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Valley Fair

Thursday, August 5, 1993

...to take lots of

Age: 43



Rob Orcutt/Wausau Daily Herald

Loves cream puffs:

"Calories concern me, but when I come to the fair, I have a cream puff," says Beverly Albrecht, 65, of Wausau. Every year, she buys a cream puff at the Center Point Sweet Adelines Cream Puff and Caramel Apple Stand at the fair. The stand has a 15-year history and goes through 3,000 to 4,000 cream puffs and caramel apples each year.

Sweets and song



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Cream puffs: Tracy Zubke, Hustisford, is serenaded by Sweet Adelines "Sheer Happiness" members Mary Peplinski, Amherst Junction;

Laurel Hoeth, Stevens Point; Dode Behling, Stevens Point; and Lorraine Van Asten, Stevens Point, during the 1988 Valley Fair.

Fair game

Free treats can't be beat

By Tom Berger

Wausau Daily Herald

Tracy Zubke smiled, a sort of embarrassed smile, as a small crowd gathered.

But these women would not stop.

After all, "A Good Man's Hard to Find," Sheer Happiness crooned, in perfect harmony.

The free songs by the Stevens Point area Sweet Adelines top the list of fair freebies, yours for the asking at the Wisconsin Valley Fair in Wausau.

And their sinfully rich, \$1.35 creampuffs are perfect accompaniment.

Zubke, an 18-year-old University of Wisconsin-Whitewater freshman from Hustisford, ate it up.

"I love music," Zubke, who was in a barbershop quartet at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in Jackson, said.

Twice Wednesday he slipped away from his own booth by one of the exhibition building's exits to line up for a creampuff, the second time demanding a song first. And this was by 3 p.m.

The Sweet Adelines will have a full group in their wagon again all day Friday, for your culinary and listening pleasure.

Doris Mae Charlesworth of Dancy and her brother, Orville Christianson of Racine, were plunked down on a bench by the main entrance to the exhibition building.

Christianson clutched a Tri City Realty Inc. bag half filled with gratis goodies.

Among his treasures were a free comb from the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and a pencil from The Milwaukee Co. Charlesworth was in charge of the four helium-filled Daily Herald balloons, for grandchildren.

Other nominees for blue ribbon giveaways which won't cost you a penny:

■ **Wanderlust:** Drawings for WRIG-Radio's Jeep, WXCO-Radio's trip for two to Nashville, or Royal Prestige cookware and dinnerware's Caribbean cruise.

■ **Refreshing and free:** The Marathon County Republican Party's milk and Culligan's water. The water from the bubbler by the No. 3 shelter, north of the grandstand, also is in the running.

■ **You've got the rhythm:** Free musical entertainment at the beer gardens.

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Barbara Garske cleans the Sweet Adelines Stand in Marathon Park Sunday before its opening for the Wisconsin Valley Fair on Tuesday. State and county inspectors check every food stand at the fair for cleanliness and proper food handling.

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The balloons are back!

FOR THE WAUSAU TIMES

WAUSAU – Wausau will host a balloon fest in 2021.

The Taste 'n Glow Balloon Festival will happen July 9-11

“Steve Woller started the balloon rally in 2002 and has been involved every year since. This event is needed more now than ever,” a festival press release stated.

“Trailmates snowmobile club has graciously agreed to host the event at their grass drags on the west side of Wausau in the town of Stettin. Balloons will not be the only feature. This will be the first year for ‘Taste of Marathon County’. Local restaurants, food trucks,

caterers and non-profits are encouraged to participate in sharing their local flavors with the rest of Marathon County. There will also be a swap meet, flea market, craft sale, kids activities, bands, tractor pull and much, much, more.

“We are excited to have the Trailmates team host this event as they have everything an event could need already on site. Lots of parking, volunteers, electricity, water, bleachers, PA system and all on a beautiful 80 acre lawn.

We believe this event can take place safely in the covid world we live in. There will be something for everyone.”

For more information contact tastenglowbal-

loonfest@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in this event. They are in the process of getting a web-site constructed tastenglowballoonfest.com and our facebook page is already active.

The balloons will be back in 2021!

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City takes step toward solar power on new facilities

FOR THE WAUSAU TIMES

WAUSAU – Wausau city leaders are taking steps toward powering new construction with solar energy.

"The Wausau Waterworks Commission, the body that controls the water and sewer utility, hopes to add a solar array that would fuel the new drinking water treatment plant it is constructing on Bugbee Avenue in northwestern Wausau," a city release stated.

In February, the utility commission hired local engineering firm, Clark

Dietz, to develop proposals for photovoltaic solar panels that would generate electricity to pump the drinking water and light the new building.

Public Works Director Eric Lindman says Clark Dietz's proposals could be ready for a first look in April.

"They are likely to tell the commission what it would take to have an array of panels to generate 40 percent of the facility's needs, 60 percent of the

needs or 80 percent of the needs. The cost could be in the \$2 million range for panels six acres of land and generating 1 megawatt of electricity," the release added.

Clark Dietz will also provide calculations of how long the system could take before it pays for itself in savings on electrical bills.

Council member Pat Peckham has advocated for alternative energy in several of the city's recent

building projects.

"I was disappointed that we couldn't get solar panels on the new fire station," he said. "But I'm thrilled to see this larger-scale effort show promise for actual savings for Wausau water customers."

"This week's commission action, taken Tuesday, was to pursue the purchase of 1010 Bugbee Ave., adjoining the water treatment plant,

to provide space for the ground-mounted solar array. It was earlier determined that just putting solar panels on the building roof would not be enough space for a system large enough to pay for itself in a reasonable number of years," the release explained.

"Early estimates for this proposed system are for a payback of all costs for materials, installation and interest costs in 12

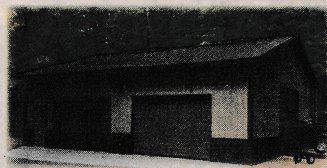
to 14 years. Now vacant, the 7.8 acres was part of a gravel pit. An environmental assessment shows no known contamination and the sale price will be \$125,000."

Mayor Katie Rosenberg, whose duties include chairing the waterworks commission, says she's eager to hear more from the engineers and she hopes things fall into place so this can be the first city-owned solar array.

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