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incredibly outgoing and went out of her way to say hi to others.

"She never hesitated from introducing herself to other royalty, which I'm incredibly thankful for as I was still pretty shy back then," Trnka said. "I will miss her optimistic attitude, her down-to-earth personality, and her ability to make anyone smile, especially children. Watching her interact with kids was like watching magic - something unlike anything else I've seen."

According to TCU Superintendent Lonnie Seifert, Mach worked for TCU Schools as a leader at KidZone, the district's before and after school child care program since February of 2018.

Recently, she began working as a paraprofessional in one of TCU's preschool programs.

"Kailey had a positive impact on a large number of people both as a TCU student and as an individual working with our KidZone and preschool kids and staff," Seifert said. "She will be dearly missed by all at TCU and in our communities. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends at this difficult time."

"Her goal was always to live life to the fullest, inspire others and keep everyone smiling. The most selfless soul who would do anything for anyone. She would always remind people that 'helping others feels good' she always enjoyed doing the right thing and helping others regardless of the circumstances."

Ashley Roemhildt on the passing of her friend, Kailey Mach



Kailey Mach

Mach's friend and fellow 2019 TCU graduate Ashley Roemhildt remained close with Mach after graduation.

"She was the glue to our friend groups and carried an aura that brought others together naturally," Roemhildt said. "She was a very dedicated friend."

According to Roemhildt, Mach was very passionate about school and wanted to teach.

"Kailey was set to graduate from Augsburg University next year, Class of 2023. She took a full course load and then some every semester (including full course loads during the summer

semester)," she stated. "She always inspired and never had to try. She is the most patient and kind-hearted person, perfect for the world of education. Kailey worked at KidZone with younger kids. She loved teaching kids and always welcomed kids with the brightest smile and the most bubbly personality into her classroom. She was very

passionate about giving her students the full experience to enjoy school ... She did everything from Easter eggs and decorating the classroom, to welcoming an Elf on the Shelf around Christmas. She was a very festive gal! Her kids went crazy over their classroom elf!"

Augsburg University released the following state-

ment on Sunday: "The Augsburg community is deeply saddened by Kailey's tragic passing this weekend, and we offer our profound condolences to her family, friends, professors, classmates, and all who were close to her."

In high school, Roemhildt said Mach was involved in volleyball, basketball, softball, band, robotics, and dance.

"She danced her whole life," stated Roemhildt, who went on to say Mach was also active in their church - St Paul Lutheran, Le Center. She led the parish's SPY Team, Bible Camp, and Sunday School, Roemhildt stated.

Mach was proud of her Czech heritage. In addition to being an ambassador for Kolacky Days, Mach was a 2015 Czech Heritage Club Jr. Royalty Ambassador, Jr. Director and a member of the Domaci Czech Dancers for six years.

The proud young Czech became a candidate for the Miss Czech Slovak MN Pageant in 2020. Even after Covid canceled the pageant that year, Mach continued to represent her heritage by appearing in parades as a candidate in 2021 and was planning on participating in the April 9 pageant.

On its social media page, the Kolacky Days Committee remembered Mach with this tribute:

"It is with deep sadness that we hear of the passing of our 2018 Miss Congeniality, Kailey. Through your reign and beyond, you touched so many lives. You embodied the meaning of Miss Congeniality and will forever be a part of our community and our hearts. We were honored to have you represent our community and our prayers go out to your family and friends during this difficult time."

Le Sueur County will have house and senate changes

Redistricting will not affect commissioner districts

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There are a number of factors which go into changing county commissioner districts. Le Sueur County does not fall under any of these.

According to Le Sueur County Administrator Joe Martin, the county board has no plans to change the current commissioner districts.

"The county will not need to re-district commissioner districts and it is not our intent to do so," Martin said. "However, we will have a public hearing on re-districting where citizens can present their alternative plans."

The public hearing will be held Tuesday, April 19.

The re-districting law states the county population should be divided out to identify the average population for each district. There are five commissioner districts in Le Sueur County.

The population of each district cannot vary by more than 10 percent of the

average.

There are 28,674 residents in the county which figures out to be 5,735 per district. There can be a difference of 574 among the districts.

According to Martin, all the current districts fall within the population threshold so they are planning not to change anything this year.

Commissioner District 1, which includes Heidelberg, a portion of New Prague, and Lanesburgh township, has a population of 5,590.

Commissioner District 2, which includes Montgomery and the townships of Lexington, Montgomery, Ottawa, and Sharon, has a population of 5,638.

Commissioner District 3, which includes the city of Le Sueur and Derrynane and Tyrone Townships, has a population of 5,256.

Commissioner District 4, which includes the cities of Kilkenny, Le Center, and Waterville and the townships of Cordova, Kilkenny, and Waterville, has a population of 5,947.

Commissioner District 5, which includes the cities of Cleveland, Elysian, and Kasota, and townships of Cleveland, Elysian, Kasota, and Washington, has a population of 6,243. State Districts to Change

Residents of Le Sueur County will see some changes in their state government voting districts.

All of Le Sueur County, except one small area in Kasota, will now be located in Congressional District 2, Legislative District 22B, and Senate District 22. Kasota City and a portion of Kasota Township will be located in Legislative District 18A.

Morristown, Morristown Township, Shieldsville Township, and Warsaw Township will be in Legislative District 19A.

Wheatland, Webster, Forest, and Cedar Lake Townships, and the northern portion of New Prague will be in Legislative District 58A.

Investigation from 1

Mason reported at approximately 11:25 p.m., his office received a 911 call reporting an explosion and fire at the Aric Holicky residence, located on 211th Avenue in rural Lexington Township, approximately six miles northeast of Le Center.

The Le Center Fire Department, along with Deputies from the Sheriff's Office responded to the location and determined that the house had exploded, causing it to collapse. When they arrived, the structure was on fire.

After the fire department arrived on the scene and began extinguishing the fire, it was determined that Holicky and his family were out of the area, but Mach was staying at the residence, house-sitting and taking care of the dogs.

After the fire was extinguished, fire department personnel located Mach's body in the basement. Her body was removed from the scene and taken to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office in St. Paul for an autopsy and positive identification.

Mason advised that the cause of the explosion and fire remain under investigation by the Sheriff's Office and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Agencies responding to this Incident included the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office, the Le Center Fire Department, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the Montgomery Fire Department, and the Le Center Ambulance Service.

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Montgomery City Council, at its regular meeting held on February 22, 2022, approved Ordinance No. 1-2022 amending Chapter 2, Section 200.11.

City of Montgomery Ordinance No. 1-2022

The City Council of the City of Montgomery, Minnesota, hereby ordains that the City amends Chapter 2, section 200.11 of the Montgomery City Code related to council compensation. Ordinance effective January 1, 2023.

A complete printed copy of Ordinance No. 1-2022 is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours in the office of the City Administrator.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DESCENT OF PROPERTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF LE SUEUR

DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE COURT DIVISION

Case Type: Probate
Court File No. 40-PR-22-129

In re the Estate of:
George J. Christensen,

Decedent.

Notice is given that a Petition for Determination of Descent of Property has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's Last Will dated N/A, if any, and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be mailed or filed in the electronic filing system, together with the court filing fee, to Le Sueur County Court Administration, 435 E. Derrynane St., Le Center, MN 56057. If proper, and no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED AND NOTICE IS GIVEN that a default hearing has been scheduled on **April 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.** by this Court. No appearances are required. Any Objection must be either mailed or electronically filed instead of made personally and must be received by 8:30 a.m. on the date of the default

hearing or it may not be considered. Due to Court Order ADM20- 8001 of the Minnesota Supreme Court, this court will rule on the Petition in this case after administrative review of submissions without appearance unless an objection is filed.

If objections are filed, the hearing will be rescheduled. No telephone conference will be required unless there are questions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice shall be given by: publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in the county where the hearing is to be held, the last publication of which is to be at least ten (10) days before the time set for hearing; and mailing via U.S. Postal Service a copy of this Notice and Order at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date to all interested parties and parties who have filed a demand for notice.

Date: 02-28-2022
BY THE COURT:
/s/ Patrick Goggins
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Photo courtesy of Mayo Clinic Health System

Pictured is an architect rendering of the Mayo Clinic expansion project in Mankato.

Mayo announces hospital expansion project in Mankato

Mayo Clinic Health System will expand and modernize its Mankato hospital by adding three new floors atop an existing two-story building on the campus. The new structure will feature 121 additional hospital beds and numerous other improvements.

"We are very excited to see the region's long-standing vision of a hospital expansion come to fruition," says James Hebl, M.D., regional vice president of Mayo Clinic Health System's Southwest Minnesota region. "This project will bring tremendous benefit to patients, our hardworking and dedicated staff, and the communities we serve. The hospital expansion will enable Mayo Clinic to achieve its vision of transforming community health care over the next decade."

Once completed, technol-

ogy advancements within the new hospital will foster an even greater culture of excellence while equipping staff with the latest tools to care, connect and transform community health care. The use of telehealth, digital technology and artificial intelligence will be expanded within the facility, along with design elements and efficiencies to support innovative care models and enhance the patient and staff experience for years to come.

The board also approved the construction of a new six-floor, 70-bed hospital in La Crosse, WI.

"As part of our 2030 strategy, Mayo Clinic Health System will invest in forward-looking facilities and technologies that will ensure patients and communities receive the best of Mayo Clinic care close to home," says

Prathibha Varkey, M.B.B.S., president of Mayo Clinic Health System. "When the projects are completed, our patients will experience an enhanced healing environment, as well as outstanding care, convenience, safety and comfort. These next-generation hospitals are part of our long-term vision to transform community care locally while also setting the standard for community health systems across the country."

The Mankato project will include:

- Addition of 121 hospital beds.
- A three-floor vertical expansion atop the Emergency Department, Cancer Center and Specialty Clinic foyer.
- A new and expanded Intensive Care Unit and Progressive Care Unit.
- A new Medical-Surgical

Unit.

- A new Family Birth Center.

The two projects constitute a \$353 million investment in the future of Mayo Clinic Health System. Construction is expected to begin this spring at both locations and will be completed in early 2024.

"We are excited to modernize the work environment for our staff, with improved workflows and efficiencies, and technology that will make their work easier," says Mary Jo Williamson, chief administrative officer of Mayo Clinic Health System. "When combined with our teams' excellent service and quality, these technology-enabled hospitals will empower our staff to provide the exceptional patient experience our communities have come to expect from Mayo Clinic Health System."