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Meet the 2019 All Star Kids

Burggraf's Ace Hardware Caring Fore Kids event is June 6. | **Section D**

CRT working to help people gain stability, support

BY KASSANDRA TUTEN
HERALD-REVIEW

Rates of adolescent hospitalizations due to mental health crisis are on the rise in Itasca County, according to an annual Crisis Response Team (CRT) update provided to the Itasca County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday. The report was provided during a regular meeting of the board on May 28, and was presented by CRT representative Cre Larson, who also discussed suicide rates in Itasca County, provided a history of the local CRT, as well as a host of other information from the team's 2018 analysis of services.

Since its inception in 1999, the CRT in Itasca County has fostered strong partnerships with a number of local service providers, including each of the three county hospitals, the local school districts, mental health providers, law enforcement, NAMI of Itasca County, the Veterans Service Office of Itasca County, Itasca County Health and Human Services (ICHHS) and more.

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GR library to continue push for balanced funding

BY EMILY CARLSON
HERALD-REVIEW

Director of the Grand Rapids Area Library (GRAL) Will Richter gave his department head report to the Grand Rapids City Council on Tuesday, May 28. He reviewed completed projects, current developments and future plans for the library.

The primary topic of Richter's report was advocacy for balanced funding for the GRAL. Since February, Richter has been visiting various town hall meetings in the area to continue building awareness that, "GRAL is Itasca County's Library."

This has including meeting with people at the municipal, township and county levels.

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Memories of



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

At top, the original menu at The First Grade featured breakfast served all day, soup and sandwich lunches and an impressive list of desserts. Above, owner Mary Jo Hendricks (center seated) is pictured with long-time First Grade servers Renee, Ellie and Joanne; and at a birthday table with friends (above). Hendricks is looking for people to submit their memories of the eatery to be compiled into a book she's writing.

Wins, losses of the 2019 legislative session

BY DANA FERGUSON
FORUM NEWS SERVICE

ST. PAUL — Minnesotans won't see a tax hike on gasoline but will see tougher restrictions behind the wheel for those using a cellphone.

A tax on medical providers will remain in place but a state-run health insurance buy-in option won't be available in the next couple years.

Minnesotans who vape won't be able to use e-cigarettes in

bars and restaurants but people 18 and older will still be able to buy them.

State lawmakers went into "overtime" to finish their constitutionally-mandated work of passing a balanced budget Friday, May 24 and into the early hours of the following morning. And while most Minnesotans were sleeping, lawmakers debated and ultimately approved a \$48.3 billion spending plan for the next two years.

On both sides of Minnesota's

divided Legislature, lawmakers put forth policy and spending ideas that were ultimately folded into state law or squashed (at least for now).

Days after the early-morning end of a one-day special session, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-Nisswa, framed the budget negotiation as a "draw." But advocates pushing for changes in state law saw clearer wins and losses as the legislative session closed out.

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