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executive director of the Andria Theatre, formerly known as the Alexandria Area Arts Association, in a quote from the study. “Residents and businesses are strong supporters of them as patrons, sponsors and donors.”

Hermes added the annual reports from Creative Minnesota have been valuable in providing statistics on the impact of the arts in the various arts council areas throughout the state.

“When the opportunity opened for taking a closer look at their impact for Alexandria in specific, I felt the information gleaned would benefit not only arts organizations in our area but those organizations that represent the economic viability of the community,” Hermes said. “By coming together in this initiative, we can use the information in a myriad of different ways to educate individuals, business and industry, organizations, educational institutions, and government on the impact that arts have in Alexandria.”

The Alexandria study is one of

eight local studies that Creative Minnesota will release this year, according to Sheila Smith, the project’s chair.

“Creative Minnesota produces research about Minnesota’s arts and creative sector,” Smith said. “It includes statewide, regional and local looks at nonprofit arts and culture organizations, their audiences, artists and creative workers. We also have looked at the availability of arts education in Minnesota schools.”

Smith said the studies show substantial economic impact from the nonprofit arts and culture sector in every corner of the state. All Creative Minnesota research is available for free at CreativeMN.org.

The study found that the combined economic impact of nonprofit arts organizations and their audiences in Alexandria is \$3.1 million annually. This includes \$1.7 million spent by nonprofit arts organizations, and \$1.5 million spent by their 89,624 attendees – which is impressive for an area of Alexandria’s size, the study noted.

The direct spending of artists in their communities in Douglas County on things such as art supplies and studio rental, is

\$2.2 million annually.

Other highlights in the study:

► There are over 561 artists and creative workers in Douglas County. Creative workers are defined as people who make their living wholly, or in part, by working for for-profits, nonprofits, or self-employed, in 41 creative occupations.

► These occupations include: architects, choir directors, curators, librarians, art directors, craft artists, fine artists including painters, sculptors and illustrators, multimedia artists and animators, commercial and industrial designers, fashion, graphic and interior designers, set and exhibition designers, actors, producers and directors, dancers, choreographers, music directors and composers, musicians and singers, editors, writers and authors, sound engineering technicians, photographers and camera operators.

► The most common creative worker jobs in the county are in photography, music and writing.

► The average hourly wage for creative workers in Douglas County is \$20.48, which is slightly above the average worker wage of \$19.45.

► Douglas County has a higher

density of artists and creative workers in its workforce than would be expected, the study said, with creative worker density at 30.52 creative jobs per 1,000 overall jobs.

► Spending by artists and creative workers in Douglas County generates \$2.2 million in annual economic impact and an additional \$261,244 in state and local government revenues.

► Sixteen nonprofit arts and culture organizations in Alexandria provided arts and culture activities, with performing arts being the most common with 10 events. Participating organizations included: Alexandria Area Arts Association, Alexandria Band Boosters, Alexandria Figure Skating Club, Alexandria Public Schools (public arts programming only), Alexandria Senior Center, Central Lakes Concert Association, Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra, Douglas County Historical Society, Lakes Chamber Music Society, Legacy of the Lakes Museum/Minnesota Lakes Maritime Society/Museum, Prairie Woodcarver, Red Willow Arts Coalition, Runestone Museum Foundation, Selective TV, Inc., Theatre L’Homme Dieu and Vikingland Band Festival, Inc.

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Bartolomeo plans to go to Camp Pendleton to get her national EMT certificate, which will last through the end of her enlistment in August 2021. She said she hopes to return to Minnesota after that.

Looking back on her three years in the Marines, Moriah said she’s thankful for the experiences she’s had and the people she’s met, including the commandant and sergeant major of the Marine Corps.

“When I was in, you avoided them because they scared the crap out of you,” her father Mike Bartolomeo said. “She’s surrounded by them now.”

Mike served in the Marines in the 1980s in Cuba, Japan, the Philippines and other parts of southeast Asia.

“She followed in her dad’s footsteps,” he said. “We’re super proud of her.”

REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS

Timed Online

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CLOSES: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 | 7PM

PREVIEW: By Appointment / LOADOUT: By Appointment

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MFWD TRACTORS

2005 Challenger MT665B MFWD, 7,738 hrs.

2002 Challenger MT635 MFWD, 2,588 hrs.

1999 White 6710 MFWD, 10,639 hrs.

COMBINE & HEADS

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Challenger FHB30 flex head AgCo corn head

DRILL

Melroe 244 drill

PLANTER

AgCo Interplant planter, 23x15”

TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

Do-All 850-27 soil finisher, 27”

Wil-Rich plow, 9x18”

TRAILERS

1983 Stoughton AHV4221 hopper bottom trailer

1974 City end dump trailer UM header trailer, 30’

SPRAYER

Patriot Wide Trax sprayer, 3,973 hrs.

HAY EQUIPMENT

2011 Vermeer 605 Super M round baler, 6,295 bales

Case-IH DCX 161 mower conditioner

TANKS

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Vertical poly tank, 1,550 gal.

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(2) Firestone 320/85R34 MFWD front tires & rims

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(2) Firestone 14.9R46 tires on 8-bolt wheels



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