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The Achieve BBQ & Button Contest

by Shannen S. & Traci S.

July was another fun month here at Achieve! On Thursday, July 16th, we enjoyed our Annual Achieve Picnic. We welcomed many visitors from our community, including family members, donors, board members, and representatives from several of the job sites we partner with. Everyone enjoyed grilled hamburgers and hot dogs while spending time together and celebrating the Achieve community.

During the picnic, we also handed out buttons featuring artwork created by David F., the winner of the Achieve Button Design Contest. Congratulations, David!



The 2026 Achieve BBQ



David F. and his winning button design

Achievers Club

by Shannen S. & Traci S.



Our 2nd Annual Achieve Car Wash has been rescheduled to Friday, August 7, due to construction in the parking lot. Donations received at the car wash will benefit the Achievers Club Fund. Last year, club members voted to use the funds for an Achieve Ice Cream Social. This year, members have chosen to celebrate with a Root Beer Float Party! The Achievers Club is also collecting school supplies to support local teachers and students in need. Donations will be accepted through August 5, and many items are still needed. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our community!

Jeff's Jokes

by Jeff J.



George Clooney, Leonardo DiCaprio, & Matthew McConaughey got together to make a movie. Clooney said "I'll direct," DiCaprio said "I'll act." McConaughey said "I'll write, I'll write, I'll write."

Green Giggles

by Area Green

How do you get a squirrel to like you?
-Just act like a nut!

The Achieve Car Wash

by Ryan S.

On August 7th, Achieve will be having its second annual car wash. Please swing by to have your car washed between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and support the hard work of our Achievers.



This Month In History

by Lee G. & Melissa D.



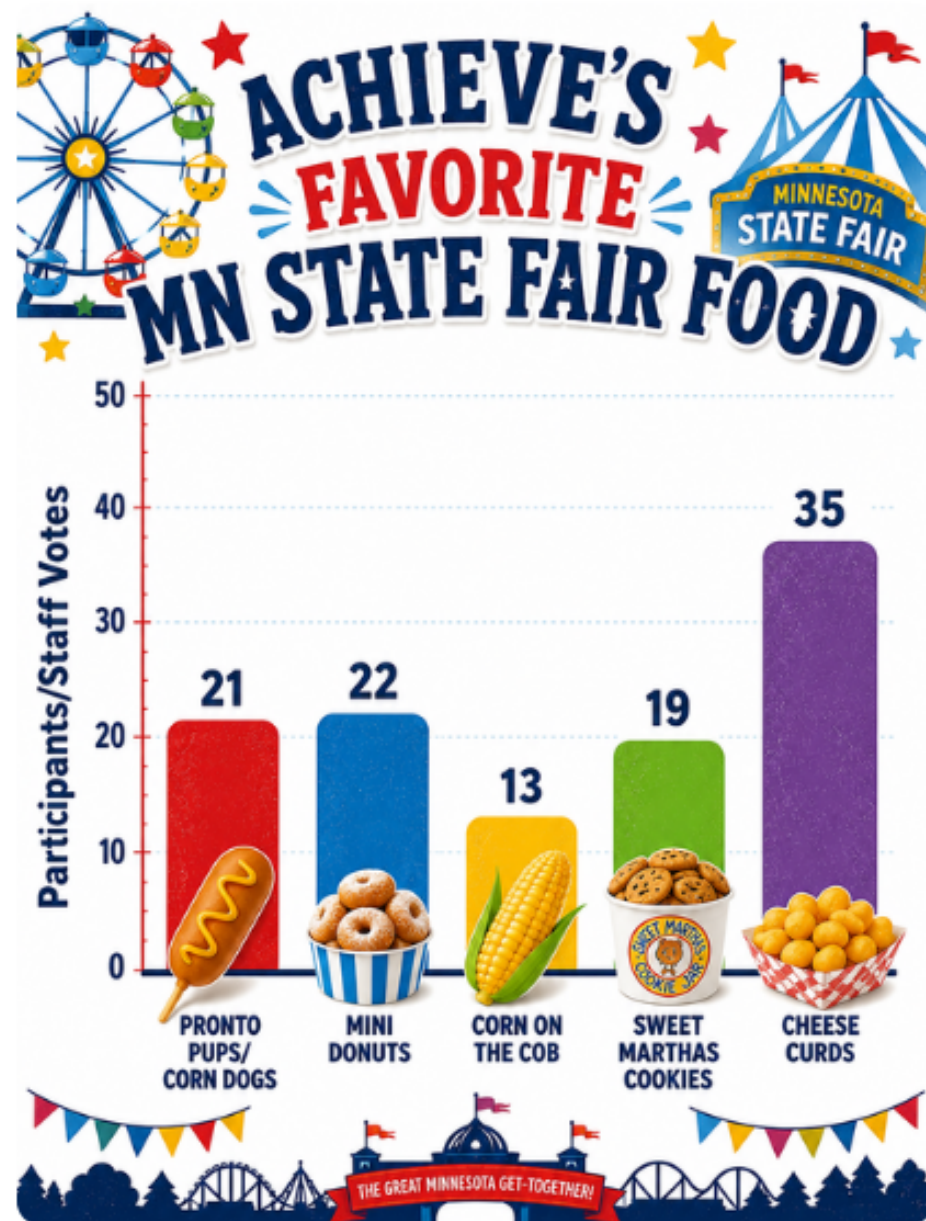
August

August 1st, 2007 - The I35w bridge in Minneapolis, MN collapses.

August 8th, 1992 - The Mall of America located in Bloomington, MN opens.

August 12th, 1908 - Henry Ford introduces the first Model T in Ford's Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit, Michigan.

August 28th, 1963 - Martin Luther King Jr delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington DC.



by Denice K.



Entertainment Review

by Michael C.

Toy Story

You've got a friend in me! Last month Achievers viewed a showing of the first Toy Story movie. It still resonates with fans young and old since its debut in 1995, more than thirty years ago. The songs paint the story, showing the characters' thoughts and feelings. Woody and Buzz are the glue that makes the film enduring and endearing.

10 out of 10 stars



Toy Story 5

In Toy Story 5, the toys face a new kind of threat: technology! As the new leader, it's up to Jessie to confront Lilypad, the tablet who is making sure Bonnie is addicted to her and not playing with the toys. I really enjoyed the plot and how relevant it is to the time we live in now. Toy Story 5 is a masterpiece, just as the other four Toy Story films are. I recommend you all see it soon. To Infinity and beyond!

10 out of 10 stars

A Tribute to Sam Neill

by Michael C.

Last week the famous actor, Sam Neill, passed away. He was very brilliant in all the roles he has performed. My personal favorite role he did was in a film called "Hunt for the Wilderpeople." He also starred in the famous film franchise Jurassic Park. His performance in Jurassic Park was fantastic. He embodied characters who could prevail against the toughest challenges. He will be missed.



My Story

by Lori T.

I have been at Achieve Services for 24 years, when I started here in 2002, I got hired on the spot to be in the mailroom on the 4th floor. And met with other co-workers that I get to work with. Plus doing variety of jobs that I get to work on. I got to work out in the community, at Medtronic in Shorview, now I get to work 4 days with a job coach at Medtronic Rice Creek in Fridley, I am a scanner on undeliverable mail, and on Fridays at Holiday in Ham Lake with another job coach, I clean and stock.

Spotlight: Area Gold

by Area Gold

Writing just one or two paragraphs about the Gold Room is difficult because there is always so much happening here every day. The Achievers work hard and stay busy. Two to four Achievers go out each day to community job sites like Ceramics Industrial Coatings or Holiday/Circle K. The rest of the Achievers stay back and work on projects such as cards, straws, and occasionally bricks. We also complete a recycling route each day as well as going



Some of Area Gold Achievers and Staff

to Edward Jones and Safety Speed once a week on Wednesdays and Thursdays to clean. In addition, the Gold Room Achievers help clean the Metro North on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Gold Room, also known as the “Crazy Corner,” is definitely the place to be. We enjoy joking around and sharing lots of laughs. The Achievers participate in Art Group, Food Group, and the Yahtzee Club. One of our favorite days of the week is Friday, when we enjoy pop and popcorn while listening to music and having fun together.

Almost every morning, Troy and Dude (Brian D.) have a friendly wrestling match that attracts an audience, and Dude usually comes out on top. It's all part of the fun.

So, stop by the Gold Room and say hello! Just be aware Vanessa, Carley, or maybe even Ben might try to tickle you and get their laugh on.

NEW

Achieve Renovations

by Ryan S.

Achieve Services recently completed several renovations throughout the building, including a new stove, dishwasher, tile flooring, and fresh paint in the kitchen. The lunchroom, hallways, and bathrooms were also updated, with most rooms receiving fresh paint and added soundproofing to enhance comfort and functionality. In addition, the hallways were redecorated and now feature the Achieve Wings, a creative display made by

the Achievers. Renovations on the third floor have also been completed, with more details to come.



Miles, Jonathan, and Katie
with the Achieve Wings