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Violent incidents still being reported at Mille Lacs-Nexus



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Violent assaults continue to occur at Nexus-Mille Lacs Family Healing, formerly Mille Lacs Nexus Academy. Law enforcement is called to the facility quite often on reports of "runners," property damage and more serious reports of assaults against staff and juvenile on juvenile physical and sexual assaults.

In police reports obtained by data requests, Academy staff states that management is deterring staff from reporting such incidents. Academy management responded stating incidents were down from January through March and that any critical incident is reported to the state as required by law. However, serious incidents began occurring again. Below are some of the more serious reports.

March 16 assault reports

Two staff members reported they were assaulted by a 15-year-old resident, according to a police report. The juvenile resident was charged with two counts of felony assault with a dangerous weapon and one gross misdemeanor burglary charge. The Mille Lacs County Attorney's office declined the charges in this incident.

According to the incident report, law enforcement responded to the Academy where the 15-year-old resident had broken into a shop, stolen keys and tried to start equipment inside on March 16. When law enforcement arrived, the juvenile was walking up a driveway with a yellow hammer in his hand. The staff members making

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Raiders flying high



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Onamia sophomore Svea Carlson has added depth to the Mille Lacs pole vault squad and provided valuable points to the Raiders' winning ways so far this spring. Last week, she moved to 2nd place in the Raiders pole vault record book with a jump of 8'6" at a meet in Hinckley.

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The Mille Lacs Raiders girls track team finished second and third in two meets last week and in the process, several individuals broke into the Raiders record book.

On April 27, the Raiders finished second among five teams, nine points behind first-place Pine City.

Highlights of that meet were the field events where 61 of the Raiders 100 points were won. Aiyanna Mitchell and Svea Carlson placed in the top three of their three field events, while Abby

Biniek finished second in both the shot and discus and Molly Saboo won both the 800m and 1600m races.

On April 29, Mille Lacs finished third place out of the five teams. "The conditions were right for good things to happen, and they did," said Raiders Coach Jeff Walz.

Svea Carlson had her best meet, winning the high jump and pole vault and taking second in the triple jump. She also finished fourth in the 100m hurdles.

Other event winners were Katie Rocholl in the 100m hurdles and Molly Saboo in

the 1600m and 3200m races. Entering the Mille Lacs Raider record book were:

Katie Rocholl: 17.90 in the 100m hurdles - 9th all-time.

Molly Saboo: 1600m time - 4th place all-time.

Molly Saboo: 3200m time - 6th place all-time.

Svea Carlson: high jump of 4'10" - tied for 6th all-time.

Svea Carlson: triple jump of 31'4" - 10th place all-time.

Svea Carlson: pole vault 8'6" - 2nd place all-time.

Aiyanna Mitchell: triple jump of 31'.4.5" - 9th place.

Upgrades on tap for local bistros



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Wahkon Inn owner Tom Remer stands behind what will soon be a new wrap-around bar in his restaurant on Main Street, Wahkon.

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Both eateries located on Main Street Wahkon are in the process of renovating their facilities within the foreseeable future.

Wahkon Inn owner Tom Remer is nearly through with reconfiguring the floorplan for his bar/restaurant to include increased dining space and seating and the installation of a wrap-around bar. Also, relocated in his building is the cache of on-sale liquor which will be available by ordering from the wait staff. Remer hopes to be finished with these upgrades and ready to showcase them within the next few weeks.

And, at a special meeting of the Wahkon City Council on April 27, South Shore Hospitality LLC, the parent company of Mugs of Mille Lacs bar and grill, petitioned the Council for the following improvements to their facility: a Conditional Use Permit to expand their commercial restaurant within the required 10 feet of the State Hwy. and City street right-of-way setbacks.

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