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What's Happening Around Town?

By Joe and Flo

Flo: Hey Joe, interesting reading in the DCI the last few weeks. Sounds like a lot of projects will be implemented in Kasson in the year 2012 including the sale and restoration of the 1918 Historic School; all good news. I like the Mayor's statement in the January 25th edition where he quoted Walt Disney who said, "Keep Moving Forward".

Joe: Yes, and it will benefit all of Kasson to have the historic school on the property tax rolls. I fully agree with Mayor Tjosaas; it is time to move forward. There is a season for everything.....a time for positive action, a time to mend fences, a time to restore friendships, a time to reach across political lines and work together. It is time to remove negative energy and unite all interested parties. It is time for our leaders to bring us all together.

Flo: I agree. Kasson has many challenges ahead of her. Are these possible? A larger library? A larger swimming pool? Many of the citizens I have spoken to believe that the restoration of the 1918 Historic School will be a launching pad for other projects. On the flip side, I hate to think of the future climate in Kasson if the school is not saved. I am confident the council leaders can feel the positive energy that will flow from the historic school project.

Joe: Those are all big undertakings, but it sounds like the City Council with the assistance of their administration is endeavoring to achieve all of these actions. These just might be the events that will restore Kasson to what it was in the 1950s and 60s; a hub of activity, thriving and growing. They said that people return to their place of birth to live out the remainder of their days. Upscale senior apartments and a senior center in the historic school would be an attractive addition to entice people back. An active town with historic landmarks also brings them back. It is a good combination; good for the people, good for the city. Four of my friends have already called Sherman Associates and reserved an apartment. The Sherman rep told them the list of interested renters was growing.

Flo: Yes we can "Keep Moving forward."

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