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PAYNESVILLE SCHOOLS

School Proposal

The Paynesville Area School Board agreed to a \$16.09 million bond referendum at their meeting on Tuesday, May 28. While the work (see below) is expected to cost \$15.9 million, with borrowing costs the bonds need to be for \$16.09 million. A special election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 13, with voting hours from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Here's a look at the proposal:

- Addition of a Field House with Four Courts (27,570 sq. ft)
- Addition of Wrestling/Multi-Purpose Room (3,930 sq. ft)
- Addition of Auto Shop to High School (4,625 sq. ft)
- Addition of Group Fitness Room and Offices (800 sq. ft)
- Addition of New Lobby/Concessions for Field House/Auditorium
- Addition of Mezzanine for Mechanical Equipment (2,500 sq. ft)
- TOTAL ADDITION: 40,365 sq. ft.**

- Renovate Current Woodshop, Metal, and Ag Spaces (9,730 sq. ft.)
- Replace Three Boilers (Both at Elementary, Older at Secondary)
- Complete Fire Sprinkling
- Upgrade Four Bathrooms to ADA Standards
- Expand Parking Lot at Secondary (Space Lost to Field House)
- TOTAL COST: \$15.9 million**

School board officially sets \$16-million bond referendum for August

District voters will decide on facility project on Tuesday, Aug. 13

By Michael Jacobson

After deciding on the proposed scope of a facility project, the Paynesville School Board formally approved a \$16.09-million bond referendum for Tuesday, Aug. 13.

District voters will decide whether the district can borrow \$16.09-million – via selling bonds, or bonding – to fund facility improvements, including the addition of a four-court field house, the addition of a wrestling/multi-purpose room, the addition of an auto shop to the high school, the addition of a new group fitness room, and the addition of a new lobby for the field house and the auditorium.

Additionally, the project will replace three boilers, renovate the current woods, metals, and ag shops to modern standards, complete fire sprinkling, upgrade four bathrooms to ADA standards, and expand the parking lot at the secondary school (to replace parking space lost to the field house).

The board agreed to the scope of the project at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 21, after nearly two years of researching the project. They took formal action to call for the election at their monthly business meeting on Tuesday, May 28.

While the work is expected to cost \$15.9 million, with borrowing costs, the bonds will be for \$16.09 million.

Superintendent Matt Bullard reviewed the proposal last week before the vote officially setting the special election. The plan includes a community center: with a four-court field house and a group exercise room. It will address infrastructure: replacing both boilers at the elementary school and the older boiler at the secondary school (only the 2006 boiler at the secondary school will be kept), fire suppression (by finishing the sprinklers), and ADA compliance in the bathrooms.

The auto shop, currently housed in a separate building with students walking across the parking lot, will get a new home, with clearance to lift vehicles and work under them. (The current auto shop will likely become the main building and grounds storage facility and work space.)

Plus the project will remodel all the existing Career and Technical Education (CTE) spaces – the ag, metal, and

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GRADUATION



Photo by Michael Jacobson

Senior Junior Hertzberg posed for a picture with his grandmother Eileen Hertzberg after graduating from Paynesville High School on Sunday, June 2. Hertzberg was one of 68 seniors to receive his diploma and one of 50 to graduate with honors.

“Go Get What’s Next. Go Get it”

PHS Class of 2019 graduates on Sunday afternoon

By Michael Jacobson

The 68 members of the PHS Class of 2019, including 50 honor students and 33 National Honor Society members, graduated on Sunday, June 2.

In her welcome address, senior Ashley Ley, one of 12 summa cum laude graduates in the Class of 2019, told her classmates, “We did it.”

It’s OK to make mistakes, which are just another life lesson, she said. “As you go into the big wide world, remember who is sitting next to you,” Ley said. “We grew up together.”

Senior Eric Johnson, who jokingly pulled several speeches out of his pocket before finding the graduation one, said “everyone has an equal opportunity to make change in the world.” But it will take hard work. “All of us in this room will face adversity, but every challenge is an opportunity to grow,” said Johnson.

Class of 2019 Graduation

68 seniors graduated from Paynesville High School on Sunday, June 2. The class includes 50 honor students and 33 National Honor Society members.

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| **Ashley Anaya | *Jadon Kenneth Holzer | ***Olivia Christine Riley |
| *Sydney Marie Anderson | ***Annika Grace Jacoby | *Shawn Joseph Rue |
| **Emily Rose Athmann | Holly May Dawn Jaynes | ***Jenna May Schaeffer |
| *Annabelle Robin Ball | ***Eric David Johnson | *Mitchel Kevin Schlangen |
| *Skylar Dawn Bayer | ***Luke Thorvald Johnson | Caley Rose Schmidt |
| *Lindsey Denise Beavers | Brodin Samuel Jones | Clint Timothy Schmitz |
| Cathryn Grace Bengtson | *Gabiella Mary Rose Jones | **Zachary Allen Schroeder |
| **Jacob Richard Bertram | *Madison Gabrielle Kascht | Alexis Ann Schwartz |
| Shawn Wallace Binsfeld | **Taylor Nicole Kern | Hallie Ellyn Skadsem |
| **Calvin Micheal Burg | **Joshua Hans Kranz | **Matthew Louis Stang |
| *Eliza Mae Carlson | *Garrett John Lahr | **Colby Lee Staub |
| **Preston Henry Carlson | Bretton Edward Lang | **Sophia Catherine Strand |
| Taylor June Carlson | Noah Elliot Lang | Jasmine Nicole Swenson |
| Sydney Val Christianson | ***Samantha Joy Leusink | *Diamond Angel Tello |
| **Elizabeth Marie Dahl | ***Ashley Mae Ley | *Joshua Ryan Tupy |
| **Kylee Christine Everson | **Jenna Karin Lundquist | **Megan Grace Utsch |
| **Abigail Jo Feigum | Jade Louise Myers | *Abbey Jo Voecks |
| **Collin Anthony Frieler | *Laurenza Ann Nepsund | *Josiah George Walz |
| ***Angela Grace Gehrke | *Samuel Jon Oehrlein | ***Nicole Jeanette Wander |
| *Brennen Erick Gunderson | Grace Katherine Patock | *Tyler Michael Wegner |
| **Trevor Steven Hemmesch | Alyssa Joan Prigge | **Max John Weidner |
| ***Cora Elizabeth Hentges | **James Matthew Pritchett | ***Andrew Fredrick Zwiefel |
| *Junior John Hertzberg | ***Taylor Ann Reiter | National Honor Society |
| *Cum Laude (3.0-3.49 GPA) | **Magna Cum Laude (3.5-3.79) | ***Summa Cum Laude (3.8+ GPA) |

Take the positivity of Mr. Skoglund, the inspiration of Mrs. Bungum, the organization of Mrs. Bast, and even Mr.

Thompson’s craziness with you. “Home shaped us,” he said. “This school. This town. These people.”

Senior Angie Gehrke, who like Johnson earned a perfect

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TOWN AND COUNTRY DAYS

Annual community festival coming to town next week

For second straight year, T&C Days carnival to be located at PHS

By Michael Jacobson

For the second year, Town and Country Days will be held largely on the grounds of Paynesville High School next week, including a three-day carnival. “It’s not going to be much different than last year,” said Adam Leyendecker, president of the Paynesville Area Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the annual community festival.

The biggest change is that Backdraft Bash was shifted from Friday night to Saturday night because it should be easier for firefighters to help on a weekend and easier to get volunteer help, said Leyendecker. With the concert scheduled to



Press File Photo

A three-day carnival will return to Paynesville for Town and Country Days next week, opening at 12 noon daily...on Thursday, June 13, Friday, June 14, and Saturday, June 15.

start at 8 p.m. on Saturday, the Miss Paynesville Pageant moved up, starting this year at 4 p.m. “So we crammed a lot of stuff into Saturday,” said Leyendecker.

•The Little Miss and Little Mr. Paynesville contest will start the festivities on Sunday,

June 9, at 3 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church.

•Then, Wednesday, June 12, will be a kids day again, with a fun run starting at the Koronis Manor at 9:30 a.m. (no registration necessary) and the pet

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T&C Days 2019 Schedule

- Sunday, June 9**
 - Little Miss and Little Mister Paynesville – 3 p.m. (St. Louis Catholic Church)
- Wednesday, June 12**
 - Kids Fun Run – 9:30 a.m. at the Koronis Manor
 - Pet Show – Registration from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. at the Koronis Manor – Parade and judging start at 10:15 a.m.
 - Kids Pedal Tractor Pull – Registration, 6:30 p.m. (at PHS); Competition, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, June 13**
 - Carnival/Food Booths open – 12 noon
 - Grand Parade – along usual route down Washburne Avenue, around the elementary school, up Stearns Avenue, west down Minnesota Street, and ending at St. Louis Catholic Church – 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 14**
 - Carnival/Food Booths open – 12 noon
- Saturday, June 15**
 - Carnival/Food Booths open – 12 noon
 - Wildcard Pulling – 12 noon – at the Paynesville Ambulance grounds on Lake Avenue
 - Miss Paynesville Pageant – 4 p.m. in the PHS auditorium
 - Backdraft Bash – at the PHS baseball grandstand, with Bad Girlfriends playing from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight
- Advance Tickets**
 - Advance tickets for the carnival – \$10 for five rides – are available at: the Central Minnesota Credit Union, Firehouse Coffee Company, Jump Start Nutrition, M&M Lumber, Paynesville Community Education, Paynesville Press, Perennial Bank, Queen Bee’s Bar and Grill, Roadside Tavern, and Teal’s Market.
 - Advance tickets for Backdraft Bash – on Saturday, June 15 – are \$10 (vs. \$12 at the door) and are available at: the Central Minnesota Credit Union; Firehouse Coffee Company; from any firefighter; and from any Chamber board member.

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