "I also help the childcare students with their school work and I keep my routine by coming in and working at the school from 7:30 to 3:30 daily. I miss the kids from my classroom!"

Sarah Emery, a first grade teacher, shared: "In the morning, I post videos to the Seesaw platform. We are also on Zoom twice a week. I keep in contact with students and families through postcards, emails, texts and phone calls. I always end my communications with 'hugs and love.' I miss my

first grade family. I'm here for everyone of my students and my colleagues."

Nedra Henline had a unique experience during the Stay at Home order. She was

Second grade teacher Chesna Siegford with little Mason John, Nedra Henline's newborn son.

as a longtime substitute in first grade, replacing Kris Long (who suffers from a bad car accident). Henline and her husband had seven children and number eight arrived a week ago. She stayed home for a month at the end of her

pregnancy, and, an extrovert, it's killing her not to be around people. She brought little Mason John into the school to meet everyone.

"I do a morning message with videos and Zoom in with the class twice a week," Henline said about her first grade workload. "I make phone calls to families once a week."

She said she greatly misses her coworkers and friends. "Today was my first out-

ing in over a month. I was quarantined at home starting at 37 weeks of pregnancy."

"I really miss being in the school and seeing all of the kids and stuff, along with being able to give and receive all those hugs — and smiles."



most recent- Two Rippleside teachers: left, Nedra Henline, longterm first grade sub and Sarly working ah Emery, first grade teacher, compare notes.





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Last week, we talked about the idea of indoor gardening. This week, we begin to roll out the nuts and bolts are the things to find around

(or is that trays and seeds?) of indoor gardening. Peter Burke, gardening expert and founder of the thedailygardener. com, has a delightful book for those that want a more in-depth look into this subject. It is called Year-Round

Chelsea Green Publishing Indoor Salad www.chelseagreen.com Gardening. It is a great reference and gift idea. We are going to rely on that book here. Check your local garden shop, such as The Backyard Greenhouse in Crosby, for this book and some of the supplies you may not have found at home. Some big box stores and online sites can be other re-

sources, if needed. Some recommendations can be substituted, such as pyrex instead of aluminum trays. The things you use may be a different dimension, just get an approximate idea of the

relative size you will be using. Be creative and thoughtful about your choices. So, these

> the house, out and about, or online to get you started:

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5. One tablespoon each: sunflower, pea, radish, and buckwheat seeds

6. One teaspoon broccoli seeds (or Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, or and Brassica)

7. Cheesecloth one full sheet per tray. You can try paper towels, packing paper, paper napkins, or newspaper with a soy-based ink.

Work this week to collect the supplies and, if desired, get the book for reference. Next week, we will try to put it to use.

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## Friends show love in trying times



Shanna Purdy. Submitted photo

Shanna Purdy, Aitkin, works in a dental office in Isle. Her family includes sons Dylan and Clayton who attend Aitkin High School.

On the day that Shanna had her last chemotherapy treatment in at Crosby Regional Medical Center in Crosby, her friends had a surprise sign parade for her.

As Rob and Shanna drove

to the appointment, people stood along the road to the hospital holding signs and waving to cheer her on.

Because of the pandemic, Shanna, and others who have serious injuries or illness,can't have visitors or hugs, just when they need it the

This was a creative and loving way to show support.



Friends stood at Aitkin High School showing their support for Shanna Purdy. Ann Schwartz photo

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., April 25, May 2, 9,

16, 23, & 30, 2020) NOTICE OF MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE SALE** 

DATE: April 19, 2020 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERIFI-CATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARD-ING MORTGAGE TO BE **FORECLOSED** 

1. Date of Mortgage: August 15, 2018

2. Mortgagors: Shayne D. Pankratz and Trista J. Pankratz, spouses married to each other

3. Mortgagees: First International Bank & Trust

4. Recording Information: Recorded on September 11, 2018, as Document Number 908419, in the Office of the County Recorder of Crow

Wing County, Minnesota. 5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: N/A

**INFORMATION REGARD-**ING MORTGAGED PREMIS-

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 251030030010009, 251030030020009 251030030030009

7. Legal description of the

mortgaged premises: LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), AND THREE (3), BLOCK

THREE (3) MATTSON'S AD-**DITION TO IRONTON AC-**CORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF **RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF** THE COUNTY RECORDER. **CROW WING COUNTY, MIN-NESOTA** 

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 308 6th Ave., Ironton, MN 56455.

OTHER FORECLOSURE 9. The person holding the

Mortgage: is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30. The name(s) of the residen-

tial mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is First International Bank & Trust.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is First International Bank & Trust.

**INFORMATION REGARD-**ING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$ 23,000.00.

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$23,414.69.

Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Crow Wing County, Minnesota, at public auction on June 11, 2020, 10:00 a.m., at Sheriff's Office, 304 Laurel Street. Brainerd, MN 56401.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor

or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on December 11, 2020.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR AS-SIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDI-CIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STAT-UTES, SECTION 582.032, DE-TERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IM-PROVED WITH A RESIDEN-TIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRI-CULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

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John (Jack) Young, 79, died

peacefully at Quiet Oaks

Hospice House in St Cloud on

A private family memorial

service will take place at The

Minnesota State Veterans

Monday, May 4, 2020.

#### House.

John was born on September 26, 1940 in St. Cloud. He married Janice Johnson on November 17, 1962 at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in Foley. They were nearing their 53rd wedding anniversary when Jan passed away in 2015. John served as an active member of the United States Air Force for 4 years followed by 30 years as a member of the Air National Guard. Starting out his marriage, he worked three jobs to make ends meet. Quickly, he found and enjoyed a career as a salesman for Ryerson Steel, Plymouth, where he earned the salesman of the year award multiple times. He retired in 2001 with 37 years of service. John accepted a position as a cook at the Bridge Tavern. John coached and mentored his children's sports teams and later those of his grandchildren. John enjoyed studying history and traveling. On a recent trip to Washington DC, John knew every trivia answer on a 90-minute bus trip to Gettysburg. John took up line dancing and he and Jan grew their circle of friends to include a group of avid line dancers. John volunteered with several organizations including the Moose Lodge in Duluth, where he and Jan cooked many meals. After moving to Crosby, John was a volunteer at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center - Care Center. He played many games of cribbage with residents of the Care Center.

John is survived by his children: Rick (Ada) Young, Tammy (Greg) Jeanette, Peggy Young, Terri (Brian) Knox; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers: Allan (Katsy) Young, Richard Young, and Jim (Jean)Young.

John was proceeded in death by his wife, Janice Young; parents, Orris and Bessie Young, and sister-in-law, Faye Young.

### CLARENCE GEVING



Clarence "Chess" Allen Geving, 80, of Blaine died Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at his home. A Celebration of Life will be

held at a later date. Private graveside services will be held at Round Lake Cemetery, Shamrock Township,

Aitkin County.

He was born August 24, 1939 in Tamarack to Emil and Cora (Anderson) Geving. Clarence married Patricia Orttel on February 16, 1963 in Constance. Clarence owned and operated Select American Methods and Advance Circuits Engineering. He was a member of Sons of Norway in Anoka. Clarence coached Little League for many years and was very active in the church. He enjoyed Norwegian Rosemaling,

woodturning, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family at the cabin.

Clarence is survived by his loving wife, Patty Geving; children: Gina (Dave) Pockrandt, Heidi (Danny) Williams, Corey Geving (Sonya), Andrew Geving (Jackie); four grandchildren: Jamie Pockrandt, Ashley Abrahamson, Nicole Abrahamson and Allyson King; sisters: Dorothy Miller, Irene Kidd, and Cindy Melser; brothers, Arthur Geving (Cathy), and Donald Geving; sister-in-law Bernis Geving; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Clarence is preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Kenneth, Jim, Darrel, Michael, Wallace. Elaine, Be and Gladys.

Arrangements were with the McGregor Funeral Home and Cremation Service in McGregor. Go to www.srtfuneral.com to sign the online guest

### CHARLES PERPICH

Charles C. "Carlie" Perpich, 99, of Ironton died on May 10, 2020 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

A Funeral Mass is being planned for a later

Perpich, Tom Perpich, Carlene (Bruce) Berg,

Carlie is survived by his children: Paul (Sandra)

Cathlene (Patrick) McCoy, Carolyn Perpich, and Christine (Jon) Wolters; 15 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-greatgrandchild.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Arrangements are pending with So-

rensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home & Cre-

mation Services of Aitkin. www.srtfuneral.com

Albert Torgerson of Coon Rapids died Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Homestead at Anoka-Transitional Care Center.

ALBERT TORGERSON

**ELLEN BURMAN** 

May 10, 2020 at Aitkin Health Services in Aitkin. Arrangements are pending with So-

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Terry Dox,

food service

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the Aitkin High School and

Rippleside Elementary kitch-

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shut down the schools," said

Dox. He said there are four

4:30 a.m. to get ingredi-

ents prepped. Four hundred

breakfasts and lunches are

made on a rotating menu. A

sample menu for a weekday

includes a muffin, apple and

juice and milk for break-

fast. Lunch includes a turkey

He gets to work about

staff in each building.

"Our home delivery started

lockdown.

## Local school districts feed 'army' of students each day



Food is ready for families at a Grab n Go site.

Photo courtesy of Brainerd School District food service department

By ANN SCHWARTZ

We may think that a lot of folks are lolling around home in their pajamas, watching television and baking during this weird pandemic shutdown time.

But school cooks in area school districts have been on the job for the last seven weeks, preparing daily meals that are delivered to students via school buses,

Brainerd School District distributes 2,000 meals a day Alyssa Thompson, director of food service for the Brain-

erd School District, shares: "Since March 18, ISD 181food service has been providing meals to children in essential worker childcare.

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We have also been delivering meals to homes daily via school buses. We also have three Grab n Go sites where parents can come between 11-1pm to pick-up daily meals.

"Meals consist of a break-

fast and a lunch. They are ready-to-eat and do not need any cooking. Starting with Easter Weekend we started supplying cook-at-home weekend meals. These meals come with a detailed instruction sheet on how to cook and store the ingredients. We have served over 100,000 meals since March 18. This program will run until the end of the school year on May



Cooks prepare food for the Brainerd School District's students at Forestview Middle School. Photos courtesy of Brainerd School District food service department

will be an-Ruby's pantry reopened May 2 nounced shortly." Both kitch-



Ruby's Pantry, the household food support program run by the Journey North Church of Aitkin and Brainerd, reopened on May 2. Aitkin's pickup is the first Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at the Aitkin Church. With social distancing, no customers went inside the building. They stayed in their vehicles, got in the line and paid \$20. Various volunteers loaded food into vehicles. Households get about \$100 of food for each \$20 share that they buy. About 233 shares were distributed in May. Above: A small army of volunteers kept the Ruby's shares flowing to customers that waited in there vehicles. Ann Schwartz photos



Greeters say hello at the beginning of the food line.



carrots, cookies and milk. "We load the buses up

right on main street at the high school, right outside our

kitchen door," he explained.

"It's going good — it's well

Wanda Blakesly, head cook at Rippleside, said the bus garage staff, Tom Bruss and Michelle Alcox, are a

organized."

big help.

A masked volunteer loads up the backseat of a car.

22. Plans for summer meals



Terry Dox, food service supervisor for the Aitkin School District.

## Sidewalks close near courthouse

Street.

Concrete repairs will temporarily close sidewalks near the Crow Wing County Historic Courthouse in downtown Brainerd. Repairs are scheduled to start around the downtown county campus on Monday, May 18th and are expected to take two weeks to complete.

The largest area for repair is the sidewalk at the north entrance of the Historic Courthouse and the south sidewalk along Laurel Street at the Historic Courthouse.

These areas will be closed for the duration of the repairs along with the crosswalks at south 4th Street and Laurel

• Access to the All Veterans Memorial will be best from the south parking lot behind the Historic Courthouse.

Access to the Land Ser-

vices building will remain open via the south parking lot or

sidewalk west of the Historic Courthouse.

• The north sidewalk along Laurel Street will remain open while repairs are completed.

All work and tentative timeline are weather permitting. If you have questions contact Crow Wing County at 218-824-1067.



Rippleside Elementary Cooks, from back left: Cheryl and Wanda in the back and Susanne and Kim in the front. Ann Schwartz photo



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## READER-RIBBE

## Freedom of speech paramount

The Cuyuna Range and surrounding communities can be thankful the owners of the NewsHopper take our freedoms seriously. To print opinions, uncensored, unaltered, and never attempting to persuade anyone from stopping, takes tremendous courage. The letters have always been about the abuse of power and the massive violation of the public trust. It is my personal belief the letters have failed. The culprits were not brought to justice or held accountable; they have moved on to brighter careers and left the residents holding a potential massive financial burden in the future, that's disheartening, but I don't always get what I want.

I apologize to the twice wrongfully terminated officer who asked me to stop writing letters and to the seven time falsely charged former Mayor for the constant disclosure and reminders of what these people put them through. As I told them to their faces, it's not about them, nor will I write in support of them.

The letters were simply to get the council and mayor to do their jobs, investigate the situations and bring an end to the corruption; I failed there also.

I don't consider fighting for the public trust a waste of time. I am humbled by the support and the controversy that came with my choice. I know you can't kick a fire without risk of getting burned.

We all owe a great debt of gratitude and support for the NewsHopper's courage to understand, defend and support our rights.

To my friends, enemies, neighbors, acquaintances, take your stand, fight for it, don't be afraid to speak out, and don't be persuaded your, convictions don't matter, they do. The Courier won't print your articles but the Newshopper will.

Kelly Avelsgard, Deerwood **Concerned Observer** 

## More COVID-19 deaths must come

It is important at this point tems. It has always been unthat people understand that more transmissions and deaths will occur after reopening as the lockdowns end, and they suppress the fear the national media will generate by reporting on the spread of the virus again.

People who gave in to fear and allowed it to direct their thoughts and actions when the virus initially hit us may have understood that social distancing and lockdowns would stop the spread of the virus or even end the virus. Nobody said that.

Those mitigation efforts were taken to slow the spread of the virus so we would not overwhelm our medical sysderstood the virus would work its way through the population as quickly as it could until it was confronted by a vaccine and sufficient herd immunity had been reached. That is what viruses do.

As for a vaccine, we are not likely to see one this year. When we do, people should be concerned about whether a vaccine is adequately tested before it is administered to people who may still need it as a placebo more than for protection. In the end, a vaccine should be available for those who are at risk and should not be mandatory for anyone, as annual flu vaccines are not.

Many hospitals were not overwhelmed and have furloughed personnel; hospitals and medical centers have begun filing for bankruptcy. In high population areas, they ran short on equipment during the first wave, now more areas

#### **Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear**

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turn around, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear touch the ground, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear button your shoe [touch your shoe]

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear now skiddoo

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear climb the stairs Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear say your prayers [fold your hands]

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turnout the light [pull a string]

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear say good night

THE CLASS

may be short on medical staff to deal with the next wave.

CNN and others began to ratchet up the fear again as we moved into March with stories and predictions about increasing numbers of transmissions and deaths which would be "caused by reopening." Some in media are doing this because they think we need more mitigation efforts and believe it is their responsibility to move us in that direction: others are doing this for political purposes.

Governors' decisions to lock down and quarantine the healthy reduced the population the virus could work its way through with resulting herd immunity. The failure to quarantine groups at high risk led to more deaths in those

StarTribune.com reported on May 2, "Minnesota virus deaths up 24, cases up 498." By then Minnesota had 395 COVID-19 deaths and 80 percent of those deaths were from long-term care residents.

As an aside, according to the Minnesota Department of Health, 435 people died in the 2017-18 flu season.

Looking ahead, the increase in transmissions and deaths, which are inevitable with later waves of the virus, are not reasons for repeating mistakes with more lockdowns.

Terry A. Larson, Alexandria

## Memories of a youthful spring

I truly enjoyed the story by Ann Schwartz about back to a youthful spring. It appeared about mid April. It was like a breath of fresh air.

I too have memories of jumping rope and other outdoor fun. My father gave me a long rope for two or three to jump together. It was from a well-worn hay sling. I took it to school with me to use.

### Jump the rope

Jump the rope, jump the rope First I fumble, then I stumble Start once more, start once more One and two and three and four... [Keep counting 'til you miss, then exit]

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Those of us that had clampon roller skates took our skates along to skate on the sidewalks. We would go to the courthouse to skate where was a lot of side walk, at noon and maybe after school. Never once did those in the courthouse ever tell us we were too noisy.

If we were at the school playground, there were a

#### Nice young guy

Apples, peaches, pumpkin pie, Tell me then name of a nice young guy. [Start the alphabet, A-B-C and so on until you miss. That letter is the initial of the nice young guy — all in fun.]

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couple softball games going. Younger kids would play "Drop the Handkerchief," "Fox and Geese" and more.

Just think of the lung ex-

#### A daisy and a robin

Once a little daisy raised its pretty head. Robin red-breast listened, this is what she said:

Oh, I am so thirsty, robin - robin dear All the day the sunshines in the sky so clear.

Then dear robin red-breast called the rain drops down. Pitter-patter-pitter on the daisy's crown. Said the daisy "Thank you" o'er and

o'er again And dear robin red-breast sang out in

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ercise and leg strength we gained by just having fun — so much fun.

I have enclosed several rhymes that I can still remember. I Hope you enjoy them. The other "A Daisy and a Robin" is a childhood song we sang in the second or third grade. I like it so well I just always remembered it.

I enjoy your newspaper, the NewsHopper. Keep up the good work.

May the Corona Flu end soon. I feel badly for this year's graduating seniors.

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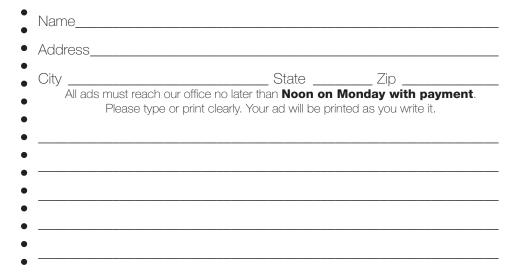
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