

Artwork In Thunder Valley Park

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Arnie Lillo has been a big part of the new look at Thunder Valley Park. First he has made a statue of an Indian on horseback that has been for sale through the park committee. He donates the proceeds of each statue to the new playground equipment. Now he has made life-size sports silhouettes that have been hung off the ball field fence. Can you tell which one is of Kirby Puckett? There are actually 12 different poses and the kids at school got to vote on the five they wanted to be hung in the park. Lillo will also be donating a larger than life size statue of the Indian on horseback that will be placed in Bell Tower Park.

These are not the first artwork that Lillo has made. Anyone that has been past Lillo's home northeast of Good Thunder has seen over 100 beautiful pieces of work. There are butterflies, Jesse James and all the components of his gang and the Northfield bank, people riding in a sleigh and ice skating.



Arnie Lillo is an artist who has been very generous to the Thunder Valley Park.

Lillo gave up working in

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Mankato 14 years ago to work full-time on his love of turning cold roll black iron into beautiful pieces of artwork. He has done his turn working at many places in Mankato working in sheet metal, teaching, and working in air conditioning and refrigeration. Now a good day consists of working in the shop or sit-

ting at his computer, scanning in a picture of something that someone wants a metal sculpture of, and getting the clean lines that will be cut by using a plasma cutter. Another big project at this time is turning an old corn crib into a showroom where visitors can see all of the art.

Lillo has also sponsored Jesse

James Day for the past two years. He is now in the process of planning for next summer. As of now the festival will be on June 2. It is not just a day looking at all the artwork, but a time to hear the some of the stories about the history of Minnesota, hear the music of the era and meet others interested in the artwork and history.

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some of the peddlers are known to be very "high pressure." Council member Kevin Donovan feels the council should not have to see these items, because the police already approved them. He was wondering if Woodruff could simply issue a limited permit

versus bringing the item to the council? Woodruff stated that she would look into it, but this is how they have always done it. Woodruff also mentioned the state was going to take over all licensing giving the city no say in the matter. She did not think this

would be a good idea, because the city council and police would have no idea when people were going to be peddling in town. After discussion the council approved the license.

The Mapleton City Council meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Amboy Friendly Hour Club Holds Meeting

The Friendly Hour Club of Amboy met on Thursday, October 19 at the library for a delicious potluck dinner.

President, Arline Boeck, opened the business meeting and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were

be held at the Amboy Cottage Cafe at 11:00 am. Anita Bonnett will give the Thanksgiving prayer before our