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Matt Livers mans a gun. Livers is serving on the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## Life on the Ike

### Chaska High grad returns from Middle East

By Mollee Francisco

The green of the Livers' backyard was a welcome sight for Matt Livers last week.

"Anything but ocean," he said at his parents' Alexander Circle home.

After eight months at sea, Livers was anxious to be back home with family and friends, even if it was only for 17 days.

Livers, a 2003 Chaska High School graduate, enlisted in the U.S. Navy three years ago. He has since spent much of his time aboard the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower. The U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower is an aircraft carrier used in military operations. The crew has just returned from an eight-month stint in the Middle East.

"The last 40 days were the longest," noted Livers.

Though the ship is basically a floating city, capable of holding more than 5,000 crew members, life can get a bit monotonous at sea.

"It's Groundhog's Day every day," said Livers.

At sea, the crew works 12 hours a day, every day of the week. For Livers, that's 12 hours a day of building bombs.

"You build until the job's done," he said.

When he's not building bombs for American aircraft, Livers spends his free time working out, watching movies and reading.

Science fiction is his genre of choice for movies. Livers said his favorite movie of the moment is "V for Vendetta" though he quickly noted that nothing should be inferred from its anti-government message.

When it comes to books, Livers is a man of literature.

"I like (Ernest) Hemingway and (Ralph Waldo) Emerson," he said.

Reading Emerson helps him escape from the confines of his small room.

"I read him and thought 'Yeah, this guy knows that he's talking about,'" Livers recalled. "His writings (about nature) help me go back home for awhile."

#### 9/11

Home is on Livers' mind a lot these days as he gets ready to wrap up the final year of his service to the country. When he's done, he hopes to go back to college. Livers had finished a year at Bemidji State University in 2004 before he went into the Navy.

Though he doesn't come from a military family, it was an event that happened in 2001 that called him to duty.

"I don't like to bring 9/11 into it," he said. "But I didn't take it very well. It bothered me."

That, combined with a lingering interest in the Navy after a tour of the U.S.S. George Washington when he was 10, convinced Livers that enlisting was the right thing to do. However, his parents took a little more convincing.

"They were supportive," said Livers. "My mom was worried, though. She was just getting comfortable with being a college mom."

"When he told us, we asked him, 'Have you thought about this? Have you thought about that?'" recalled his dad, John. When it appeared to John and

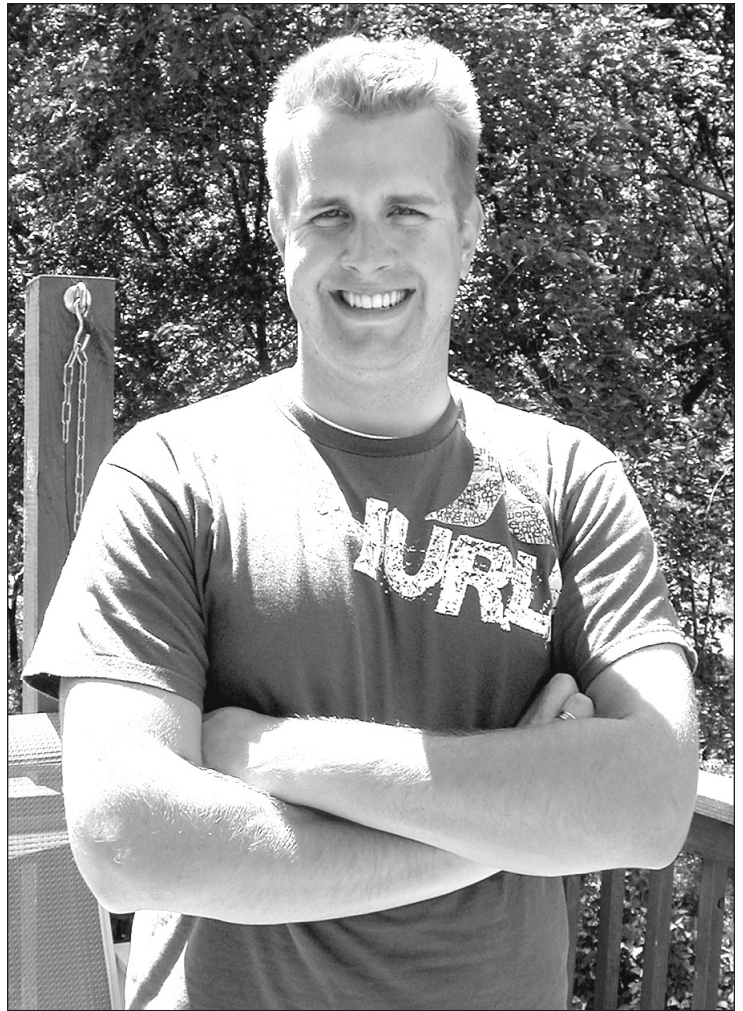


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Matt Livers enjoys a 17-day leave at home in his parents' backyard.

his wife, Linda, that he had thought through his decision, they couldn't hold him back.

"There was nothing more we could say but God bless him and send him on his way," said John.

#### Communication

Unlike the wars of yesteryear, the Livers have been able to stay in regular communication with their son thanks to the miracles of technology.

"In some ways we probably communicate with him now more than when he was a freshman in college," said John.

There have been a few occasions when the e-mails have suddenly stopped, though, giving John and Linda a bit of a fright. When the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower is involved in an operation, all communications from the ship are suspended.

"There are some guys who missed (calling home) on their wedding anniversaries," said Matt. "They got an earful from their wives."

Livers' parents have been able to look to the news during communications blackouts to put the pieces of the puzzle together.

"I woke up to the news one morning about the U.S. getting involved in attacks on terrorists in Somalia," said John. "And I thought, 'Oh that's what my son was doing last night.'"

#### Effecting change

Looking back at his three-year career in the Navy, Livers said he can see that he's made a difference on the small spectrum.

"When the planes come back empty, I know I've done my job," he said.

But on a global scale, Livers has a harder time seeing what

#### Matt Livers

**Age:** 22  
**Neighborhood:** Alexander Circle  
**Occupation:** Bomb builder on the U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower  
**Most interesting moments in the Navy:** Sailing by the Rock of Gibraltar and being on night duty while the aircraft carrier went through the Suez Canal.

effect his work has had. "Sometimes you'll be up for 36 hours straight working and you'll ask yourself 'Why am I here?'" he said.

On the other hand, Livers can see the changes the Navy has made in him.

"I view things a lot more efficiently," he said. "I don't like to do things that are a waste of time or money."

"He's a lot more focused on what he wants to do," said John. "He's more deliberate in his actions but also less carefree."

Livers views the military as a good place to get guidance and direction in life. Now that he's in his final year, he feels he's got a good foothold on life and is ready to go back to school.

"I want to get my teaching degree, maybe a degree in political science and I want to study abroad in Australia," he said.

Stops in ports like Naples, Cyprus, Lisbon and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates have whetted Livers' appetite to see the world.

But he'll always come home to his family and Chaska.

"We're very proud of him and his service to the country," said John.

## Public Notices

RILEY PURGATORY BLUFF CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT ROUND LAKE BASIC WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT #2003-01

In the matter of the Petition of the City of Eden Prairie relating to the Round Lake Water Quality Improvement Project

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.741, the Managers of the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District shall hold a final hearing on the petitioned project on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eden Prairie City Hall, 8080 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, to determine whether the Round Lake Basic Water Management Project should be established and ordered.

The City of Eden Prairie petitioned the Managers of the Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District to establish and implement the Round Lake Basic Water Management Project. The Managers directed the preparation of the District's Engineer's report on the proposed improvement. The Engineers' report was filed with the Managers and submitted to the Director of the Division of Waters of the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The advisory reports of the Director of the Division of Waters approved the project as a practical plan. The Engineer's report has been revised to address the recommendations of the Director and Board and to incorporate data and analyses prepared by the City of Eden Prairie. The Engineer's report and the advisory reports of the Director and Board are available for inspection.

The project proposes additional control measures, beyond those previously required by best management practices of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that can reasonably be taken to minimize the impact of discharges on Round Lake. The project proposes to upgrade 3 existing storm water management basins and create a new basin within the watershed of the lake. In dry to average weather conditions, these improvements will reduce the phosphorus loading to the lake by approximately 13 to 17%. The creation of the new basin will reduce the phosphorus loads by an additional 5 to 8%. The new and upgraded basins will conform to the standards for the National Urban Runoff Ponding Basins and the requirements of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Overall the project will increase the recreational use of swimming, of Round Lake by reducing the phosphorus loads to the lake by 18 to 25%, thereby limiting the number of days the actual water quality exceeds the standard for recreational swimming, a Trophic State Index (TSI) of 53 (<40 mg/l), which is the

guidance published by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to assess full support for primary contact recreation and aesthetics. Further, per the recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources, a second fishing pier is proposed to facilitate the harvest of the bluegills.

The estimated cost of the improvements is \$863,029.00 as set forth in the revised Engineer's report. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.905, the Managers propose to annually levy a tax not to exceed 0.00798 percent of taxable market value for a period not to exceed 15 consecutive years to pay the cost attributable to the basic water management features of the project.

A description of the properties benefited or damaged; the names of the owners of the properties, the public and other corporations affected by the project are shown in the Engineer's Report, which is available for inspection and incorporated by reference.

All parties interested in the proposed project are to appear before the managers at the time and place designated in this final hearing notice to present objections, and to show why an order should not be made by the Managers granting the petition, confirming the engineer's report and the appraisers' report and ordering the establishment and construction or implementation of the project.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

DATED: June 8, 2007

RILEY PURGATORY BLUFF CREEK

WATERSHED DISTRICT

By: Michael Casanova, Chair

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City of Victoria

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW A REQUEST FOR A MINOR SUBDIVISION FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7595 MINNEWASHTA PARKWAY, EXCELSIOR, MN.

TUESDAY, JULY 10th, 2007 6:30 P.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Victoria's Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 10th, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the City Council Chambers located at 7951 Rose Street.

The purpose of the public hearing is to review and possibly recommend approval of a request for a minor subdivision to separate the parsonage (single family residence) from the church parcel of the property located at 7595 Minnewashta Parkway, Excelsior, Carver County, Minnesota.

All those interested are encouraged to attend or contact the City of Victoria offices at (952) 443-

2363 for further information.

Date: June 20, 2007

BY ORDER OF THE VICTORIA ASSISTANT CITY PLANNER

Angie M. Perera, Assistant City Planner

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL FOR THE ISSUANCE

OF A REVENUE NOTE FOR THE ST. HUBERT SCHOOL, INC. PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Chanhassen, Minnesota (the "City") will meet at the City Hall, 7700 Market Boulevard, in the City, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23, 2007 to consider the proposal of St. Hubert Catholic Community, a Minnesota religious corporation (the "Borrower"), that the City assist in financing a project hereinafter described pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.152 to 469.1651, by the issuance of a revenue note or notes (the "Note").

The Project consists of refinancing outstanding debt used to finance the construction and equipping of the St. Hubert School facility located at 8201 Main Street in the City. The Project is owned and operated by the Borrower.

The maximum estimated principal amount of the Note to be issued to finance the Project is \$6,300,000.

The Note if and when issued will not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance upon any property of the City except the Project and such obligations will not be a charge against the general credit or taxing powers of the City but will be payable from sums to be paid by the Borrower pursuant to a revenue agreement.

A draft copy of the proposed application to the Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development, State of Minnesota, for approval of the project, together with all attachments and exhibits thereto, is available for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at the City Hall in the City.

At the time and place fixed for the Public Hearing, the City Council will give all persons who appear at the hearing an opportunity to express their views with respect to the proposal. Written comments will be considered if submitted at the above City office on or before the date of the hearing.

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