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*** Legion Community Days Notes ***

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find our brochure for the upcoming Legion Community Days. It is going to be a special and busy weekend. Please hang onto the brochure so you don't miss a single thing we have planned. As you know, we will have two very special guests with us this year, Miss America and Miss Wisconsin. There will be several opportunities to meet and greet them. There will be some time after the Opening Ceremony Friday night and then a session from approx. 9:00am-10:30am on Saturday before the parade for pictures and autographs.

There a couple changes and additions made since the brochure went to press.

1) The Blarney Party with Ed and Sal will run from 8:00 - Noon on Saturday not the 9 - 1 as listed, due to changes at the Radio Station.

2) We are planning to have an F-16 Fighter Jet simulator on site Saturday from Noon - 4pm. There will be a small fee charge for people to sit in a real cockpit and fly the jet and try (I say try) to land it, cause I crashed when I tried. This will be run by our local Civil Air Patrol Squadron.

3) The Onalaska Police Reserve will have games and ID badge stations set up Saturday after the parade along with the Fire Department games. This was a popular event last year with the kids and a lot of fun watching the water fights.

So, reserve the weekend of August 24 - 26 and spend some time with us as we entertain the entire family with great food, music and things to do. As always no button or admission charged to get on the grounds or in the tent areas. Tell all of your friends about our Grande Parade Saturday at 11am and the Kiddies Parade Sunday at noon on the grounds. We would like to see the streets lined with folks for the parade.

We have a theme of "Thank You Troops and Welcome Home" for this year, so if you see a vet on the grounds pat them on the back.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for all the hard work they have put in again this year to organize and run the Legion Community Days. We are 7 years old already and growing each year.

The "Volunteer Signup Book", for Legion Community Days, is behind the bar for signups.



The tank has been busy already this summer appearing in parades during June and July. Pictured here at June Dairy Days, driven by John Marcou, in West Salem. The past several years has seen us garner several awards as we attend the different festival parades. We will have two parades in August and three or four in September. Anyone interested in attending the parades with the tank are more than welcome. Contact Mike Fries at mikefries@charter.net

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Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Friends

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

Welcome all to the super busy month of August!

Our Post sure has the activities. In keeping it short, we have many happenings this month.

1. We are indeed hosting the Wisconsin American Legion State Baseball Tournament beginning on August 3 and running through August 6. Raindate includes August 7.
2. On August 12, Sunday, we are having our annual Legion Family Gathering. Information is included elsewhere within our newsletter.
3. Our 7th annual Legion Community Days begins Friday, August 24. Brochure included within our newsletter. We hope to see you around the grounds and parade.
4. We do have our monthly American Legion Post General Meeting on Monday, August 13.

Please welcome Ray Kline as our new Post Finance Officer. Ray brings many, many years of dedicated American Legion service to our Post. As our current Post Adjutant as well as Past Commander of Post 52, we look forward to Ray's teaming up with us.

Please make sure to say "thank you" to Mike Fries for all of his dedicated and superb efforts on behalf of us, Post 336. Mike is still very active and involved, but not with quite as many projects. Thank you, always, Mike. You truly deserve our accolades.

Thank you to our Legion family and remember our veterans.

Ralph Amundsen, Commander

Membership

Welcome the beginnings of our new 2013 membership renewal period. We have quite a few renewals already and are constantly processing on a daily basis. It's been quite an experience already with using the newer procedures with the computer and all. But, we are making out very well with the systems.

Don't forget, with our "early bird" stamp on the card that you are entitled to a free drink in our bar. Simply present the card to the bartender and he or she will check it off.

Service Officers Report



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~ SICK CALL ~

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Vern Reekers, Service Officer

Make sure to look for the "hidden number" in the newsletter. This month we happen to have two numbers. If you find your number simply call me, Bob Weber, at 526-4807 and we will send you a check for \$10.00. Last month for the fun of it we forgot to put a number in the newsletter. We did find out that quite a few people do indeed read the newsletter.

Best of all to our membership and all veterans.

Bob Weber, 1st Vice commander

Legion Baseball Collecting Cans

The Baseball Committee of our Legion Post 336 has a site in the parking lot to collect aluminum cans to raise money for our Legion Baseball. All are encouraged to donate their aluminum cans to this most worthy cause!

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S.A.L.

Hope everyone is enjoying there summer, even with all this heat and higher than normal electric bills. **I want to let everyone know that on August 12th there will be a Legion Picnic-Gathering in the Hall from Noon till 3 PM. This is for all Legion, SAL and Auxiliary members.** It's a good chance to come and enjoy some food and beverages, do some chatting and also take care of this years membership dues. In other business we are raising the price of our breakfast buffet to \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 10 and under and children 4 and under will still be free. The cost increase of our food products has driven up the price. This will take effect at our community days breakfast, Sunday August 26th. The hours for that are a little different. It will be from 7 am to 11 am. Our regular schedule starting in September will be the same hours as before - 8 am till noon.

Todd (Doc) Hagel

LEGION FAMILY GATHERING

Sunday, August 12

12noon - 3pm in the Main Hall

LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS

Fri., Aug. 24 - Sun., Aug. 26

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

I hope that we are done with the terribly hot weather we have been having! It makes you think that snow and cold isn't so bad after all. Not too much to report this month as we didn't have a regular meeting in July. Good news for August!! We will be having the Legion Family Gathering on August 12, 2012. This is a group effort between the Legion, Auxiliary and the SAL members. It will start at noon and we will eat around 1 p.m. We will be having it inside the banquet hall this year as we are concerned about the weather for our members. It is a great time to pay your dues, meet new and old members and have fun. We will be having door prizes for those in attendance, so make sure you stick around.

We will be hearing from the ladies that went to our State Convention at our August meeting to find out about our past year. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 starting at 7 p.m. I will call the chairperson of the serving committee for that month a week in advance to let them know who is on the committee with them for that month.

*See you at the Post,
Sue Kelley, Auxiliary President*

Auxiliary:

President: **Sue Kelley**

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Liz Reekers

Jr. Past President: **Diane Ryan**

BASEBALL NEWS ...

Many, many happenings with Baseball this summer. Our Post's new scoreboard is operating very well, and sure looks great.

Team happenings and schedules have been intense this summer:

1. Our 18 and under team is at 26 wins and 13 losses presently.
2. Our 16 and under team is at 15 wins and 15 losses presently.
3. Our 18 and under team won our very own Onalaska Legion Post 336 Tournament the weekend of July 13, 14, and 15.

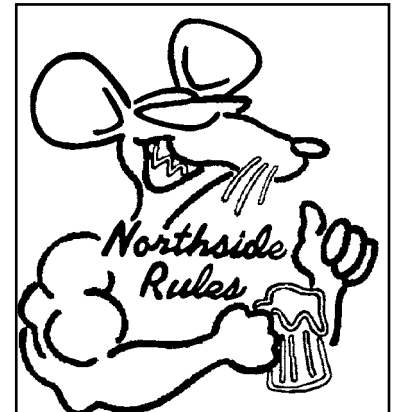
Please acknowledge and recognize our very own State Legion All-Star, Brock Rude. Congratulations to you Brock!



Special "thanks" to Clarence Stellner for raising money for Baseball through selling pull tabs in the very hot weather. Our Baseball Concession Stand is a blessing and will continue to grow.

Our State Baseball tournament, chaired by Jeff Wolf, is in final stages of preparation for our hosting of the Tournament. Please join us for games on August 3, 4, 5, and 6.

submitted through Merle Cunningham, Baseball Chairman



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Bar News

Summer is quickly coming to an end. Hope everyone has had a safe, enjoyable summer.

As many know we were to begin accepting credit/debit cards effective July 1st. Unfortunately, that did not happen as scheduled due to additional processing time between our merchants. I do apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this we will be up and running.

On Thursday, August 9th, the Legion will be sponsoring the annual Irish Toast at 8pm. Come enjoy an entertaining evening of music and Irish poems. From 11am-8pm (or until we run out) we will be serving Corn Beef Sandwiches with potato chips for \$6.50 & Reuben Sandwiches with chips for \$7.00. Guinness pints will also be available for \$3.50. It's sure to be a great time.

Legion Community Days is quickly approaching. The bar will have a Bloody Mary Bar available on Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th from 7am-4pm. Stop in for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday or after the parade on Saturday and enjoy a delicious Bloody Mary for \$4.00.

August also brings the beginning of the Packers Pre-Season Games. **Our first Packer Party will be held Sunday, September 9th.** The game begins at 3:25pm against the San Francisco 49ers. Stop in for some delicious food, drink specials, door prizes and raffles. The Packer Parties have definitely grown over the last 2 years. Let's have a great time and cheer on our Pack!

Hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer! We'll see you around the post!!

Stephanie =)

Awards / Scholarships

In a previous newsletter, I provided a summary of our 2012 awards / scholarships and the individuals receiving them.

Since our next membership meeting isn't until September, I wanted to share some information with you before that time. We have received letters of gratitude & appreciation from the young men & women for our support and generosity. Some commented on their future educational plans & the Badger Boy's Staters shared the fantastic experiences they participated in at their event.

If you are interested, letters will be posted inside the west entrance of our building. Also, you can contact me if there are any further questions or needs relative to this OR other Legion Children and Youth items.

Rich Musolf, 2nd Vice Commander

Notes from the Newsletter Editor



***Pictures:** If any of you have pictures of any Post activity that you would like published in the newsletter and/or archived in the Post History File, please let one of the officers of the club know or drop them in the Newsletter Mail Slot at the Post. Include your name and we will make sure you get them back. We will also accept digital file photos. You may email them to the editor along with a description of the photo contents. They say pictures are worth a thousand words!*



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5 BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT	6 BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT	7 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7:00 pm BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT	8 BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT Fire & Safety 2pm Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	9 Taco Thursday 11am-2pm Irish Toast 8:00pm Corned Beef Sandwiches, 11-8pm	10 Time and a 1/2 Band 7:30-11:30pm	11 Logan Class Reunion Bar Onalaska Class of '77 Reunion - Activity Center
12 LEGION FAMILY GATHERING (Not open to the Public)	13 Executive Committee 6:00 pm Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	14 NARVRE 10:00am Hall Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7:00pm	15	16 Taco Thursday 11am-2pm Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm 40 & 8 Steak Fry (Not open to the public)	17 Memory Brothers Band 7:30-11:30pm	18 Anniversary Party - Hall Bob Weber Retirement Party - 4pm - Bar
19 Ironworkers Meeting Hall - 10am	20 BLET Div 3 Meeting 9:30am - Hall	21 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7:00pm	22	23 Taco Thursday 11am-2pm Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm	24 LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS	25 LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS
26 LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS	27	28 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7:00pm Building Committee Meeting 5:00pm House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	29	30 Taco Thursday 11am-2pm Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm	31 Double Take Band 7:30-11:30pm	

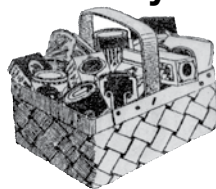
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LEGION FAMILY GATHERING

Includes: American Legion, Auxiliary, SAL - not open to the public.

Sunday, August 12th from noon until 3:00 P.M. in the Main Hall
Picnic style lunch at 1:00 P.M., Beer and Refreshments in the Hall

*Adult Gaming, Childrens Bingo, Membership Renewals,
Meeting new friends and socializing with old friends,
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Texas Hold'Em

A big month is ahead of us in August, with Community Days and Baseball Tourneys, and the Texas Hold'Em Tourney of the Summer.

We will kick off the season on Aug. 26th at noon. Sign up at 11:00 am. Prize will be determined by players present.

We will start our regular season on September 6th for the Fall Season, going to December. Minor changes might bne made to the anti part.

Hope everyone is keeping cool and getting ready for a great season.

Till the 26th of August, have a great summer and again, say a prayer for our Troops.

Bob, Chris, Billy, Bob, Terry and The Pit Bull

