#### **SOUVENIR PROGRAM**

Labor Day • Monday, September 6, 2010

#### 12th Annual

Minnehaha Park "Laughing Waters"

#### **FEATURING:**

The High 48s 1:00

**Ivory Bridge** 1:50

The Platte Valley Boys 2:40

3:30 The Middle Spunk Creek Boys

4:20 Sawtooth

5:10 / Laurie Lewis

TWO SETS! and The Right Hands 6:45

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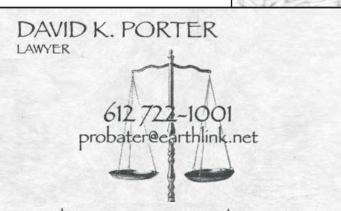
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In the Twin Cities area, you can hear bluegrass regularly on Friday and Saturday nights at Dulono's Pizza (see their ad in this program). On Saturday mornings, tune in to KBEM's "Bluegrass Saturday Morning" show (88.5 FM). Also check

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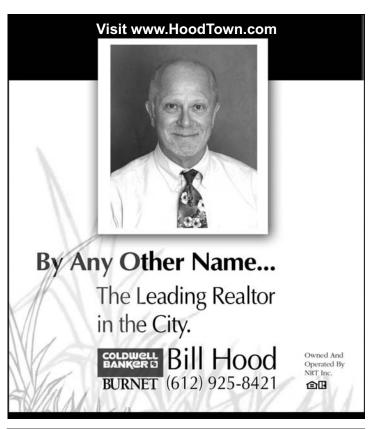
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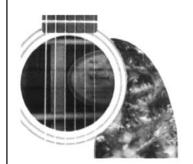


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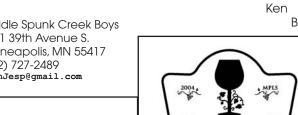
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