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FAGAN FIGHTERS WWII MUSEUM

Donald McPherson (left) with a F6F Hellcat restored to look like Death N' Destruction, the fighter he flew in World War II. McPherson, credited as America's last living World War II ace, died last week.

America's last WWII ace preferred to focus on faith, family

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Donald McPherson of Adams served his country as a Navy fighter pilot during World War II.

When he returned home, his mission of service continued.

"He was up to his eyeballs in service in all sorts of ways once he got back," said Dean McPherson, his son. "I mean, mail carrier, VFW,

American Legion, Scouting, anything in the church or the community, he was right there in the middle of it."

Donald McPherson, credited by the American Fighter Aces Association and the Fagan Fighters WWII Museum as the last living American ace of the Second World War, died Thursday at the age of 103.

But his surviving children, Beth

Delabar of Adams, Donna Mulder of Lincoln and Dean of Omaha, say his wartime service wouldn't be what he wanted as the focus.

"It hasn't been till these later years in his life that he's had so many honors and medals and ... spoke everywhere," said Delabar. "But we always talked among ourselves

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Trump says talks coming

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday he began arrangements for a face-to-face meeting between Vladimir Putin and Volodymyr Zelenskyy to discuss a pathway to end Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The president made the announcement shortly after speaking by phone with Putin on Monday even as he hosted Zelenskyy and top European leaders to discuss his push to end the brutal war.

"I called President Putin, and began the arrangements for a meeting, at a location to be determined, between President Putin and President Zelenskyy," Trump said in a social media post soon after his meetings with Zelenskyy and European leaders ended. "After that meeting takes place, we will have a Trilat, which would be the two Presidents, plus myself. Again, this was a very good, early step for a War that has been going on for almost four years."

It was not clear if Putin fully signed on to such talks.

Russia state news agency Tass cited Putin's foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov saying Putin and Trump "spoke in favor" of continuing direct talks between the Russian and Ukrainian delegations. Ushakov said they also discussed "the idea of raising the level of the direct Russian-Ukrainian negotiations."

Earlier, Trump said during talks with Zelenskyy and European leaders that a potential ceasefire and who gets Ukrainian territory seized by Russia should be hashed out during a face-to-face meeting between the warring countries' two leaders.

Monday's talks at the White House came days after Trump hosted Putin for a summit at a U.S. military base in Alaska in which he tilted toward Putin's demands that Ukraine make concessions over land seized by Russia, which now controls about one-fifth of Ukrainian territory.



Trump



Zelenskyy

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Plymouth Days celebrate town's community

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Community members celebrated Plymouth Days throughout this past weekend. The event is planned and organized by the Plymouth Improvement Association. The theme this year followed a garden party.

Activities kicked off Friday evening with a quilt show, a hamburger meal, an ice cream truck and a parade. At dusk, "Mufasa: The Lion King" was shown at the west ball field.

Saturday was a full day of events beginning at 7 a.m. with a fun run organized by the Tri County Teammates chapter. A community breakfast followed. The 12th annual car show had vehicles from several eras lining both sides of Main Street for blocks.

The fireman chicken barbecue was served for lunch and supper. Pork burgers were offered by the United Methodist Church in the afternoon with an ice cream social held outside the library. A corn hole tournament, a home run derby, face painting, a sidewalk

chalk contest and the Lil' Tuggers tractor pull took place despite the heat.

The family outdoor movie was "Twister" from 1996.

On Sunday morning, a worship service took place at the community center.

Activities concluded on Sunday afternoon with a golf cart and ATV road rally. Nineteen teams registered for the third annual event. The Czapaniskiy Crew took home first place with John Woody winning second place.

Long time Plymouth resident Dave Senbaum said there was a true feeling of community.

"There were events planned for the young and old," he said. "Seeing babies, smiling youngsters and our wonderful elders all smiling on a warm but beautiful weekend in Plymouth. There were yummy food offerings and a true feeling of togetherness equaling community."



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Cars from every era of automotive history were a part of the Plymouth Days car show.

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