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Solon IA

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Parade entries sought

Seeking entries for the Grand Parade at Drayton Riverfest, Saturday July 19. You may pre-register if desired by calling 701-454-FISH or emailing chamber@draytonND.com.

Parade entrants will assemble in Schumacher Park beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the parade begins at 11:00 a.m.

If you're looking for ideas, you're encouraged to go with a "Summerween" theme to fit with Drayton Curling Club's Halloween Summer Spiel!



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By Christine Jensen

There are moments when we are confronted with life and death situations, a bit of preparation can make a huge difference in those situations. Thanks to a generous donation from Drayton Medical Services Inc., ZOLL Automated External Defibrillators (AED) have been strategically placed in various locations around the city with several additional locations to come.

According to Marlys Boll of Drayton, Drayton Medical Services Inc. was established to help with various medical functions around town prior to Altru Clinic's establishment in town. The board disbanded in 2019 but had approximately \$90,000 in funds leftover. When the board ended their operations, members included Jon Brosseau, president, Marlys Boll, secretary/treasurer, Marie Anderson, Keith Kjelland, and Andy Dunklee.

The remaining funds were allocated to various medical support operations in town. The Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Service received \$45,000, the Drayton Area Community Foundation received \$20,000 which in turn gives to the Pembina County Meals on Wheels, \$5,100 was initially given to that service as well. The remaining \$20,000 was allocated to provide six ZOLL Automated AED's to be installed in various locations around town.

According to their website, the ZOLL AED's "Empower bystanders to help in a heartbeat." The website states, "Only half of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) victims will initially need



Drayton Pool lifeguards (l to r) Gracie Johnson, Reese Fering, Jonathan Knudson, and Mason Pollestad stand with one of the defibrillators placed at the pool. It's one of several being placed strategically around Drayton and is a life saving tool for prehospital treatment for cardiac arrest. Photo by Christine Jensen.

a shock, but all will require high quality CPR. Designed to remove the guesswork, the ZOLL AED Plus defibrillator provides real-time feedback through simple audio and visual prompts to ensure users deliver the best possible CPR. If necessary, the device will deliver a

defibrillation shock to the victim."

"Once Altru moved in, we decided the Drayton Medical Services Inc. was no longer necessary," Boll said. "The money we had left in the checking account was to be used for medical things in town.

We felt the defibrillators were something the city needed because we didn't have anything like that."

According to Bill Tuttle, a member of the Drayton Volunteer Ambulance Service, money was allocated to purchase six AED's. Currently, there have been defibrillators placed at the Drayton Community Swimming Pool, Drayton Public School, Drayton Senior Citizen's Center, and most recently an AED was placed at Xperience Health and Fitness Center in Drayton. There are two AED's left to place once locations are determined.

The board of trustees that took over funds decided they were going to close out the account and donated that back into the community," Tuttle said. "They wanted to do something involving the medical field with those funds and decided to establish AED's in the community."

He said the other \$40,000 donated to the Drayton Ambulance Service was used to purchase a new ambulance which is an asset to the community.

"The goal was to get AED's set up and to allow the Drayton Ambulance Service to continue," Tuttle said. "We are looking and discussing where to place the last two remaining systems."

Tuttle said when someone goes into cardiac arrest, there is about five minutes before the brain starts to die, the only way to get a heartbeat back sometimes is to shock the heart."

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Vietnam vet to be honored with bridge dedication

By Mike Alan Steinfeldt

On Friday, July 11th the bridge on North Dakota Highway 18, just North of Highway 17 in Walsh County will be named in honor of Park River Graduate Richard Wayne Orsund who was killed in action in Vietnam.

According to information from the North Dakota Veterans Affairs website: "Richard Wayne Orsund was serving his country during the Vietnam War when he gave his all in the line of duty."

Richard Wayne Orsund was born on July 19, 1947 to Arnold "Arnie" and Alice Orsund. He grew up not far from the bridge that will be named in his honor.

Orsund was the brother of Shirley VanCamp of Drayton. District 19 Representative Karen Anderson introduced the bill in the last legislative session to have the bridge dedicated in Orsund's name.

Anderson said she was contacted by the Veterans Legislative Council in 2024 to have the Highway 18 bridge and another bridge, just north of Grafton on Highway 81 dedicated as well.

That bridge on the north end of Grafton was named in honor of

Specialist Four David Latraille of Grafton and was officially dedicated just a few weeks ago.

Latraille and Orsund were killed only weeks apart in the spring of 1968.

Anderson said it just so happens that she has ties to the Orsund family.

"My husband Vance went to high school with Richard although he was a few years younger," she said. "Richard's Mom and Dad went to South Trinity Church and that's the church we went to after we were married. Arnie and Alice lived just about two-and-a-half miles south of our farm on the same branch of the Park River. I just know the family really well."

Orsund was drafted and began his tour of duty in Vietnam on 17 June 1967. Orsund had the rank of Specialist Four. His military occupation or specialty was Armor Intelligence Specialist.

According to the Blackhorse Memorial, dedicated to the fallen Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, "Specialist Four Orsund distinguished himself by valorous actions during the period 26 March 1968 to 27 March 1968, while serving as a Track Commander with



Richard Wayne Orsund

F Troop, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, as his unit was conducting a reconnaissance in force operation near Lai Khe, Vietnam. When his patrol came under heavy automatic and semiautomatic weapons fire, Specialist Orsund immediately provided intense

suppressive fire from his cupola mounted machine gun. On this occasion, the highly accurate and lethal fire provided by Specialist Orsund accounted for five enemy dead. When night fell, Specialist Orsund moved his vehicle to the perimeter and organized the defense of his sector. In the early morning hours of the following day an insurgent force staged an attack on his unit and Specialist Orsund was mortally wounded while courageously defending his sector of the perimeter.

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In loving memory
of those who lost
their lives in the
horrific July 4th
flood in Texas.

Prayers have been sent up to
heaven for the many adults
and innocent children lost,
still missing and anyone
affected by this tragedy.

May God
bless
you all