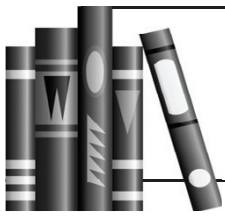


GRAND ISLAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY



Library News

The Grand Island Memorial Library is open to the public for limited service.

Friday, June 26 – The library will hold a Zoom party with the Science Tellers to kickoff summer reading this year. Join the party virtually for a show titled “Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress!” A long time ago, in a faraway land, two brave villagers go on a daring journey to release the dragons and save the kingdom from an evil

Ice Sorceress. When things don’t go as planned, however, the kids might need to look to themselves – and to science – for the answer. The virtual summer reading kickoff will take place from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Registration is required. The event is limited to 100 devices. Provide an email address so the library can send the details for the Zoom party. Call 775-7124 during library open hours for more information.



70 years ago, June 19, 1950: Round the Island with Ollie Howard

Come July 24, the long-awaited master plan of the Town of Grand Island will become a reality. The Town Board has authorized a public hearing to take place on July 24th, at which time the people of Grand Island will have an opportunity to be heard in favor or against the proposed plan and map that will be printed in the July 3 and 17 editions of the Island Dispatch as is required by law.

The new zoning ordinance and map are the result of many years of planning by the town Planning Board and it is hoped that these new ordinances will make it possible for possible business prospects to buy and develop on Grand Island.

In our opinion, the new ordinance will clarify the use of all property on Grand Island. There will be clearly defined residential and business areas with the residential districts into class A, B and C districts.

60 years ago, June 23, 1960: Trinity plans church building

The Reverend Doctor John R. Scotford, nationally recognized church building consultant, will be coming to Grand Island June 30 to meet with the Building Planning Committee of Trinity Church. Dr. Scotford is the author of “When You Build Your Church” and “The Church Beautiful.” He has served in the capacity of building consultant to over 1,000 churches in all parts of the country and all denominations.

... Trinity Church has appointed Charles Campbell to head the planning work. The area chairmen are: Robert Wendt, study and survey; John Knapp, worship; Robert Langerhans, fellowship facilities; Roscoe Pike, Christian education; and Glenwood Ewald, building and grounds. These men, together with the two ministers, will be meeting with Dr. Scotford. Dr. Scotford will be the first of the building and program authorities consulted by the committee in planning for Trinity’s new church building.

50 years ago, June 24, 1970: Mr. and Mrs. Pinkow end teaching careers, but not musical pursuits

Last Friday the Grand Island music teachers Mr. and Mrs. William Pinkow taught their last day of school amidst special celebrations and well wishes on their retirement, but Friday will no doubt by no means mark the end of their involvement in community affairs.

... It was in 1951 that Mr. Pinkow began the Grand Island School System’s first instrumental music program after finishing a busy regular school day at Kensington High School, Buffalo. After teaching in the Buffalo school system for 23 years, he decided to switch to a permanent position with the Grand Island schools in 1953, and he started at Sidway. When he retired, he was chairman of the high school music department.

... Mrs. Pinkow, like her husband a graduate of the Eastman School of Music at Rochester, also started her teaching career in Buffalo. She taught there from 1937 through 1942, when she stayed home to raise her family. In 1957, she started teaching again, this time in the Grand Island system.

... As Mrs. Pinkow retires, it is with the hopes that she may now find time to resume her activities as cellist with the Amherst Symphony and-or the Niagara Falls Philharmonic, both groups with which she played during the years she temporarily retired from teaching. She has also directed the Trinity Choir from 1952 to 1968.

... It was in 1950 that they decided to move to the Island permanently. It was perhaps an expected move as Mrs. Pinkow is a member of the Alt-Long family to which many Island residents belong.

40 years ago, June 27, 1980: 10th annual Island parade set for 4th

Bands and twirlers, floats and dignitaries will be in the line of march down Grand Island Boulevard at 10 a.m. next Friday when Grand Island observes Independence Day in a big way for the 10th year.

A running race, also an annual town affair, will precede the parade, with 9:45 a.m. as its beginning time.

30 years ago, June 22, 1990: GIHS 25th commencement exercises Sunday

Grand Island High School will hold its 25th annual commencement exercises at the Niagara Falls Convention Center Sunday, June 24, at 2 p.m. Approximately 250 seniors will promenade across the stage to receive their diplomas from Board of Education President Cheryl Hausner.

The pledge to the flag will be led by Robert Wirth, senior class vice president; David Valenzuela, president, will welcome the graduates, their families and friends. Class speakers are Adria Condino, Linda Heim and Robert Wirth.

20 years ago, June 23, 2000: Grand Island High School Class of 2000 commencement

Grand Island High School will hold its 35th annual commencement exercises at the Niagara Falls Convention Center on Sunday, June 25, at 2 p.m. Mr. Patrick Crowley, the 2000 class advisor, will assist with the program. Dr. James R. Dempsey, principal of the high school, will conduct the roll call of graduates. Dr. Richard McCowan, president of the Board of Education, and Dr. Paul D. Fields, superintendent of the Grand Island Central School District, will confer the diplomas upon each of the 205 graduates. Parents, relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend this special event honoring the Class of 2000: class officers – Melissa Bruno, president; Danielle D’Abate, vice president; Kerri Mesmer, treasurer, Erin Fred, secretary; Karen Koeller and Victoria Ovitt, historians and Danielle Ahrens and Lauren Main, student council representatives.

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