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Join Lodge 776 for an Aug. 12 Scrappers game

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — Join Lodge 776 members for a Mahoning Valley Scrappers baseball game Friday, Aug. 12, at Eastwood Field behind Eastwood Mall in Niles, Ohio. The Lodge plans to meet outside the ticket office at 6:30 p.m.; the game begins at 7:05. For more information contact Edward Snyder at (330) 427-6298.

EDWARD SNYDER
 Lodge 776 Secretary/Treasurer

Lodge 31 members to gather for Aug. meeting

SHARON, Pa. — SNPJ Lodge 31 will hold its next monthly meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Slovenian Hall, 1037 Baldwin Ave. in Sharon. After parking in the lot, those attending should walk up the handicap ramp. The meeting area is near where the stage was located. Lodge activities, meeting sites and SNPJ's recent tour of Slovenia will be discussed. For more information, contact Barb Bogolin at (724) 347-1197 before 10 p.m.

BARB BOGOLIN
 Lodge 31 Secretary/Treasurer

Catch a Detroit Tigers game with SNPJ in Aug.

DETROIT — Join SNPJ members in the Detroit area for SNPJ Night at the Detroit Tigers Saturday, Aug. 20. Region 5 Vice President Tracey Anderson will serve as hostess for this event. Tickets are \$22 each and can be purchased by contacting District 5 Athletic Director Ken Anderson at (248) 808-2185. This game pits the Tigers against the Cleveland Indians, so, Tribe fans, this is a great opportunity to take a road trip and catch an away game versus division rivals Detroit with fellow SNPJ members. We look forward to seeing everybody at Comerica Park Aug. 20.

KEVIN RICHARDS
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

Lodge 371 readies for summer meeting, potluck

CLE ELUM, Wash. — Lodge 371 will host its annual summer meeting and potluck Sunday, Aug. 21, beginning at noon on the Kladnik property at Lake Cle Elum. Contact Ann Kladnik at (509) 962-2417 for directions or other details. All members are urged to attend.

KEN KLADNIK
 Lodge 371 President

THE DEADLINE

The next two *PROSVETA* issue dates are Aug. 24 and Sept. 7. All material must be received by Friday, Aug. 12, for the Aug. 24 issue, and by Monday, Aug. 29, for the Sept. 7 issue. If you are running short on time and concerned about making the deadline, try faxing your submission to (724) 695-1555 or e-mailing prosveta@snpj.com.



• **Riley M. Walnoha**
 Born May 5, 2010
 Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138

Lodge 138 welcomes Riley M. Walnoha as its newest member. Riley is the daughter of Chuck Walnoha (138) and Krista Jack (138), and the granddaughter of Nick and Ruth Bell (138) and Jack and Mary Jack. We welcome Riley to the Slovene National Benefit Society and extend our best wishes to her entire family.

Get ready for 2011 National SNPJ Days

Close out your summer with National Days at the SNPJ Recreation Center

by KEVIN RICHARDS
 SNPJ Fraternal Director

IMPERIAL, Pa. — The Fraternal Department and the SNPJ Recreation Center invite all SNPJ members and friends to the SNPJ Recreation Center during Labor Day weekend as we celebrate the 72nd National SNPJ Days.

For those of you who plan to start your Labor Day weekend a little early and arrive at the SNPJ

Recreation Center on Thursday, the Gostilna will be open on Thursday evening, Sept. 1. National SNPJ Days weekend will officially open Friday evening, Sept. 2, with a Welcome Party in the Gostilna starting at 8 p.m. and featuring Dan Klanica. Be sure to arrive early. Food will be available for purchase in the Gostilna throughout the weekend.

Activity on Saturday, Sept. 3, starts early as our golfers head to Bedford Trails Golf Course to compete in the 66th National SNPJ Golf Tournament, which will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. SNPJ has arranged a special \$5,000 hole-in-one prize on one of the par-3 holes. Golfers will also have the opportunity

to win many other nice gifts and, of course, all will be eligible to win one the many door prizes that are donated by our suppliers. The golfers will return to the SNPJ Recreation Center for their dinner at 4 p.m., followed by the door prize drawings at 4:30.

The openings rounds of the SNPJ National Balina Tournament will also be played Saturday at the Balinarena.

The Reverse Raffle banquet will be held in the Alpine Room Saturday evening. The ticket price of \$100 per couple includes beverages, a buffet dinner, dancing and a ticket for the drawings.

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And the Winner Is...

SNPJ Sales Director **BUD PALADINO** and Home Office staff member **SHAWNA SIMPSON** selected the winning ticket in the 2011 SNPJ Recommender Program second quarter drawing. The winner, Bro. Michael Lucas, a member of Lodge 138 in Strabane, Pa., will receive a \$100 prize and will be entered in the 2011 year-end drawing for a chance to win an additional \$500. Have you recommended a new SNPJ member lately?

PERIODICAL MATERIAL

Join in the fun of the Rec Center Reverse Raffle

by SUSAN HARDING (277)
 SNPJ Recreation Center

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — Don't wait! Send in your payment today for the best night of the year at the SNPJ Recreation Center. That would be our annual Couples Reverse Raffle scheduled Saturday, Sept. 3, during National SNPJ Days weekend.

The evening will start at 5 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. At 6 p.m. a deli-

cious dinner prepared by our wedding caterers, Mariann and Dave Jones, will be served. After dinner, the drawings will begin at 7 p.m.

In a reverse raffle, all tickets are drawn and after so many are pulled a prize is awarded. The last three ticket holders will receive the big prizes. Over \$5,000 will be awarded. You don't want to miss this event! Over 120 couples attended and enjoyed themselves last year. The music will begin immediately following the

drawings and will continue until 11 p.m.

If you don't want your lucky ticket, please phone the SNPJ Recreation Center at 1-877-767-5732 and let us know so we can give it to someone else. This could be the luckiest night of your life!

Join in the fun by sending in your payment. The cost is \$100 per ticket, and each ticket admits one couple, which can be two women or two men as well. So get your lucky ticket now!



Beaverdale Reunion attendees at the SNPJ Farm in June 2011.

2011 Beaverdale Reunion continues a 22-year tradition at the SNPJ Farm

by LEE JACKOPIN (355)
 Reunion Coordinator

KIRTLAND, Ohio — Persons whose roots originate in Beaverdale and the small coal mining towns of Cambria County, Pa., reunited once again at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland Sunday, June 26. This was the 22nd consecutive annual Beaverdale Reunion at the SNPJ Farm on the last Sunday of June.

This continues the practice, which was started after World War II, to hold a reunion in the Cleveland area of people and families whose roots were in the Beaverdale area. Thus, people came from Beaverdale to reunite with their relatives and friends living in the Cleveland area, and vice-versa. The origin of the Beaverdale Reunion is not known with certainty.

Bob Jamison (158), who has Beaverdale roots, opined several years ago that there were gatherings of his Jamison and White relatives from Pennsylvania and Ohio in Newton Falls, Ohio, in the 1940s, and that eventually they expanded

into the Beaverdale Reunions in northeastern Ohio. But the specific locations of those reunions are unknown. One reunioner said he attended a reunion at a large field, perhaps on a farm.

Eventually, the Beaverdale Reunions were held at Geauga Lake Park in Ohio. Relatives and friends came from Pennsylvania by charter bus, and one year there were three busloads! At this current reunion, Jim Hawksworth recalled attending the 1962 reunion and that Tel Michels was the main organizer of the reunions at Geauga Lake Park. The reunions were always inclusive, and included peoples whose roots were from the many other small Pennsylvania coal-mining towns, such as Dunlo, Johnstown, Krayn, Lloydell, Mundy's Corner, Nanty Glo, Onnalinda, Portage, St. Michael, Salix, Scalp Level, Sidman, South Fork, Wilmore, Windber and others. Unfortunately, the reunions at Geauga Lake Park stopped, probably in the late 1960s.

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Lodge 738 has Aug. 14 picnic planned

by GARY L. GORSHA
 Lodge 738 President

ENUMCLAW, Wash. — Slovenians in the Pacific Northwest will gather at Mountain Crest Memorial Park, east of Cumberland, Wash., Sunday, Aug. 14, beginning at noon. The actual address of this private and well-equipped location is 36424 - 312th Ave. S.E., on the way to Lake Walker. Most activity will occur from noon until about 4 p.m., but we have reserved the area for the entire day, so come as early as you like and stay as late as you want while helping us celebrate our rich Slovenian heritage! Ample parking and a shelter are available if needed.

Join with the members of Lodge 738, Lodge 371 and SWU Branch 79 for Slovenian klobase, wine, potica, live music, dancing, great conversation and many new friends in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Bring whatever potluck dish you enjoy most, and maybe a lawn chair for comfort. BYOB if you so desire; there's no problem here, just be certain to arrange for a designated driver for everyone's safety.

The information and links to maps on our Lodge 738 web site, <http://www.angelfire.com/wa2/SNPJ738/>, have also been updated.

The Sunday drive through the beautiful foothills of the Cascades will be worth the trip. I hope to see everyone there!

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Lodge 5 will salute Tony Petkovsek at the SNPJ Farm

by JOE VALENCIC
Lodge 5

KIRTLAND, Ohio — Join America's Polka Ambassador Tony Petkovsek as Cleveland-area SNPJ members salute his 50 years on the air with a polka Mass, dinner and dance at the SNPJ Farm Sunday, Aug. 14.

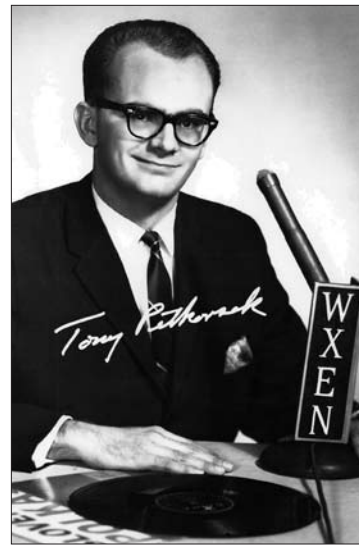
Fr. Frank Perkovich will arrive from Minnesota to celebrate with his famous musical service accompanied by the Fred Ziwich Orchestra. Members and friends of Naprej Lodge 5 will be your hosts for this special tribute to Tony.

Tony Petkovsek (604) has been a vital presence in polka music and on the Slovenian scene. He has hosted America's longest-running daily polka show since 1961. Tony's popular music events and polka tours brought attention to the Cleveland-style sound and all things Slovenian. Through

his affiliation with Kollander Travel, he made Slovenia a travel destination. His WELW broadcasts can be heard worldwide at www.247polkaheaven.com.

Fr. Frank Perkovich's polka Mass brings a spiritual dimension to favorite polka and waltz melodies. His recordings and appearances brought the polka Mass into mainstream American culture. Fred Ziwich and his International Sound Machine will lead the service and play for the dance that will follow.

The polka Mass will begin at 1 p.m.; home-style dinners will be served starting at 2. Fred and the boys will strike up the band at 3 p.m. for four hours of entertainment. The SNPJ Lodge 5 cooks will provide a full menu of Slovenian dishes, and sandwiches and beverages will be available for purchase all day. Admission to



Join the members of Lodge 5 as they celebrate Tony Petkovsek's 50th year in polka radio Sunday, Aug. 14, at the SNPJ Farm.

both the Mass and dance is \$7. Show your appreciation for Tony's 50 years of community service. The SNPJ Farm is located in Kirtland, Ohio, on Heath Road, off Chardon Road (Route 6), about three miles east of Route 306. For details, contact Lodge 5 Secretary Karen Tomsic at (216) 481-1379.

After 20 years, excitement continues to grow for the Lodge 138 annual Duck Race

by BOB LAWRENCE Sr.
Lodge 138 Secretary

STRABANE, Pa. — How does one attract more than 500 people to the same place at the same time on a Saturday afternoon? Just go to Lodge 138 and yell "duck race!"

This phenomenon gets bigger and bigger every year. What started out as entertainment for SNPJ National Conventioneers has grown to become the major function of every summer since that convention 20 years ago. We Lodge 138ers are beginning to refer to this day as Slovenefest II.

What makes this event so successful is not only the 1,500 rubber ducks racing down beautiful Chartiers Creek, but it's also a family picnic, thanks to all those who generously donate a covered dish.

Additional thanks goes to those who graciously donate their time serving the food, setting up the finish line, dumping the ducks into the creek at the starting line, gathering the winners and the also-ran ducks at the finish line, and, of course, to Alli Jo Vogrig, our super sales person who does a fantastic job selling our 50/50 drawing tickets.

The Lodge 138 Duck Race and Family Picnic is a very festive occasion. Witness the fact that

the afternoon begins a 4 p.m., the race is over at 7:30 p.m., and hardly anyone leaves until very late. It continues to intrigue me, the excitement generated by the crowd as the ducks appear rounding the turn into view upstream. The excitement continues until the plastic pipe finish line is closed and brought up from the stream to discover which 25 ducks are the winning ducks.

I would like to invite everyone to our Duck Race and Family Picnic next year, but I don't know where we could find the room. However, don't let that be a deterrent — come on down!

Close out your summer at National SNPJ Days

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Remember, you must have a ticket for this adults-only banquet.

The final rounds of the SNPJ National Balina Tournament will be played Sunday, Sept. 4, starting at 9 a.m. The SNPJ National Horseshoes Tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and the National Beanbag Toss Tournament will begin at noon.

Entry forms for all National SNPJ Days tournaments taking place during Labor Day weekend are available on our web site, www.snpj.org. Entry forms are also available by phoning me at the Home Office, 1-800-843-7675, or e-mailing krichards@snpj.com.

On Sunday, Sept. 4, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the National SNPJ Days Golf Cart Parade will start at the

upper pavilion and proceed through the trailer court to the new pavilion — the location for the National SNPJ Days picnic. The National Days picnic offers a free dance for all SNPJ members and friends to help the Society celebrate the end of the summer season. The crowd-pleasing entertainment will feature the Joe Grkman and Bob Turcola orchestras sharing the stage from 2 to 8 p.m.

It wouldn't be a picnic without games for the children and the young-at-heart. The SNPJ Fraternal Department will be planning many activities for the children during the afternoon since these have been a favorite among our members for many years.

Be sure to bring the entire family to the SNPJ Recreation Center to share in the fraternal spirit of National SNPJ Days. If you have any questions, please be sure to contact me at the Home Office.

Up-and-Coming...

A look at events planned by the Slovene National Benefit Society

- AUG. 12-13 ... Fraternal Weekend at the SNPJ Recreation Center sponsored by Lodges 6, 106, 138 and 715. For a schedule of events, contact Fraternal Director Kevin Richards at 1-800-843-7675 or e-mail krichards@snpj.com.
- AUG. 14 Young Americans Lodge 564 picnic at Dodge Park, Sterling Heights, Mich.; 2 p.m. For more information contact Marion Volpe at (586) 939-1593 or Rudy Zornik at (586) 792-2667.
- AUG. 14 Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation presents Matt and Stephan's Polka Picnic at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 1-7 p.m. Music by Frank Stanger and Button Box Variety Entertaining. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 20 SNPJ Night at the Detroit Tigers vs. Cleveland Indians game, Comerica Park, Detroit. Tickets are \$22 per person. For details or to purchase tickets, call Ken Anderson at (248) 808-2185.
- AUG. 20 Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation oldies dance at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; 6-10:30 p.m. Music by Silver Sky Duo. For more information contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 21 Golden Eagles Lodge 643 dance in the Alpine Room at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.; 3-7 p.m. Music by the Del Sinchak Orchestra.. For information phone Andy Kocjan at (330) 652-5612.
- AUG. 21 Chicago District Federation dinner dance at the Slovenian Catholic Center, Lemont, Ill.; noon-3 p.m. For details contact Vince Rigler at (620) 257-5051.
- AUG. 21 Comrades Lodge 566 annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio. Food and beverage service beings at 2 p.m. with dancing to Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band from 3-7 p.m.
- AUG. 21 Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 car cruise in the Lodge 106 parking lot beginning at noon. The afternoon will include a buffet, music, door prizes and drawings. For more information call (724) 695-1411 or e-mail kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- AUG. 21 Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 car cruise in the Lodge 106 parking lot beginning at noon. The afternoon will include a buffet, music, door prizes and drawings. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- AUG. 21 Utopians Lodge 604 annual picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 2-7 p.m. Lamb, pig and chicken roast by Jeff Godina; roast beef and sausage dinners also available. Music by Joey Tomsick. For additional information contact Gerri Trebets at (440) 951-9611.
- SEPT. 4 SNPJ Farm Board picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 3-7 p.m. Music by Dan Peters. For details contact Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- SEPT. 4 Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 car cruise in the Lodge 106 parking lot beginning at noon. The afternoon will include a buffet, music, door prizes and drawings. For more information call (724) 695-1411 or e-mail kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- SEPT. 5 The SNPJ Farm hosts Val's End of Summer Dance, 1:30-7:30 p.m. at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Music by the Eddie Rodick and Frank Stanger orchestras.
- SEPT. 12 La Salle, Ill., Lodge 2 woodcarving demonstration at Starved Rock State Park, Oglesby, Ill.; 1 p.m. For information phone Eleanor Kuhar at (815) 883-8983.
- SEPT. 18 Friends of the Farm picnic at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 3-7 p.m. Music by Ray Polantz. For details contact Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1191.
- SEPT. 18 Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 car cruise in the Lodge 106 parking lot beginning at noon. The afternoon will include a buffet, music, door prizes and drawings. For details call (724) 695-1411 or e-mail kevinrichards22@gmail.com.
- SEPT. 18 Westmoreland County (Pa.) Federation Grape Festival at the Evanstown Picnic Grove, Evanstown, Pa.; noon-7 p.m. Music by Silver Sky, Del Sinchak, the Herminie Button Box Club and more. For details contact Mary Ann Bebar at (724) 668-7394.
- SEPT. 24 Strabane, Pa., Lodge 138 hosts the Eddie Rodick Orchestra at the Lodge 138 Hall; 6-10 p.m.
- SEPT. 25 Slovenian Grape Festival and Parade at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio; 3-7 p.m. Music by Joey Tomsick. For information contact Joseph Blatnik at (440) 943-1161.
- OCT. 8 Loyalties Lodge 158 100th anniversary dinner dance at Rehar Hall, Euclid, Ohio; 5-11:30 p.m. Music by the Don Wojtila Band. For information contact Linda Gorjup at (216) 650-1279.

Join Comrades Lodge 566 for their Farm picnic

by DOUG ELSERSICH
Lodge 566 President

KIRTLAND, Ohio — Save this date, Aug. 21, for the annual Comrades Lodge 566 picnic at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland.

Dinner service will start at 2 p.m. with the traditional roast beef and klobase dinners and those wonderful home fried potatoes, a vegetable and a salad, all for only \$8! And don't forget those delicious, delectable krofe. Come early to make sure you get what you like!

No one can be sad when listening to polka music, and that includes you! So get out your dancing shoes and bring them along because Bob Kravos and the Boys in the Band will provide dance music from 3 until 7 p.m.

Admission with four hours of music is \$6. A delicious home-cooked Slovenian dinner is \$8, and our beverages are very reasonably priced. Where else can you go for more fun and entertainment for less? Nowhere!

Remember, the date is Aug. 21 and the location is the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road in Kirtland. For additional information call Rose Mary Toth at (440) 358-9141 or Doug Elersich at (440) 257-2540.

Girard Lodge 643 readies for Aug. Rec Center dance

by KATHLEEN SEIFERT
Lodge 643 Secretary

GIRARD, Ohio — The annual Golden Eagles polka dance is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 21, at the SNPJ Recreation Center in the Borough of SNPJ, Pa. We will be hosting the popular Del Sinchak Band for your listening and dancing pleasure. Admission is only \$7 per person. The dance will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. with a 50/50 drawing.

There will be good food, good polka music and a good atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. The Golden Eagles hope to have a nice turnout this year, so bring your family and friends to our beautiful SNPJ summer getaway in Western Pennsylvania.

The Del Rezek Orchestra will be performing at Tod Park Sunday, Aug. 14. This concert in the park will begin at 7 p.m.

Due to the August polka dance, our next scheduled Lodge meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Amen Corner in Girard. Pizza and dessert will be served after the meeting.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual dance Sunday, Aug. 21. Come and polka, polka, polka!

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Makin' small talk

Hot enough for you? I bet you've heard that a lot lately. If you haven't heard those exact words, you've heard plenty of other comments or complaints about the heat wave that has been affecting most of us recently. The weather is the most common subject that people talk about, and universally it's the safest icebreaker used to start conversations.

Granted, talking about the weather is small talk, but it can lead to bigger things by helping to establish and maintain social relationships. It not only gives you something easy to talk about with the person sharing your bus seat, but it helps you build rapport with any number of people, from your boss to your subordinates to your business associates. Small talk can serve as much more than a conversation starter when it shortens the distance between people and creates a more casual relationship. After all, the weather affects us all and it's constantly changing, so there's something new to talk about every day.

Another topic that affects us all, but that most of us certainly don't feel as comfortable talking about, is life insurance. Because we don't understand it, we don't make a habit of starting small talk about it. If we started more conversations with co-workers, strangers and friends about life insurance, we would realize that everyone has the same concerns and questions. Most people worry about what would happen to their family if they were to have an untimely death, and what would happen to them if they were left behind. Life insurance covers both of these concerns.

Just like the changing weather, our lives change constantly too, and that often means that we need a change in insurance coverage. The lady in front of you in the checkout line may not want to yak about your changing needs, but you can find someone at SNPJ that would be glad to chit-chat about your needs. Talking to one of our agents, your Lodge secretary or the Home Office staff may start out small, but it could open your eyes about life insurance in a big way. You'll realize just how affordable and necessary the coverage is, and how easy it can be to talk about insurance. And if you like, we'll even talk about the weather.

- **Thought for the Week** — You can never appreciate the shade of a tree unless you sweat in the sun.

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New monument will honor all war victims

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenia is planning to erect a monument to all victims of war next year as the government earmarked on Thursday \$431,000 for the memorial that will be built in Ljubljana's newly renovated Congress Square.

By erecting the monument, the government wants to "contribute to the reconciliation of different ideological views in society," Labor, Family and Social Affairs Minister Ivan Svetlik told the press. He believes the monument will have tremendous symbolic value.

The memorial has been planned for years, and the Labor, Family and Social Affairs Ministry formed a special task force to investigate possible locations for the monument.

In 2009, changes were made to the War Grave Sites Act, under which Slovenia will erect a monument to all war victims who died on Slovenian territory. The monument will be inscribed with a verse by one of Slovenia's greatest poets, Oton Zupančič, dedicated to the homeland.

Congress Square, where the monument is planned, has been the venue of a number of historic events for the Slovenian nation. The recently renovated square, which is now closed to traffic, was built for the Congress of the Holy Alliance in 1821. A nearby park was added a few years later, becoming Ljubljana's first public park.

Slovenia scrapping 2012 joint-Expo plans

LJUBLJANA (STA) — One of the first victims of the Slovenian government's reduced budget is the country's plan to appear at the 2012 World Expo in the South Korean city of Yeosu, a government official announced in mid-July.

Darjan Košir, the director of the Government Communications Office, said that due to a lack of funding, the government decided to scrap its plans to appear jointly with Croatia at the three-month show starting in May 2012.

Košir said that former Economy Minister Darja Radič announced to the government in June that Slovenia's Economy Ministry could not find the funds to pay for Slovenia's appearance at the show. The ministry needed to provide \$2.37 million over the course of two years, but due to budget reductions, it had no free funding left.

According to the terms of a model supplementary budget, which the government confirmed in July, the Economy Ministry's budget for this year will be slashed by nearly 20 percent to \$381 million. "Other ministries were said to be unwilling to chip in," Košir explained.

Slovenia's decision to cancel the appearance has not pleased neighboring Croatia, with which it had agreed in March to cooperate on a joint stall. As Košir explained, preparations with Croatia had been underway for months. The two countries had planned to appear in the 2012 Expo, which will carry the theme "Living Ocean and Coast," with a presentation of the Adriatic Sea. 2012 Expo host South Korea is also reportedly not happy with Slovenia's decision.

When questioned about future Expos, Košir rejected speculation that Slovenia was also planning to cancel its participation at the Milan Expo in 2015. He said that Slovenia was preparing for its appearance at the Milan show, which will be bigger than the Yeosu event. "For Slovenia, participating in a show in neighboring Italy, an important trade partner for Slovenia, is also of vital importance," Košir explained.

Company blacklist open as public information

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Slovenian Information Commissioner Nataša Pirc Musar ordered Slovenia's Employment Service to make a blacklist of companies that were found by court to have violated the rights of their employees accessible to the public. The decision came in response to a complaint filed by a *Delo* journalist who was seeking access to the companies blacklist.

The journalist asked the Employment Service to allow her to access the list, which reportedly contains some 700 companies that have failed to pay salaries and taxes, or have otherwise encroached on employees' rights. Pirc Musar, however, revealed that Slovenia's Employment Service only possessed limited data; electronic data exchange



between the Slovenian Tax Administration (DURS) and the service has not yet been established. The list that is kept by DURS and the Employment Service was compiled July 1.

Pirc Musar also refuted the Employment Service's claim that the data in question should not be revealed, saying that the list did not contain any elements that would require access. "Not only the service... also the public, and above all, potential job seekers, have the right to know whether the employer for whom they intend to work has violated the labor legislation," she stated.

Pirc Musar believes that the public's right to know prevails over the interest of the employers to limit access to the names of companies that were proven to have violated the labor legislation.

The Employment Service said it would post the blacklist on its web site in the coming days. The service said it would respect the commissioner's decision and provide limited access to the information requested by the journalist.

Salt Pans Park working toward Heritage List

SEČOVLJE (STA) — The Sečovlje Nature Park is aiming to become a part of the UNESCO World Heritage List, Andrej Sovinc, the head of the park, told the press during a recent interview. Sovinc believes that the park has the unique qualities necessary to make it onto the UNESCO list.

"Being listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List is our secret desire. While UNESCO sets a number of conditions for an area to be listed as a world heritage site, the most important thing for the area is to have universal value, something that is found only there and nowhere else," Sovinc said. He believes that the Sečovlje salt pans have more than one such unique quality. Only here is sea salt harvested using a special method, with living algae serving as a filter to prevent the salt from mixing with the mud.

Sečovlje is also unique because salt harvesters there once lived in stone, not wooden, houses across the salt pans throughout the harvesting season, and the salt is harvested every day.

Sovinc is aware that the UNESCO World Heritage listing procedure takes at least five years once a formal request is made. "It is a protracted process, but we made it to a temporary list of potential UNESCO World Heritage locations... we'll just have to push some more."

UNESCO encourages the areas bidding for the title to have a vision for the future, Sovinc said, adding that protecting the natural environment, and providing education and information to visitors are Sečovlje's two foremost goals.

There are also business advantages to being added to the World Heritage List, as surveys show "that making it to the World Heritage List can increase the number of visitors by some 30 percent," according to Sovinc. However, Sečovlje would also like to have a beneficial impact on the local community by providing jobs and launching projects, such as the Man Salt project. "We will renovate all the dykes with some five miles of walls, in four or five years, with the \$10 million we receive for the project."

The project was drawn up to secure the flooding safety of the area, as uncontrolled flooding could destroy habitats and vegetation. Last September, water levels rose after a period of heavy rain, destroying several bridges and dams within the park, and flooding a number of the salt pans.

Sovinc said that Soline, the company licensed to manage the park, would like to set up a tourist train to simplify access to the museum located on the salt pans. Currently, visitors have to walk a road on which cars are prohibited. "On the train ride, visitors could also learn a few things about the natural setting, the park's history and culture," which would serve as an additional attraction and promotion of the park, Sovinc said.

Visitor numbers up, but tourists spending less

LJUBLJANA (STA) — Preliminary data on visitor numbers in Slovenia this summer are encouraging, showing an increase in the number of tourists and overnight stays. However, the downside is that Slovenia's visitors seem to be

spending less.

Statistics show that Slovenian sites and tourist areas attracted five percent more visitors in the first five months of the year than during the same period last year, while overnight stays were up 3.5 percent. The number of domestic visitors in that period was up four percent, but the overnight stays only rose a little over one percent.

The Slovenian Tourism Board (STO) expects this positive trend to continue in the coming months. The results are seen as a product of promotional activities. The STO will spend \$7.4 million on promotion in foreign markets this year. The STO also points to data from Slovenia's central bank which show that foreign tourists in Slovenia spent almost 20 percent more in the first four months of the year than in the same period last year.

However, the tourism industry is less upbeat. Majda Dekleva, the director of the Tourism and Hospitality Chamber, explained that their data shows that tourists are becoming increasingly more thrifty. The main reason why tourists are spending less is that the economic crisis has not yet abated. While the chamber does not have exact data, the companies it represents hope the inflow to be at least as high as last year, when revenues generated by foreign tourists amounted to roughly \$2.5 billion.

According to the STO, one of the newest trends in tourism is authenticity. Increasing emphasis is placed on fostering the local identity, character and features that make a destination different and special.

One major challenge facing both European and Slovenian tourism is demographic changes, reflected in shorter vacations and trips distributed throughout the year, along with an increase in the senior population. Climate change is also affecting trends in tourism as well as development of information and communication technologies. The market of "IT children" is growing. This segment is characterized by experienced and well-educated travellers seeking adventure.

Actor Christopher Lee in Slovenia for film fest

LJUTOMER (STA) — Sir Christopher Lee, the British actor made famous by a string of roles in some of the most notable fantasy and horror films, visited Ljutomer, a small town in northeastern Slovenia, in late July to accept a lifetime achievement award at what is probably the most extravagant Slovenian festival.

The annual Grossmann Film and Wine Festival in Ljutomer is dedicated to fantasy and horror films. Apart from screenings, talks with filmmakers and wine tasting, the festival features a number of bizarre events inspired by fantasy and horror films.

One such activity is the "Queen of the Scream" contest, in which only women between the ages of 16 and 106 can take part. The objective is to select the most horrifying, shrillest or hair-lifting scream. The contest was held July 30, the last day of the festival, along with a vampire ball and the award ceremony.

Prior to the festival's finale, visitors were able to make blood donations during the "Days of Vampires" campaign hosted in cooperation with the Slovenian Red Cross.

Lee, who holds a record for number of film appearances and is best known for his roles of Saruman the White in "The Lord of the Rings," Count Dooku in the "Star Wars" series, Count Dracula in a string of Hammer Horror films, and Francisco Scaramanga in the James Bond 007 film "The Man with the Golden Gun," received the Vicious Old Cat award on July 30.

Festival organizers will also bestow the Vicious Cat Award for best feature film, the Noisy Cat Award for best music documentary, and the Vicious Cat Wine Champion Award for the best wine presented at the festival.

Since the Ljutomer festival joined the European Fantastic Film Festivals Federation (EFFFF) last year, the best short film chosen in Ljutomer will also receive a nomination for the 2011 best European fantasy film award.

Named after Slovenian film pioneer Dr. Karol Grossmann (1864-1929), the festival was launched in 2005 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Slovenian film industry in Ljutomer, where the first reels of Slovenian film were shot. It is one of the first international festivals in Slovenia dedicated to genre film.

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Slovenska Stran

Ureja Vida Kosir

HEADLINE: Kobarid has a new hostel, the second in the Posočje area

TOPIC: The tourist offerings in Kobarid are richer due to 16 beds in the new Positive Sport Hostel. This is the second lower-priced hotel in the Posočje area. "For our guests, we need reasonable lodgings. We are hoping to attract kayak riders, bicyclists and parachute jumpers, and offer them entire packages with transportation, lodging and excursions," said Blaž Lužnik, the owner of the Positive Sport Company. "For Slovenia, hostels are actually a new phenomenon in the last decades, but around the world, hostels are popular lodgings that make travel possible for the young."

Kobariška turistična ponudba je bogatejša za 16 postelj v Positive Sport Hostlu. To je za tolminskim hostlom Paradiso šele drugi hotel nižjega cenovnega razreda v Posočju, v Kobaridu pa bo prav tako v središču kraja kmalu priprav-

ljen takšen nov objekt. "Za naše goste potrebujemo poceni nastanitve. Privabili bi radi kajakaše, kolesarje in padalce in jim omogočili celostno ponudbo s prevozi, storitvami, prenočitvam in izleti," je dejal Blaž Lužnik, lastnik podjetja Positive Sport. V Lokalni turistični organizaciji (LTO) Sotočje pravijo, da je kombinacija hostla in športne ponudbe prava in perspektivna usmeritev. "Za Slovenijo so hostli dejansko nov pojav zadnjega desetletja, v svetu pa je to že močno uveljavljena ponudba, ki omogoča potovanja mladim. Za Posočje odpiranje hostlov pomeni zapolnjevanje zanimive tržne niše v naši dolini. Glede na oddaljenost od velikih centrov in glavnih prometnic pričakujemo, da bo z zasedenostjo več težav in da bodo uspešni predvsem tisti, ki jim bo uspelo pripraviti tematsko ponudbo, kotjo na trg postavljajo športne agencije v Kobaridu, na primer," je dejal direktor LTO Janko Humar.

DELO

HEADLINE: "This crazy Portorož" in the museum

TOPIC: Recently, members of the Piran Mediteranum Establishment opened a new museum exhibit titled "This Crazy Portorož" in the Portorož Gasspar Palace. This is a continuation of last year's museum exhibition for the 100th anniversary of the Palace Hotel. Tomi Brezovec and Slobodan Simič-Sime stressed that this year's exhibit describes the events surrounding Portorož tourism in the 1960s and '70s; the "golden times" in Portorož.

"The museum collection introduces the time when Portorož was the center of European tourism. Portorož recorded its record annual overnight stays in 1986, and to date they have been unable to exceed that record, even with all the new hotels," Tomi Brezovec remarked.

Simič-Sime added that "tourism is not only an industry, it is a part of

the cultural history that we want to preserve. With the present museum exhibition, we are introducing at least a thousand different articles, documents and photos which represent only a fraction of the entire collection. We could have a very rich museum, perhaps the richest in Europe."

Pred dnevi so člani piranskega Zavoda Mediteranum v portoroški palači Gasspar (nekdanji upravni stavbi Droge Portorož) odprli novo muzejsko postavitev z naslovom Ta nori Portorož. To je nadaljevanje lanske muzejske razstave ob 100. obletnici hotela Palace, sta poudarila Tomi Brezovec in Slobodan Simič-Sime, s tem, da bo letošnja muzejska postavitev pripovedovala zgodbo o portoroškem turizmu v 60. in 70. letih, torej o zlatih časih Portoroža. "Muzejska zbirka predstavlja čase, ko je bil Portorož v središču evropskega turističnega dogajanja. Rekord turističnih prenočitev je Portorož dosegel leta 1986 in do zdaj ga ni uspelo preseči

kljub vsem novim hotelom," je opozoril Tomi Brezovec. Simič je še dejal, da "turizem ni samo industrija, je del kulturne dediščine, ki si jo ustrajno želimo ohranjati. Vplival je na našo kulturo in bivanje, celotna država pa nima niti spominske sobe, ki bi bila posvečena temu spominu in bogati tradiciji. Na tokratni muzejski postavitvi predstavljamo vsaj 1000 različnih predmetov, dokumentov, fotografij, ki pomenijo le nekaj odstotkov celotne zbirke. Lahko bi imeli zelo bogat muzej, morda najbogatejšega v Evropi." Z Brezovcem si že sedem let prizadevava postaviti turistični muzej. Pred nekaj leti so portoroško zamisel že uspeli uresničiti v Opatiji, v piranski občini pa ni nikogar, ki bi zavodu pomagal priti do evropskih sredstev za zbirko. Tudi letos je največji podpornik muzejske akcije, ki bogati dogajanje v Portorožu, podjetnik in podžupan Gašpar Mišič, ki je omogočil postavitev zbirke v svoji stari portoroški palači.

DELO

Tradicionalna izmenjava otrok treh držav

HEADLINE: Traditional children's exchange of three countries

TOPIC: Metlika was the host of this year children's exchange among three municipalities – Wagno, Austria; Ronchi del Legionari, Italy; and Metlika, Slovenia. Ten Austrian children and 12 Italian children came to Metlika, where the municipality and local youth associations organized all the activities.

The participation of children from these three municipalities in three different countries started in 1971, when the municipalities agreed to athletic, cultural and economic meetings and exchanges, as well as allowing resident children to

spend part of their summer vacation in one of the participating towns. A particular attraction of this year's events in Metlika was a diving school. The children also participated in a variety of workshops and visited many sites.

Gostitelj letošnje izmenjave otrok med tremi občinami; avstrijsko Wagno, italijanskimi Ronchi dei Legionari in slovensko Metliko je bila Metlika. Pred nekaj tedni ja tja prispelo deset avstrijskih in dvanajst italijanskih otrok, ki so prebivali pri metliških vrstnikih, občina Metlika in tamkajšnje društvo prijateljev mladine pa so organizirali druženje vrstnikov. Sodelovanje otrok iz treh pobratenih občin in treh držav sega v leto 1971, ko so

se v občini dogovorili ne la za športna, kulturna, društvena in gospodarska srečanja in izmenjave, temveč tudi za letovanje otrok, ki vsako leto po vrsti letujejo v eni od treh pobratenih občinah. Posebna zanimivost letošnjega letovanja v Metliki je bila šola potapljanja. Prvi dan srečanja so bili mladi na pikniku, v delavnici izdelovanja metliškega grba, na kmečkih igrah. Čez nekaj dni so bili v

Ljubljani v državnem zboru pri metliški županji in državni poslanki Renati Brunskole in v ljubljanskem živalskem vrtu. Mladi pobratimi so se dvignili nad Belo krajino z letalom, šli v rudarski muzej v Kanižarico, se kopali v Kolpi in termalni rivieri na Čatežu, vozili kajake, gledali filme, šli po čebelarški učni poti, si ogledali šole, Sokčev dom itd.

DELO

ČEVLJI - Stranka in trgovini s čevlji: "Tile čevlji pa niso po zadnji modli!" - "Mogoče res," odvrne prodajalka, "ampak bili so zelo moderni, ko ste jih začeli preizkušati."

PRI ZDRAVNIKU - "Doktor, doktor!" je zastrašeno zavpila medicinska sestra. "V čakalnici je pacient, ki mu je stroj odrezal obe nogi!" - "Recite mu, naj vstopi!" je mirno odvrnil zdravnik.

Mladi prižgali gasilski olimpijski ogenj

HEADLINE: Younglit up the firemen's Olympic flame

TOPIC: The Olympic flame was recently lit at the Kočevje city platform, and with the lighting they officially opened the 18th Youth Firemen's Olympiad which is held every other year and sponsored by the CTIF international firemen's organization. Twenty groups of young firemen representing the best of nearly 850,000 girls and boys between the ages of seven and 18 who belong to volunteer fireman associations competed in Kočevje.

"This time, the international Youth Firemen's

Olympiad is again a competition based on friendship, teamwork and athletics," said CTIF President Jos Tholl. Four hundred young fire fighters and as many mentors, judges and supporters came to the city along the Rinža River.

The purpose of the Youth Firemen's Olympiad, which was first organized in Luxembourg in 1977, is to preserve the responsibility, solidarity, unselfishness and courage of fire fighters.

S prižigom olimpijskega ognja na kočevskem osrednjem prostoru, mestni ploščadi, se je tudi uradno začela 18. mladinska gasilska olimpijada, ki je

vsake dve leti pod okriljeme mednarodne gasilske organizacije CTIF. Zbralo se je 20 gasilskih mladinskih ekip iz prav toliko držav, ki so predstavljali najboljše od približno 850.000 deklet in fantov v starosti od sedem do 18 let, ki se po vsem svetu združujejo v prostovoljna gasilska društva. "Tokratna mednarodna mladinska gasilska olimpijada je bila spet tekmovanje v prijateljstvu, tovarštvu in športu," je povedal predsednik Mednarodne komisije mladih gasilcev pri CTIF Jos Tholl. Prve delegacije in ekipe so prišle v Kočevje že teden dni pred začetkom olimpijade. V mestu ob Rinži je bilo 400

mladincev, ki jih je spremljalo vsaj še enkrat toliko mentorjev, sodnikov in navijačev. Namen mladinske gasilske olimpijade, ki so jo prvič organizirali leta 1977 v Luksenburgu, je ohranjanje odgovornosti, solidarnosti, nesebičnosti in poguma. Zato imajo mladi na tovrstnih olimpijskih igrah poleg tridnevni treningov in tekmovanja otvoritveno in sklepno slovesnost, pripravijo razstavo narodov - letos v šotoru pri Športni dvorani, sodelujejo na športnih igrah, gredo na izlet in predstavijo narode z veliko poslovilno zabavo. Čeprav je olimpijada tudi tekmovanje - slovenski predstavniki so v preteklih letih

dosegali dobre rezultate -, je to priložnost za navezovanje stikov med mladimi, zasedanje mladinske komisije CTIF in drugo. Med gasilci so izvrstni ambasadorji dežel, iz katerih prihajajo, je poudaril Jos Tholl: "Srečanje je pomembno pred-

vsem zaradi medsebojnega spoznavanja mladih gasilcev iz različnih držav in tkanja vezi, ki lahko pomembno pripomorejo k sporazumevanju med narodi in k mirnemu skupnemu sobivanju."

DELO

SADJE ZA KOŽO - Vsi vemo, da je sadje zdravo, ohranja zdravo telo in pri pravilni uporabi tudi lepo kožo. Citrusi so najboljši dobavitelji vitamina C, v negovalnih kremah poskrbijo za sijočo in napeto kožo, pospešujejo kroženje energije in varujejo pred poškodbami celic, ki jih povzročajo prosti radikali. Ribezove pečke vsebujejo dragoceno olje, ki je zelo podobno telesu lastnim maščobam. Na koži naredi zaščitno plast, ki varuje pred izsušitvijo. Lubenice so izvir energije za dušo, v njihovem mesu je osvežilen vonj, ki tudi največje zaspance spravi iz postelje. Melisa vsebuje eterično olje, ki ugodno vpliva na lasišče in odpravi mastne lase. Vse navedene sestavine so varno spravljene v kozmetičnih izdelkih, samo poiskati jih je treba.

19. julija leta 1906 odprli Bohinjsko progo

HEADLINE: On July 19, 1906, they opened Bohinj's railway line

TOPIC: Bohinj's railway line was opened in 1906. This is a 97-mile-long stretch of the railway connection between Prague-Jesenice-Gorica-Trst. The Bohinj railway was completed in 1906, and Crown Prince Franc Ferdinand attended the grand opening celebration.

The preparations and construction work on the Bohinj railway started in 1900, even though the Austro-Hungarian parliament gave its final approval as late as June 6, 1901. A total of 14,897 workers participated in the Bohinj railway

construction, building numerous objects such as tunnels and bridges in the ravines of Sava Bohinjka, Bača and Soča. Sixty-five bridges were constructed on the Bohinj railway line.

Besides the Bohinj tunnel, which is 3.9 miles long and still the longest Slovenian tunnel, the Bohinj railway line also includes the Solkan bridge - a giant stone arch made of cut and shaped stone bridging a 278-foot span across the Soča River near Solkan. The Solkan bridge is still the world's largest stone railway bridge.

Leta 1906 so odprli bohinjško železniško progo. To je 158 kilo-

metrov dolg del železniške povezave Praga-Jesenice-Gorica-Trst. Bohinjska proga je bila dokončana leta 1906, promet pa so jo predali 10. julija s slovesno otvoritvijo, pri kateri je bil navzoč tudi prestolonaslednik Franc Ferdinand.

Pripravljalna in gradbena dela na Bohinjski progi so se začela leta 1900, čeprav jo je avstro-ogrski parlament dokončno odobril šele 6. junija 1901 s sprejetjem zakona o hkratni gradnji Pyhrnske Turske in Karavansko-Bohinjske proge, lokacijsko obravnavo in razlastitev pa so opravili novembra 1902. Pri gradnji Bohinjske proge je sodelovalo 14.897 delavcev, ki je gradilo številne objekte tako predore

kot mostove v soteskah Save Bohinjke, Bače in Soče. Da bi najkrajšo pot od nemških in gornjeavstrijskih železarjev do tržaškega pristanišča lahko speljali, so morali še pred Jesenicami zvrtni tudi 7975 metrov dolg železniški predor Karavanke, kar je sicer povezovalo Celovec in Beljak z zgorjnjesavsko dolino in Ljubljano, za "bohinjško" varianto pa še 28 predorov skupne dolžine 16,1 km, med njimi je najdaljši bohinski predor skozi Črno prst pod Kobo v dolino Bače in naprej proti Goriški, dolžine 6327,3. Na Bohinjski progi je zgrajenih še pet galerij in kar 65 mostov. Poleg bohinjškega predora, ki je hkrati še vedno tudi najdaljši povsem

slovenski predor (karavanški predor je avstrijsko-slovenski), je rekorder tudi kamniti velikan na Bohinjski progi - most čez Sočo pri Solkanu s kamnitim lokom razpona 85 metrov. Prav zaradi tega tehničnega dosežka - loka iz rezanega-oblikovanega kamna - je Solkanski most še vedno največji železniški kamniti most na svetu in za nemškimi cestnimi kamnitimi mostom preko doline Synatal v Plauenu drugi kamniti most sploh na svetu po dolžini odprtine kamnitega loka.

IDRIJSKE NOVICE

KRIŽANEC - "Kaj se zgodi, če križanec dihurja in orla?" - "Smrdi do neba!"

The Ethnic Kitchen

PEACH UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

½ cup butter or margarine
1 cup brown sugar
1 can (29 oz.) sliced cling peaches, well drained
6 maraschino cherries, halved
1 box golden yellow cake mix (18.5 ounces)

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter or margarine in bottom of 9"x13" pan. Sprinkle brown sugar evenly over bottom of pan. Arrange well-drained peach slices and cherries in an attractive design on top of sugar. Prepare cake according to package directions. Pour batter carefully over peaches, spreading evenly over all. Bake at 350° for 40 to 45 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Allow cake to stand on cooling rack about 5 minutes before turning peach-side up onto large serving plate.

More Pots and Pans

HEADLINE: Money from the EU for two castles

TOPIC: In connection with the trans-border project "Awakened Cultural Inheritance," the Črnomelj and Metlika municipalities will start renovations on both cities' castles. The two projects will be 85 percent financed by EU funding.

By replacing the windows on the first floor, the castle will acquire a year-round multi-purpose room where they will arrange a permanent exhibition of the Awakened Cultural Inheritance project.

In Metlika, the money received will be used to re-

place the castle's roof and its attic, where they are planning to arrange a museum storehouse and an exhibition room for temporary and permanent exhibitions of the Belokranjski Museum, which is already housed in the castle, but doesn't have enough space. The castle complex will also include the Slovenian Firemen's Museum.

V črnomeljski in metliški občini se bodo v okviru čezmejnega projekta Prebujena kulturna dediščina lotili prenove obeh mestnih gradov. Projekt bo 85-odstotno financirala EU, deset odstotkov država, pet odstotkov potrebne

denarja pa bosta prispevali obe občini.

Iz EU dobljeni denar so Črnomeljci pridobili s svojim programom ureditve in zasteklitve prvega nadstropja črnomeljskega gradu. S prenovo zasteklitve, ki je zdaj le delna, bodo v stavbi pridobili vse leto uporaben prostor, kjer bo stalna razstava projekta Prebujena kulturna dediščina. S to zasteklitvijo bodo Črnomeljci nadaljevali prenovo gradu, ki traja že dve desetletji, tokratni posegi pa bodo skupaj stali 388.000 evrov, od tega bo država prispevala 39.000 evrov, občina 19.000, preostalo pa EU.

Metličani bodo dobljeni

denar namenili za obnovo strehe metliškega gradu in za prenovo grajskega podstrešja, kjer nameravajo urediti muzejske depoje in razstavni prostor za stalne in občasne razstave Belokranjskega muzeja, ki deluje v grajskem poslopu, vendar ima premalo prostora. V grajskem kompleksu je tudi slovenski gasilski muzej. Prostore belokranjskega muzeja so v preteklih letih že prenovili, utrdili so temelje gradu in opravili še več drugih posegov. Belokranjski muzej letos praznuje 60-letnico svojega delovanja in je edina vsa leta delujoča belokranjska institucija.

DELO

Beaverdale Reunion marks 22 years at the SNPJ Farm

BEAVERDALE REUNION
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However, in 1989 a group that included Jim Ilersich, Joe Goletz, Joan (Hrebar) Goletz, Bill Hynds, Lee Hynds, Irene (Sustarsic) Kelly, Lynn Robinson, Elsie (Niznik) Rubal, Bill Ilersich, Mary (Boris) Ilersich and others decided to re-start the tradition as the Beaverdale/Dunlo Reunion at Strawberry Lane Metropark in Willoughby Hills, Ohio. It is noted that, unfortunately, all of that group have since passed away.

In 1990, Jim Ilersich (5) (my first cousin) suggested holding the reunion at the SNPJ Farm every year on a fixed date, the last Sunday in June. Everything was there at the SNPJ Farm since the SNPJ Lodge sponsoring their picnic/dance on that last Sunday in June would provide delicious dinners, sandwiches, beverages, a polka band and recreation grounds for the reunion. And so the tradition continued.

One of the upcoming reunions will be the 50th. Exactly which one isn't known since there are no known early records. Many of the earlier attendees have passed away and some are ailing, but somehow their children, or perhaps old-timers who never had a chance to enjoy the reunion, do so now. There are attendance records and other reunion information since 1989. Since 2003, Lee Jackopin (355) has been involved in organizing the reunion. This wonderful tradition continues!

But one wonders how long this tradition will remain. The total number of reunion attendees was down this year, even though there were a number of first-timers plus a number of children. That is encouraging. In addition, Mary Pat (Brown) Vontorcik (274) drove from Lloydell, and her brother, Bernie Brown (274), from Dunlo.

It's noteworthy that I always hear interesting stories about Beaverdale. For example, Jim Hawksworth recalled that when he didn't have anything to do as a youngster, he would meet my uncle, Glenford Kosaber, at the Androkovitch Market and help Glenford deliver milk to homes.

The history of the Beaverdale Reunions is incomplete because of no known recorded information prior to 1989. Nevertheless, the history can be considered in three periods, as follows: (i) the initial reunions held after World War II when the reunion locations are not known; (ii) the Beaverdale Reunions held at Geauga Lake Park in the 1960s; (iii) the later Beaverdale/Dunlo Reunions that were held first in the spring and fall at Strawberry Lane Park in 1989, and since 1990 on the last Sunday of June at the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.

It's been 66 years since the end of WWII. Some may have attended reunions in all three periods, but others in only one or two. For example, I recall my parents, Felix and Anna (Kosaber) Jackopin, describing the great time they had at several reunions at Geauga Lake Park in the 1960s. My mother and I attended the 1989 and 1990 reunions, but then she became sick.

It's interesting how many places families lived in years ago. For example, in the decade from 1899 to 1909, the Jakopin family lived in

Marville, Windber, Scalp Level, Dunlo, South Fork and Hooversville, as well as in Carniola, which is now Slovenia, before finally settling in the family homestead near the bottom of Lloydell/Dunlo Hill, which is now Cameron St. in Lloydell. The Kosaber family lived in Beaverdale, Portage and South Fork before finally settling on the dairy farm homestead on a dirt road, which is now named Kosaber Road in Wilmore.

It is understood that people moved to find work, cheaper rent, a better home or better pay. Thus, my roots are in the Beaverdale area, or in Cambria County. Even though I was born in Painesville, Ohio, I attended the reunions in 1989 and thereafter when my Ilersich first cousins helped to continue the reunions.

Family names of attendees at the 2011 Reunion are as follows: Birkheimer, Brown, Curtis, Dezelon, Dooms, Dora, Duovsak, Guzel, Hawksworth, Jakopin, Jisa, Kolar, Kompare, Kosaber, Kotar, Markusic, McClosky, Novak, Oshaben, Phillips, Slanoc, Snyder, Steigerwald, Suhar, Sweltz, Tady, Torchik, Vasilko, Vontorcik, Zalar, Zakraysek, Zaremba and Zganjer.

The small-town, coal-mining tradition has been the basis for several movies. It happens that on the night before the 2011 reunion, the American Movie Channel showed "All the Right Moves," which was filmed on location in Johnstown. Specifically, the movie concerns a family with the father and brother working at American Pipe and Steel rather than mining coal. This 1983 film featured Tom Cruise as a defensive back desiring to get a college football scholarship, and his coach, Craig Nelson.

That film complements other films, such as the "Miracle of the Bells" and "October Sky." The former was made in 1948, starred Fred MacMurray, Valli, Frank Sinatra and Lee Cobb, and took place in a Pennsylvania coal-mining town called Coaltown. The latter was filmed in 1999, featured Jake Gyllenhaal and Chris Cooper as the teenage stars, and took place in a West Virginia coal-mining town.

Reunion 2011 had four dozen registered attendees from the Beaverdale area. Interestingly, the attendees are also members of SNPJ Lodges 106, 158, 174, 274, 355, 643 and 776. The weather was hot and humid, and there were two short periods of rain. Cleveland Lodge 126 provided good food which was cooked Slovenian-style for their Lodge members, friends and the folks from Beaverdale. The Jeff Pecon Orchestra played many Slovenian polkas and waltzes, and other music.

Historically, it seems that picnicking on the farm with good food and polkas was a way of life in the early 20th century, both in the Beaverdale area in Cleveland — and it continues! This was a wonderful chance to enjoy a reunion with friends and relatives from the old neighborhoods in Pennsylvania. There was a lot of talking, reminiscing and joy among old friends. And that's what these reunion gatherings are all about. We hope to see you next year. Mark your 2012 calendar for the last Sunday in June at the SNPJ Farm.

A July 23 party honored the three retiring SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association officers, [from left] **BABE BASELJ** (6), **JACKIE ULLE** (158) and **ED TRSINAR** (158).



July party toasts Trailer Court trio

by AMY MAVRICH (138)
SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association

BOROUGH OF SNPJ, Pa. — On July 23, the SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association held a party at the upper pavilion with a champagne toast to thank retired officers Jackie Ulle (158), Ed Trsinar (158) and Babe Baselj (6) for their hard work and dedication. We also presented them with gift certificates and a beautiful cake.

We'd like to thank Luke, Chase and Conner Bosek; Marissa, Caroline and Jackie Adams; and Mallory Lamovec for helping peel all those potatoes. Great job! Thanks to Ed Trsinar for the delicious pulled pork...yum! Thank you as well to Michelle Prieser for being in charge of the awesome children's activities; they had a great time running through the sprinkler and making sun catchers, and during the sack race, water balloon toss and tug of war.

Thanks to Lisa Brand for being in charge of the bean bag toss tournament. First-place winners were Denny Brand and Stacey Adams; second-place winners were Jamie Evanish and Russell Lamovec. Congratulations! And thank you to those who helped set up and

clean up: Rich and Elaine Apanaitis, Dan and Julie Bosek, Sonny and Karen Jurkowski, Barb Wargo, Reggie and Pam Hudson, Jeff Wisneski, and Charlie Davis. I sure hope I didn't miss anyone because everyone's help is greatly appreciated!

Our next party will be our annual balina tournament Saturday, Aug. 20. Sign-up is at 11 a.m. and the tournament starts at noon. Chef Jack Zaman and his assistant, Peggy Cushman, will be serving sausage, wings and corn on the cob at 4 p.m.; we ask that you please bring a covered dish. Dues must be paid to participate in the balina tournament.

President Rowland Hudson, Vice President Joyce Hudson, Treasurer Lori Keifer and Secretary Amy Mavrich encourage everyone with a trailer at the SNPJ Trailer Court to become a member of the SNPJ Trailer Court Civic Association. We're now on Facebook! Just search "SNPJ Trailer Court." Hit "Like" and you will receive information on parties, meetings and so on when available. You'll also be able to view pictures from the parties. Check us out! Until next time, see 'ya at the Gostilna!

Summer picnic a treat for Lodge 321 members

by Cerkvena Miš
Lodge 321

WARREN, Ohio — Summer time is picnic time, and boy do my friends at Lodge 321 know how to enjoy a picnic! It might have been a cloudy day, but my friends' smiles made everything bright and cheery. Even Mother Nature couldn't top their glow.

I think after the last party Charles Tomazin got the message, either that or Ann was really hungry. There were a few bear hugs, but not like last time. Maybe she isn't missing me as much? I don't know, but one thing is for sure; she still knows I like my pizza! She brought me — I mean everybody — a big one!

Fred Church got me a pizza too (O.K., he got it for everybody). Plus he brought chicken and jojos. He told everybody that there would be no leftovers.

Who was the smarty that brought fruit? It was scalloped pineapple with marshmallows so it wasn't exactly healthy, but it was definitely yummy.



Warren Lodge 321 members enjoyed a recent summer picnic.

Thank you, Louise Vett, for knowing just what I need.

Not to be outdone, my girls took good care of me as well. Hermina Joy Church made the most heavenly cheesecake. Hermina Gail Church took her cues from Louise and Joy and went healthy-but-cheesy with

her taco salad.

I bet you're wondering how I know all about this food, aren't you? Well, I have two buddies, Dan Gelet and Charles Paukovich, who feed me so well that I sometimes think I might burst! It would definitely be worth it though.

If you ever leave hungry from a picnic, social gathering or party that my friends hold, it's your own fault! There's always lots to eat and lots of laughter. That's why Lodge 321 is my home. Come visit us sometime! Just be hungry when you come. *Lahko noč!*

Senior Corner

by CARL ZVANUT
Lodge 107

DEVON, Pa. — Some six years ago I became interested in a continuous care retirement community (CCRC) to the point of reserving facilities for it. But as it turned out, a CCRC wasn't for me and I wound up where I am today, in an assisted living community.

During the intervening years, I've watched assisted living in Pennsylvania improve the licensing requirements, most recently to include those residents fitting between assisted living and nursing, with a clear definition of what is called assisted living. Not so with CCRCs.

What I see today with CCRCs can be found in the June 24 *Philadelphia Inquirer* article "No tax exempt status for Delco senior complex" by Anthony R. Wood. Experts say CCRC "tax policies in Pennsylvania vary from county to county and around the nation." Against that tax

background, there is a 2007 Supreme Court decision that found that CCRCs should be entirely taxable or entirely exempt. There are some 200 CCRCs in Pennsylvania, and about half of those are in the Philadelphia area.

Enter Dunwoody Village, the Delaware County, Pa., CCRC of this article and the first to go to court, contending that it should be tax exempt because it is a "purely public charity" providing community services and easing the health care burden for government."

The court didn't think so, considering entrance fees are as high as \$408,000 with luxurious accommodations such as a beauty salon and masseuse. The senior complex has 30 days to appeal to Commonwealth Court.

Mention was also made that the decision was a huge victory for students and taxpayers. That can be measured by the impact of taxes the complex wanted to avoid: township (\$506,000) and school (\$233,000), plus \$1.5 million in back taxes. Denise Elliott of a law firm specializing

in tax and education law said, "If Dunwoody had won this case, it would have been the death knell for school districts across the state."

Also in the June 24 *Philadelphia Inquirer* was the article "High Court gives two wins to pharmaceutical industry" by David G. Savage. Vermont wanted to pass a law that barred drug makers, pharmacies and others from buying or selling prescriptions for "marketing purposes." Several data mining firms have made a billion-dollar business out of buying and selling the prescription data to drug makers and researchers.

Vermont lost. For years I've visited a particular "vacation" place as modifications were made to accommodate us older people, such as shower hand-holds and a ramp. This year it was an elevator and a couple of handicap-accessible rooms. You could say I grew older with that place, but their getting older hasn't taken away from the fun of being there; it's just made it easier to be there.

Eighth Polka Tour stop honors radio show host

by EDWARD GABROSEK
Lodge 626

CLEVELAND — The eighth stop on the Polka Tour of Greater Cleveland will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Tony Petkovsek radio show and the 50-year partnership between Petkovsek's show and the Federation of Slovenian National Homes.

The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 20, at the St. Clair Slovenian Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. in Cleveland.

The festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with a Mass at St. Vitus Church. A 5 p.m. reception will be held at the St. Clair Home featuring the Jeff Pecon Orchestra, and dinner will be served at 6. The Cleveland

Slovenian Chorus will present a medley of Slovenian songs at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of John Srsen. This will be followed by introductions and presentations, and dancing to the music of the Joey Tomsick Orchestra.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and

Kollander World Travel in Cleveland, or by phoning Alice Kuhar at (216) 531-4637. A complimentary souvenir program booklet highlighting Petkovsek's unprecedented 50 years of daily radio broadcasting to the Cleveland-Slovenian community will be available to attendees. Tables of 10 are also available.

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Don't miss the August activity at Sygan Lodge 6

by FRANK T. WRIGHT
Lodge 6

SYGAN, Pa. — For all of our fraternal Brothers, Sisters and friends, tickets are still available for the Men's 200 Club Reverse Raffle planned for Saturday, Oct. 1. Tickets include an open bar, appetizers, buffet dinner and the reverse raffle. Please see Frank or Ruth Wright at the club, e-mail snpjisygan@gmail.com, or message SNPJ Sygan on Facebook. For those of you who put money down on your ticket, please make your final payment before Sept. 1.

Join us for a bean bag tournament Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Anyone can participate, and the cost is \$5 per person. The two-person draw will be held at 7 p.m. and the tournament will begin at 7:30. Winnings will be paid out the same night. The boards are available almost every night for practice.

We'll play bar bingo on Wednesdays, Aug. 10 and Aug. 24, in our downstairs bar. The doors open at 3 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$1 per card, per game. We play nine regular games, two specials and one coverall.

The in-house dart league plays every Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m. Come up to the club and enjoy watching

the matches and spend a little time with a great crowd. The pool table is open, and the bean bag boards are available for practice or for a friendly game or two.

On Saturday, Aug. 20, No More Johnny will perform in our downstairs clubroom beginning at 9:30 p.m. No More Johnny plays it all, many eras and styles — from the '70s, '80s, '90s, 2000s and today; rock, pop and country. You'll be rockin' with three high-octane, electrifying sets, and kickin' back with between-set acoustic shows. The music never stops! Visit www.nomorejohnny.com to check

out their song list and learn more about the band.

If you're looking for an opening to bowl at Sygan, give Bowling Manager John Beno a call at (724) 693-2711 to see which leagues have openings.

For more information regarding any of the above events, log onto www.sygan.net and click on the "Special Events" tab or "Sunday Dance" tab for dance information, or click on the "Clubroom Events" tab for what's going on downstairs with Margie. You can also find us on Facebook at snpjisygan@gmail.com, or contact Jim Curl at (412) 257-4007 or e-mail jim@sygan.net.

News from Here & There

by GRACE DOERK
Lodge 559

CHICAGO — Illinois, like many other states, has suffered through near-100-degree temperatures. How are Otto and I coping with it? Well, we just stay inside and make sure all the blinds and shades are closed to keep the sunshine out. We had a break from the heat for a couple of days, but now the high temperatures are returning. During July, our area also received 11 inches of rain, a new record.

The Chicago Federation held their most recent meeting July 22. Besides the reports, the top priority was planning for the dinner dance scheduled Aug. 21 at the Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children age 6 to 12; children age 5 and under will be admitted free of charge. A cash bar will operate from noon until 12:30 p.m., and a buffet dinner will start at 12:30. Music will be provided by our very own Vince Rigler (449).

The Federation has invited Miss SNPJ 2012 Danielle Brand, and hopefully she will be able to attend this event. We would appreciate donations of baked goods. A 50/50 drawing is also planned. Contact Vince Rigler at (630) 257-5051 for tickets.

The Federation received a thank you letter for purchasing an ad in the SNPJ National Bowling Tournament book, purchased an ad for the *PROSVETA* Labor Day issue and received \$100 from SNPJ for sponsoring the Memorial Day services in the SNPJ section of Woodlawn Cemetery.

Grace Doerk reported that she has DVDs of the 2009, 2010 and 2011 Memorial Day services compiled by Leonard Physic (559). The DVDs will be shown during a future meeting and will then be sent to the SNPJ Heritage Center in Enon Valley, Pa., for posterity.

The next Federation meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 23. Don't forget, if you'd like to attend the Aug. 21 dinner dance, contact Vince Rigler or Marianne Murray for tickets.

Best wishes are extended to Frank Novotny (8), husband of Lodge 8 Secretary Dolores Novotny, who is still on the sick list. Their daughter, Linda Novotny

(8), had back surgery in two places, and after completing therapy at Marion Joy Facility, she will be recuperating at her parents' home. We wish you the best in your recovery, Linda, and hope that this will relieve your problems.

Ed Podbevsek continues to reside at the Bickford Nursing Home in Oswego, Ill., and Lucille Goste is at Blackbury Rehab Center in Lisle, Ill. Conrad Ladstatter (559) will spend some time in Ritters Rehab Center in Oswego before returning home.

Sharon Kovack (8) is at a rehab facility in Downers Grove, Ill., and so is Helen Simon (1). One evening they played bingo together, along with Ed Kovack. Justina Dabrowski (449) is at the Plymouth rehab facility and hopes to return home soon. We extend our very best wishes to all ailing members.

I've watched television news programs, browsed the Internet and read through all the newspapers about the Aug. 2 deadline of raising the United States' debt ceiling.

Do you know why the \$5.8 trillion in 2001 grew to its current \$14.3? The biggest contributors to the nearly \$9 trillion increase over the past decade include a number of items. First, there were the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts under President George Bush, \$1.6 trillion. There were additional interest costs, \$1.4 trillion; the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, \$1.3 trillion; the economic stimulus package under President Obama, \$800 billion; and 2010 tax cuts, a compromise between Obama and the Republicans that extended jobless benefits and cut payroll taxes by \$400 billion.

Then in 2003 there was the creation of the Medicare prescription drug benefit, \$300 billion; and how about the 2008 financial industry bailout of \$200 billion? Finally there are billions less in revenues than expected since the Great Recession that began in December 2007. No matter who is to blame, we've all pleaded for Congress to make some kind of compromise for the sake of all Americans in dealing with the default.

Here in Illinois, we've had more heat-related deaths than ever. Failure to recognize the signs of heat-related illnesses can be fatal. The extreme temperatures have contributed to more fatalities this season.

Symptoms begin to show very early with heat-related emergencies, which increase in stages. Heat stress is the first phase in heat illness and is exhibited by

heavy sweating and cramps or muscle spasms in the abdomen and legs. It is recommended that you massage the cramping muscles and sip water to remedy heat stress. It's also important that you get out of the heat and cool down.

If steps are not taken, heat stress can develop into heat exhaustion, which is marked by ashen and moist skin, headaches and nausea. Heat exhaustion should be treated immediately with cool rags, baths and plenty of fluids. My concerns have grown because I knew someone who died of a heat-related illness.

One of the local KSKJ lodges hosted a steak fry. You had to grill your own steak, and there were many side dishes and beverages available. I think that's a good way to promote fraternalism. I believe there were 150 people in attendance.

Otto and I have been thinking of selling our house, but this just isn't the time to sell. Then there's the problem of deciding where to go. I'm sure some of you know that as a result of the new health bill, you will pay 3.8 percent sales tax on the sale of a home. That's \$3,800 on a \$100,000 home. This sales tax will go into effect in 2013. If you sell your house for \$400,000 that's \$15,200 in taxes. This bill certainly hurts the retiring generation who downsize their homes. Of course, this makes your November 2011 and 2012 votes so much more important.

During my early SNPJ days, Otto was very active with the Sokol organization, which is another fraternal society. This past Saturday we had a reunion out in Wonder Lake. There was a good showing, but we found out that many of Otto's friends have either died or are residing in nursing homes. Isn't this the trend with so many friends when we reach these years? To those of you in our age range, just keep busy, take care of your health and above all live each day to its fullest.

August will be a busy month as the Slovene Catholic Center in Lemont, Ill., will hold their annual picnic Aug. 14 followed by their annual honey picnic Aug. 28. The members of Pioneer Lodge 559 and Lodge 8 will have tables set up for the Aug. 14 picnic. SNPJ Home Office retirees will meet Aug. 9 at 1 p.m., the Slovene Pensioners' Club will meet Aug. 10, and Pioneer Lodge 559 will meet Aug. 12.

So goes July, and now it's August, when the school year begins, and before you know it, fall will be arriving. Where did the summer go? Enjoy the final weeks of the season.

ANNOUNCE IT

Medical residency set for Lodge 87 member

HERMINIE, Pa. — Dr. Amy Jean Bregar, a member of SNPJ Lodge 87, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine April 23.

Sis. Bregar is the daughter of Dr. Frank (87) and Dr. Melissa Bregar, and the granddaughter of Frank and Margaret Bregar (87).

Also a graduate of Princeton University, Sis. Bregar plans to complete her residency at Brown University Hospital in Providence, R.I.



Lodge 87 member **AMY JEAN BREGAR** graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in April.

SNPJ Lodge 2 member marks 70th anniversary

LA SALLE, Ill. — SNPJ Lodge 2 member Mary Bertrand and her husband, James, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at a surprise party given in their honor by their sons and their families.

James Bertrand and the former Mary Zupancic were united in marriage June 29, 1941, in St. Roch's Catholic Church, La Salle. The Rev. Bonventure officiated.

Attendants were Betty Briezowski and Balthaser Bertrand, both now deceased.

The couple are the parents of three sons, Jim Bertrand Jr. and Joe Bertrand, both of Spring Valley, Ill., and Jeff (Becky) Bertrand of Pontiac, Ill. They also have five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Mr. Bertrand was employed as a floor layer and appliance service repair man for Steinberg's Department Store for 70 years. Sis. Bertrand was employed by Westclox and Eicor before becoming a full-time homemaker. They are members of Immaculate Conception Church, Spring Valley.



June 29 marked the 70th wedding anniversary of **JAMES and MARY (2) BERTRAND**.

Fifty years of marriage for Lodge 577 member

PUEBLO, Colo. — SNPJ Lodge 577 member Charles Spurlock and his wife, Mary Rose, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married July 22, 1961, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pueblo.

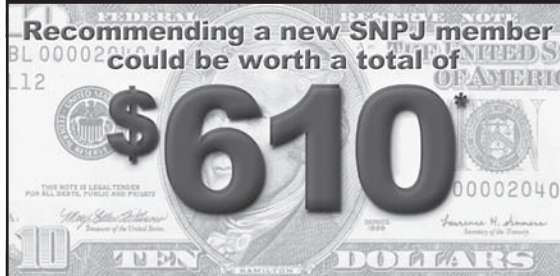
Charles and Mary Rose have one daughter, Kathy (Brian) Trogden. They also have two grandchildren.

Bro. Spurlock is a 59-year SNPJ member. He has been the leader of a polka/variety band since 1947 and is still active in the music field.



Bro. **CHARLES (577)** and **MARY ROSE SPURLOCK** celebrated 50 years of marriage July 22.

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Badger Jabber

by BOB SMOLE
Lodge 584

MILWAUKEE — The most recent Badger Lodge 584 meeting, held July 21, was one of our best, in my opinion. Attendance was up and the younger adults who attended made for an interesting meeting.

Lodge President Bro. Tim Donovan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all officers present. The minutes and the secretary's report were presented and approved. We heard oral reports from Bro. Matt Bolka and Bro. Eric Donovan regarding their recent trip to the SNPJ Young Adult Conference at the Recreation Center. Written reports from Bro. Jeremy Gorgas and Bro. Bryan Donovan were also received and read.

All four of these young adult members represented the Badger Lodge at the June 24-26 SNPJ Young Adult Conference, and all reported having a great time meeting friends and making new acquaintances, in addition to learning more about the SNPJ and its operations.

They reported that they enjoyed the Recreation Center; however, there were some upgrades and/or repairs needed on some of the cabins. They also indicated that the conference drafted a report to pass on to the executive officers and Recreation Center committee outlining these issues and requesting action to resolve them.

Sis. Fan Smole gave a detailed report of the recently completed convention of the former Slovenians Women's Union of America, now to be known as the Slovenian Union of America per their convention. The convention was held here in Milwaukee, and close to 300 delegates from all over the country attended the week-long schedule of events. Congratulations to the SUA on a successful convention.

Sis. Emily Poklar, a Badger Lodge 584 contestant in this year's Miss SNPJ Pageant, presented her views of her weekend at the Recreation Center July 8-10 and Slovenefest XXX. Although she was not a winner (she was from our Lodge's perspective), her attitude was not dampened. Emily is a pretty girl, very energetic and enthusiastic about what she experienced in pageant. She could not express more favorably the friendliness and congeniality that was shown her by the other contestants and by the Pageant Committee throughout the weekend.

Emily was not only looking forward to attending the SNPJ TEL Workshop Aug. 5-7 at the Recreation Center, but also to entering in the 2012 Miss SNPJ Pageant. She expressed her inspiration to be more active in local Lodge and SNPJ functions in the future.

She presented herself very well and was very much at ease in front of the Lodge membership while she responded to many questions. Sis. Emily Poklar would be an excellent ambassador for our Society. The Badger Lodge is pleased to have had Emily represent our Lodge and Wisconsin at the 2011 Miss SNPJ Pageant.

This meeting was inspiring to me. To have a good turnout of our young adults making reports and

participating in our meeting shows that we do have a future in our young SNPJ members. In attendance were members ranging from 6 years old to over 80 years young, spanning the wide range of ages that are active in this wonderful Society. We need to continue to have some influence on our young adult members so they remain active in the SNPJ.

Here we go again! "I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!" Yes, it's time for the Badger Lodge annual Ice Cream Social. Our next Badger Lodge meeting — planned Thursday, Aug. 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Hall, 7921 W. Lincoln Ave. in West Allis — is when we'll host the Ice Cream Social following the business meeting. I know this is one of best-attended meetings, and I think the ice cream has something to do with it.

The Lodge will supply the ice cream, toppings, bowls, spoons and napkins. If you have a special topping that you think we would like to try, please bring it so we can be the judge. Making an ice cream sundae is an art that many of us claim to be experts in, and this is your chance to prove it. Come and make one, but you have to eat it as well!

The meeting was adjourned, but not before we sang Happy Birthday to Bro. Tom Schweiger and presented the attendance awards to Bro. Bob Alper and new member Sis. Lillian Hartman.

Dark clouds loomed overhead and filled the western skies early in the morning of Sunday, July 24. It was like déjà vu — this was the same scenario one year ago as we prepared for the SNPJ Badger Lodge picnic.

We arrived at Root River Park picnic area #1 at about 10 a.m. for the setting-up chores. The skies began to clear and continued to do so, and by 11:30 a.m. it was a beautiful day, hot, but beautiful. The set-up crew and committee members Bro. Tim and Sis. Mary Donovan, Bro. Bob Smole and Bro. Jerry Wucinski were assisted by Sis. Amalie Smole and Bro. Connor Grant. We made sure all the beer, water and soda were on ice. The beer was tapped and chilled to perfection, the food was all set up and the *kranjska* klobase started to cook.

The picnickers started to arrive to get their tables arranged at around 11 a.m. A boom box playing traditional Slovenian-style polka music, plus the aroma of the cooking Slovenian klobase, were just what we needed to put everyone in the spirit for a Slovenian picnic. The Pennsylvania beer, snacks and condiments were compliments of our friends and fellow Brothers and Sisters of Imperial, Pa., Lodge 106 as part of their payment of a lost Super Bowl wager made good. And I mean "Mmm, Mmm good!"

Our 89-year-young member Sis. Mamie Mlaker (584) arrived with three homemade strudels in hand. She was the center of attention and we all were glad to see her baring those wonderfully delicious strudels. Thank you, Mamie! The Mlaker family occupied several tables with their group. They also brought two piñatas that were a challenge to the youngsters as they all took their best shot trying to bust them apart. Mary Lou Retton didn't fall out after the piñatas were breached, but a lot of candy and other trinkets did, causing the "young 'uns"

to scramble and gather the prizes.

Sis. Mary Donovan introduced Sis. Emily Poklar, this year's Badger Lodge 584 Miss SNPJ contestant, to the picnickers. As I mentioned previously, Emily had just returned from the SNPJ Recreation Center after participating in the 2011 pageant. She offered a few welcome words regarding her pageant experience.

Bro. John and Sis. Bernice Poklar have made this picnic a family reunion event as well. I believe all of John and Bernice's children and grandchildren were present at one time or another during the afternoon. It was nice to see Bro. Rudy and Sis. Lorraine Poklar, who are spending their summer months with us in Wisconsin.

Bro. Bob Alper, Sis. Rose Chepek and Sis. Toni Needham occupied a table, as did Sis. Judy Price, her husband Lee and Bro. Rudy Papa. The Schweigers and Raymonds put several tables together to accommodate their families as well. Sis. Gay Schweiger, Bro. Jeff and Chris Meyer, all part of this family group, enjoyed the warm Sunday afternoon together.

Sis. Michele (Smole) Melton (584), daughter of Bro. Bob and Sis. Amalie Smole, received many belated congratulations from friends and relative for her recent marriage to Eric Melton in Las Vegas, Nev., on June 27. Congratulations, Michele and Eric. (Eric, I have an application for you when you're ready.)

The second annual Badger Lodge picnic was a big success. We had 70 people in attendance, a few more than last year, although there were no attendees from other Milwaukee Lodges who we had hoped would participate with us. Maybe next year! Everyone brought a dish to share, and even though no one coordinated the dishes, there were no duplicates. Can you imagine that?

It was a nice, relaxing afternoon. We played a number of games, including balina and ladder ball toss, we arranged a bean bag toss tournament, and a lot of water balloons were tossed around as well throughout the afternoon. It was a fun day, and we're already looking forward to the 2012 picnic.

Lily Lodge 764 mourns the passing of longtime active member Bro. Roy P. Luebke. Bro. Luebke passed away July 20, 2011, at the age of 98. He was the beloved husband of Sis. Rose (nee Puce) Luebke for 65 years. Both Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose were very active and attended most Lodge meetings, according to Lily Lodge Secretary Sis. Olga Mohr.

Sis. Mohr stated that Roy was a very nice man and that she had never seen him angry. Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose owned and operated Luebke's Foods in Milwaukee's Walker Point some 20 years ago. The Luebkes also attended most Slovenian functions in the Milwaukee area.

Bro. Luebke was the dear father of Pat (Kenneth Robinson) Luebke and Linda Luebke, and the caring grandfather to six. He is also survived by great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, numerous relatives and many friends. Roy was a retired member of Teamsters Local #200, served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and was a member of the Slovenian Retirees and Lily Lodge 764. Farewell, Bro. Roy Luebke.

The date of Saturday, Sept. 17, is

right around the corner. I hope you plan to enter the annual Fun-O-Leers golf outing set to take place at Brookfield Hills Golf Course. The \$50 per golfer entry fee will cover the greens fees, cart, lunch and two drink tickets. The planning committee ordered good weather, so get your entries in so you won't be left out.

If you need more information, contact Jim Kodel at (414) 837-3046. Information/entry forms are also available on the Fun-O-Leers web site, www.funoleers.org.

This outing is always a huge success. Everyone who participates has a great time, both on and off the course. There are always enough prizes to go around, and the Slovenian sausage sandwiches are great. Don't wait too

long; contact Jim Kodel today!

Dates to remember include Oct. 3 and 4, 2011, for the SNPJ bowling tournament in Las Vegas. I don't have all the particulars, but I'm sure they will be posted in *PROSVETA*. Keep your eyes open for the entry form, and book your reservations and flights soon. Viva SNPJ Las Vegas!

November (the exact date pending) 2011 is time for the SNPJ Family Two-some Bowling Tournament. And be sure to set aside Jan. 21, 2012, for the SNPJ Tony Verbick Memorial Bowling Tournament at Riviera Bowling Lanes. Watch for updates soon.

The next Badger Lodge 584 meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 18. See the details printed in this article, start screaming and mark your calendar!



EMILY POKLAR, a Badger Lodge 584 entrant in this year's Miss SNPJ Pageant, with her grandparents, Bro. JOHN POKLAR and Sis. BERNICE POKLAR, at the second annual Badger Lodge picnic.



Young members attending the Badger Lodge 584 picnic enjoyed taking a whack at the piñata.



PROSVETA Crossword

Where in the World? (#1611) by StatePoint Media

ACROSS

- An address to a woman
- Pre-1947 British rule over India
- Marinara quality
- *Where in the world did Santa Anna triumph in 1836?
- 2nd largest bird in world
- _____ Bandz, current fad
- It projects a red dot
- Indian restaurant staple
- Remove a bar
- Receive by genetic transmission
- *Where in the world are the Bulls?
- Movie director Howard
- Puss' shoe
- Network with an eye
- Worker's reward
- Teen drama "_____ Girl"
- *Father of nuclear chemistry" Otto _____
- Not far
- Coachman's pulls
- UN civil aviation agency
- Mistake
- Cocoyam
- Hall of Famer Ryan
- Pantomimist
- He took one small step for man
- In any manner
- Head support
- Levee

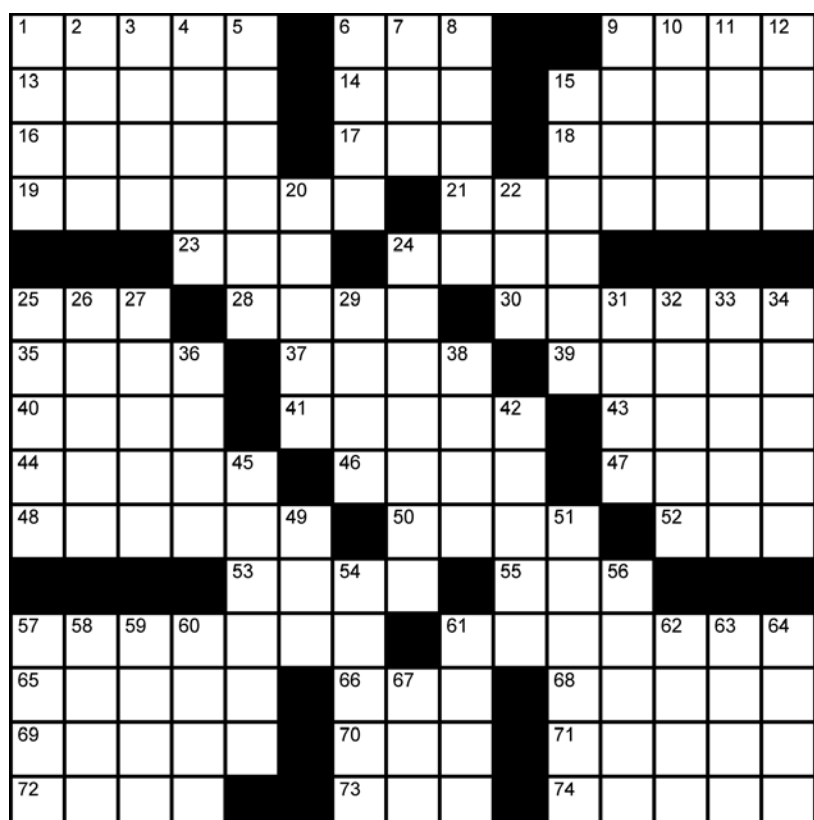
- _____ for your buck"
- _____ man, in search of a heart
- *Where in the world is London Bridge?
- *Where in the world is Count Dracula's castle?
- Held back, used with "breath"
- Like a fox?
- They're used for baking
- _____ man for himself"
- The high one is at 5:00
- Civil rights organization
- Visual presentation
- Japanese monetary unit
- Earthenware pots

DOWN

- *Where in the world is Timbuktu?
- Arkin and Alda, e.g.
- 100m _____ in track
- Independent African ruler
- The next day
- Landlord's collection
- American Medical Association
- Snowbird
- Dietary mineral
- *Where in the world was Napoleon exiled?
- Ore smelting by-product
- Novice
- Penelope had 108, sing.
- Foolish

- Domestic swine
- Ball _____
- *Where in the world is Yangtze?
- Breakfast meat
- Shale-like
- Cold transmitter
- "As _____ on TV"
- Aligned oneself with
- *Where in the world is Taj Mahal?
- Religious song
- Master of ark
- *Where in the world is Vatican City?
- Right-hand page
- A person of no influence
- Dim or feeble
- Geisha's outfit
- Awful
- Like Annapolis Academy
- In bed
- Techno dance party
- One thing on a list
- Freezing temp. in Celsius
- Ex-temp on "The Office"
- After O in Shaq's name
- Cuzco valley empire
- Pharaohs' cobras
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" author

The solution to puzzle #1611 will run in the Aug. 24 issue.



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BRO. ALBERT PLANTAN
• LODGE 2 •

LA SALLE, Ill. — The members of Lodge 2 sadly announce the July 5, 2011, passing of Bro. Albert Plantan, 86, of La Salle, formerly of DePue, in Illinois Veterans Home.

Bro. Plantan was born May 2, 1925, in La Salle to Joseph and Anna (Meznarich) Plantan. He married the former Mary Zickar on Oct. 27, 1951, in DePue.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving 3½ years during World War II on the USS California in the South Pacific. Along with his wife, he ran Plantan's Grocery and Meat Market in DePue for 38 years.

In addition to 68 years of SNPJ Lodge 2 membership, he was also a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in La Salle.

Albert is survived by his wife, Mary Plantan of Peru, Ill.; a son, Mark (Monica) Plantan of Zionsville, Ind.; a daughter, Mary Kay (David) Jaleel of Glenview, Ill.; two grandchildren; and one sister, Marie Zandecki of Peru. He was preceded in death by his

brothers.

A memorial Mass for Bro. Plantan was celebrated July 8 in St. Patrick Catholic Church, officiated by Rev. Robert Rayson. Burial will follow at a later date in Valley Memorial Park, Spring Valley, Ill.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 2 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our sympathies to Bro. Plantan's family and friends on their loss.

BRO. VICTOR J. CHUCK
• LODGE 358 •

WEST POINT, Ohio — With sadness, the Chuck family and members of Lodge 358 sadly report the July 11, 2011, passing of Bro. Victor John Chuck Sr., 97, of West Point at his son's home surrounded by his loving family.

Bro. Chuck was born Aug. 28, 1913, in East Palestine, Ohio, in the historic log home that now sits in East Palestine Park. He was a son of the late John and Mary (Macek) Chuck.

Victor retired in 1978 from a lifelong career of coal mining



Bro. VICTOR J. CHUCK Sr. (358)

with the Peg's Run Coal Company in Shippingport, Pa. He also worked in construction.

He served as a Staff Sergeant in the Ninth Infantry Division/European Theater in World War II from 1942-1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Rifle Sharpshooter and Combat Infantryman Badges, the Bayonet Expert Badge, as well as the EAME Theater Ribbon with 6 Bronze Stars and a Good Conduct Ribbon.

Catholic by faith, Bro. Chuck enjoyed beekeeping, hunting, fishing and trapping, and was an avid listener of polka music. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren. He was a 78-year member of SNPJ Lodge 358 and belonged to the West Point Rod & Gun Club. He was also a member of Lisbon VFW.

Survivors include his wife Patsy R. (Keylor) Chuck; two sons William "BG" (Kimberly) Chuck of West Point and Victor "VJ" (Cathy) Chuck of Salem, Ohio; 10 grandchildren: Joshua (Kylee) and Zachary of West Point and Cassie, Allee, Billy, Alane, Alivia, Rylee, Reese, and Owen of Salem; and a great-granddaughter Cheyenne of West Point. He is also survived by his siblings, Frank Chuck of Salem, Clara Snowberger of Lisbon, Elizabeth Bergman of East Palestine and Virginia Pastore of Lisbon.

He was preceded in death by siblings Regina, Theodore, William, Herbert J. and Edward Chuck, and Victoria Dukes.

The family extends a special thank you to Edna Pokorny for all her loving care and compassion in caring for Victor the past two years.

Funeral services for Bro. Chuck were held July 14 at the Weber Funeral Home. Burial followed in Lisbon

Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 358 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Bro. Chuck's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. RICHARD L. FROATS
• LODGE 89 •

MIDWAY, Pa. — The members of Lodge 89 sadly report the July 19, 2011, passing of Bro. Richard Lee "Richie" Froats Jr., 24, of Burgettstown, Pa.

Bro. Froats was born Aug. 1, 1986, in St. Clair Hospital, Mt. Lebanon, Pa., a son of Richard Lee Froats Sr. and Bernadette Fuller Froats of Burgettstown.

A 2005 graduate of Burgettstown High School, he was a four-year member and letter-winner of the wrestling team. He competed in the WPIAL championships his junior year and won the championship his senior year, won the Southwest Regional championship his senior year, and finished sixth as a junior and fourth as a senior in the PIAA state championships. He also holds the record for all-time career wins for the Burgettstown High School wrestling program.

He graduated in 2009 with a degree in business management from Mercyhurst College, where he was also a member of the wrestling team. At the time of his passing, he was pursuing a master's degree from Robert Morris University in IT project management.

Mr. Froats was employed as an account manager for Maxim Health Services in Green Tree. He was a member of SNPJ Lodge 89 and attended Crossroads United Methodist Church in Oakdale, Pa. He was an avid weight trainer and body builder, and a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are two sisters, Rachelle (Gary) Havelka of Burgettstown and Alexandra McElroy of Arlington, Va.; two nieces, Elle and Avery Havelka; his paternal grandmother, Wilma Boni (Barney) Nickolay of Burgettstown; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, George Allen Froats Sr., and his ma-

ternal grandparents, Andrew and Reepa Barto Fuller.

Funeral services for Bro. Froats were celebrated July 23 in Burgettstown Community Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dan Ekas officiating. Interment followed in Grandview Cemetery, Florence, Pa.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 89 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Bro. Froats' family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. SYLVIA M. KOSTELIC
• LODGE 106 •

IMPERIAL, Pa. — With sadness, the members of Lodge 106 announce the July 19, 2011, passing of Sis. Sylvia M. Ergen Kostelic, 92, of South Fayette Township, in Donnell House, Washington, Pa.

Sis. Kostelic was born Nov. 18, 1918, a daughter of the late John and Mary Treven Ergen. She was the last surviving owner of the former Foodland Grocery Stores in Imperial and Bridgeville.

She is survived by three children, Marlene (the late Pat) Wilson, Max Ray (Gayle) Kostelic and Sharon (Gary) Shannon; grandchildren Dana, Patricia, Kelly, Lynette, Amy, Heather, Cassandra and Cynthia; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Max Kostelic; a sister, Jennie Mramor; four brothers, Frank, John, Vic and Tom Ergen; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Sis. Kostelic July 22 in St. Columbkille Roman Catholic Church, Imperial. Interment followed in St. Columbkille Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 106 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Sis. Kostelic's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. ARTHUR G. GILBERT
• LODGE A01 •

SEWICKLEY, Pa. — The members of Lodge A01 sadly announce the July 24, 2011, passing of Bro. Arthur G. Gilbert, 76, of Harmony Township, Pa., in Good Samaritan Hospice.

Bro. Gilbert was born March 5, 1935, in Ambridge, Pa., a son of Joseph and Kathryn Senkevich Gilbert. He retired from American Bridge Company, and was a member of SNPJ Lodge A01, Good Samaritan Church, Ambridge Eagles and the Sokol Club.

In addition to his parents, Bro. Gilbert was preceded in death by his wife, Helen "Holly" Mihovch Gilbert, on July 24, 2005; a grandson, Patrick Gilbert; and a brother, Francis Gilbert.

Surviving are a son, Michael (Dorothy) Gilbert of Sharpsburg, Pa.; a daughter, Sandra (John) Veltri of West Mifflin, Pa.; six grandchildren, Jaime, Chelsea, Kyle, Alaina, Jonathan and Anthony; three

great-grandchildren, Jace, Mason and Zander; two brothers, Joseph (Athena) Gilbert of Florida and Alan (Karol) Gilbert of Harmony Township; a devoted friend, Mary Zalenski of Ambridge; and many nieces and nephews.

Service for Bro. Gilbert were celebrated July 28, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Good Samaritan Church. Interment followed in Good Samaritan Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge A01 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we offer our condolences to Bro. Gilbert's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SIS. JOSEPHINE GRUM
• LODGE 564 •

DETROIT — With sadness, the members of Lodge 564 announce the July 25, 2011, passing of Sis. Josephine Klarich Grum, 93, in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Sis. Grum was preceded in death by her husband, Rudolph Grum. She is survived by two children, James (Ann) Grum and Linda (Keith) Cusac; three grandchildren, Kimberly (Matt) Wells, Kevin Grum and Stephen Grum; and two great-grandchildren, Charity and James Wells. She was laid to rest with her husband in Florida National Cemetery.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 564 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Sis. Grum's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

BRO. JOHN E. CARROLL
• LODGE 245 •

LAWRENCE, Pa. — The members of Lodge 245 sadly announce the July 27, 2011, passing of Bro. John E. Carroll, 70, of McMurray, Pa., formerly of Cecil, Pa., in Washington Hospital, Washington, Pa.

Bro. Carroll was born Sept. 8, 1940, in Cecil, a son of John and Almeida Wiltz Carroll. He was employed for 25 years with SKC Inc. as a research machinist and was a member of the country western band Country Gentlemen.

John is survived by his wife, Rita Walasik Carroll; five children, Susan (Robert) De Malio, Amy (Eric) Williams, Mary (Robert) Prevost, John E. Carroll II and Christopher (Lorrie) Carroll; seven grandchildren, Jessica Prevost, Sarah De Malio, Lindsay De Malio, Joshua Carroll, Emily Carroll, Austin Williams and Colton Williams; and two brothers, Robert Carroll and Glenn Carroll.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Carroll.

A blessing service for Bro. Carroll was celebrated July 30 at Beinhauer Funeral Home, McMurray. Private interment followed.

On behalf of the members of Lodge 245 and the Slovene National Benefit Society, we extend our sympathies to Bro. Carroll's family, relatives and friends on their loss.

SNPJ Crossword
HEROES and VILLAINS (#1511) solution

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20th SNPJ National Horseshoes Tournament
Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, starting at 9 a.m.
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Name	Lodge No.
1. (Team 1 captain)	
2.	
1. (Team 2 captain)	
2.	

Team 1 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address:
Team 2 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address:

Entry Fee: \$10 per two-man team
Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att'n.: National Horseshoes Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ
The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

SNPJ National Balina Tournament
Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 3-4, 2011
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Name	Lodge Number
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Team name _____
Team captain's name, phone number & e-mail address:

\$20 per team entry fee for men's and women's competition.
ENTRY DEADLINE is Aug. 26, 2011
Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att'n.: National Balina Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ
The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

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67th SNPJ National Golf Tournament
at Bedford Trails Golf Course
713 Bedford Road, Lowellville, OH 44436
Phone: (330) 536-2234
Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011
9 a.m. Shotgun Start

Individual Event

Name	Lodge No.
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Team Event

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Entry fees for team and individual events are \$56 per member. For individual event only, entry fee is \$51 per member. Entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, prize fund, lunch at the turn, on-course beverages, a golfer's meal in the dining room at the SNPJ Recreation Center, and a drawing ticket for give-aways.

Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ
ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUG. 19, 2011
The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.

SNPJ National Bean Bag Toss Tournament
Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011, starting at 1 p.m.
at the SNPJ Recreation Center, Borough of SNPJ, Pa.

Name	Lodge No.
1. (Team 1 captain)	
2.	
1. (Team 2 captain)	
2.	

Team 1 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address:
Team 2 captain's name, phone number & e-mail address:

Entry Fee: \$10 per two-man team
Return this form, along with entry fees, to:
Slovene National Benefit Society
Att'n.: National Bean Bag Toss Tournament
247 West Allegheny Rd., Imperial, PA 15126
Phone: 1-800-843-7675
Make checks payable to SNPJ
The Home Office will verify all memberships. Complete tournament rules are available by contacting the SNPJ Fraternal Department, 247 West Allegheny Road, Imperial, PA 15126.