Lockout: After six days, Security workers and their employer came to an agreement on new contract

Continued from page 1 and G4S. Local 2 President, their security posts. Josh Haider said G4S was looking to switch to an inferior insurance plan while changing its contributions to that plan. Local 2 leadership learned that G4S sought to cut its contributions to the employee insurance program nearly in half, Haider

According to Haider the agreement with G4S not only place, but included a 2.5 percent cost of living increase. G4S also agreed to increase contributions to the supervisors' 401K plan and agreed to compensate the worker \$1,000 for the days they were locked out.

"What we got wasn't the moon," Haider said. "Where we ended up is in the middle, which his union's members. is where we should be."

"We are ready to roll up our sleeves and get back to work," Haider said at the Friday, Sept. 6 press conference.

September 6 was not only a

big day for the small union of security supervisors, but it was a big day for organized labor as a whole," Haider said. 100 members of the Interna-

keeps the insurance plan in tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the largest union at the Monticello nuclear power plant, refused to cross the Local 2 picket line during the lockout.

That was very important to our effort," Haider said. "We scheduled to attend the press had the support of unions that conference prior to the contract had no dog in our fight."

He also gave a shout-out to

"They had the courage to And with that, Local 2 mem-stand up for what was theirs-fair son (R-Buffalo), Rep. Marion tion to assess a fee, or tax, on bers were ready to return to wages and health insurance," he O'Neill (R-Maple Lake). Sen. the storage of spent fuel rods

with a good deal."

Security worker Randy Sand, a 40-year-veteran at the nuclear power plant, said he had never experienced a work stoppage during his four decades of working at the plant.

"It was daunting," Sand said. "It was stressful for us, but

According to Haider, about what do you do? We pressed on," Sand said. "We found strength in our fel-

low members and the commu-

nity. Like anything traumatic,

we found a way to get through,"

Four area lawmakers were agreement being announced in order to offer their support to

the locked-out workers.

said. "We're coming out of this Andrew Mathews (R-Milaca) generated by nuclear power and Rep. Shane Mekeland (R-Clear Lake) were on hand

reaching a contract agreement. among businesses to push more of the costs related to healthcare onto consumers and their fami-

"I was glad (the workers) were able to push back and get a deal

O'Neill said she was "Very grateful" that Local 2 and G4S settled their contract dispute so the Xcel Energy plant could continue on with its operations.

She also took the opportunity to discuss the fact that Minne-On Sept. 6, Sen. Bruce Ander- sota is the only state in the na-

plants and noted that the plants at Monticello and at Prairie to support union members in Island near Red Wing were assessed fees of \$32.5 million. Mathews said he wondered in She said it's imperative that the Local 2's contract struggles were State takes a look at its policies due, in part, to a growing trend regarding those fees in order to keep nuclear power affordable.

Anderson said he was very proud of Josh Haider and his team for what they accomplished for their union members.

"We're very proud and very that works for them," Mathews hopeful that this will continue,' Anderson said, noting that the agreement was not only for the benefit of the security supervisors, but for Wright County, the State, and the Nation.

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Emergency: ED features more space, privacy

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the new on-stage, off-stage design now employed by the department, said Steve Schrupp, manager of CentraCare Monticello's emergency department.

Simply put, on-stage areas are the spaces primarily for patients or family members. These spaces include waiting rooms, exam rooms, labs, and other patient care areas. Off-stage spaces are the "behind the scenes" staff-only spaces. These include care team work stations, internal corridors of the emergency department, and storage.

The nine new patient exam rooms are entered by patients and family from a public hospital corridor. The rooms are entered by medical staff from a second door leading to the secure staff-only area, Schrupp explained.

When combined with additional rooms earthat can be used by pa- among the rooms that can

gency department.

But CentraCare didn't said. set out to increase capacity of its emergency de- bay with direct access to partment. The goal of the the new trauma rooms in renovation was to increase the emergency department

A thousand people per month now visit the CentraCare-Monticello emergency department, Schrupp said.

Those patients can now have access to two new state-of-the-art trauma rooms that are located where an ambulance bay was once found.

The redesigned emergency department also features four suites for patients experiencing mental health issues.

Made possible by a grant from the Ellison Trust, this bank of four rooms are also a feature rooms provides temporary quarters to mental health patients in need of an extended stay at the hospital dangerous chemicals to while they work through be "washed down" before marked for triage situa- their mental health is- receiving medical care, tions, there are 14 rooms sues. These rooms are also Schrupp said.

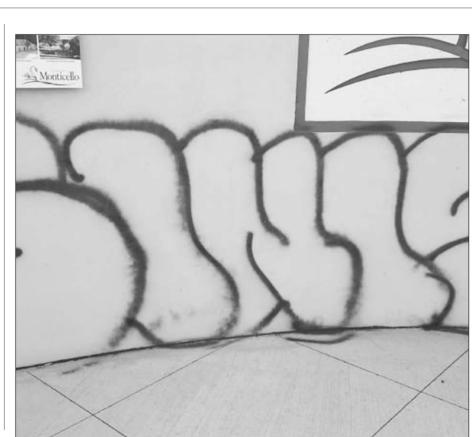
the need arises, Schrupp

A new, larger ambulance was also built.

There is also access to state-of-the-art tele-medicine in the trauma rooms that can bring elite members of a medical team to the Monticello hospital through the wonders of computers. The computer age also brings to the Monticello hospital bilingual capabilities that allow on-the-spot translations allowing doctors and hospital staff to communicate with patients who speak almost every language in the world.

Decontamination of the new emergency department, that allow patients with exposure to

tients visiting the emer- be used as exam rooms if Reach Jeff Hage at jeff.



Wright County Sheriff's Office Pictured above is one of the examples of graffiti painted by Mitchell Gott of Monticello at the northeast corner of Highway 25 and Seventh Street.

Graffiti: Monticello man arrested, facing charges

ty, a felony punishable by Gott told the deputies.

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up to five years in prison and/or a \$10,0000 fine.

to the wall near Hillside looking into the vehicle. Cemetery that welcomes

large letters on the wall in onstrated poor balance, under I-94. lance video from the nearby Holiday gas station, came up with a physical description of a suspect in the vandalism, as well the complaint states. Cheistina Rogers added as a description of an ac-

> complice. Avenue.

males sitting on a curb. vehicle. The vehicle crashed into

At about 6:30 a.m. on County District Court, a of the Hillside Cemetery Sept. 2, witnesses report- deputy observed two cans wall, including the walls ed vandalism in progress of black spray paint while

Gott also appeared inpeople to Monticello on toxicated, the complaint

scene, but using surveil- ing four whiskey drinks. charged with any crimes at His agreed to take a breath test at about 9:30 a.m., hol concentration of .17,

In addition to felony property damage charges, Not long after, deputies Gott faces one count each vehicle crash on Meadow tor vehicle under the influa motor vehicle, alcohol Deputies responded to concentration of .08 withthe scene and located two in two hours of driving a

According to the Wright hage@ecm-inc.com the curb after the vehicle's County's Sheriff Office, axle broke, driver Mitchell several other areas in

Monticello have recently According to a criminal been spray-painted in very complaint filed in Wright similar fashion to that and landscaping underneath the I-94 overpass on Broadway Avenue East.

The investigating depties, he exhibited blood- obtained statements impli-Deputies responded to shot and watery eyes, had cating Gott to several of the scene and observed slurred speech and dem- the other graffiti painting

> The second suspect was Gott admitted to drink- identified but has not been this time.

During a court hearing which registered an alco- on Sept. 4, Gott applied for a public defender but was denied representation because he was not financially eligible, court records state. He was re-

leased on \$12,000 bond. Gott is scheduled to Highway 25 changes come Oak Avenue and Fenning ence and DWI: operating make his initial appearance in court at 8:30 a.m. on October 8.

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Highway 25: The City to establish a committee

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ness school, his mother in you making such a decisaid. He wanted to be a sion," she said. "I ask for called the committee a northbound Highway 25 states. According to depu- uty located evidence and camp counselor and had your support." just returned from camp That support came soon help keep momentum for the day before he died.

boy and I don't feel his life when authorization was tee could come up with a black spray paint. The sus- the complaint states. should have been lost...but given to City staff to form strategic plan that it could pects had already left the it was," Christina Rogers

"I just don't want any that same stretch of high-

way," she said.

Council, City prays for the courage of the council members to stand forward and make a that they, as city representatives, support creating

berg trailer park. "I pray for the wisdom DOT on the issue.

ne day before he died. after Christina Roger's changes moving.
"Ian was a wonderful plea to the City Council He said the a committee to address the Highway 25 issue.

City Administrator Jeff more lives to be lost on O'Neill noted that the City was in a position to be an advocate for change when sit idle," he said. In addressing the Mon- it comes to the Highway 25 location and can be Christina Rogers said she an advocate for a design change that works for the cil members, MnDOT, and received a report of a one- of DWI: operating a mo-City and its residents.

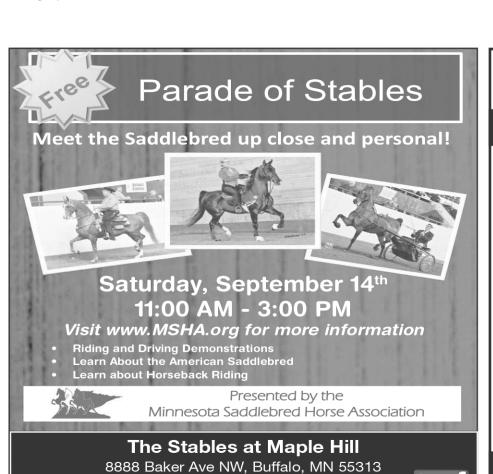
The City will work toproclamation to MnDOT wards establishing a small committee made up of city council members, a safer environment on city staff, and community Highway 25 at the Kjell- members with a goal of Reach Jeff Hage at jeff. providing input to Mn- hage@ecm-inc.com

Mayor Brian Stumpf great idea that would at Seventh Street.

He said the commitbring forward to MnDOT. It could also sit down with MnDOT to keep the "ball rolling," Stumpf said.

"We don't want this to

that she is prepared to work with any City Counstate legislators to help to fruition.



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