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July 2020 Newsletter

July Birthday's:

Jerry Ganfield, Melanie Knutson, Dorothy Lee, and Cory Peters.

Happy Birthday!

Hopefully everyone is fine. Some restaurants have opened up. I have been lucky enough to frequent a few and enjoyed every minute of it. Also, my gym has opened up and I am there every day. On Monday, July 6 we are having a board meeting at the park near the History Center in Owatonna. If you would like to join us bring a chair and we can socially distance the meeting for you. School is having summer school but no volunteers are being allowed. We're not sure about when school starts whether that will change. We will probably know nothing until sometime in August but will let you know as soon as I do. Keep safe and wishing you a wonderful summer. Remember if you need anything or just need to talk. Phone: 507-390-4468 Email: lindabreyer@hughes.net

Graduation was as expected. Happily, I surprised my granddaughter at the fairgrounds with balloons and a big sign congratulating her as she came out of the building. She was totally surprised. I sat in the parking lot across the street from Federated during the ceremony with my sign, balloons and several others who couldn't get in the grounds. I had a fun time.

Teacher's Request

This teacher is still planning on this happening so if you use paper towels, she requests that you save the cardboard roll on the inside for a project she is having her students do next year. If you can save them over the next few months and I will find some way to pick them all up. Thanks for your help.

**Check out our updated website:
www.grandparentsforeducation.org**

Board Meetings:

Monday, July 6 in the park next to the History Center. Bring your chair and join us.

OHS Volunteer Opportunity

OHS is having picture day Tuesday, August 25 from 9:00am to 6:00pm. I don't know the guidelines yet; will let you know as soon as possible. Anyone interested contact me 507-390-4468 or email: lindabreyer@hughes.net

Grants

As you probably know, I am consistently looking for grants to apply for to keep our organization going. I applied for 2 grants for the organization which did not work out. One wanted only projects and they felt ours was ongoing and not a project in their eyes, the other turned out to be more like a loan to be repaid. I'll keep looking and trying.

Cashwise Food Booth

Food Booth will not open this summer.

Remember if you sign up a new volunteer, you will receive a \$5 gift card from HyVee.

Personal Notes:

Below is our list of volunteers who are highly vulnerable. Please keep all of these wonderful members in your prayers and drop them a line when you can. Most of these people are on Facebook so please befriend them to keep in touch with their lives.

--Corrine Talley had her surgery and they felt they got all the cancer. She is recovering at home. It's expected to be a 3-month recovery period. Keep her in your prayers and please send well wishes to: 221 South Walnut, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Eric Eschenbach also had his surgery and is recovering at home. He expects to be back to work by the end of July. Keep him in your prayers and please send well wishes to: 717 Escalade Lane SE, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Nancy Karsten is recovering nicely but of course like everyone else is confined to her home. Keep her in your prayers and send well wishes to: 1995 Raspberry Ridge Pl NE, Owatonna, MN 55060

---Sondra von Arb is staying home for now. Send cards to 1497 Autumn Drive SE, Owatonna, MN 55060

--Mary Overlee-Olson: she is doing very well and sticking close to home. Keep her in your prayers. Send cards to 360 Thomas Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060

--Marsha Christiansen is doing great and moved to Faribault. She is posting on Facebook now. Send cards to 843 Faribault Rd. Apt. 417, Faribault, MN 55021

---Fred Ventura sends his love and best wishes to all at GFE. Send cards to 566 Maple Drive, Owatonna, MN 55060.

If you know of anyone else who needs our support and prayers through surgery or a long illness, please let me know.

Board Members:

Linda Breyer, Chairperson

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MaryAnne Higgins, Secretary

Cory Peters

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