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Long-time city employees honored by Eden Prairie Historical Society

(From left) Sandy Werts and John Gertz along with Gertz' wife Diana and daughter Vanessa House pose for a photo next to the Cummins-Grill House. Both Werts, the former recreation coordinator for the city of Eden Prairie, and John Gertz, the city's historic preservation specialist, were honored for their years of service by the Eden Prairie Historical Society and members of the Eden Prairie Heritage Preservation Commission. Both employees were recently let go from the city as a result of budget cuts. Gertz had been at the city for almost 20 years, while Werts served for almost 35 years. Early in her career Werts worked to add the Cummins House to the National Register of Historic Places.

Business is good at Cartridge World

Focus on just cartridges has been successful during recession

By Karla Wennerstrom

Cartridge World is having its best month in the last two years, and the trend is up, says the owner of this and four other stores, Dan Wenstrom. The business is at 7906 Eden Road in Eden Prairie, where it has been for five years. Wenstrom said they just signed a new five-year lease as well. "We are reselling ink and laser cartridges as well as selling new ink and laser cartridges," he said simply. "That's what we do." But, "the day is more full than it sounds," he points out. The "green" nature of recycling cartridges and the cost savings are leading to the success, he said. "To build one laser cartridge, it takes almost a gallon of oil. The plastic in the ink and laser cartridges, if you're throwing them away in the landfill, take up to 400 years to decompose," Wenstrom said. "From a green standpoint, this is extremely environmentally friendly. We're keeping the ink and laser cartridges out of the landfill. At the same

time it's saving the customer money." Resale cartridges can be offered at 25 to 30 percent off new cartridges. Customers bring in their old cartridge, and Cartridge World exchanges it for a full one. "Ninety percent of the time, we already have their item refilled," Wenstrom said. He said the cost goes down from \$20 for a new cartridge to about \$14. For a laser cartridge, it goes from \$100 to about \$69.99. The business has collection programs with local schools and churches as well. "Using our cartridges does not void any printer warranty and everything we sell is 100 percent guaranteed," he added. Wenstrom said that people might think that remanufactured cartridges don't print as many copies as the original. However, the cartridges are weighed, to ensure that they are full. "We know what it weighs empty and we know what it's supposed to weigh full," he said. "It's not just guessing." And they test periodically, printing 200 pages "to see if we're actually meeting the standards that we're saying that we are," Wenstrom said. He said the failure rate is less

than 2 percent. "We offer an instant exchange with no questions asked," he said. Wenstrom said he attributes the success of the business to three things: 1) "The country is growing greener and going greener." 2) "People are always looking for opportunities to save dollars." 3) "We're out in the community knocking on doors. There's an awareness that people are warming to the idea - they've had a good experience in our store. Our repeat business is coming along stronger and stronger every month." He said, "Anyone can sell something one time. If we get a customer to come back over and over again then we've done something right. And that's how we'll be successful." The Eden Prairie location has two employees. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. It was the 44th store in the United States. There are about 700 Cartridge World stores nationwide. Wenstrom also owns locations in Dundas, Eagan, Faribault and Stillwater. For more information, call 952-224-8555 or visit www.cartridgeworldusa.com.

BUSINESS NEWS

Bouquet joins Hellmuth & Johnson

Hellmuth & Johnson of Eden Prairie has announced that Jack Bouquet joined the firm. Bouquet joins the firm as Of Counsel with over 40 years of experience. "He practices in the areas of real estate law, community association law, corporate and business law, estate planning and probate," according to a news release. "Jack is licensed to practice law in the state of Minnesota."



Jack Bouquet

Bouquet is a certified real property law specialist, certified by the Minnesota State Bar Association, past chair of the Hennepin County Real Property Section, member of the MSBA's MCIOA committee (charged with reviewing all proposed changes to the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act), past chair of the Minnesota Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI) and a member of the CAI Legislative Action Committee. For more information, visit www.hjlawfirm.com or call 952-941-4005.

Engstrom spent a year in Germany

Sarah Engstrom of Eden Prairie is scheduled to return home July 16 after spending a year in Germany with the "Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals." The government-sponsored fellowship allows young professionals to study and work in Germany. She had intensive German language training, studied and finished the year with a five-month internship with Kraft Foods in Munich. Participants also live with a German host and learn about daily life from a German perspective, according to a news release. For more information, visit www.cdsintl.org/cbyx.

M&I Bank plans shredding event

M&I Bank will host a shredding event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 18, (or until the shredding truck is full) at its location at 11455 Viking Drive in Eden Prairie "to help protect the environment and the identities of community members by recycling sensitive documents in a safe and secure manner," according to a news release. Individuals can dispose of up to five bags or boxes of documents and dispose of them for free. "Experts recommend consumers shred documents

containing personal information - such as credit card applications - before discarding. Other personal information such as tax documents, bank statements, credit card statements and receipts more than seven years old should also be shredded."

Document Destruction will have an industrial-sized precision shredder and camera, so participants can view their documents being shredded on-site. Documents will be accepted until the truck is full.

More information about identity theft and tips for keeping personal information safe will be available. M&I Bank personnel will also be on hand to discuss ways consumers can protect themselves from identity theft.

Art show planned at Dunn Bros.

The "Summer in Eden Prairie" Art Show July 19 to 25 at the Dunn Bros. Historic Smith-Douglas-More House allows kids ages 1-16 to express their creative take on the theme, attend an opening night show and have their artwork displayed for one week in July at Dunn Bros.

"Artists are encouraged to submit original, two-dimensional artwork no larger than 8.5 by 11 inches, mounted on black matte board or construction paper no larger than 10.5 by 13 inches. Work in any medium may be submitted with one entry per artist, according to a news release.

The deadline for submitting artwork is July 10, and finished pieces can be dropped off at Dunn Bros, 8107 Eden Prairie Road.

The opening show will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at Dunn Bros. Each artist will be recognized and receive a gift for participation. Artwork will hang in the coffee shop for one week following the opening, from July 19-25.

The show is sponsored by Provisions Eden Prairie in partnership with Dunn Bros. Historic Smith-Douglas-More House and owner, Ann Schuster. For more information, visit www.theprovisionsbook.com.

Baguette giveaway planned

Sofitel Minneapolis' Le Petit Marche bakery will give free baguettes to anyone who stops by the bakery July 14 in celebration of Bastille Day, the French national holiday. No purchase necessary, but limit one per customer.

"Le Petit Marche's baguettes are handmade daily by Sofitel's talented pastry chefs with great care and precision, making the traditional French bread a favorite among guests," according to a news release.

"Bastille Day commemorates the storming of a Paris royal fortress - the Bastille - on July 14, 1789. This date serves

a great historical significance as the country marked its transition from a monarchy to a republican regime."

The event is from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the hotel, 5601 W. 78th St., Bloomington.

Lions Tap introduces craft beers

According to the Lions Tap Facebook page, the restaurant is introducing new tap beers.

"Lions Tap's Craft Beers are brewed locally in Minnesota by the award-winning Cold Spring Brewery," according to information from the business. "Established over 125 years ago, the Cold Spring Brewery meticulously crafts our beers using only the finest hops and malts, as well as pure glacial mineral water, which is considered some of the best water in the world for brewing beer."

Beers include the "River Valley Red," "Heartland Honey Bock," "Lions Tap Lager" and "Lions Tap Light."

Selling 'Dogs for the Dogs'

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26, volunteers of Carver-Scott Humane Society will be grilling and selling "Dogs for the Dogs" at The Mustard Seed Landscaping and Garden Center, one mile west of Chaska on the new 212 between county roads 11 and 43. Look for the big red barn.

"All proceeds from this fundraiser are designated for the Humane Society's new shelter building," according to a news release.

Dunn Bros. hosts Carle story times

"Berry Special Bedtime Stories," celebrating the works of Eric Carle are planned by Kinderberry Hill as follows at the Dunn Bros. Coffee Shop in the historic Smith-Douglas-More house, 8107 Eden Prairie Road:

- 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15 - "The Tiny Seed"
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 29 - "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?"
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 - "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

"Join the Kinderberry Hill teachers for a series of bedtime stories, celebrating the works of Eric Carle. These fun, interactive story hours are free and open to the public, and will be held rain or shine," according to a news release. "All children in attendance will receive a complimentary Eric Carle book. Plus, wear your PJ's and receive a kid-sized Berry Smoothie from Dunn Bros."

For more information, call Kinderberry Hill at 952-345-8012 or visit www.kinderberryhill.com.

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CITY COUNCIL
City of Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Tuesday, July 21, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
City Center - 8080 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Project: City Code
Section 11.51 - Standards for the Protection of Wetlands

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the City Center located at 8080 Mitchell Road in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, on the adoption of an amendment to the City Code regarding the protection of wetlands. It is proposed that Section 11.51 Subdivision 11 of the City Code be amended to require submission of an Application prior to review of wetland delineations, wetland determinations and no-loss determinations. The meeting is televised live on cable channel 16 and rebroadcast on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. City staff is requesting the following actions:

Amend section 11.51, Subdivision 11.A and B of the City Code

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS:
A copy of the proposed amendment is on file and available for public inspection at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Additional questions regarding the proposed amendment should be directed to Leslie Stovring, Environmental Coordinator, at 952-949-8327. (Published in the Eden Prairie News on Thursday, July 9, 2009; No. 3823)

The Public Notice deadline for the Eden Prairie News is at 4 p.m. on Thursday, for the following week's issue.

Faxes are not accepted.