

Community

DAY IN HISTORY

2006 — One year ago

More than 500 people participated in the third annual Rochester Day at the Capitol. It was a day of speeches, political rallies and legislative lobbying.

1957 — 50 years ago

Local and area blood donors have established a remarkable record for dependability with the Mayo Blood Bank. In 1956 the clinic received from all sources 13,910 pints of blood. Advances in heart surgery at the clinic have put new demands on the blood bank.

1932 — 75 years ago

Operating costs at the Mineral Springs Sanatorium near Cannon Falls totaled \$64,505 in 1931. The sanatorium, which cared for an average of 80 patients, is controlled by several surrounding counties.

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Citizenship application help

From staff reports

Professionals who can help people apply for citizenship will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Hawthorne Education Center in Rochester, 700 Fourth Ave. S.E.

Immigration attorneys, paralegals and interpreters will be there. Cost is \$20 per application to cover materials. Information in many languages is available at www.ccwinona.org or www.imaa.net.



Taking a break

From left, sophomores Zach Haugen, Cory Birkestrand and Tom Bowron play hackey sack with classmates during their lunch hour Wednesday at Century High School.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Fundraisers

The sixth annual **Jared Hammell Memorial Volleyball Tournament** will be March 31 at Chatfield High School and Potter Auditorium in Chatfield. The tournament raises scholarship money for high school seniors. Games begin at 8 a.m. There will be concessions, a silent auction and T-shirts on sale for \$12. There is no entrance fee.

Nonprofit groups

The **Southern Minnesota Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals** is asking for nominations for its annual Awards for Philanthropy. Individuals, corporations, foundations or other organizations may be nominated by the public for Outstanding Philanthropist, Outstanding Philanthropic Organization, Outstanding Volunteer

Fundraiser, and Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy. Deadline for nominations is May 15; awards will be presented Nov. 13. For more information on the nomination process and to print out submission forms, go to www.afpsouthernminnesota.org.

There will be a "Tour of Italy" benefit for **Kelli Wilson** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Stewartville Civic Center. Wilson suffered a traumatic brain injury in a 2006 accident. The event will feature all-you-can eat lasagna, spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread, garlic toast, ice cream and beverages. A wine class will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for an additional \$5 donation. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults. Cost is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door for children ages 5 to 7. Children younger than 5 may eat free. Tickets may be pur-

chased by contacting any Stewartville Morning Lions Club member or calling the Stewartville Star at 533-4271.

Donations

The **Pine Island Fire Department** has made its annual distribution of funds to local organizations and events. This year's recipients include the Pine Island Post Program, Pine Island Middle School fifth-grade first aid class, Boy Scout Troop 69, Pine Island Fire Department Academic Scholarship and the Pine Island Fire Department Disaster fund. The fire department has its own nonprofit relief association, which helps fund fire department equipment and also benefits community organizations.

People

Richard Oscarson, former Dover-Eyota Elementary principal, has been elected president of the Minnesota Elementary School Principals' Association. The organization has a statewide membership of more than 950 principals. Oscarson's two-year term will start July 1. He is currently the principal of Eastview Elementary School in Lakeville.



Oscarson

Physics show is Saturday

From staff reports

Flames dancing to the beat of the music and other physics demonstrations will be showcased at 7 p.m. Saturday at the University Center Rochester's Hill Theater.

The show is produced by Rochester Community and Technical College's Physics and Engineering Club.

The show is appropriate for ages 5 and older. Cost is \$5 per person at the door.

Community calendar: TODAY TO FRIDAY

TODAY

Fish fry, Dodge Center American Legion, 401 West Highway St., Dodge Center. (507) 374-6749. 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and students, free for children 5 and younger. Proceeds go toward the handicapped accessible lift project. Sponsored by the St. Johns Catholic Church Women.

Equinox Ale Tasting & Star Gazing, Quarry Hill Nature Center, 701 Silver Creek Road N.E., Rochester. 281-61147. 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Snacks, music, see spring star highlights. Adults only. Pre-registration required. \$10 per person.

Fish fry, Christ the King Catholic Church, 202 Fourth St. N.W., Byron. 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$9, seniors \$8, ages 6-12 \$5, family rate of \$33.

SATURDAY

Rochester Woodcarvers' woodcarving show, 4-H Building at Olmsted County Fairgrounds, 1508 Aune Drive S.E., Rochester. 285-1620. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission.

Easter 4 Kids Crafts & Egg Hunt, Resurrection Lutheran Church, School & Preschool, 4520 19th Ave. N.W., Rochester. 282-8280. 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Children ages 3-10 will do crafts, have a snack, hear the Easter resurrection story and join in an egg hunt.

Preschool open house, Resurrection Lutheran Church, School & Preschool, 4520 19th Ave. N.W., Rochester. 282-8280. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

A Taste of Italy benefit for Kelli Wilson, Civic Center, Stewartville. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Kelli, daughter of Jim and Darlene Wilson, suffered a brain injury in a 2006 accident. Sponsored by the Stewartville Morning Lions Club. Tickets: adults, \$10 advance/\$12 at the door; ages 5-10, \$5 advance/\$7 at the door; children younger than 5, free. For tickets, contact the Lions Club; the Stewartville Star (533-4271); or C&F Video (533-8603). A portion of the proceeds will support other Lions projects.

Citizenship Day, Hawthorne Education Center, 700 Fourth Ave. S.E., Rochester. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Immigration attorneys, paralegals and interpreters will help prepare naturalization applications. There is a fee of \$20 for each application. For more information, visit www.ccwinona.org or www.imaa.net. Sponsored in part by the Minnesota/Dakota Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Shalom Story Time for Kids, Rochester Public Library, 101 Second St. S.E. 285-8000. 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. A program to teach children about peace, love and fairness, for children ages preschool to grade 5. Open to all. Parents must remain in the library and are welcome to participate. This is a program of the Rochester Mennonite Church, 529-7910.

Family Egg Hunt and Flip Out Pancake Breakfast, Christ Community Church, 4400 55th St. N.W., Rochester. 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Families with children ages 2 years through fourth grade are invited. Cost is \$2 per person or \$8 per family. To register, call 282-5569 ext. 214, or e-mail heatherschuster@cccrochester.org.

Hooray for Saturday! Family Films, Rochester Public Library, 101 Second St. S.E. 285-8000. 10:30 a.m. Films: "A Boy, a Dog and a Frog" and "Frog Where Are You?"

Mission rummage sale, Faith Lutheran Church, U.S. 14 E., St. Charles. 8 a.m.-noon.

Samaritan Bethany Foundation pancake breakfast, Zumbro Lutheran Church, 624 Third Ave. S.W., Rochester. 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost: adults \$5 (\$5.50 at the door), ages 9 and younger \$2. Proceeds go to buy nightstands for Samaritan Bethany Care Centers residents.

Open forum on bicycle and pedestrian issues, Rochester Area Family Y, 709 First Ave. S.W., Rochester. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Rochester/Olmsted Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. For information, call 280-6862 or e-mail

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SUNDAY

Rochester Woodcarvers' woodcarving show, 4-H Building at Olmsted County Fairgrounds, 1508 Aune Drive S.E., Rochester. 285-1620. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission.

Maple syruping, Quarry Hill Nature Center, 701 Silver Creek Road N.E., Rochester. 281-6114. 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Includes a hike or activity. Cost is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children.

"He Lived the Good Life," Hosanna Lutheran Church, 2815 57th St. N.W., Rochester. 285-0092. 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A musical cantata. Call 285-0092 for more information.

St. Baldrick's Day, Whistle Binkie's on the Lake, 247 Woodlake Drive S.E., Rochester. 55904. 529-3659. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Several participants will shave their heads as a symbol of solidarity with children who have cancer and to raise money for childhood cancer research.

March Madness Veterinary Clinic. A low-cost spay/neuter clinic for area pet or feral cats sponsored by Camp Companion in partnership with the Minnesota School of Business Globe College Veterinary Technician Program and area veterinarians. Cost is \$20; preregistration required. For information, call (507) 367-2392 or visit www.campcompanion.org.

Yaggy Colby History Lecture Series, Rochester Public Library, 101 Second St. S.E. 285-8000. 2:30 p.m. Presented by the Olmsted County Historical Society in cooperation with the library.

Vegetarian Taste Extravaganza, Rochester Seventh-day Adventist Church., 1100 37th St. N.W., Rochester. 367-2653. Noon-2 p.m. Sample more than 20 vegetarian items. Free.

MONDAY

Lansing Cemetery Association meeting, Methodist Church, Lansing. 437-3389. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Kindergarten open house, Kingdom Kids, 4400 55th St. N.W., Rochester. 282-5569 extension 224. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Information, tour and Q&A program.

101 Ways to Help Birds, Quarry Hill Nature Center, 701 Silver Creek Road N.E., Rochester. 7 p.m. Laura Erickson speaks to the Zumbro Valley Audubon Society. Free.

Bedtime Stories, Rochester Public Library, 101 Second St. S.E. 285-8000. 6:30 p.m. Stories, puppets and films. No registration required.

WEDNESDAY

UCR Faculty Lecture Series, Hill Theater UCR campus, Rochester. 10 a.m. Lori Stoltz will speak on "Beyond Esmeralda: Demystifying the Fictitious Portrayal of Gypsies."

Lenten series, Faith United Methodist Church, Fourth Street Southwest and LaFayette, Eyota. 6 p.m. "Compassion and Caring for Others." Presenter will be Mary Feeley, Mayo Clinic chaplain.

THURSDAY

Seven Keys to Résumé Writing Success, Northrop Community



CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be performed by the Children's Dance Theater at Century High School in Rochester today, Saturday and Sunday. Performances are at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. For information, call 288-0125.

Sevices Center, 201 Eighth St. N.W., Rochester. 285-8647. 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Instructor is Amy Charland. Fee is \$12. For questions or to register, call 285-8647 or visit the Web site.

United Way Celebration of Caring and Giving, Rochester International Event Center. 287-2004. 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. United Way of Olmsted County donors, volunteers and partners celebrate the 2006 campaign.

What's New in Window Treatments Demonstration, Struve Paint, 501 N. Broadway, Rochester. 282-2660. Throughout the day. Part of Struve's 60th anniversary celebration. Visit www.struvespaint.com.

MS Society fundraiser, Glynner's Pub, 1643 N. Broadway, Rochester. 282-4013. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Silent auction and Alan Reed's Game Show Mania.

Rochester Center for Autism open house, 3640 Ninth St. N.W., Rochester. 507-424-3234. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Parents, professionals and public invited.

Sons of Norway Kristiania Lodge 47 new members meeting, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road N.E., Rochester. 6 p.m. Public is welcome. Dinner is free with reservations. To RSVP, call Gary Olson at 282-1090 by March 26.

"Big River," Triton Middle School, West Concord. 7:30 p.m. A Broadway musical presented by Triton High School. Tickets: adults \$5, students \$3.

Free mental health group, House of Hope, 525 W. Broadway, Plainview. 7 p.m. The group is for people who care for people suffering from mental illness; it meets for five consecutive Thursdays.

FRIDAY

Maple Syrup Moon, Quarry Hill Nature Center, 701 Silver Creek Road N.E., Rochester. 281-6114. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Make maple syrup, hike by moonlight to Quarry Hill's sweet patch, a grove of box elder, see the tools of the trade and have maple syrup treats. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for youths.

Brown Bag — Color Schemes for Your Home, Struve Paint, 501 N. Broadway, Rochester. 282-2660. Noon-1 p.m. Part of Struve's 60th anniversary celebration. Visit www.struvespaint.com. Also, "How to Paint a Wall," throughout the day.

Alive Forever, Meadow Park Church of Christ, 1315 Sixth Ave. S.E., Rochester. 288-3293. 7 p.m. The Easter message through music and drama. Free admission.