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Events should have taken place between November 1, 2009 and November 1, 2010. Deadline for receipt of materials at MBNA Headquarters is November 19, 2010. Materials may be submitted on-line or by postal service.

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Anderson Memorials, Inc
Austin and Rochester, Minnesota
Submitted by Renee' Anderson

This year we received many news stories on the TV, radio and newspapers from working on several veteran's memorials in the area. The media contacted us to keep up with the progress. Enclosed are pictures from the local newspapers and photos.

Mower County Veteran's Memorial:

The first phase of this project was completed in 1992. The second phase was to be a larger than life Bronze Statue, but the 1992 Committee was just too tired to continue.

Now, 17 years later, 2009-2010, we introduced the idea to a new Committee again and with new people and new energy it was embraced with enthusiasm! (Never give up on a good idea!)

We suggested to sell granite pavers as the fundraiser for the statue. To promote the paver project, we had informational booths at local fairs and home shows, and the media gave us a lot of attention.

With the sale of hundreds of pavers, many people called us or came in, giving us further exposure. And because we did the bronze statue in house, we were able to share the process with the media, and that brought us even more community exposure.

The dedication of the Bronze Statue was on September 11, 2010 and hundreds of people attended the ceremony. Jeff spoke and he also did the unveiling. We continue to sell pavers for this project.

Rice County Veteran's Memorial:

Ground breaking and the first phase was a granite map and donation pavers.

Grand Meadow Veteran's Memorial:

Ground breaking with the first phases flag pole, concrete work and pavers.



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Other things we do to draw favorable attention:

We donated a bronze statue to the city 3 years ago, and we continue to receive thank yous for that. One grandpa dropped off a picture of his grandkids sitting on the statue.

We also donate cash or auction items to many organizations in the community, including Relay for Life, The local Arts organizations, The Awards Ceremony for the High School Art Assembly, Junior College Scholarship Funds, Nature Center, Historical Societies, Project Graduation, July 4th Festival, and many others.

Promoting art
in the community -

This is a picture
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'A perfect place to honor veterans

Work on memorial begins this weekend

By John Weiss
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GRAND MEADOW — Grand Meadow will break ground at 3 p.m. Monday for a veterans memorial to keep veterans in the public eye year round.

The memorial will be in Grand Meadow Memorial Park near downtown, where the small school used to be and near the hexagonal picnic shelter. It should be done by mid-summer.

"We had this nice new park and with the location, the visibility and stuff, it was a perfect place to honor veterans from Grand Meadow," said Lee Ottman, commander of the local American Legion.

Right now, Memorial Day and Veterans Day are often the only time people remember those who served in the armed forces, he said. But the memorial, with its six marble benches nearly surrounding a 30-foot flag pole, will remind people daily, he said. The flag will be lit and flown at all times, though he might take it down in times of strong winds, Ottman said.

It's needed, said Roger Johnson of Grand Meadow, another Legion member. "I guess we just don't want to forget about our veterans," he said.

A local veteran suggested some kind of memorial about five years ago, Ottman said. Some local veterans felt the money should go to some other things to help veterans, Ottman said, but they talked it out and decided to build the memorial.

It will cost about \$45,000, with money being raised in part from people buying paving stones with names of local veterans on them, he said. They have about \$25,000 now, he said.

Ottman lives across from the park, and at times, he can clearly see in his

mind that memorial there with the flag flying. "Some days I just don't get it," he said.

But in a few months, he should be able to look out and see the real thing. And anyone else going past will see

what he now sees in his mind. The memorial could be an impetus for more improvements at the park,

said Heather Voigt, who is on a local group working on the park. The goal is to replace the current children's

playground equipment with better things, as well as add walking paths for adults, she said.

Another step would be to plant more trees for students to learn about plants, she said.

The group has raised about \$12,000 so far and received promises of volunteer time and donations.

When it's done, it will be a community park, she said.



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Lee Ottman, commander of the Grand Meadow American Legion, holds a model of the veterans memorial that will be built in a city park. Behind him are Lyle Julson, Einar Myhre, Leon Steinkamp and Roger Johnson.



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State — Budget talks focus on health care expansion | Sports — Austin boys headed back to state meet

Austin one of 1,077 vying for Google network

List of finalists expected by end of the year

By MIKE ROSE
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Internet-behemoth Google isn't being overly specific with its plans to experiment with ultra high-speed Internet connections in at least one U.S. community, but they should have target areas by the end of the year — a list which could include Austin.

Austin officials submitted an application — a detailed process that included providing data ranging from local weather to topography to demographics — in late March. Since then, the city has been in a holding pattern, waiting as Google mulls over Austin and others. Craig Hoium, the city planning director who ultimately took the lead on the application, said Tuesday that he hadn't heard anything

new from the Internet company in the past two months.

Google executives are not saying whether they ultimately plan on picking one community or several. However, the company does plan on having a list of target communities that will be the subject of "site visits" by the end of the year, Google product manager Minnie Ingersoll said in an e-mail.

Those finalists will be coming from a group of 1,077 applications that encompass all 50 states plus the U.S. Territories. In Minnesota alone, 24 different local governments, including the cities of Rochester and St. Paul, submitted applications.

Google has said previously that it wants to reach at least 50,000 people, and potentially up to 500,000 people, in any selected community. Austin, with a population of roughly 23,000, would seemingly fall below the threshold, but Hoium said outlying communities in the county could boost that number.

The smallish population



Herald file photo

Shawn Riley, director of information technology for the Mayo Clinic in Austin, keys in information for the Google Internet submission in the City Council chambers this past March.

aside, Hoium said Austin has a number of key selling points, including the Hormel Corporation and the Austin Medical Center, which could make the city enticing to Google.

Google's specific goals for its high-speed Internet experiment are unclear, but Ingersoll said

"we want to see what developers and consumers can do with ultra high-speeds, like creating new bandwidth-intensive 'killer apps' and services, or other uses we can't yet imagine."

GOOGLE, Page 6
 It's too early to discuss a price tag.

THE COMPETITION

Governments in Minnesota up for the Google high-speed fiber Internet project:

Apple Valley, Austin, Burnsville, Dakota County, Duluth, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Falcon Heights, Golden Valley, La Crescent, Lake Minnetonka, Lakeville, Maple Lake, Maplewood, Monticello, North St. Paul, Northfield, Rochester, St. Paul, Scott County, St. Charles, St. Louis Park, Wells, Winthrop.

Across the United States there are a total of 1,077 local governments vying for the project.

Herald graphic
 Info provided by Google

Paving the way for vets

Grand Meadow legion preps park to honor veterans

By JASON SCHOONOVER
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GRAND MEADOW — Austin isn't the only area town nearing completion on a monument to honor local veterans. The Grand Meadow American Legion is chipping away at work on Veteran's Memorial Park.

"It's to honor those who served," said Leland Ottman, commander of the Harry T. Anderson American Legion Post 140. "Whether it was during war time or not, if you signed on the line, you're signing up to do whatever they tell you needs to be done."

Ottman said about 141 pavers have been sold for the project, which has been going on for about five years. Ottman said work on the pavers will begin soon so the initial pavers and a flag pole are in place for the city's Memorial Day service.

"I personally feel it's important to have some physical thing to commemorate what some people have given to this country and this



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Leland Ottman, Legion Commander of the Harry T. Anderson American Legion Post 140 in Grand Meadow, holds a model of what the veteran's memorial will look like after it's completed. The memorial will come complete with pavers along side the walk leading to the memorial.

community," Ottman said.

The memorial will be shaped like an octagon of benches with two open sides. In the center of the octagon is a large flag pole, donated by a legion member who recently died, at the center of a

star. Benches were chosen because Ottman said legion members wanted the memorial to be something that could be used by the community.

Like the Austin memorial, Grand Meadow is working with

Anderson Memorial on the project. Ottman said they plan to set up a perpetual care fund to continually maintain the memorial.

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 'We have a strong military background around here.'

Free summer lunches start June 7 for area students

Meals will be offered weekdays at Austin High School, Neveln Elementary

By RACHEL DREWELOW
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As food prices continue to rise, keeping food on the table might be getting harder for some parents. For the fourth summer, children may eat lunch for free in Austin beginning next month.

Austin High School and Neveln Elementary will serve free lunch to children Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 7 through Sept. 3. Adults can purchase the meals for \$3.50.

All children 18 years of age and under are eligible for the free meals regardless of income, citizenship status, residency or enrollment in public school.

Austin Public School's director of food service Mary Weikum said the district implemented the national Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in 2007 — after she noticed the percentage of students qualifying for free lunch during the school year kept creeping up.

"I was always worried about what was happening to these kids in the summer," Weikum said. "I didn't know if they were getting enough to eat, and that concerned me."

LUNCHES, Page 6

'Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks in the learning process.'

Benefit scheduled for Ingvaldson

By RACHEL DREWELOW

A fair day

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DATED: April 29, 2010

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE: U.S. Bank National Association

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Lunches: Schools served 36K last summer

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To partake in the SFSP, lunch sites must be in low-income areas where at least half of the children come from families with incomes at or below the federal poverty level, making them eligible for free or reduced price school meals, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

It is also available for certain camps and in areas that would serve children of migrant workers.

At Woodson Kindergarten Center, and three of the four public elementary schools, more than 63 percent of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. At Banfield Elementary, more than 50 percent qualify. At Ellis Middle School and

Austin High School, less than 50 percent qualify, according to Weikum.

The summer meals will be served at AHS, even though its student body does not meet the federal poverty standards, because of its size and proximity to Sumner Elementary which does meet standards, Weikum said.

"Hunger is one of the most severe roadblocks to the learning process. Lack of nutrition during the summer months may set up a cycle for poor performance once school begins again," according to the USDA.

Weikum said 36,000 lunches were served last summer, and that she expects to serve that many or more this season.

Each year since the district has served the summer

lunches, the number of students qualifying for free and reduced price lunches has continued to increase.

"I really don't expect that to change soon," she said.

Data from the state education department shows that there was an 8.5 percent increase in the number of students on free and reduced lunch between 2009 and 2010 — meaning more than one in three students statewide received help from the federally supported program this school year.

No registration is needed for the summer lunches. They are served on a walk-in basis, Weikum said.

The Austin Public Library offers a concurrent free summer reading program for kids at both the library and at Austin High School this

FREE LUNCH

When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday through Sept. 3

Where: Austin High School, 301 Third St. NW Neveln Elementary, 1918 E. Oakland Ave.

Details: Free for children, offered to adults for \$3.50. No Registration needed.

summer. For more information, contact the library at 433-2391.

There is also a variety of free and inexpensive programming offered by the University of Minnesota Extension Office and Austin Community Education. Contact 460-1706 or go to austin.revtrak.net for more information.

Memorial: Park will feature amenities for all

From Page 1

While Grand Meadow's American Legion isn't large, Ottman said it's an active group. Each year, the Grand Meadow American Legion hosts a Memorial Day service, and the legion visits 13 area cemeteries.

"Our legion is not huge, but for a small town we're doing halfway decent compared to some of the big cities that are fighting hard to even stay solvent," Ottman said.

Ottman said Grand Meadow has a strong base of people who have been in the military, and many who have made a career out of military service.

"We have a real strong military backing around here," Ottman said.

Rather than paying contractors, people are volunteering their time to work on the memorial.

"There's a lot of little details, and we're just trying

to do the bulk of it on our own," Ottman said.

With part of the memorial slated to be ready for Memorial Day, Ottman said he hopes the full memorial can be completed by the fall.

"Everything's kind of lining up," Ottman said. "It's just a matter of getting it all done."

However, there is room for the project to continue to grow and change in the future. While the initial goal is to sell about 200 pavers, Ottman said there's room to expand beyond that to keep adding pavers. The pavers have been sold to people across the country, as Ottman said many people have called looking to buy pavers to honor a family member or friend.

"Two hundred pavers could be just a nice start," Ottman said.

The veterans memorial isn't the only part of the project. Veterans Memorial Park will also be a



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Two completed pavers are situated next to the walk they will eventually line when the veteran's memorial in Grand Meadow is completed. The paver for Harry T. Anderson, namesake of American Legion Post 140 in Grand Meadow lays in its permanent position.

community park featuring park shelters and other amenities. A key feature of the park will be a new walking trail, but that won't be built until enough funding is raised.

New playground

equipment is scheduled to arrive May 21. Heather Voigt, chairwoman of Grand Meadow Parks and Recreation, said the plan is for the equipment to be in place by Meadow Fest June 25-27.

Google: Austin faces stiff competition to woo Google

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She added that the company wants to operate an "open access" network, but does not plan on building a nationwide network. Ingersoll also said it is "too early" in the process to discuss a specific price tag for the project.

Austin community members have rallied behind the idea, putting together the

website googleaustinmn.com. There, area leaders have posted their endorsements of the project, and links to Facebook and Twitter accounts have gone up, all in an attempt to woo the mega-company.

And so far, the push seems to be working. Fiber Internet proponent FiberForAll reports that Austin is 13th among all city applicants in level of com-

munity support, as measured by dividing the number of people connected with an applicant's largest social networking base — in Austin's case, a GoogleAustin Facebook group — with the total city population.

Jeff Ettinger, CEO of Hormel, said this broad community support, as well as the presence of his company and the Hormel

Institute, make the city an ideal candidate.

"As a community, we're growing and we're changing. And that is why Austin, Minnesota, is the perfect location for Google to test its Google Fiber ultra-high-speed broadband network," he wrote. "This community understands, better than most, the value of technology in connecting it to the rest of the world."

New claims for unemployment insurance decreasing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — New claims for unemployment benefits dipped for the fourth straight week, a sign the job market is improving at a slow but steady pace.

Employers, encouraged by a recovering economy, are hiring again. But they are

Department said Thursday that initial claims dropped last week by 4,000 to a seasonally adjusted 444,000. That's slightly above analysts' estimates, according to Thomson Reuters.

The previous week's total was revised up to 448,000.

The four-week average, which smooths

the average's lowest level this year reached in late March.

After dropping steadily last year from a peak of 651,000, first-time claims have fluctuated at around 450,000 since January.

Many economists believe claims need to fall below 425,000 to signal sustained job creation.

Employers added 290,000 jobs in April, the most in four years.

That's a positive sign that companies are confident enough in the economic recovery to step up hiring.

But much more hiring is needed to make up for the loss of more than 8 million jobs in the recession. The

offset the more than 800,000 people that started or resumed job searches.

"We expect claims to continue to move lower over the coming weeks and will feel more comfortable about the prospects for sustainable job creation when claims drop below the 400,000

Shop home for the holidays; you get more when you Buy Mower!

Nov 2009

Recent weather belies the calendar, but the holiday season is fast approaching. Here in Austin we celebrate the start of the holiday season with a calendar of events called Christmas in the City.

This year, we have nearly 50 businesses participating in three major events organized through the Chamber: Christmas in the City Kickoff, Christmas in the NW and Christmas in the SW. Another 20 or so members have scheduled open houses and sales promotions throughout the holiday schedule. All are promoted in the Christmas in the City calendar of events, inserted in this edition of The Outlook.

Take a look at what your fellow members are doing to promote their business and this important holiday season. Plan to attend as many events as you can to show your support. And more importantly, remember your fellow Chamber members as you go about your own holiday shopping.

The Chamber promotes Christmas in the City as a means of generating traffic to key retail sectors of our community. This year, we will tie in the *Buy Mower, Grow Mower* theme and promote Chamber Bucks as a great option for individuals and businesses to quickly fill their shopping lists.

The Buy Mower message has been heard, but we must all work together to continue the momentum we have established. And there is no better time to do this than during the holiday shopping season.

Your Board of Directors asks all members to consider adding the Buy Mower message to your own promotional materials. We have the logo available to download online at austin-coc.com. Or you can simply note your support of the Buy Mower, Grow Mower message at the end of your electronic ads.

We also encourage all members to consider buying Chamber



VETERANS PROGRAM. Chamber Ambassadors participated in the Veterans Day program and groundbreaking ceremony at the Veterans Memorial, Nov. 11. Anderson Austin Memorials is working with a veterans committee that plans to unveil a new statue and pavers, recognizing veterans, next May.

Your Chamber

by Sandy Forstner, executive director



Bucks for employee holiday gifts. They're redeemable for goods and services from over 150 Chamber members. What a great way to not only reward your employees, but also help support your fellow members!

This is an important shopping season for all of our retail members. We have been blessed with a better than average economy here, during recent months. Retail sales in Austin are up from the previous year and we are regaining sales that were previously lost to other communities. But more work needs to be done to fully reverse a trend that has lasted for decades.

The Buy Mower message is a simple one" For Every Local Purchase There's A Local Purpose." We are all interdependent, and we are all better off when we decided to support our fellow Chamber members, friends and neighbors in business. Dollars spent here stay here to help build our community. Shop locally this holiday season, enjoy Christmas in your city, and share in the prosperity throughout the coming years.



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Area veterans honored

Memorial committee also breaks ground on renovation

By JASON SCHOONOVER
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Ringing church bells could be faintly heard from the veterans memorial outside the Mower County Government Center around 11 a.m. Wednesday, as more than 80 people stood around the memorial for the Veterans Day service.

As a part of the service to remember and honor all those who have served in the military, the Mower County Veterans War Memorial Committee broke ground on a renovation to the project that will commemorate more than a thousand veterans.

Committee member Norm Hecimovich led the service. He said each generation has seen people called into service, and it's important to honor all veterans.

"Our freedoms we take for granted, but we wouldn't have freedoms without our veterans," Hecimovich said.

Some of those veterans served in a foreign country, which gave them the chance to see how life was different outside of America, Hecimovich said.

Ron Hanson, a navy veteran, said Veterans



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Norm Hecimovich salutes the American Flag during the playing of the National Anthem Wednesday during a Veteran's Day service at the Veteran's Memorial.



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Day is an important time to remember the cost of our freedoms and way of life.

"When we were overseas, and you'd see these villages and stuff with a big hole in the front yard and the house all smashed up. You don't see that here," Ron Hanson said. "We have to fight for our freedoms."

VETERANS, Page 3

Some pavers will be engraved over the winter.



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Dennis Hanson of the Legion Post #91 drops his head in prayer during the invocation Wednesday at the Veteran's Memorial during a Veterans Day service.

Gerard's Broolsma lands state-wide award

Employee honored for service, contributions to youth and families

By RACHEL DREWELOW
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Deveny Broolsma spends each day working with teenage boys at the Gerard Academy. She takes them to appointments and brings them shopping for the necessities. They do arts and crafts projects together and play sports. Her work helps the teens develop social and life skills.

Broolsma, who is a senior counselor, loves her job and the daily impact she makes on young

The MCCCA is recognizing Broolsma with The Sister Helen Louise Roth Award. The organization gives one each year to recognize an individual for outstanding contributions and service to youth and families in Minnesota.

Broolsma is the first Gerard Academy employee to receive the award.

The Gerard Academy offers residential treatment programs for children and teenagers with a variety of emotional and

"So, working with kids is natural to me. It is never boring, and I work with awesome people — the kids and the staff," she said.

In addition to her work on an eight-member direct care team, Broolsma trains new staff members in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (Gerard's behavior management program), CPR and First Aid.

Broolsma has worked at the Gerard Academy for eight and a half years, starting as a counselor to boys ages six to 10.

"Everything is a team effort, and that is something that I love about this job," she said.

She will accept the award



Census Bureau wants all residents to participate

Officials urge Illegal immigrants to take part as well

By JASON SCHOONOVER
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The U.S. Census Bureau is calling for all Mower County and Minnesota residents to participate in the 2010 census, even illegal immigrants.

Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau spoke to the Mower County Commissioners during the Tuesday meeting about the importance of the 2010 census and counting all the people who live in the area.

"The core message is it's safe, simple and it's important," said Ami Nafzger, a partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau.

Part of the survey being safe means it will be private. The U.S. Census Bureau is targeting groups that have traditionally been difficult to count. This includes illegal immigrants, who often don't fill out census materials for fear of potential ramifications, Nafzger said.

However, she stressed that illegal immigrants will not be at risk by participating in the survey, and the census documents will be kept secret for up to 72 years.

When asked by the commissioners why the bureau wants to count undocumented immigrants, Nafzger stressed the importance of knowing exactly how many people use public facilities and services.

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Hmong and snowbirds difficult to count.

Veterans: Completing statue is top priority

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Hecimovich urged veterans to share their stories so future generations can learn from the past.

"It's a very emotional day because when you start talking to veterans and you try to get them to tell the stories of what they did," Hecimovich said. "I consider every veteran a hero, don't matter if they were in war or anything. It's a big a team, and a team only does well if everybody works on the team."

The ceremony included the groundbreaking for renovations to the memorial, including pavers to bear the names of many area veterans. As many as 1,056 of the \$300 pavers could one day line the insides of the sidewalks around the memorial, also called the Walk of Remembrance.

The pavers, Hecimovich said, will serve as a key way to acknowledge veterans because it's often

difficult to know who served.

"We have to know who are veterans because we don't have a tattoo in the middle of our forehead to stand out that we served in the military," he said.

A key addition to the monument will be a statue of a fallen soldier lying in the arms of another soldier. The statue will be a little larger than life-size. The memorial was originally designed for the addition of the statue, and there's already an engraving of a nurse reaching out to where the statue of the soldiers will be.

Jeff Anderson, who's spoke about the progress of the project, said completing the statue is the top priority because it's scheduled to be completed for a Memorial Day dedication. Weather permitting, crews plan to fill in the fountain in the coming weeks so the statue can be installed in the spring, he said.

The 12 inch by 6 inch granite pavers have been ordered, and some will

be engraved over the winter. Anderson said the pavers ordered by the first of the year will be completed over the winter. Depending on the weather next spring, some of the pavers could be installed in time for Memorial Day.

While he said some people's concern that the project is moving slowly, Anderson told the crowd the work on the pavers is ahead of schedule. So far, 135 have been sold.

The pavers will likely be installed one row or section at a time as the orders come in and are completed, Anderson said. Once the pavers are all sold, Anderson said there will likely be some landscaping work done around the pavers.

Ron Hanson said his daughter bought a paver for him. He said the pavers are a great way to remember veterans, because future generations can go to the memorial and read the names of those who served their country.

"I think we do need a memorial here to let everybody know that



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Veteran's Fritz Krebsbach, from left, Dennis Nelson and Jay Jessen break ground Wednesday where pavers will go for the Walk of Remembrance at the Veteran's Memorial. The ceremony was part of the Veteran's Day service Wednesday.

month to commemorate the end of World War I.

Nov. 11 would become Veterans Day in 1954.

The service ended with a seven gun salute to veterans followed by a single trumpeter playing taps.

"We all should be

proud we live in a country like this," said Dennis Hanson, a color guard member of more than 20 years. "There are people willing to sacrifice even their lives for this county and for the other people of this country."

Census: Bureau may also work with schools

From Page 1

"They will be counted because they are using the services and the roads and the hospitals here in our country, so that's why they will be counting every single person," Nafzger said.

"They will be counting for every single person living in the United States," she added.

Another group the bureau is targeting is snowbirds. Nafzger said the bureau is asking them to fill out the census so they can be counted as living in Minnesota and not

where they move during the winter. If a snowbird living in Florida or Arizona wishes to be counted as a Minnesota resident, he or she can do so by filling out a survey at a questionnaire assistance center.

Hmong people have also been traditionally difficult to count. Nafzger said Hmong people often have many members of a family living in one home and don't fill out census materials for fear of being reported.

This census has added importance in Minnesota

because of the potential for the state to lose representation in the form of one of its eight congressional seats.

The census also affects the funding that the state of Minnesota receives based on population. Nafzger said one person not filling out the census costs about \$1,000 in funding, meaning if 100 people didn't fill out the census for 10 years, it would cost the state \$1 million in funds.

County Coordinator Craig Oscarson said the city of Austin is already working to promote participation in the

census, and an interpreter may talk with some residents about participating.

In the 2000 census, Minnesota finished second with a response rate of 75 percent, and Iowa finished first with 76 percent, Nafzger said. She said the hope is for Minnesota to beat Iowa this year. The bureau may also work with the schools and some local businesses to spread the word about the census. Residents will receive the census material around March 15, and the materials will be due in mid-April. The ques-

tionnaire will be mailed only to residences and not to post office boxes. The mail will not be addressed to specific homeowners, as it will be addressed to the residence. Nafzger said people need to be aware of this because some people assume mail like this is junk mail.

The census used to consist of a short form and a long form — about a 30-page form. However, Nafzger said the census will be a much simpler 10-question survey.

One theme for the census is 10-10-10: 10 minutes and 10 questions in 2010.

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Brolsma: 'I just really enjoy the work'

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"Deveny puts forth a ton of extra effort to really change these kids' lives," Bucher said.

An example of this is seen in the hand-painted murals that cover the walls of the Bordeaux dormitory.

"The theme of the unit is 'Bordeaux City,' and we try to teach the residents that they are part of a community," Bucher explained.

Brolsma was instrumental in designing and painting murals of homes, parks and skylines with kids and staff since 2007, she said.

"We try to make every room a house, a home," Bucher said.

"It has been very therapeutic for the kids. They love it, and are very proud. They take ownership of it," she continued.

A letter to the nominating committee from Rettner and Bucher states that Brolsma also took kids on extended camping trips, and worked extra hours, sometimes doing things like sewing pillows and window coverings to make the residences more homey. It also notes her ability to rejuvenate staff who grow weary when the work is

challenging.

They write: "Deveny rarely looks for a thank you or approval from her supervisors, and often is embarrassed when her efforts are noted."

But, Bucher said, when staff give 100 or 110 percent, in this case, they should be rewarded.

"I just really enjoy the work... and I think its important," Brolsma said.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS / SPANISH CLASSES

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The decision will also affect programs in Hayfield, Southland and Albert Lea, which will be joining the group next year, because those schools receive funding from Austin's grant.

Alberts said pinpointing the achievement gap is tough. He said it shows up in ACT scores and statewide assessments and No Child Left Behind data.

"It's hard to say what the gap looks like in Austin," he said.



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Paving the way



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Spring is the time of flowers

Flowers are on my mind this month because of our "Floral Enchantment" fundraiser coming up in May (more information below). After telling you about Austin's first green house business last week, I found this report on the floral exhibit at the 1910 Minnesota State Fair-100 years ago.



Laura Helle

Hormel Historic Home

From "The Minnesota Horticulturist" October 1910 issue: "Those who visited horticulture hall at the recent Minnesota State Fair and who had seen it on previous years noted with pleasure the marked change in its appearance. The large centerpiece, which in its varying changes had attracted so much attention in previous years was entirely removed, and a beautiful flowing fountain had taken its place.

This fountain, while it was appropriately ornamented with vases of flowers around the margin and a pile of statuary in the center, yet as a whole was low and did not interfere with the general view of the hall.

The booths that had heretofore occupied the south half of the hall were all removed, and nothing of any elevation to interfere with the view of the whole hall was to be found at any point... The hall was profusely decorated throughout, posts, cross beams, walls doors, etc., with evergreen boughs and trailing evergreen rope, in striking contrast with the uniform white of the interior of the building, the whole making a beautiful effect as viewed from any point in the hall.

The south half of the hall was devoted entirely to the floral display, the florist having supplied a sufficient number of palms and other decorative plants to arrange about the walls all around the inside of that end of the hall.

Four florist contributed to this magnificent display of decorative plants, Holm & Olson and A. S. Swanson of St. Paul, the Minneapolis Floral Company and John Vasatka of Minneapolis.

Arranged at suitable points throughout the interior of that part of the hall were placed many beautiful single decorative plants, the most conspicuous being a number of large bay trees located on either side of the center aisle, giving much the appearance of a grove. The Minneapolis Park Board, through Theo. Wirth as superintendent, contributed also a large number of smaller bay trees, which were placed about the hall against the various posts, a table of unusual decorative plants, grasses, etc., and also a table of splendid cut roses from the Minneapolis park gardens.

...On Friday there were four floral designs displayed, a wreath on an easel.

All of this special decorative work by the florists was greatly appreciated.

In the judgment of the writer, this feature of the fair should be enlarged, and note made in the program published by the state fair association of the days on which these various decorative exhibits are to be shown.

The amateur flower premium list had been very much enlarged and increased for this year's purposes, but on account of the very dry season the amateur display was a comparatively small one. Considerable excellent material, however, was shown, enough to keep the tables fairly well filled during the week.

The amateurs set up half a dozen collections of wild flowers and eleven bouquets of wild flowers, all of which were of interest and would have been much more so if, following the suggestion of the assistant superintendent in this department-Mr. Gust Malmquist, of Minneapolis-the different varieties of flowers had been labeled.

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Bill Fuller, who was chairman of the Veterans Committee when the project started in the late 1980s, said he's excited to see a near-finished memorial. Jeff Anderson, a committee member and owner of Anderson Memorial, said he and Fuller have been in contact about the memorial for nearly two decades.

Hecimovich said they haven't sold quite as many pavers as they'd hoped by this time, but Anderson said work on the monument is moving forward at a good pace compared with other projects he's been involved with.

"We set some pretty optimistic goals," Anderson said, noting that the project had moved slowly in recent years.

The first portion of the veteran's memorial, featuring a black granite wall above a fountain, was built in 1992; but, the memorial has been incomplete. Since completion, a nurse etched in the granite has appeared slightly out of place, as she reaches out toward an open space. But she won't be for long.



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The statue for the revamped veteran's memorial is nearly finished. This is the assembled piece.

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centerpiece, which in its varying changes had attracted so much attention in previous years was entirely removed, and a beautiful flowing fountain had taken its place.

This fountain, while it was appropriately ornamented with vases of flowers around the margin and a pile of statuary in the center, yet as a whole was low and did not interfere with the general view of the hall.

The booths that had heretofore occupied the south half of the hall were all removed, and nothing of any elevation to interfere with the view of the whole hall was to be found at any point... The hall was profusely decorated throughout, posts, cross beams, walls doors, etc., with evergreen boughs and trailing evergreen rope, in striking contrast with the uniform white of the interior of the building, the whole making a beautiful effect as viewed from any point in the hall.

The south half of the hall was devoted entirely to the floral display, the florist having supplied a sufficient number of palms and other decorative plants to arrange about the walls all around the inside of that end of the hall.

Four florist contributed to this magnificent display of decorative plants, Holm & Olson and A. S. Swanson of St. Paul, the Minneapolis Floral Company and John Vasatka of Minneapolis.

Arranged at suitable points throughout the interior of that part of the hall were placed many beautiful single decorative plants, the most conspicuous being a number of large bay trees located on either side of the center aisle, giving much the appearance of a grove. The Minneapolis Park Board, through Theo. Wirth as superintendent, contributed also a large number of smaller bay trees, which were placed about the hall against the various posts, a table of unusual decorative plants, grasses, etc., and also a a table of splendid cut roses from the Minneapolis park gardens.

...On Friday there were four floral designs displayed, a wreath on an easel.

All of this special decorative work by the florists was greatly appreciated.

In the judgment of the writer, this feature of the fair should be enlarged, and note made in the program published by the state fair association of the days on which these various decorative exhibits are to be shown.

The amateur flower premium list had been very much enlarged and increased for this year's purposes, but on account of the very dry season the amateur display was a comparatively small one. Considerable excellent material, however, was shown, enough to keep the tables fairly well filled during the week.

The amateurs set up half a dozen collections of wild flowers and eleven bouquets of wild flowers, all of which were of interest and would have been much more so if, following the suggestion of the assistant superintendent in this department-Mr. Gust Malmquist, of Minneapolis-the different varieties of flowers had been labeled.

The amateurs displayed on Thursday eight baskets of flowers, which were very prettily designed and well worth to the fair the amount of the premiums awarded, and on Friday seven table decorations, some of which competed very closely with the character of work done by the professionals. This part of the floral display had been worked up largely by Mr. Malmquist, and in its inception and management was a credit to him."

This Week at the HHH

- Tuesday, April 20 Social Concerns: Gardening Tips - 11 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 21 Tour from West Des Moines, Iowa - 10 a.m.

Coming up at the HHH

Spring Card Party
Sign up your table of Bridge or 500 for the Spring
Card Party on Tuesday, April 27. Lunch is served at noon followed by an afternoon of card play.
Prize to each table high score. Cost is \$9 per person. Sign up at the HHH office at 433-4243.

Floral Enchantment

Make plans now to attend the R & R spring fund raiser: Floral Enchantment on Tuesday, May 4. Arrive at 11 a.m. for special shopping opportunities including handmade jewelry and pottery. At 11:45 a.m., doors open to the hall, transformed into a floral wonderland.
Lunch will be served promptly at 12 p.m.
Tickets are \$50 per person and can be reserved now with the HHH office at 433-4243.

Paving: 'This is going to entail all veterans'

From Page 1

Paving the way

After the first 600 pavers are sold, one of the centerpieces of the memorial will be installed. The bronze statue will depict a fallen soldier in the hands of a fellow soldier with the nurse on the black granite reaching out toward the two.

The statue will likely be completed by mid-May, and while committee members were hoping to have sold enough pavers to dedicate the statue on Memorial Day, Hecimovich said a summer dedication is likely.

Anderson said it's unlikely that 600 pavers will be sold by Memorial Day. However, work on the monument has progressed over the winter.

Anderson Memorial has been engraving the 250 jet black pavers, and the completed stones are piled in the business waiting to be installed this spring. April 1 was the cut off to purchase a paver before Memorial Day, but Anderson said his staff is trying to complete additional pavers sold to have more in place for Memorial Day.

While people have been working on the project over the winter, the efforts will become more visible when the projects shifts outside when volunteers remove old shrubs around the memorial on Community Pride Day April 24. New plants, including blue chip junipers, will be planted around the memorial.

After that, Anderson Memorial can begin installing the pavers. Anderson said the first group of pavers will likely be installed along the center sidewalk of the memorial.

Each of the black granite pavers costs \$300 and will honor all veterans — living and dead. The veteran's name, military branch and the conflict he or she served during will all be etched in the granite.

The pavers are engraved by a laser. A large machine slowly slides a laser back and forth over the black granite pavers — much like a type writer passing across a page — emitting quick bursts of light to gradually spell out a veteran's name.

By doing this, a paver can be completed about every half hour, instead of one every two to three hours if the granite were etched by hand, Anderson said.

Crews from Anderson Memorial will soon fill in the old fountain with cement to prepare it for the completion of a statue. The original plans called for the statue to be three-fourths life-size so the statue could be installed above the fountain. However, Anderson and the committee changed the plans, and the statue will now be life-size.

In 1992, the committee aimed to install the statue soon after the completion of the granite wall. However, Anderson said the project was put on hold, partially because people were worn out from the fundraising for the project's first phase.

Anderson said Stewartville's veteran's memorial, which is very similar to Austin's, inspired a change to a full-sized statue and sparked a renewed drive to complete the project.

Paul Rieffer, who commonly works with Anderson Memorial, is sculpting the statue. Start to finish,

Anderson said a statue like that takes about 18 months to complete.

"It's kind of a long, involved process," he said.

The statue is nearing completion. The limbs and different sections of the statue are cast, but they still need to be pieced together, Anderson said.

A monument for all veterans

Contrary to common belief, the pavers aren't just in honor of veterans who have died. Many pavers have already been bought to honor living veterans, Fuller said.

"This is going to entail all veterans, and we need to get the public aware of what we're doing," Fuller said.

At the Home Show in late March, many people assumed the pavers are intended for deceased veterans, Hecimovich said.

"People looked at the pavers during our lawn and garden show and said, 'that guy's not dead.' They don't have to be dead," Hecimovich said. "It's for all veterans who have served this country, because that's just so important."

Some of the completed pavers were on display at the Home Show, and Hecimovich said many people liked seeing the completed black granite bricks. Hecimovich said many people expected the pavers to be made of regular bricks and were surprised to see sparkling black granite.

Interest in the pavers hasn't been limited to residents of Mower County. Hecimovich said people have called him from across the U.S. asking about the pavers, as there are many people who have moved out of town and heard about



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A series of points of lights mark the stone and tile laser's progression across the face of a granite block as it etches the name of Laverne Blakestad at Anderson Memorial Tuesday morning.

the memorial.

"It's something where you want to honor as many requests as you possibly can," Hecimovich said.

People will be able to view the pavers on Memorial Day when an 8 a.m. service is held at the monument.

Future

While the final plan calls for 1,056 pavers, Hecimovich said there may one day be room to expand the memorial.

When working on similar projects in the past, Anderson said many people want to purchase pavers after they see some installed. So Anderson said there's room to expand beyond 1,056, especially since there are ongoing wars.

Along with installing the pavers, Anderson said there is other work to be done at the

memorial.

A few more names need to be etched into the existing memorial, and they need to fix a sun dial that was vandalized.

Once 600 pavers are sold and installed, Hecimovich said committee members plan to start a fund to maintain the veteran's memorial and keep it looking good.

Anderson said they're hoping to install new pavers about once a year.

Thermometer signs to track the progress of the paver sales will soon be put up outside the courthouse, Anderson said. He also said there are some community fundraiser projects currently being planned.

For more information about pavers or to purchase one, call (507) 437-3636.

In honor of Earth Day, go ahead and green up your diet

The first Earth Day was founded in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson and is now celebrated annually. April 22, 2010, marks the 40th anniversary of Earth Day.

There are many simple changes you can make that will have a positive effect on the well-being of the planet. This year, challenge yourself to this one simple piece of advice to go green: eat real food. Here are a few ways to green your diet to make a positive impact on you and your family.

1. Eat more fruits and vegetables.

If there is one piece of advice I can give to customers, it is to spend more time in the produce section. By eating the recommended four to five cups of fruits and vegetables every day, you are by default consuming fewer calories (the produce area is the lowest calorie section of the store!) and a very nutrient-rich diet. Want to lose weight? Eat more fruits and



vegetables! Want to lower your risk of heart disease? Eat more fruits and vegetables!

While I think you get the picture, there are many benefits to eating more plant-based foods that are too numerous to mention. Find variety, a rainbow of colors and delicious flavors in my favorite section of the grocery store.

Here are some great ways to incorporate more fruits and vegetables into your day using the six S's:

Salads: Eat a salad with fresh vegetables every night. Don't stop with just vegetables, add strawberries, blueberries, apples or pears for a sweet delight.

Smoothies: Start the day with a fresh smoothie with 1 cup fruit, 1/2 cup skim milk and 1/2 cup fat-free

vanilla yogurt.

Soups: Think chilled fruit soups, wilt spinach into your vegetable soup, try a butternut squash soup.

Sides: Is half of your plate at mealtime fruits and vegetables?

Snacks: Eat frozen grapes as an afternoon snack or pack some dried fruit for a quick energy boost.

Sandwiches: Add vegetables to your sandwiches like cucumbers, spinach, tomatoes, peppers and onions.

2. Launch a Meatless Monday. New this week, Johns Hopkins Hospital launched the first ever Meatless Monday menu to their patients, visitors and employees to encourage healthier eating.

Going meatless once a week may reduce your risk of chronic preventable conditions like cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity. It can also help reduce your carbon footprint and save precious

resources like fresh water and fossil fuel. You can do it too by incorporating these suggestions from the www.meatlessmonday.com website:

- Instead of chicken soup, try split pea or navy bean soup.

- Instead of pasta with meat sauce, try pasta with cannellini beans.

- Instead of a hamburger, try a soy or veggie burger.

- Instead of chopped bacon on a salad, try chopped nuts or sunflower seeds.

- Instead of a turkey sandwich, try a peanut butter sandwich.

- Instead of a chicken enchilada, try a bean burrito.

Remember, it's not a no-meat movement, it's just one day in the week to re-think your meal choices to foster a healthier lifestyle.

3. Go unrefined. Pick whole grains over

refined grains. Whole grains contain all three parts of the kernel, the germ, endosperm and the bran.

Refining normally removes the bran and the germ, leaving only the endosperm. Without the bran and germ, about 25% of a grain's protein is lost, along with at least seventeen key nutrients.

Processors add back some vitamins and minerals to enrich refined grains, so refined products still contribute valuable nutrients.

But whole grains are healthier, providing more protein, more fiber and many important vitamins and minerals.

4. Go for the flavor. Enhance food with bold flavors from healthy ingredients like fresh herbs, spices and citrus. When your food has great flavor, there is no reason to feel deprived!

5. Practice the 3 Rs.

Reduce the amount of leftover food by making smaller portions (portion size is key in weight management). Reuse leftovers by serving again in a day or two or freezing for future use.

Recycle leftovers into a different type of meal; for example — add extra rice to a soup or include leftover meat and vegetables in a casserole dish.

Be mindful and enjoy. Make conscious food decisions rather than grabbing for what is most convenient. Make sure it is something delicious and savor it. When you enjoy what you eat, you feel satisfied.

Looking for ways to green up your diet? Contact Jen, your registered dietitian at Austin Hy-Vee by calling 437-7625 or jhaugen@hy-vee.com.



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MnDOT starts crack repairs on area roadways. **A3**

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PIT BULLS

What is happening: The Mower County Humane Society is offering vouchers to pit bull terrier owners that will allow them to have their dogs spayed or neutered at no cost.

Why it matters: Pit bull terriers, which stay at the shelter for an average of seven months, are creating an adoption bottleneck at the society's shelter, making rescuing other dogs more difficult.

the reason why the society is seeing a bottleneck is that pit bull puppies are what people want most. Most of the dogs at the shelter are already 1 or 2 years old. Many of them haven't been properly trained.

"If they haven't been taught, it's like a bull in a china shop," said Zimmerman. "We have rehabilitated some of them. Unfortunately, a lot of these owners aren't able to keep the dog for its entire life."

The shelter usually doesn't discriminate against any particular breed of dog, just as long as it passes an examination, but it will make exceptions for dogs that are deemed aggressive.

Zimmerman tells callers to start advertising whenever the shelter can't take animals that callers want to surrender. The society also has a network of foster homes but doesn't use them often because they make adoptions more complex.

The city dog pound provides the society with many of its animals, but there are also quite a few that are picked up outside the city.

"Between those sources, we're to the point where we do not take owner-surrendered dogs of any kind," said Zimmerman.



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IN TIME FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Steven Bentley, left, and Jeff Anderson, of Anderson Memorial, prepare the foundation and edging at the Veterans War Memorial, where inscribed stone pavers are placed in memory of veterans.

Anderson said he has about 300 pavers to install and aims to complete the work by Memorial Day.

Currently, the memorial wall contains the names of Mower County residents killed in service from the Civil War to Vietnam War. There is room on the memorial sidewalks for 1,056 names to honor all veterans, said Norm Hecimovich, a veteran leading the effort.

UNEMPLOYMENT / PICTURE IMPROVES

Jobless rate falls to 16-month low

By Mike Klein
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Mower County's jobless rate dropped to 5.5 percent in April, down from 6.7 percent a year ago and 6.6 percent in March, according to numbers released Monday by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

There were 1,190 people out of work in the county in April, with a work force of 20,636.

For the 11-county southeastern Minnesota region, the jobless rate plummeted to 6.6 percent in April, the lowest level in 16 months.

The region's rate was 7.5 percent in March and 8.4 percent a year ago in the 11-county area. The Minnesota jobless rate was 7 percent, and the nationwide rate was 9.5 percent.

"This is one of the lower rates we've had in quite some time, and that's a good thing," said Jennifer Ridgeway, labor

DEED. Everything pointed in the right direction, with fewer layoffs and more jobs, she said.

She added, however, that the economy has a way to go before reaching the point where it was before the recession started.

The largely rural counties of Dodge, Fillmore and Houston saw precipitous drops of 1.8 percent or more from March to April, as seasonal jobs such as construction picked up.

Olmsted and Mower had the lowest rates in the region, with 5.5 percent unemployment, as Rochester's health sector continued to thrive.

Still, business owners caution that progress is slow. Mark Adafin, owner of Global Employment Services in Rochester, says jobs have picked up in summer industries like landscaping, but other than that, not much has changed.

"I don't want to say I see a glimmer of hope, but I don't



Source: Minn. Dept. of Employment and Economic Development

Unemployment rates

	Apr. 09	Apr. 10
Dodge County	7.7%	6.5%
Fillmore County	8.9%	7.2%
Freeborn County	9.3%	7.7%
Goodhue County	8.4%	6.9%
Houston County	8.0%	7.1%
Mower County	6.7%	5.5%
Olmsted County	6.3%	5.5%
Rice County	9.5%	8.0%
Steele County	9.5%	8.1%
Wabasha County	8.6%	6.3%
Winona County	8.4%	6.6%
S.E. Minnesota	7.9%	6.6%
Minnesota	8.3%	7.0%
U.S.	8.6%	9.5%

(All are not seasonally adjusted)

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either," Adafin said.

The good news is that entry-level jobs in the health-care industry, such as health aide, continue to be available if people want to work them, Adafin said.

"The April

employment numbers are another indication that businesses are gaining confidence in



said DEED Commissioner Dan McElroy. "As we've cautioned before, however, the labor market will take some time to recover."

Six of the state's 11 major industry sectors added jobs in April, including manufacturing, trade, transportation and utilities; government; education and health care; leisure and hospitality; and information.

Over the past year, job gains have occurred in professional and business services; education and health services; and



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Recovery a long, bumpy road

By ANNIE BAXTER
Minnesota Public Radio News

Mahdee Abdullah has been sitting on the sidelines a lot lately, at his 12 year-old daughter's softball games — and in the economic recovery.

With no demand for his skills as a cement finisher, the games help fill

the big void in his schedule.

The last time Abdullah had work pouring concrete was with the 35W bridge reconstruction. He was laid off when that work ended a year and a half ago.

Since then, he's been getting by on unemploy-

ment insurance. But it's a pittance compared to the \$50,000 a year he used to earn — an income that allowed him to live comfortably, raise four children, support one in college, and travel.

Those days are gone. The outlook for construction workers has

dimmed, as the U.S. economy is likely to grow slower than in previous recoveries. Minnesota's jobless rate is likely to remain high by historic standards for years to come.

Abdullah, of St. Paul, is looking for jobs outside his field. At 45, he's

bracing for a lower wage. "Right now I'm not feeling too confident," he said. "It could be where you have to relocate or something like that. Even with that, you just don't have the money."

Abdullah is part of a big group of people who probably wish they had

nothing in common — the roughly 213,844 unemployed Minnesotans. They're the faces of the state's 7.2 percent jobless rate.

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Jobless rate will fall to about 4% in five years

Worth the wait



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Jeff Anderson prepares a spot to set the first pavers at the Mower County Veterans' Memorial Monday afternoon. Anderson is hoping to have the first 290 pavers in place for the Memorial Day Service.

By JASON SCHOONOVER
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About 15 years after it was purchased, Ingmund K. Johnson's paver recognizing his service in the Army during World War II was the first paver placed Monday at the Mower County Veterans' Memorial.

Crews from Anderson Memorial will install the first batch of about 290 black granite pavers this week along the center sidewalk of the memorial. The goal is to have the pavers installed in time for the Memorial Day service on May 31.

"I think it's going to be exciting for a lot of people," said Jeff Anderson, owner of Anderson Memorial. "Now they'll actually be able to see it coming to pass and see them installed."

With the project first planned more than a decade ago, many area veterans are eager to see the first pavers in the ground, he said.

Ron Hanson even had the chance to place a paver recognizing his service in the Army from 1965-1967.

"Think of all the years we've waited for this," he said as he looked at the pavers.

About 340 pavers have been sold so far, and about 600 total pavers need to be sold to raise enough money to install the statue at the center of the memorial.

"We need to get to that point as soon as possible this summer," Anderson said.

Anderson said he and other Veterans' Committee members hope the Memorial Day services and the completed pavers will inspire people to purchase pavers.



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Ron Hanson examines a paver bearing his name Monday at the Mower County Veterans' Memorial on the lawn of the Mower County Government Center.

Committee members are currently targeting September as the date to dedicate the statue.

The Veterans' Committee is showing the film "The Conscientious Objector" tonight in Austin High School's Knowlton Auditorium at 7 p.m. to raise money for the memorial.

Tickets for the film are \$7 at the door. All proceeds go toward the statue.

Ball raises \$4K for relay for life

By RACHEL DREWELOW
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This weekend's first annual Black & White Ball raised about \$4,000 for the Mower County Relay for Life.

A team of IBI Data employees hosted the formal fundraising affair Friday at the Holiday Inn.

IBI team captain Dagna Simmons said she did not have a specif-

ic fundraising goal for the event, but that the team hopes to raise a total of \$7,500 before the local summer relay which benefits the American Cancer Society.

Prior to the ball, they raised \$1,400 with a candle sale and a scrapbook weekend.

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Team's final goal is \$7,500.

Threats to census worker could lead to criminal charges

By RACHEL DREWELOW
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A 60-year-old man was arrested in rural Austin Friday evening after allegedly threatening to shoot a census worker.

A female census employee, 46, visited the man's residence in the 5600 block of 220th Street around 9 p.m. Friday, said Mower County Sheriff Terese Amazi.

The man allegedly ordered the census worker to leave his property. When she complied and went to a neighbor's house, the man followed her there and proceeded to tell her that he would shoot her if she did not

leave his property, Amazi said.

Amazi said the man fought with deputies when they arrived at about 9:30 p.m. and told them that he never talked to a census employee, nor has he ever spoken with any woman who drives a van.

He is being held in custody pending charges related to making terroristic threats and resisting arrest.

Census employees began door-to-door canvassing nationwide earlier this month. They are charged with visiting the homes of residents who did not mail back the 10-question form before the April deadline.

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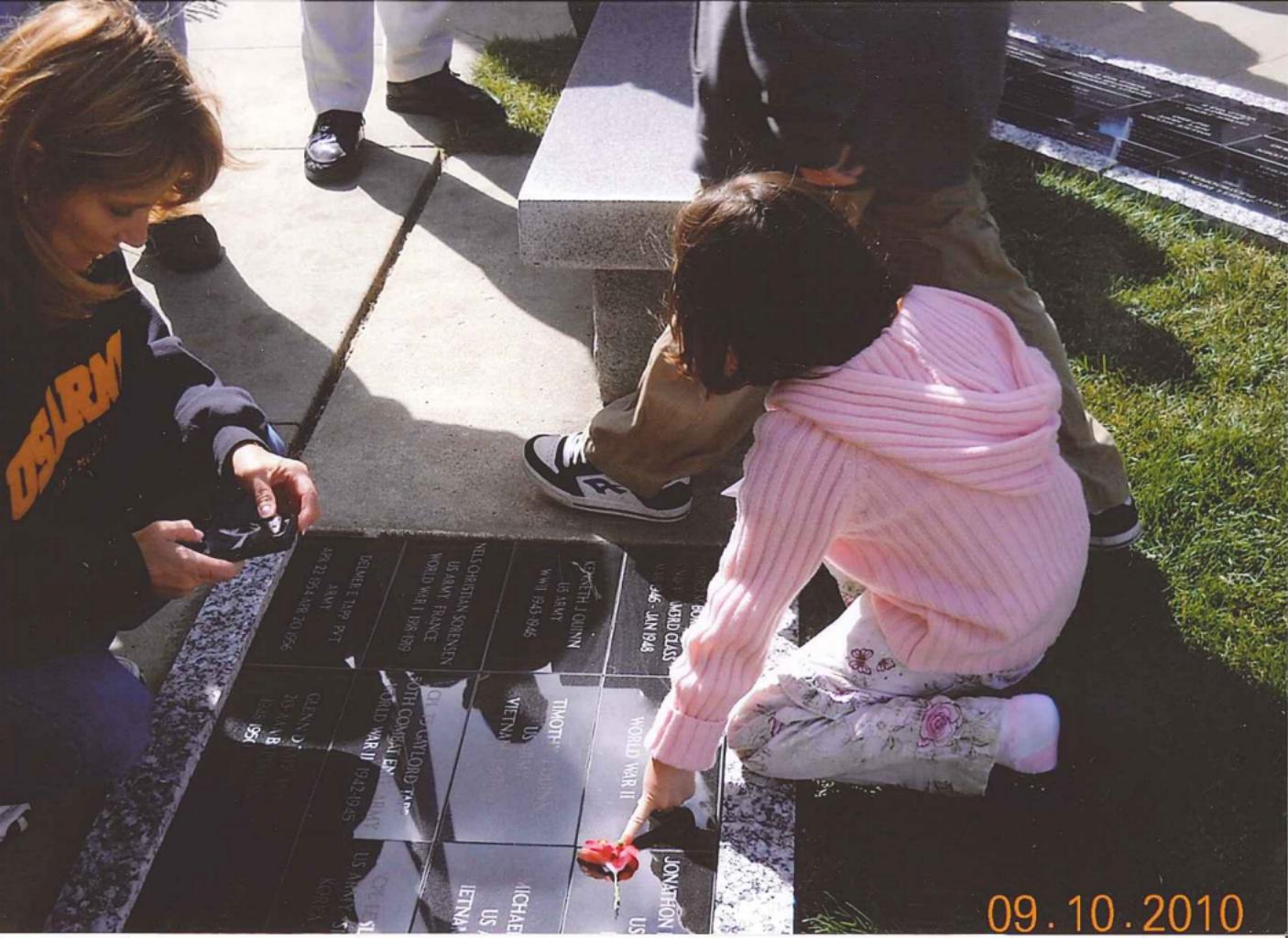
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