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TODAY'S OBITUARIES

- Mary Jane Behrns
- Clarence O. Swanson

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Town purr-turbed by cat's expulsion

MOCKSVILLE, N.C. — A North Carolina police department is evicting its pet cat named Sgt. Butters, and some residents are mounting a campaign to bring him back.

The Winston-Salem Journal reports the Mocksville Police Department's resident feline needed a new home after concerns were raised about a pregnant woman who worked in the building and said she couldn't be around cats. Officers had rescued the cat last year after it was seen hanging around the department.

A Save Sarge Butters Facebook page had nearly 600 members by Thursday afternoon.

Sgt. Butters has been credited with helping to restore the department's tarnished image after a jury awarded \$4.1 million in damages to three former officers who said two town officials fired them in 2011 for reporting allegations of corruptions to state officials.

The Associated Press

LOTTERY

Thursday's Daily 3

1-9-7

Wednesday's Gopher 5

4-15-21-29-41

Wednesday's Powerball

10-13-30-51-69 and 10

Wednesday's Lotto America

15-21-35-45-52 and 2

Thursday's Northstar Cash

9-10-13-23-25

Tuesday's Mega Millions

7-27-31-34-51 and 5

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Some clouds

High in upper 70s. Low near 60.

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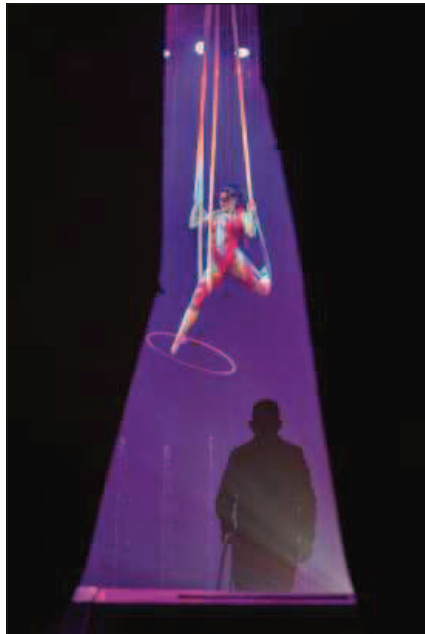
WATER CIRCUS



Photos by Jackson Forderer

Samantha Kulinski performs an aerial act at Cirque Italia held on Thursday evening. The circus, held at the River Hills Mall parking lot, will have more performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Cirque Italia begins Kato performances



A stage hand watches Elena Stefanova perform after giving her a hula hoop during the Cirque Italia performance held on Thursday evening.



Above: Darix Giannuzzi performs on a swing during the Cirque Italia performance on Thursday evening. Right: Samantha Kulinski stretches backstage before her aerial performance at Cirque Italia held in the River Hills Mall parking lot.



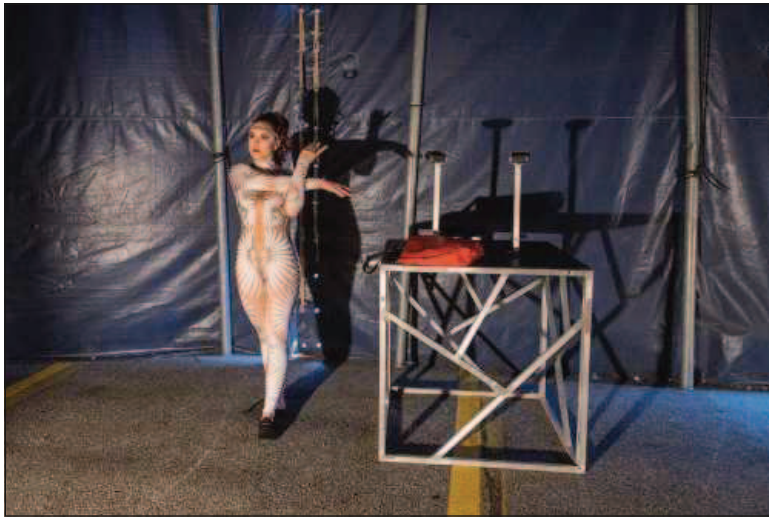
A photo gallery can be found at mankatofreepress.com.



Rafael Salgueiro, or Clown Rafinha, laughs with his fellow performers before the start of the Cirque Italia performance on Thursday evening.



Rafael Salgueiro, or Clown Rafinha, talks with two children between his comedic acts at Cirque Italia held in the River Hills Mall parking lot.



Attorney admits drug problems

Magnus sued for malpractice

By Kristine Goodrich

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MANKATO — A Mankato attorney who is pleading guilty to drug possession is being sued for malpractice.

Ryan Blair Magnus told The Free Press he takes responsibility for his drug addiction, but he denies the claims of deficient representation recently filed by a former client.

Last month Magnus entered a petition to plead guilty to a lesser drug charge stemming from a case filed against him in Blue Earth County in



Ryan Magnus

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Israel bars Omar, colleague

Move apparently at Trump's behest

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — With a push from President Donald Trump, Israel on Thursday barred two Muslim-American congresswomen from entering the country for a visit, an extraordinary step bringing the longtime U.S. ally into Trump's domestic fight against political rivals at home.

The U.S. president is essentially relying on Israel to retaliate against two freshman lawmakers, Reps. Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, who are both outspoken critics of Israel's treatment of Palestinians. They are also part of the "squad" of

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Back to School Checklist for Adults!

Back to school shopping doesn't have to be just for the kids...all of August we have our adult checklist! Stop by the winery to get a checklist, complete as many categories as you can, or just complete one, by August 31st and enjoy some incredible prizes! Must be +21 to participate.

Complete 1 category receive:
A free wine tasting

Complete 3 categories receive:
A \$10 gift certificate

Complete 2 categories receive:
A free glass of wine (excludes Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon)

Complete 4 categories receive:
1 FREE Bottle of Creekside Red or Creekside White

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