

Friday

Entertainment

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MOVIE
LISTINGS

New Releases:

Bad Boys for Life-R

The Bad Boys Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett are back together for one last ride in the highly anticipated *Bad Boys for Life*.

AMC Classic Mankato 6

Fri: 3:40 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
Sat. 2 p.m. 4:50 p.m. 7:50 p.m.
Sun. 12:55 p.m. 3:40 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

Dolittle-PG

A physician discovers that he can talk to animals.

AMC Classic Mankato 6

Fri: 4:20 p.m. 6:50 p.m. 10 p.m. 8:20 p.m.
Sat. 2:40 p.m. 5:10 p.m. 8:20 p.m.
Sun. 1:20 p.m. 4:20 p.m. 6:50 p.m.

Cinemark River Hills Movie 8

Fri. 12:55 p.m. 3:50 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 9:40 p.m.
Sat. 12:55 p.m. 3:50 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 9:40 p.m.
Sun. 12:55 p.m. 3:50 p.m. 6:45 p.m.

Frozen II Sing-Along-PG

Cinemark River Hills Movie 8

Fri. 11:50 p.m. 2:25 p.m. 5 p.m. 7:35 p.m. 10:10 p.m.
Sat. 11:50 p.m. 2:25 p.m. 5 p.m. 7:35 p.m. 10:10 p.m.
Sun. 11:50 p.m. 2:25 p.m. 5 p.m. 7:35 p.m.

Now Playing:

1917-R

AMC Classic Mankato 6

Fri. 4:10 p.m. 7:05 p.m. 9:50 p.m.
Sat. 2:34 p.m. 5:25 p.m. 8:10 p.m.
Sun. 1:10 p.m. 4:10 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

Cinemark River Hills Movies 8

Fri. 12:35 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:55 p.m. 9:45 p.m.
Sat. 12:35 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:55 p.m. 9:45 p.m.
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Just Mercy-PG-13

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Like a Boss-R

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Little Women-PG-13

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Jumanji: The Next Level-PG-13

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Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker-PG-13

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Underwater-PG-13

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NEW YEAR,
NEW HOBBY

Dustin Swiers guides Diana Rojo-Garcia through the process of glass blowing at Mankato Makerspace on Tuesday. Both are wearing glasses that help them see how the glass is being heated more clearly.

Free Press photos Jackson Forde

Makerspace offers wood, glass, metal
as creative mediums

By Diana Rojo-Garcia

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I've never felt more alive than using a lathe spewing man glitter all over my sweater. That's because I've never had the opportunity or space to play with one.

Thanks to Don Darling and the Mankato Makerspace, I came home smelling like cedar.

"You know, there was a study that we looked at, that 60% of millennial men don't own a hammer," Cindy Bourne said, who had been giving me a tour of the space. "And I don't know who said that, but it gets you the idea that people are afraid to try and fix anything."

The Mankato Makerspace gives anyone the chance to play with these tools and maybe fix something.

"If nothing else, we just give you permission to take it apart."

Walking into the Mankato Makerspace is equivalent to a kid walking into the Big Yellow Barn in Jordan.

There's no candy ... unless you check out the vending machine, which has some snacks and also some sandpaper you can buy for a project, but there is a lot to see.

It's the same overwhelming sense of endless opportunities.

Every corner of the Makerspace is equipped with a variety of tools and resources for anyone to come and learn a new hobby.

A ceramic room full of spinning wheels and a kiln. Towards the back there's a full set up to make jewelry with Bourne. A welding shop and glass blowing section. In the middle a woodworking shop where Rick Esser and Don Darling can guide you through the lathe or help with your latest project. There's also a textile room towards the entrance with Singer sewing machines.

The two hours I spent making jewelry with Bourne, stretching glass with Dustin Swiers



Using a small hammer, Diana Rojo-Garcia puts texture onto a piece of copper while jewelry making with Cindy Bourne at Mankato Makerspace.

and the lathe with Darling wasn't nearly enough time.

The Mankato Makerspace opened its doors to the public in February of 2018.

It began with an idea; a place for people to come and learn something new, advance their skill on a particular hobby or perhaps a bigger space for someone to work on their woodwork.

The non-profit organization has flourished in its 6,000 square foot area and they're hoping to expand another 6,000 square feet.

No matter where you step into the Makerspace, there's something to do and an expert to help along the way. And if there isn't an expert volunteer on hand about a certain project, they make sure to find someone in the community who'd be willing to teach a class.

It couldn't have happened without the help

More Information

The Mankato Makerspace is located on 1700 Third Ave. and is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Go to mankatomakerspace.org to check out and register for all their classes.

Memberships are not required to take a class. Memberships start at \$50 a month to use the Makerspace for up to 40 hours. Or get a day pass for \$15.

Donations are always welcome, physical or monetary. Head over to mankatomakerspace.org/support to check out their wish list and shop needs.

of the community. Most of what is found in the Makerspace had been donated. If

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Por favor, en español — especially when you're at home

There were a couple strict rules in my house while I was growing up: All food must be eaten at the dinner table, keep your elbows off the dinner table and only speak Spanish at home.

"Hablen en español!" was often heard in the distance when my brother and I would be loudly discussing the latest *My Chemical Romance* music video that dropped on MTV.

My brothers and I could be fighting over something, and we would hear "Hablen en español!"

It wasn't until recently that I discovered why my parents insisted we speak Spanish at home.

I have two lovely nieces who are budding into phenomenal young women. They get good grades, they're both in soccer

and dance and orchestra.

They're also Mexican-American. And at Grandma's house, the Spanish speaking rule is a little more relaxed than when I was growing up.

Typical. Periodically, my voice would mimic my mom's growing up. "Hablen en español!" I'd say to the girls.

But they'd ignore it.

The two did know some Spanish growing up before hitting first grade. Then it went from some little Spanglish to purely communicating with my parents in English.

And with one of the girls, it seemed as the years progressed, she just refused to speak Spanish.

She understood it well enough to communicate with my parents

but just would not speak Spanish.

At first, I thought my niece was ashamed to speak the language.

"She asked today if she or her family were going to be deported," my mom said.

Well, what do you mean? She's an American citizen! Who even told her that?

"Well, one of her classmates had asked her if she's going to be deported if Donald Trump gets elected."

Oh.

She wasn't ashamed. It was so much worse than that.

She was afraid of the outcome of what speaking Spanish could do for her family and friends and herself.

Maybe I'm reaching, but it seems that my parents knew that perhaps if we didn't speak and embrace Spanish at home, the

same kind of fear would happen.

Fear of being scared to identify with being Mexican and our history and culture, ultimately abandoning our background.

And now, I have the same fear for not only my nieces, but others like her growing up in an area where some are culturally inept.

The fear, and especially ignorance, has spread much further than this incident over the last four years.

There's not much more that I can do, but I can say, "Hablen en español," or in Somali, or Arabic.

Embrace your culture and share it with others.

Let's not let xenophobia repress a culturally rich state.

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