

Community

Grant will help IMAA buy building

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The Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association has received a capital grant of \$267,100 from the Bush Foundation.

The money goes toward the purchase an energy-efficient building on Valleyhigh Drive Northwest that IMAA is leasing from A.E. Benike, Inc.

The purchase will be arranged with the support of the Bush Foundation, the Rochester Area Foundation, individual donors and a mortgage. The campaign will continue until the debt is retired.

IMAA is a nonprofit organization funded by United Way. It was founded in 1984 to support refugees, immigrants and others.

DAY IN HISTORY

2002 — Five years ago

Rochester Art Center officials and an estimated 200 people attended a ground-breaking ceremony for the new structure that will overlook the Zumbro River.

1987 — 20 years ago

Gasoline prices have started their annual fall decline and are \$1.11 for regular and \$1.14 for unleaded. Average self-serve prices are \$1 for unleaded and \$1.03 for unleaded.

The closing of Houston's cheddar cheese processing plant, a cornerstone of the community for 70 years, will deal a serious blow to the community of 1,067.

1937 — 70 years ago

A new semi-pro basketball team was launched in Rochester when the Independent Grocers Association announced it would sponsor a team composed largely of players from last year's championship Rochester High School Rockets team. Milt Gabrielson has been named head coach. Games will be played with teams from other southeastern Minnesota communities.

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Get that playground time in

Dayton Squires, 5, climbs out of the climbing netting Monday morning at the Roy Sutherland Playground near Soldiers Memorial Field in Rochester. The temperature today could be near 60, but then increased winds are expected to blow in cooler air — in the 40s — for the rest of the week.