

COMMUNITY

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

In honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sundin, their children request the pleasure of your company at a yard party Aug. 6, from 1 to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Sundin home, Ray.

A baby shower honoring Janelle Nicole Johnson and her mother, Nancy, was conducted at the home of Jim and Lollie Hopke.

40 YEARS AGO

Out of an original group of 25 youngsters, Julie Bar-kovic, Kim Johnson, Todd Summer and Dan Ecklund established themselves as the best doubles combinations in an area tennis class.

Mrs. Barbara Bishop and daughter, Heidi Marie, were honored at a baby shower at the home of Mrs. Ann Coulombe, sister of the honored guest.

50 YEARS AGO

The promotion of Vernon Brown, Robert Hansen and Roland Raboin to paper finishing and loading tour supervisors effective Aug. 1 was announced today by General Paper Superintendent C.L. Hess.

A girl was born today at La Verendrye Hospital, Fort Frances, to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow J. Ewald, Rogers Route, 5 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces.

Mando chemical laboratory employees are busy building this summer as Ervin Boyum is building a new garage, Larry Kliner has started construction on a new home, and Tom Barthell's remodeling job is progressing smoothly.

Pat Wagner has transferred to the Mando relations department to replace Beverly Pelland who has resigned effective Aug. 1 to devote full time to home-making.

60 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Kenneth Walker was honored at a stork shower at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Richard Walker.

A fire believed to have started by lightning early this morning destroyed a boat house and two boats owned by James Pagedas, Newport, on Rainy Lake.

Dorothy Elizabeth Mattson became the bride of Robert F. Sandstrom at a double ring ceremony yesterday morning at 9 o'clock in St. Thomas Catholic Church, the Rev. Fr. Edward Lamontagne officiating.

Mrs. Ben Thompson, Old Highway 11, was honored on her birthday by neighbors and friends at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marshall Brown.

70 YEARS AGO

Pvt. Carl V. Nelson, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Victor Nelson of Ericsburg, was killed in action in France July 13, according to word received today by his parents.

H.C. Moe, Ranier postmaster, will realize a wish of long standing when he reports for duty in the United States Navy Aug. 7.

Members of the Koochiching County welfare staff honored Miss Madeline McHugo at a surprise birthday tea given by Mrs. Lyle Laidlaw at the E.J. Car-riveau residence in Fort Frances.

In honor of their son, Dwayne Batcher, F2/c, who arrived Saturday from New York, Mr. and Mrs. John Bennington, 117 13th St., entertained several guests over the weekend.

BBB warning: Fun Runs sometimes promise more than they deliver

St. Paul 5K Foam Fest among list of recent events canceled

BY BBB STAFF REPORT

Better Business Bureau has been hearing lots of complaints about various fun runs that have been canceled with short notice, often with no refunds offered.

Last week, BBB of Greater Cleveland reported on a 5K Foam Fest that was canceled with just four days' notice. An email to paid participants said "Unfortunately, we're not able to provide you with a refund." A similar event scheduled for August in St. Paul was also canceled. The race website says they have ceased operations as of July 17. Another race company has offered Foam Fest participants a discount code for future theme races.

These 5K Foam Fest events were to be put on by Round House Racing Team, which is based in Utah. Since the cancellation was announced, BBB Utah has received 90 complaints from participants looking for refunds of the \$45-75 registration fees they were charged. BBB is processing those complaints now, and an Alert was added to the company's BBB Business Review.

This cancellation news came just a month after

Runners' World reported that the Electric Foam 5K had shut down after numerous race cancellations and an F rating with BBB for its parent company, Color Mania 5K. A number of BBBs and at least one national media outlet had been investigating the canceled Electric Foam 5Ks when the company announced it was closing down all the events. Some participants received refunds through Groupon. The company's website said it was filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

If you are thinking about participating in a themed fun run, here are some BBB tips:

■ Do your research. Check out the company's BBB Business Review and search online for additional information before signing up.

■ Understand the terms and conditions. In some cases, promoters say on their websites that they don't offer refunds, but many consumers don't read the fine print before hitting "I agree" to long online documents.

■ Check the local venue. Contact the park or other venue to confirm that the event is scheduled.

■ Pay with a credit card. Charges made on a credit

card can be disputed after a purchase, whereas debit, cash or wire transfer transactions cannot.

■ Keep documentation of your order. After completing the online registration process, you should receive a confirmation receipt. Print out and keep a copy of the confirmation and any supporting documentation for future reference.

■ Check out the charity. Most fun runs are for-profit, but if the promoters claim a portion of the proceeds will go to charity, check it out on give.org to make sure your donation is going to a trustworthy charity. Be wary of sound-alike names similar to more famous charities.

For tips you can trust, visit bbb.org and for the latest, check out our blog, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.

Note: Groupon and Facebook are BBB Accredited Businesses.

The mission of Better Business Bureau is to be the leader in building marketplace trust by promoting, through self-regulation, the highest standards of business ethics and conduct, and to instill confidence in responsible businesses through programs of education and action that inform, assist and protect the general public. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact BBB at bbb.org or 651-699-1111, toll-free at 1-800-646-6222.

Backus Community Market

Continues through Saturday, October 4

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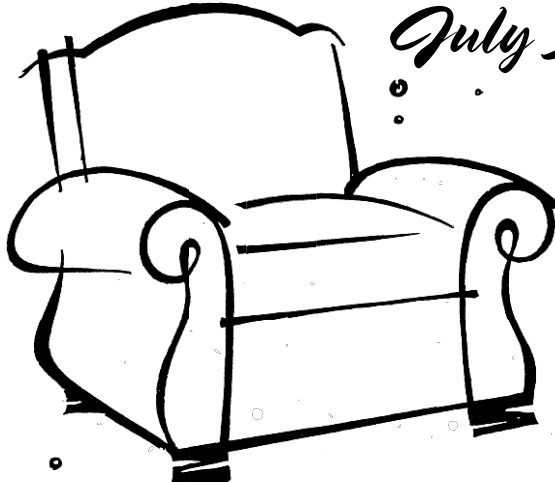
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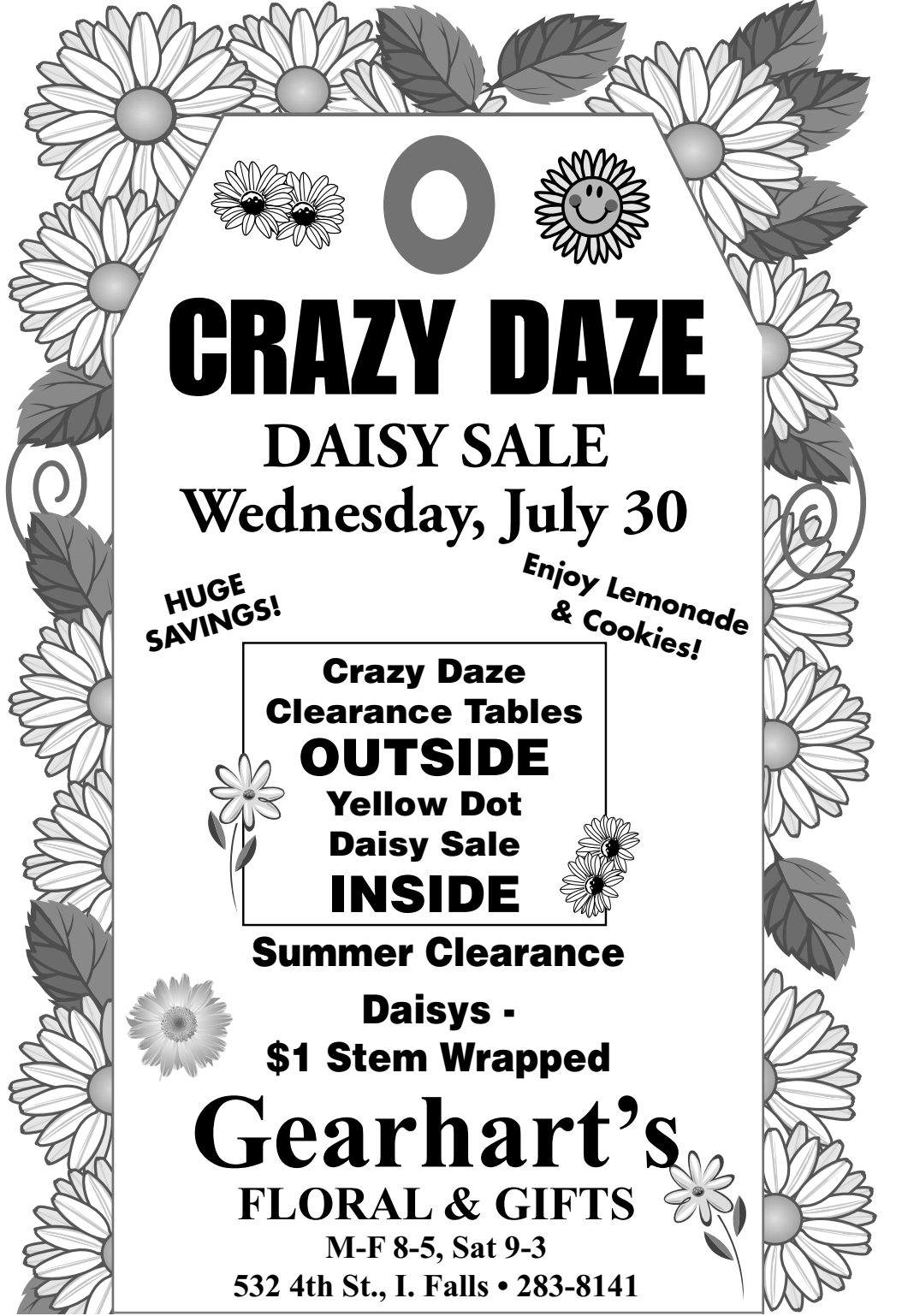
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Wednesday, July 30



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