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In girls soccer, Ponies tie against Cretin-Derham Hall secures sole possession of second straight conference championship.

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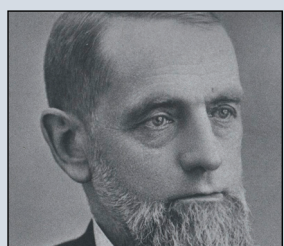
Following a come-from-behind 4-3 victory over White Bear Lake in the quarterfinals, the Stillwater girls tennis team falls short against Mounds View in the semifinals.

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Dylan Magistad scores in overtime to lift Stillwater boys soccer team to thrilling 4-3 victory over North St. Paul in section quarterfinals.

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FROM THE GAZETTE FILES

Sept. 20, 1919 – For the first time in the history of Washington County, women will serve as grand and petit jurors when the November term for the nineteenth judicial district will be called in Stillwater on Nov. 28 and 29. Of the 30 names drawn for the list of petit jurors, nine are women of the city and county, all qualified voters, while six are to be found on the list of grand jurors.

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All things gourd



Jason Moldan paddles a hollowed out giant pumpkin on the St. Croix River on Oct. 10 during the annual pumpkin regatta. When the Gazette asked what led him to victory he responded with several sports clichés. (Gazette Staff photo by Matt DeBow)

Harvest Fest returns to the valley for a smashing good time

BY MATT DEBOW
THE GAZETTE

On a warm and sunny fall afternoon, four brave individuals kneeled into hollowed out giant pumpkins, and paddled them down the St. Croix River near the gazebo in Lowell Park to the Stillwater Lift Bridge for the 11th annual pumpkin regatta during the Stillwater Harvest Fest and Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off.

Jason Moldan, representing Farrell's Stillwater eXtreme Body Shaping, won the race.

"It was a true test of will," Moldan said jokingly while trying to quote every sports

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Votava appointed to school board

BY MATT DEBOW
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Vivian Votava was appointed to the Stillwater Area Schools Board during its meeting Thursday Oct. 7.

Three candidates interviewed for the vacant board position on the Stillwater Area Schools Board of Directors during a special called meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Using ranked choice voting for all three candidates, five of the six board members ranked Votava as their top choice.

Board member Tina Riehle selected Kelly Bowen as her top choice. The vote in favor of appointing Votava was unanimous.

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Holiday lights will be installed on north side of lift bridge

BY MATT DEBOW
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The city of Stillwater is once again lighting the Historic Lift Bridge with holiday lights, and this year the city only has enough funding to pay for installation of lights on one side of the bridge.

The cost for the year to light both sides \$31,429, and the city is shy by about \$21,000 in funding, City Administrator Tom McCarty said. The Minnesota Department of Transportation awarded the city a special use permit to light both sides of the Historic Lift Bridge.

Last year, the city paid to have the lights installed only on the south side, but it had available funding from the cancelled Fourth of July celebration because of the pandemic.

"The city put a lot of money on the table, but it was a reallocation of the Fourth of July funds that were unspent in 2020," McCarty said.

The city can afford to reinstall the lights this year at a much lower cost because it bought the lights

last year.

Because of the lack of funding, McCarty suggested the city reach out to Wintertime in Stillwater businesses and ask them to help fund the lights.

All five councilors expressed support for that idea. The Wintertime in Stillwater organization promoted and hosted several events during the frozen season in downtown Stillwater during the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Councilor Dave Junker proposed installing the lights up on the north side of the bridge, because it requires a barge and they must be installed in October because of weather conditions. The south side lights only need a scissor lift and can be installed at any time.

He also noted that many of the downtown activities, including the World Snow Sculpting Championship, will be held north of the bridge. So that if the city wasn't able to raise enough to light both sides, having the north side lit would be greater benefit.

Mayor Ted Kozlowski said he liked the idea of businesses pitch-



Last year the city installed lights on the south side of the historic lift bridge, this year the city will pay for installation on the north side and rely on downtown businesses to fund installation for the south side. (Gazette file photo by Matt DeBow)

ing in, and wanted the lights to continue for a second year.

"It was a huge benefit to our city last year," Kozlowski said. "I'm confident with our amazing group of people downtown we can find \$21,000 to do the south side of the bridge, and that is going to be awesome."

Councilors agreed, and voted unanimously 5-0 to approve installation of lights on the north side of bridge, and wait for fund-

ing from downtown businesses.

Kozlowski added when the council was discussing it last year, the vision was to always have both sides of the bridge lit up.

Even though it's a lot of money, the lights are up for 150 days, Junker said, and that will help turn Stillwater into a year-round destination.

"It's spreading joy, you can't put a price on joy," Kozlowski responded.

Stillwater police assist in pursuit after man allegedly assaults deputy

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Stillwater Police Officers engaged in a pursuit that started in the 14000 block of N. 62nd St. around 9:45 p.m. Sept. 26.

Following the pursuit that ended in St. Paul, police arrested Nicholaos Kremetis, 33, of St. Paul, and charged him with fourth degree assault of a police officer, fleeing a police officer, receiving stolen property and possession of ammo (due to one of the outstanding warrants).

Stillwater Police received a call to as-

sist Washington County deputies after a man deputies made contact with about several felony warrants after allegedly assaulting one of the deputies.

Police say Kremetis, was driving a silver Suburban with no license plates, and a Stillwater officer saw the vehicle while on patrol, noticing the vehicle also making evasive turns.

The Stillwater officer followed the vehicle and was joined by other squads in

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Amazon center coming to Woodbury

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An Amazon distribution center is coming to the east edge of Woodbury at the intersection of Manning and Hudson Avenues.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press reported Monday that the 517,000-square-foot facility will open in Woodbury late next summer. The center is expected to generate 500 jobs and may add another 500 during the holiday season.

The building will be Amazon's third large-scale facility in the metropolitan area behind an 855,000-square-foot facility in Shakopee and a 750,000-square-foot facility opening this fall in Lakeville.

Woodbury City Planner Eric Searles said the City Council approved the project at a meeting in August but officials didn't reveal that Amazon was moving in until Monday, Oct. 11.

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