

THE PLAYER!

Quick Looks
at Studio News

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TO THE VICTOR GO THE SPOILS (and a Guitar)

The recent 2007 Let's Play Scavenger Hunt found hunters of all ages competing for major prizes in the Brookings area. Individuals and teams dug through their homes, their neighborhoods, and the city to find or create as many of the items on the official Scavenger Hunt list as possible. Each item had a certain point value, and the top three individuals or teams received nearly \$2000 in prize packages.

The Grand Prize winners were the team "Foster & Foster" made up of mother/daughter Ann and Molly Foster of Brookings.

"We all had so much fun and enjoyed the challenge," Ann said. "It was really enjoyable to see family, friends & neighbors participate, and even to see the excitement on their faces when they were able to provide an item for us. It was easy to spot those people who were previous hunters. They were so determined to mark another item off our list as they helped us out."

The list of 125 items had a total of 2514 points possible. Items were as diverse as a photo of them with Grant Peterson (of Brookings Radio), last years swim band, roller skates, even a suit of armor. "I didn't think anybody would bring that," Hunt organizer Randy Grimsley of Let's Play said. "We had two!"

In fact, at least one of each item on the list was turned in by somebody, with the exception of three things: a Muppets lunch box, a PRT program from 1993, and a "Frankie Says Relax" t-shirt which was popular in the mid-80's.

"It was wonderful to see so many different types of people play this contest. We had toddlers dressed as clowns for photos, adults going thru their trunks for items, even grandparents searching for a cuckoo clock," Grimsley said of the variety of hunters.

Foster & Foster chose the \$1000 Grand Prize Package from Let's Play, which includes a new Fender guitar and six months of instruction in both guitar and voice. "I have wanted to take voice lessons for many years so I'm going to take advantage of those," Ann said. Her daughter Molly will take the guitar and instruction.

Chelsea Ahlers of Brookings won the First Place Runner-Up package, a Minneapolis Getaway courtesy of Brookings Radio.



Grand Prize Winners Molly and Ann Foster made a lot of phone calls and received help from several people who loaned them items. Above, Molly displays the items that helped take home the Grand Prize., valued at nearly \$1000.

Andy Finck of Brookings took home the Second Place Runner-Up package.

"We had a lot of fun with this, from creating the list to looking at all of the items people brought in," Grimsley said. "And every person who entered was smiling when they brought in their bounty, most all commenting specifically on how much fun they had doing this."

"Every day we try to find new ways to make instruction fun for our students. This event was just a much larger version of that, or creating a unique and fun experience. It was a lot of work, but we are planning an even bigger Hunt next year," Grimsley said.

The Let's Play Scavenger Hunt was co-sponsored by Brookings Radio and the Brookings Register.

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'Are you trying to give me a heart attack?'

Your parents always said that rock music was bad. And now, one more thing they are (at least partially) right about!

The speed at which music plays will often affect the listeners heartbeat, with the heartbeat tending to match the speed of the music. Rock music has a da-da-DA beat known as an anapestic beat. Waltz music has a Da-da-da beat known as dactylic. Our natural heartbeat is similar to the waltz or dactylic beat - when the body exposed for long periods to the rock or anapestic beat we may feel stressed and weakened.

And our breathing is affected by our heartbeat. If it's fast, our breaths are short and shallow. If it's slow, we take long, deep breaths. The shallow breaths effect our muscle tension, mood, and immune systems while putting the listener in a fight or flight mode.

So every once in a while, unplug the rock, pop, hip-hop, or rap and plug in some jazz, blues, or instrumental music for a change. Your heart thanks you.

Where Good Times Begin

Our original class for the littlest maestros begins new sessions August 10, though members may join at any time. The Music & Me program has a few openings in both the newborn - 24 months and 2-5 year groups. The class will be instructed by the program creator Heidi Grimsley Fridays at 9:30-10am and 10:15-10:45am. Call for details!

WHY MUSIC FOR YOUR YOUNG'UN?

- Infants recognize pitch, and melodic and rhythmic patterns.
- Music encourages infants to communicate and experiment with sounds of their own voice.
- Music strengthens emotional bonds between parent/child.
- Music has health and personality benefits for infants and toddlers.

New Piano Classes For Young Beginners

Let's Play offers new piano classes! There are three separate classes for Beginners age 6-10 on Monday and Tuesdays, or join the Tuesday Elementary class for age 7-12. These classes are for beginners only - those who have never had piano, or less than six months of lessons. Each monthly session is substantially discounted to \$29, with Heidi Grimsley acting as lead instructor. Contact the studio to enroll!



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Did you know...

Let's Play provides accompaniment and orchestral arrangements available on CD. In the past, it's been used to accompany singers at talent shows, graduations, church events, weddings, and more. It's used as background music at family or social events, too. Either simple piano or full orchestration (with multiple instruments) services are available.



Note These Dates

Registration Deadlines

- Individual/group instruction.....ongoing
- Beginner/Elementary Piano Class kick off....**Aug.. 27 - Sept. 4**

Let's Play! Calendar

- October invoice due**August 31**
- Studio Closed.....**September 3**

A Holiday Just for You!

Note that the studio is closed September 3 in observance of Labor Day, and that the October invoice is therefore due August 31. But what is Labor Day?

"Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another."



Labor Day is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation.

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. So enjoy the day that exists because of YOU!

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