

Jessica Bergum, of Detroit Lakes, delivers a stone during the open ice event for new curlers at the Lakes Curling Club in Detroit Lakes on Sunday.  
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# Sliding for the first time

## Lakes Curling club holds free open curling sessions for the curling-curious

By Michael Achterling  
 Detroit Lakes Tribune

New curlers were welcomed to the Lakes Curling Club in Detroit Lakes on Sunday as the club hosted its first of three open curling events for the community's curling-curious.

With 2021-2022 curling season is about to get underway at the club, curling veterans are hoping to inspire a few more novice curlers to learn more about the sport and possibly join a team for the upcoming

season, said Roger Lee, one of the Lakes Curling Club mainstays.

"The main way to grow the club is for people who are already here to bring in somebody new," said Lee.

One of the new curlers who attended to the open ice event was Jessica Bergum, who enjoyed learning to slide and deliver a stone to the other end of the ice.

Bergum, 21, of Detroit Lakes, has some curling friends who twisted her arm to attend one of the introductory events.

"I've known a couple people who were doing curling so I just thought that maybe I could try it," said Bergum. "It's really fun. I enjoyed coming out tonight."

She said the stones were a bit heavier than she thought they would be and learned that balance is really important to delivering a great stone.

"I realized I wasn't a balanced person, either," said Bergum.

But, she said, the more you do something



Michael Achterling / Detroit Lakes Tribune  
 Jessica Bergum, right, of Detroit Lakes, sweeps a stone during the open ice event for new curlers at the Lakes Curling Club in Detroit Lakes on Sunday.

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## Detroit Lakes School Board, teachers reach agreement on two-year master contract

By Vicki Gerdes  
 Detroit Lakes Tribune

A new master teaching contract between the Detroit Lakes School Board and Education Minnesota - Detroit Lakes has been reached for both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.

The agreement was approved at Monday night's school board meeting, following its ratification by EMDL on Nov. 2. The two-year agreement calls for an overall package increase of 7.54%, or \$1.62 million.

This includes a 1.75% step increase in 2021-22, and another 2% step increase in 2022-23,

with a 2.2% longevity increase each year for all teachers not receiving a step increase.

The board also approved a "recommendation for reduction in programs and positions," but as Board Chairwoman Amy Erickson pointed out, this action "is a formality that we do every year. It doesn't mean we're letting anybody go right now. We don't have any reductions going on."

In other business, the board approved a new World's Best Workforce Plan for the 2021-22 school year, as well

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Contributed photo  
 The Detroit Lakes Boys & Girls Club is participating in this year's Give to the Max Day online fundraiser, with the goal of raising \$2,500 for its ART Education program.

## Give to the Max Day is Thursday

Area nonprofits rely on generosity of local donors



By Vicki Gerdes  
 Detroit Lakes Tribune

It's been 13 years since the first Give to the Max Day was held, and since 2009, "Minnesota's largest day of giving" has raised more than \$294 million for thousands of Minnesota-based charitable causes.

In fact, 2020's GTMD was the largest to date, bringing in \$30.4 million for 6,114 different organizations statewide, according to information available on the GTMD website, givemn.org.

The 24-hour online giving holiday has

become a significant source of income for many local nonprofits, including Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, the Friends of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge, Becker County Food Pantry and others.

This fundraiser is entirely online and contributors can donate with a credit or debit card, though cash and check donations can also be arranged by contacting

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## DL man accused of planning to 'shoot up' elementary school

By Michael Achterling  
 Detroit Lakes Tribune

Parents and others in Detroit Lakes were rattled when DL-Online reported Nov. 12 that a Detroit Lakes man had been charged with a felony for allegedly threatening to carry out a shooting at Detroit Lakes elementary school.

According to court records, on Nov. 9, Jeffrey Scott Gunderson, 27, of Detroit Lakes was recently released from prison and met with a Department of Corrections probation officer in

Detroit Lakes to discuss the conditions of his

Intensive Supervised Release.

Gunderson told the agent he was upset with the state Department of

Corrections and with certain DOC agents, including the one he was talking to.

Gunderson made comments about assaulting his own brother, then specifically stated he had

plans to go to Runnings in Moorhead and buy an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. He said he then planned to return to Detroit Lakes and shoot up Rossman Elementary School. He said he would walk around with a bullet-resistant vest, and expressed no concern about getting into a shootout with police, saying he wanted to die by "suicide by cop."

After the meeting, the agent was so concerned he waited in the area



Gunderson

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**COURT NEWS**

**Man faces 10 felony counts of possessing child pornography**

William H. Ortman, 65, of Belvidere, New Jersey, has been charged in Becker County District Court with 10 felony counts of possessing child pornography.

According to court records, on Oct. 14, an employee of a Becker County trucking business came into the Becker County Sheriff's Office with a flash drive that was discovered in one of the semi-trucks owned by the trucking business. The flash drive was found the day before by another employee who was changing to a different semi-truck. The flash drive allegedly belonged to Ortman and contained several of his regular family photos, as well as a separate child pornography file.

In a jail interview with a Becker County investigator, Ortman admitted that the flash drive belonged to him and that he had downloaded the child pornography onto the flash drive. He added that he had a laptop in his truck and that it may contain additional images/files containing child pornography.

On Oct. 18, cash bail for Ortman was set at \$4,000 or bond at \$40,000, under standard conditions of release, or \$100,000 bond with no conditions.

His application for a public defender was approved.

**Fargo man sentenced for high-speed chase on Hwy 59**

Tino Rodriguez, 52, of Fargo has been sentenced in Becker County District Court for felony fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

According to court records, at 2:21 a.m. on Aug. 20, a White Earth tribal police officer saw him driving a white Jeep Cherokee, with no front license plate, east on Becker County Road 18.

The officer activated his emergency lights and attempted to stop the Jeep, which slowed momentarily before accelerating and turning south on Highway 59 in Ogema. The officer activated his sirens and the Jeep Cherokee continued southbound on Highway 59, reaching speeds of approximately 85 miles per hour.

Rodriguez eventually lost control of the Jeep and went into the ditch on Highway 59. He later told the officer he had been "dumb to run."

On Oct. 27, District Judge Jay Carlson sentenced Rodriguez to 13 months in prison at St. Cloud, stayed four years, and ordered him to pay a \$500 fine and \$650 in court fees. He was ordered to get a chemical dependency evaluation and follow the recommendations, including aftercare, and was placed on supervised probation for four years.

**Lake Park man accused of illegal possession of a handgun**

Christopher Leo Stanley Munter, 28, of rural Lake Park has been charged in Becker County District Court with a felony firearms offense and a misdemeanor charge of fleeing a peace officer on foot.

According to court records, on Oct. 17, a Becker County deputy responded to a report of a motorcycle racing around Lake Park. The deputy found Munter standing next to a motorcycle, and moved to detain him because his license was revoked. Munter shook off the deputy's grip and began running away. He was tasered and arrested. A loaded 9 mm Taurus pistol was found on Munter, who was convicted of first-degree burglary in 2014 and has a lifetime prohibition on possessing firearms.

On Oct. 18, cash bail for Munter was set at \$5,000 or bond at \$50,000, under standard conditions of release, or \$100,000 bond with no conditions.

He posted a \$50,000 bond and was released the same day.

**Ponsford woman charged with felony DWI**

Amy Sharon Thompson, 34, of Ponsford has been charged in Becker County District Court with a felony charge of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

According to court records, on Oct. 15, 2021, she was pulled over in the Pine Point area by a Becker County deputy who knew her driver's license was cancelled as inimical to public safety.

The deputy observed Thompson to be unsteady on her feet, fidgety, and unable to keep still as they spoke. Another officer arrived and saw in the front passenger seat of the vehicle hypodermic needles and a white substance in a bag, and an almost empty bottle of vodka in the backseat. A search of the vehicle turned up seven hypodermic needles, three marijuana pipes, and the bottle of vodka.

She did poorly on field-sobriety tests and was taken to the hospital in Detroit Lakes, where she provided a blood sample that was mailed to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for testing.

On Oct. 18, cash bail for Thompson was set at \$700 or bond at \$10,000, under standard conditions of release, or \$50,000 bond with no conditions.

She posted \$700 cash bail on Nov. 9, under conditions that include no drugs or alcohol, staying out of bars and liquor stores, and submitting to alcohol monitoring.

News Staff

**Illinois man injured in Hwy 34 rollover at Height of Land Lake**

**News Staff**  
A Chicago man was injured Wednesday when his pickup truck left Highway 34, hit an approach and vaulted at Height of Land Drive.

James Alfred Janos,

25, was westbound on Highway 34 when his 2016 Dodge Ram left the roadway, entered the right ditch and vaulted on an approach before coming to rest, according to the State Patrol.

He suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to Essentia Health St. Mary's. He was wearing a seatbelt, and airbags deployed in the pickup truck.

The crash was reported at 6:48 a.m. Wednesday on dry pavement in Height of Land Township. The Becker County Sheriff's Office assisted at the scene.

**Fraze woman seriously injured after being hit by semi on Highway 34**

**News Staff**  
A pedestrian was taken to the Detroit Lakes hospital with life-threatening injuries after being hit by a semi tractor-trailer rig on Highway 34 at Height of Land Lake on Thursday

evening. Heather Anne Pihlaja, 42, of Frazee was struck on Highway 34 near 385th Avenue, according to the State Patrol.

The suspect vehicle appeared to be a white Volvo semi pulling a

trailer westbound on Highway 34. The semi had passenger side damage. Alcohol was involved in the accident, according to the State Patrol.

The apparent hit-and-run was reported

ed at 8 p.m. in snowy-icy road conditions at Highway 34 and Height of Land Drive in Height of Land Township. The Becker County Sheriff's Office and St. Mary's EMS assisted at the scene.

**After breast cancer battle, Klobuchar leads push to promote preventive care screenings**

**By Dana Ferguson**  
The Detroit Lakes Tribune

ST. PAUL — U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar on Thursday, Oct. 28, introduced bipartisan-backed legislation aimed at encouraging Americans to seek out preventive medical services to help detect cancer and other illnesses early.

The Minnesota Democrat put forth the proposal after she was diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer earlier this year and treated for the illness. And Klobuchar said it was important to promote physicals, cancer screenings and other preventive services since studies show that one in three adults have delayed or skipped medical care due to concerns about COVID-19.

"Following my breast cancer diagnosis earlier this year, this issue is personal to me," Klobuchar said. "While I was fortunate to have caught the cancer at an early stage, that is not the case for many. As a result of delays in care due to the pandemic, doctors continue to see patients who have developed more serious conditions that could have been caught earlier. With this legislation, we have an opportunity to save lives."

The proposal would launch a public health campaign, set up a federal grant program and a task force urging Americans to seek out preventive health care services. U.S. Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine; Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis.; Mike Rounds, R-S.D.; Jacky Rosen, D-Nevada; John Thune, R-S.D., and Tina Smith, D-Minn., signed on as sponsors.

Rounds, whose wife Jean was diagnosed with a malignant tumor in 2019, echoed the calls to boost awareness about the importance of preventive care.

"Receiving regular health screenings from your doctor could save your life," Rounds said. "The coronavirus pandemic caused many Americans to miss or delay cancer, chronic health condition and mental health care appointments. We must work to increase awareness of prevention and early detection services available in local, tribal and rural communities."

Klobuchar and Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra on Thursday afternoon were set to hold a virtual roundtable discussion with health care providers and American Cancer Society advocates to



Tasos Katopodis / Pool via Reuters  
Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., is seen in this April 27 file photo.

promote preventive services.

"This week is important because we're trying to recognize that breast cancer takes more lives than it should and we can prevent some of these

cancers from really taking over if we just got women to come in earlier or as early as possible," Becerra said.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### In worker shortage, here's advice for retaining employees

Editorial by the Alexandria Echo Press

Job opening signs are so widespread around the area that they've just blended into the landscape. They've become so commonplace, they no longer stick out.

With so many local companies in a bind for workers, maybe it's time for employers to shift their focus by doing more to keep the good employees they have.

It's a problem across the country. In August, a record 4.3 million workers in the U.S. left their jobs. The reasons are varied, say job experts. Some people quit because the COVID-19 pandemic caused them to reconsider how much their companies value them. Other factors include pay, work demands, work-from-home flexibility, or overall culture.

The newspaper received a news release from

ForbesBooks author Michele Bailey (www.michelebailey.com), who wrote "The Currency of Gratitude: Turning Small Gestures into Powerful Business Results."

"With over 10 million employment vacancies, some people are leaving because they are confident they can find a better job, a better fit in line with the new perspective the pandemic has given them," Bailey says. "So at this point, a good number of jilted employers should be asking themselves, 'Why are talented people leaving my company? What can I do to change that, regain stability and grow?'"

The answer, Bailey said, is often looking back in the mirror at them – how they treat people more as "laborers" than rare gems who are special.

Bailey offers these five tips for retaining top employees:

► Know the cost of replacing good employees.

One report shows that it costs 33% of a worker's annual salary to hire a replacement if that worker leaves. "Clearly, retention and development of existing employees makes the most sense if they are the right fit," Bailey says.

► Encourage professional development. Bailey says forward-thinking, growth-oriented companies hire talented people with the capability of taking on bigger responsibilities. "Professional development provides the opportunity for steps up in their career path," Bailey says. "Employees who do not see a clear path are at risk of leaving."

► Build culture by acknowledging the whole person. "Work-life balance" has gotten a lot of attention during the pandemic, but Bailey says good leadership ensures that balance is in place by going the extra mile to know employees, and to listen to their

concerns, whether personal or professional.

► Create an army of brand ambassadors by empowering your employees. Employees who feel their voices are heard at work are nearly five times (4.6) more likely to feel empowered to perform their best at work

► Reward and recognize. "Showing gratitude to your workforce is imperative to having a successful business," Bailey says. "Eventually people want you to show them the money – and you must if you truly value them – but frequent shows of gratitude in any form should be consistent and timely."

Bailey's bottom line: "We can hold onto our talent and keep our people engaged by creating an environment where employees become emotionally connected through gratitude to company leadership, to each other, and to the company's purpose."

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### Listening for God's message during Christmas

Talk in our house this past weekend inevitably turned to the "chore" of what to do about Christmas presents for the kids this year. And by kids, I mean growing teenagers and twenty-somethings who haven't played with an actual toy since the movie "Trolls" was popular.

But, as any parents know, just because the kids have outgrown the toy stage, it doesn't mean parents still don't feel some pressure to produce the next great gift the kids will love. And by no means, does the pressure of gift giving end with the kids! There's the rest of the family to buy for too, and friends, neighbors, and a list of others important in our lives. ... Remember last year when the fad was to leave something for the package delivery folks to thank them

for their continued hard work?

If we are truly honest with ourselves, the rampant consumerization of Christmas, or other similar religious holidays, has drained away so much of the joy and majesty of the moment, that many of us have begun to look at the holiday rituals, including gift giving, as just that: chores.

We know deep down it doesn't have to be this way. However, when we are bombarded with the constant societal message of "things = joy" ... well, it becomes excruciatingly hard to fight back against the desire to shower our loved ones with gifts so that we can elicit that momentary glimpse of happiness. Besides, everyone else is doing it!

But joy, as all faiths tell us, doesn't come from things.

Joy comes from the heart. Joy comes in knowing our loved ones are safe and healthy. Joy comes from sitting down to a meal together, and hearing the laughter of growing siblings reuniting with each other after a long time.

In writing this column, I was reminded of my absolute favorite Christmas ever: Surprise! It had nothing to do with gifts that year. The celebration happened after Christmas, in fact, when our older son and his girlfriend were home during their winter college break. There was a winter storm, and it "trapped" us in the house for days. So for a couple of days and nights, our entire family was together, grazing on snacks all day, watching movies and playing games late into the night and peacefully sleeping late in the morning. I'd give anything to experience those three days again.

That was joy. That was

what Christmas is about. And it never cost me one extra cent in interest on my credit cards.

I recognize that I write this from a privileged position. Should we want to, my wife Shelley and I could give our kids just about anything they wished for this Christmas. Many others aren't so lucky.

But I do have to wonder, if for a moment, we all stopped listening to the cash registers ringing, the Amazon trucks speeding away from our doors after having dropped the latest round of packages and the sound of last year's Christmas presents going to the trash, if we might be able to hear what God's message actually begs of us this Christmas: peace on earth and goodwill to men.

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DEVLYN BROOKS

### Anti-vaxxers losing 1 dose at a time

Minot, N.D.  
Last week a coalition of activists, with shadowy ties to right-wing interests, held an anti-vaccine rally at the Capitol in Bismarck.

From that day to Nov. 11, which as I write this is the last date for which the Department of Health has released data, there were over 13,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in North Dakota.

It may not seem like it, because the anti-vaxxers make so many headlines, and are so strident and

omnipresent in venues like social media, but they're slowly losing this argument.

The average number of daily doses delivered in our state has been climbing. It hit a low in July, with just 699 doses delivered daily, but recovered to almost 2,300 daily doses in October.

The weekly averages are encouraging too. From Aug. 1 to 7, the state averaged just 961 doses per day. In the last week for which complete data is publicly available, from Oct. 31 to Nov. 6, that number was 3,344.

Some of what's driving this acceleration in doses are expanded availabilities. Many people are now getting booster shots (85,312 delivered as of Nov. 11). Also,



children ages 5 to 11 are now eligible for vaccination (they're at a 3.8% coverage rate so far).

But that's not the whole story. So far in November, our state has been averaging over 740 first-dose vaccinations per day.

That might be slow progress, but it's still progress.

There is a lesson in these numbers for both sides of the vaccine debate.

For the anti-vaxxers, it's that you're losing. The rally in Bismarck was intended to be a show of force. The organizers have tried to rebrand it as merely an anti-mandate rally, a

tacit admission that the purely anti-vax position is untenable, but anyone who listened to the attendees, read the signs, and followed the social media discussion knows otherwise.

It was an anti-vaccine rally, and it represents the views of a dwindling minority of North Dakotans.

For the pro-vaxxers, the lesson is that we're winning, and perhaps some of the more heavy-handed policies aren't necessary. It can be frustrating dealing with anti-vax activists and the "research" they do reading memes on Facebook, but we can't lose sight of the fact that they're losing.

Every person who chooses to get a vaccine dose is another inch of ground lost by them.

What the pro-vaccine side of this debate needs to focus on is debate.

Employers need a choice when it comes to vaccine policies. Individuals need choice.

Given the room to choose, most people will eventually arrive at the right decision.

Perhaps not as quickly as we'd like, but we'll get there. We are getting there.

One dose at a time.

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## Pink Friday set to drive downtown shopping this weekend

**By Dawn Duncan**  
Special to the Detroit Lakes Tribune

Ambitious, energetic and inspired describe the retailers of downtown Detroit Lakes as they launch the city's first Pink Friday shopping weekend, Nov. 19-20.

When Detroit Lakes native Alicia (Foltz) Bowers, owner of Beautiful Junque, learned about the Pink Friday concept through her membership in the national organization Boutique Hub, she knew it had to be incorporated here as a way to engage shoppers the weekend before Black Friday.

From there, she reached out to local proprietors Barb Zahasky of Mainstream Boutique, Taylor Jo "TJ" Roney of JQ Boutique, and Tracy Erb of Vintage & Vogue. Together, along with Alicia's mother, Carol Foltz, the "CEO of GSD — Getting Stuff Done" at Beautiful Junque, they have joined forces.

They have enlisted a total of 16 businesses to participate in Pink Friday, which will include a shopping passport that shoppers get stamped during their visit to each retailer. No purchase is necessary to receive a stamp.

Once a shopper has 12 of the 16 stops completed and stamped as proof of visit, they turn in the passport at the last destination and it is entered into a drawing that the event promoters will do the evening of Monday, Nov. 22. They will select four winners and each will win \$400 in gift certificates, \$100 from each of four retailers in the prize bundle. In addition to those already mentioned, other participants include Ambience Salon, Cinemagic 7, Design2Sell, Glik's, La Barista, Leela & Lavender, Manna Food Co-Op,



Dawn Duncan / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Organizers of the Pink Friday local shopping event in downtown Detroit Lakes smile during a group photo. The event will take place at 16 different businesses in Detroit Lakes, who are offering various sales and special promotional items for the two-day sale occurring on Nov. 19 and 20, 2021.

Northbound Girl, Red Pine Quilt Shop, Red Willow, Skirting the Rules, and Turn North Salon & Spa. All are located in downtown Detroit Lakes, along Washington Avenue.

Participating businesses will have specials, promotional giveaways, door prizes, and extended hours Friday and Saturday.

Taylor Jo Roney of JQ Boutique explained that Pink Friday, launched

last year by Boutique Hub in other markets, echoes what is happening nationwide in terms of a shift in buyer behavior and shopping habits.

"Nationwide, people are becoming more passionate about shopping local and supporting small businesses," she said.

Taylor opened JQ Boutique in May 2021 with JQ founder, Jessica Quandt (the store's name reflects Jessica's

initials). Jessica opened her first store in Taylor's hometown of Oakes, N.D. The store's motto is, "an eclectic gathering of style for you and your home." It is located in the Norby Flats building on Washington Avenue.

Tracy Erb, of Vintage & Vogue, agreed. "I feel a small business must have steady support from the local community as well as visitors," said Erb. "During the pandemic, we saw

many people stay close to home and once they ventured out, they stayed local; they shopped differently and got better acquainted with the local shops. It was a rewarding experience to meet many new customers."

Her two-floor consignment store, opened in 2016, offers a curated selection of antiques, women's clothing, shoes, accessories, furniture and home decor.

Alicia Bowers, owner of Beautiful Junque, stated, "People started to realize during COVID-19 the importance of small businesses and how they are the backbone of a community."

For her, she said, reciprocating support to other businesses as well as local artisans is key to her shop's success. Beautiful Junque carries several items from local makers and offers a mix of unique finds, along with commercial items.

The store opened on Washington Avenue in 2018 and, during the pandemic, ramped up its social media presence, including launching regular livestream videos on Facebook and reels on Instagram to showcase its wares.

Carol Foltz, a retired elementary school teacher, happily works what she calls "more than full time" at the store, mainly behind the scenes, keeping the operation running and providing assistance in all aspects of merchandising, buying, and management.

While raising her children, Foltz said she frequently brought them to stores that were local in the lakes region as well as when the family would travel.

Her daughter, Alicia, remarked: "I remember going into local shops as a kid and I loved it. It was special and unlike being in a department

or 'big box' store. The smell, feel, people; everything was really meaningful and I always looked forward to those experiences."

Foltz added, "We are working hard to bring the best customer service to shoppers and also give an experience to them where everybody knows their name."

Barb Zahasky, of Mainstream Boutique, is an eight year veteran of retail and has her store prominently situated on the corner of Washington Avenue and Holmes Street downtown.

As a franchisee of Mainstream Boutique, Zahasky said she has been able to learn of special promotions done throughout her franchise, as well as harken to her Twin Cities roots, recalling many interesting shopping events.

"Pink Friday is a way to promote the motto of 'community over competition' and work as a united front to encourage more local shopping in Detroit Lakes," she said.

Like her counterparts, Zahasky has worked to engage customers through online presence during the nine week shop closure last year, and has continued to grow through social media since. By airing daily videos, a regular Wednesday night livestream, and offering flat rate or free shipping, she has grown her business.

Her store is described as a multi-generational, women's apparel and accessories shop and also features a selection of Minnesota-made artisan goods.

For more information on Pink Friday Detroit Lakes, visit their Facebook event webpage.

If you have any story ideas to pass along, you can email Dawn at: dawn@yellowbrightinc.com.

### BRIEFS

As the new Detroit Lakes ALDI grocery store begins adding final touches to its building, the company has announced multiple positions are available for anyone looking for work.

Mark Lilla, a vice president for ALDI's Faribault division, said in a statement, "We can confirm our new Detroit Lakes store is on track to open by the end of this year."

He also added that

positions for the new store have been posted on the ALDI employment web portal.

The open positions for the Detroit Lakes location include:

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► Seasonal stocker. \$17 per hour (inclusive of \$2 per hour premium pay for all hours worked through January 2, 2022) "We welcome new candidates, as we are always looking for the best and brightest talent to grow our team," said Lilla.

**Glik's set to reopen Nov. 19**

The Glik's store in Detroit Lakes' Washington Square Mall is set to

reopen on Friday, Nov. 19 after a nearby fire closed the store in September due to smoke and water damage.

In multiple Facebook posts, the Detroit Lakes location showed off the massive shipments of apparel boxes arriving at the store, as well as an assortment of new merchandise available for purchase on Friday.

The grand re-opening coincides with Pink Friday weekend in Detroit Lakes. On Nov. 19-20, a group of small business-

es are banding together to encourage shoppers to "shop small first" in an effort to promote local small businesses before the holiday shopping season unofficially opens on Black Friday, Nov. 26.

Shoppers will be given passports and encouraged to get stamps at each of the participating locations for a chance to win four, \$400 gift cards.

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# OBITUARIES

## Robert "Bud" L. Vadnais



Robert "Bud" Vadnais 90, Detroit lakes, MN passed away Wednesday, November 10 at the VA hospital in Fargo, ND

Bud was born on February 7, 1931, in St Paul, MN to Clarence & Lucille Vadnais. After he graduated from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force on February 21, 1948 and was honorably discharged on March 25, 1954.

In 1952, Bud married Theresa Wilkerson, and to this union four children were born. The couple later divorced. He later met Arlene Osmonson. They moved to Frazee, MN in 1973, and were married in 1974.

Bud was hard working and spent many years doing mechanic and auto body work. He owned and operated area bars and grills; Swinging Doors, Tree House & Lake Center Store. He enjoyed working with people and would help anyone in need. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved to fish and hunt.

Bud is survived by his children, Robert (Tammie) Vadnais, Donnamae (David) Miller, and Randy Vadnais; stepchildren, Dean Osmonson, Darryl Osmonson and Wendy (Joe) Olson; siblings, Jerry (Darlene) Vadnais, and Richard Vadnais; brother-in-law John Neuner; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert is preceded in death by daughter Brenda Vadnais; parents Clarence and Lucille; wife Arlene Vadnais; stepmother Betty Vadnais; stepson Patrick George; sister and brother-in-law, Lois & Harold Wylie; brother and sister-in-law Ronald & Beverly Vadnais; and sister Pat Neuner.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. David-Donhower Funeral Home is assisting the family.

## Julian Omberg



1930-2021

Visitation will be Friday November 19, from 1 to 2:00 PM followed by a 2:00 PM Funeral Service at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery. Julian Edsel Omberg was born June 8, 1930 on the family farm near Cormorant, Minnesota, the son of Julius and Ella (Ness) Omberg. He passed away November 12, 2021 at The Cottages in Detroit Lakes. He was baptized and confirmed at Solem Lutheran Church, Julian grew up in Cormorant and graduated from Lake Park high school. Julian served his country in the U.S. Air Force receiving his honorable discharge in 1955. On June 6, 1953 Julian was united in marriage to Eloise Olson in Reno, Nevada. To this union three sons were born. They made their home in Audubon, and Hopkins before returning to Detroit Lakes. Julian managed service stations and was a milk man before starting his career as a parts and service manager for Lakes Ford, A&B Supply and Hedahls. Julian was a member of the Jaycees, Elks and Eagles Clubs and was very active at First Lutheran Church. He enjoyed hunting including duck, pheasant, grouse, moose and deer. The main event being the comradery and storytelling at the deer camp for over 50 years. He had a passion for walleye fishing claiming to have fished most all of the lakes in Becker and Ottertail counties with yearly trips to Lake of the Woods and Canada. Retirement provided lots of time for camping and traveling enjoying many of the national parks west of the Mississippi as well as going south in the winter to the Gulf Shores in Alabama. Julian was a woodworker making tables, chests, frames and putting chairs that were gifted to almost everyone in the family. Living on Floyd Lake for close to 50 years, Julian and Eloise looked forward to every visit from friends, family and especially the grandchildren as they grew. He is survived by his sons: Stuart (Kathy) Omberg of Detroit Lakes; Lee (Karen) Omberg of Perham; grandchildren: Nick (Stacey) Omberg, Kris (Fiancé, Dustin Wirth) Swenson, Benjamin (Madison) Omberg, Karlee (Jake) Werner; great grandchildren: Mason and Mya Omberg, Presley Swenson, Easton Gravelle, Kinsey, Haden, Jade, and Jenna Wirth, Alex, Michael, and Ella Werner; sister: Elyda Handegard Julian was preceded in death by his parents: Julius and Ella Omberg; wife: Eloise Omberg in 2016; son: Steven Omberg in 2018.

## Ronald Beyer



Ronald Lee Beyer was born August 29, 1965 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota the son of Roger and Beatrice (Kunz) Beyer. He passed away Friday November 5, 2021 at his home in Detroit Lakes.

He grew up and attended school in Detroit Lakes graduating from Detroit Lakes high school, Class of 1983. On May 10, 1997 Ron was united in marriage to Donna Helliksen. They made their home in Detroit Lakes with their two sons Brian and Blake.

Ron loved spending time with his family and with the friends who were family to him.

Ron enjoyed hunting, fishing, rock concerts, mushroom picking, and especially enjoyed a bonfire where there was always cold beer, jokes, stories, and lots of laughter. Ron was the type of guy who would give you the shirt off his back, if he was wearing one.

He is survived by his wife: Donna Beyer; children: Brian, Blake, Ryan and McKinzie; brother: Roger Beyer; nephew: Casey; grandchildren: Baylee, Mia, Xavier; special niece and nephew: Ben and Eliana; aunt: Barbara (Gary) Gunderson; uncle: Fritz Kunz; sisters-in-law: Hope (Sid) Canham, Lisa (Tim) Moen; brother-in-law: Todd (Leonna) Helliksen; and many nieces nephews, aunts, and uncles.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents: Roger and Beatrice Beyer; grandparents: Lloyd and Eunice Gunderson, Adeline Gladue, Edward Kunz, Clarence and Helen Beyer; uncles: Randy and Richard Kunz; aunt: Maria Kunz; nephew: Zachary Beyer; and his beloved puppy, Athena.

A celebration of his life will take place at a later date.

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## HAPPENINGS

The Detroit Lakes Tribune accepts community calendar items, for publication online and in our Wednesday and Sunday print editions, space permitting.

Submissions must be made at least a week in advance of the event date, in writing, to either dltribune@dlnewspapers.com or vgerdes@dlnewspapers.com.

Each submission must include the following: Date, time and location of event, whether it is recurring or a one-time happening, and where to go for more information (phone, email and/or website). Also include whether the event is free or paid admission, and how much it costs when applicable.

## Wednesday, November 17

**Surviving the Holidays Grief Seminar:** Christian Fellowship Church, located at 28048 Meadow Drive, Detroit Lakes, will be hosting a free GriefShare Surviving the Holidays seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. The Surviving the Holidays seminar is

especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn how to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays; what to do about traditions and other coming changes; helpful tips for surviving social events; and how to discover hope for your future. Free and open to the public, but those planning to attend are asked to RSVP Valerie at 218-847-4147 or valerie@daviddonehower.com. For more information, see www.cfcdl.org or check out the event's Facebook page.

**Workforce Workshop:** Mike Henke, a nationally-renown workforce retention trainer, will be speaking at the Detroit Lakes American Legion from 12 to 2 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce. Cost to attend is \$45 for Chamber members and \$55 for non-members, including lunch and all workshop materials. Call 218-847-9202 for more information.

## Thursday, November 18

**ULTRA Snowmobile**

**Club:** The next general membership meeting of the ULTRA Snowmobile Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Detroit Lakes American Legion Club on West Lake Drive. All are welcome to join. For more information about ULTRA go to ultradl.org.

## Friday, November 19

**Square Dancing:** The Country Twirlers will host a square dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the IOOF Hall at 118 W. Holmes St., Detroit Lakes. Caller is Charley Huhtala.. Cost for the dance will be \$5 per person. For more information call 218-849-9317.

**Warrant In Concert:** Mahnomen's Shooting Star Casino will host a concert by rock band Warrant at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$20; visit starcasino.com for details, or to reserve your seats.

## Saturday, November 20

**Art from the Start:** Parents and guardians with children between ages 3-5 are invited to bring their budding

artists to the Holmes Art Cellar at 10 a.m. for a one-hour "Art from the Start" class on how to make a Thanksgiving-themed piece of wall art. Cost is \$15; pre-registration is required. Instructor is artist Courtney Stanley. To sign up, visit dlccc.org/artcellar.html or call 218-844-7469.

**Lakes Area Community Concert Band:** The Lakes Area Community Concert Band will present its fall concert at 4 p.m. in the Historic Holmes Theatre, 806 Summit Ave., Detroit Lakes.

**Pet Photos with Santa:** Becker Pet & Garden in Detroit Lakes is hosting pet photos with Santa from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your family — including pets — to the store for a holiday photo shoot with Santa. Photos are \$25, with proceeds to benefit the Humane Society of the Lakes. With each donation you will receive a memory card filled with your recently-taken photos, along with a \$5 gift certificate to The Candy Store (located in the same building).

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## DEATHS

**Delore Athmann**  
Aug. 6, 1923 - Nov. 14, 2021  
DETROIT LAKES, Minn. - Delore Athmann, 98, Detroit Lakes, formerly Mahnomen, Minn., died Sunday, Nov. 14, in Ecumen-Emmanuel Nursing Home.  
Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18, at Anderson Family Funeral Home in Mahnomen. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 19, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beaulieu, Minn. Masks are encouraged. Burial with military honors will be in the church cemetery.  
Arrangements by Anderson Family Funeral Home.

**Marlene Curtis**  
Nov. 28, 1940 - Nov. 14, 2021  
PERHAM, Minn. - Marlene Curtis, 80, Perham, Minn., died Sunday, Nov. 14, in her home.  
Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., with parish prayers at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18, at Karvonen Funeral Home in New York Mills, Minn. Visitation will continue from 12:30-1:30 p.m., followed by a funeral Mass at Friday, Nov. 19, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Rush Lake near Perham.  
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## GIRLS HOCKEY

# Lakers look for positives following opening loss

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes girls hockey team knows it has a lot of lessons to learn this season. In Thursday's 16-1 loss to Fergus Falls in the season opener at Kent Freeman Area, the Laker captains focused on the positives in a night that presented plenty of challenges.

"We kind of just told them to be ready for it," senior Madison Olson said of preparing her teammates for their first varsity hockey game. "It's a lot different than youth (hockey). These girls are a lot faster and have a lot harder shots. They can do things a lot better and faster than you can in youth. We just told them to be ready for the fast-paced game."

Detroit Lakes has only a handful of players that have competed anywhere near the varsity level. Thursday night was filled with firsts as new Lakers took the ice for the first time this season.

"I was talking to my linemate, Ella Larson, and she got back from her first shift and was like, 'wow, that was crazy,'" senior Emma Coley said. "It's a lot different. She's a seventh-grader that played U12s."

The Otters put up big numbers in the first and second periods. Through 34 minutes, Fergus Falls led 15-0, with multi-goal games coming from Piper Andrews, Marilyn Karsina and Maddie Hulter.

Even in an overwhelming loss, the Lakers found a way to get their first goal of the season. Coley picked up a loose puck and beat Otters' goaltender Jyrkas early in the third period. While it didn't change the outcome of the game, it was a moment that

Olson and Coley believe a young team can look to for confidence moving forward.

"It got stuck in (Olson's) feet, and I picked it up and just shot it," Coley said. "I had just got on the ice. You could definitely see an incline in our excitement."

"We were kind of all down in the dumps at that point," Olson said. "I think that helped us be more positive about this game. We just need to keep working on our positioning. That's going to be the key for us."

Detroit Lakes junior Olivia Guck was put in a near-impossible situation. Due to the need for a goalie, she stepped up and put on the pads for the first time two weeks ago. On Thursday, she made 22 saves in her first-ever game between the pipes.

"She's been playing for two weeks," Coley said. "I know she's getting a little frustrated, but we reassured her that it's alright. She's barely been playing. She did fine."

"She's had a few lessons in the net and had a few other goalies come talk to her," Olson said. "Other than that, she just started playing goalie when the season started."

The most significant adjustment for the new Lakers will be the speed of the game. Detroit Lakes started to look more comfortable and confident as time wore on.

"It's hard when you have an age range from seventh grade to 12th grade," Olson said. "We have girls that skated but then took some years off. We have girls that have never skated with faster and more aggressive people like this."

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Photos by Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes girls swimming and diving team cheers on Rebecca Cannon at the Section 8A prelims on Nov. 12, 2021 at the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center.

# BACK TO THE BIG POOL

## Lakers take second at sections, send 11 to state

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Saturday was a day of celebration for the Detroit Lakes swimming and diving team as they clinched Class A state meet berths in nine events.

The Detroit Lakes girls swimming and diving team took second place in the Section 8A championships at the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center. The Lakers edged out third-place Fergus Falls to take home runner-up honors.

"This season was a total team effort right down to the coaching staff," Detroit Lakes head coach Carol Fischer said. "I really want to thank coaches Dave Voller and Bobbi Jo Koons for their hard work, positive energy and leadership throughout the season. The team worked hard and reaped the benefits of that this past weekend."

Seniors Lexi and Madi Gerdes had standout weekends as they qualified for state in two events individually. Both will swim in the 100-yard breaststroke after Madi took home first place with a time of 1:08.43. Lexi was less than two seconds behind her in second at 1:10.35.

"The Gerdes sisters have an extremely competitive field in the 100 breaststroke," Fischer said about the Class A competition. "They wouldn't have it any other way."

Madi also took second in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:22.12. Fergus Falls' Emilie Carlson took first with a time of 2:21.00. Lexi is also headed to state in the 100-yard butterfly. She won Saturday's championship race with a time of 1:03.44, beating out Carlson by less than half of a second.

Faith Hamm has been Detroit Lakes' consistent shoulder to lean on in freestyle distance events this season, and she was rewarded with two state



Quinn Rogstad swims the 200-yard freestyle on Nov. 12 in the Section 8A prelims at the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center.

qualifications. Hamm won the 200-yard free with a time of 2:02.63 before winning the 500-yard freestyle competition with a time of 5:42.73.

Hamm and the Gerdes sisters know what it's like to go up against the best competition the state has to offer. Fischer hopes their swimming experience at the University of Minnesota will help guide them this weekend.

"It's always great to have individuals qualify in multiple events," Fischer said. "Each of the three individuals who qualified in their events has experience competing in the U-of-M pool—whether it be through true team, past Minnesota State High School League state meets or even club swimming. Like anything in life, you build on experience. The three will have their work cut out for them taking their races to the next level."

The Lakers will send two of its relay teams as well. The Gerdes sisters, along with Marin Westrum and Cora Martin, dropped three seconds off their seeding time to win first place by 0.2 seconds in the 200-yard medley. The four Lakers cut nearly a whole second off their

time from the preliminary race on Friday night.

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Westrum, Hamm, Rylie Wendt and Quinn Rogstad cleared second place by more than six seconds to clinch the final spot at state out of Section 8A.

"Seven of the nine girls going to state this year have competed at the U-of-M pool during their high school careers, so they have an idea of what to expect," Fischer said. "We have two making their first State appearance—Hope Hamm and Quinn Rogstad. (It's) sort of a passing of a torch to them. It's great to have relays participating. (It) shows what you can achieve with teamwork."

Hope Hamm and Kylie Tulus finished third (362.95) and fourth (355.05) in diving. Both are headed to state with the help of Koons, who was named Section 8A diving coach of the year.

Fischer hopes to see her girls qualify past the prelims at state, but she's also hoping they can take away lessons from this experience.

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Adisyn Strand takes a shot from the point in Detroit Lakes' 16-1 loss to Fergus Falls on Nov. 11 at Kent Freeman Arena.

## FOOTBALL

# Minneota cruises in state quarterfinal over Mahnomen-Waubun

By Jared Rubado  
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Minneota is one of the toughest Class A football teams in the state to score on. It didn't take long for Mahnomen-Waubun to find out why in its state quarterfinal game on Friday night in Monticello.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Vikings (12-0) punched in two rushing touchdowns in the second to take a 14-0 lead. Minneota surrendered just 12 points in the regular season and 13 in the section tournament. A two-touchdown deficit at halftime was a mountain for the Thunderbirds (9-2) to

climb.

Connor Sik ran in his second touchdown of the game in the third quarter before Peyton Gilland went through the air to find Anthony Rybinski near the goal line. Maxwell Rost put the finishing touches on the 34-0 win with a 34-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter.

The Thunderbirds had a slower day on offense than they're used to having. Mahnomen-Waubun gained 137 yards on the ground. Will Starkey had 58 of those yards on 19 carries. Dennis Ashley had six carries for 42 yards. Ashley also caught the only two Thunderbird competitions of the game for a total

of eight yards.

Rolando Ellis led the defense with nine solo tackles. Starkey had the next highest total with four. Ashley picked off Gilland for the Thunderbirds' only forced turnover on the night.

Minneota played Rushford Peterson in the Class A semifinals on Saturday at 9 a.m. at U.S. Bank Stadium.

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SCORING- SECOND QUARTER- MINNEOTA- Jonah Gruenes 23-yard TD run, PAT good, 7-0, 9:25; MINNEOTA- Connor Sik 1-yard TD run, PAT good, 14-0, 0:38; THIRD QUARTER- MINNEOTA- Sik 2-yard TD run, PAT no good, 20-0, 7:06; FOURTH QUARTER- MINNEOTA- Peyton Gilland 4-yard TD pass to Anthony Rybinski, PAT good, 27-0 8:16; MINNEOTA- Maxwell Rost 4-yard TD run, PAT good, 34-0, 4:02

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Dennis Ashley (right) braces for contact during Mahnomen-Waubun's 30-7 Section 8A championship win over Ada-Borup-West on Nov. 4, 2021 at the Fargodome. Mahnomen-Waubun lost 34-0 to Minneota in Monticello on Friday night.



## FOOTBALL

## New York Mills returns to state after 15 years

By Carissa Wigginton  
The Forum

NEW YORK MILLS, Minn. — New York Mills senior tackle Braeden Peterson was 3 years old the last time a New York Mills football team advanced to the state tournament.

Peterson and his teammates were too young to remember the Eagles' 2006 state appearance, the first in program history. They surely won't forget the second.

New York Mills cruised to the Minnesota Section 6A crown with a 32-0 win over Breckenridge on Nov. 5 to earn a trip to the state tournament. The Eagles (10-1) beat Deer River (11-1) in the state quarterfinals 20-6 at Brainerd High School in their second state appearance. The Warriors were the No. 8-ranked team in the final Class A media poll.

"It was pretty surreal to get the section championship plaque and be able to hold it and bring it back to the fans," Peterson said. "It was pretty crazy to finally get to the Fargodome, because that's something we worked for all year."

On Saturday, the Eagles take on Mayer Lutheran (11-1), the Section 2A champions at 11:30 at U.S. Bank Stadium in the Class A quarterfinals.

The state berth was 15 years in the making. New York Mills head coach Matt Radniecki guided the Eagles to state in 2006.

"We're excited. We feel like we have a very good team. We're 9-1 for a reason," Radniecki said before the quarterfinal win against Deer River. "We've been able to win some games and we're a pretty confident group. We have nine seniors, so for a small school, that's a really good nucleus to have."

Radniecki, in his 28th year at the helm, said a glaring similarity between his two state tournament squads is team confidence.

"I think that confidence level in both groups is very evident, and I think that's one of the reasons we're having some success because they really, truly believe in themselves,"



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New York Mills football players run different plays during practice on Wednesday at New York Mills Secondary. Their football team has entered the Minnesota Class A state tournament for the second time in program history.



New York Mills senior quarterback Bren Salo makes a pass to a teammate during football practice on Wednesday at New York Mills Secondary.

Radniecki said. "They're very confident when they step on the field that they'll get the job done."

The Eagles have certainly taken care of business this season. New York Mills' only loss this fall was a 28-14 set-

back to Polk County West in the last game of the regular season. The Eagles bounced back with three lopsided wins in the section tournament. They rolled to the section title by a combined score of 106-20.

"We all think that we can beat the guy in front of us, especially our linemen," senior running back Dane Niemi said.

The Eagles will have to rely on their strong run game on Friday if they want to come

away with the win, Radniecki said. The teams are slated to play the quarterfinal game in freezing temperatures and blustery winds. Fifteen years ago, temperatures dipped below 20 degrees when New York Mills played Fertile-Beltrami in the quarterfinals.

Luckily, the Eagles have been able to consistently run the football this season and run it hard. The NYM offense won nine of 10 games this season by an average score of 34-8. But the Eagles aren't just a grind-it-out team, Radniecki said. They have some explosiveness and a stout offensive line.

"We have a lot of guys who handle the ball and want to see each other score," Niemi said. "I think that's what makes us so good is that we don't care who scores. We just want to see each other do well so that we can play well."

Radniecki was pleased with his team's performance on both sides of the ball throughout the section tournament. The Eagles forced three turnovers against Breckenridge to highlight a stout defensive effort, and hope to continue the momentum Friday night. New York Mills has allowed 78 points this season and posted five shutouts this season.

"We're ready to play," Niemi said. "So I feel pretty good about it."

"We had a really strong team last year and we feel like we missed our shot to get to the Fargodome," Peterson said of the pandemic-shortened season. "So this year we didn't let it slip through."

The Eagles knew the talent and experience they'd have this season. The long-awaited tournament run was no surprise to Niemi, who has been on varsity for four seasons. Still, the Eagles are very aware of the challenge ahead.

"They're a very physical football team, so we're going to have to be able to match that physicality," Radniecki said of Deer River. "It's something we've been able to do so far this year, but Deer River is 11-0 for a reason."

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## POOL

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"The goals for those going to the state meet are, of course, getting into the top-16," Fischer said. "(We also want) to learn a little bit more about ourselves and how we deal with success and possibly failure—getting out of our comfort zones and being the best we can be."

The Lakers had finishers in the top 16 in every event at sections this fall. Here are the rest of the highlights from Detroit Lakes in the Section 8A meet:

► 200-yard Freestyle: Rylie Wendt—6th; Quinn Rogstad—7th  
► 200-yard IM: Marian Martin—8th; Hannah Barberg—14th; Brielle Dallmann—15th  
► 50-yard Freestyle: Marin Westrum—5th  
► Diving: Kaitlyn Anderson—6th



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Hannah Barberg swims the 200-yard IM on Nov. 12 in the Section 8A prelims at the Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center.

► 100-yard Butterfly: Cora Martin—3rd; Brielle Dallmann—14th  
► 100-yard Freestyle: Emily Peterson—12th  
► 500-yard Freestyle: Quinn Rogstad—6th  
► 200-yard Freestyle Relay: F. Hamm, C. Martin, Rogstad, Wendt—4th  
► 100-yard Backstroke: Rylie

Wendt—5th; Marin Westrum—6th; Emily Peterson—9th  
► 100-yard Breaststroke: Cora Martin—8th; Marin Martin—11th  
► Sydney Miller finished 19th in the 200-yard freestyle. She dropped 6.29 seconds. In the 100-yard backstroke, she finished 23rd and dropped another 6.04

seconds.

► Lexi Blake finished 20th in the 50-yard freestyle with a personal record. In the 100-yard freestyle, she finished 20th with another PR.  
► Becca Cannon finished 21st in the 50-yard freestyle with a season-best time. She also took 22nd in the 100-yard freestyle with another season-best.

► Emmery Wheeling finished 22nd in the 50-yard freestyle with a PR and another PR in the 500-yard freestyle—breaking seven minutes and finishing 18th.

► Hannah Barberg finished 21st in the 100-yard freestyle with a PR.

► Adelyn Hamar had a nearly 11-second drop in the 500-yard free and finished 21st.

► Detroit Lakes will receive a Gold Academic Achievement Award from the MN State High School Swimming and Diving Coaches Association

The Class A state prelims start on Friday. The top 16 in each event advance to the championships at noon on Saturday. Updates on Detroit Lakes swimmers can be found on twitter @DLtribSports throughout the weekend.

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## LAKERS

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"Some of the new girls get a little frantic and lost," Coley said. "We just have to remind them to stick to their positions. If you do your job, I will do mine. Sometimes we just need to relax and try not to do so much."

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## BIDEN BETS THAT INFRASTRUCTURE BEATS POLITICAL HEADWINDS

### PRESIDENT TOUTS NEW LAW IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

By Jarrett Renshaw  
Reuters

Fresh from signing his signature bipartisan infrastructure bill, President Joe Biden on Tuesday trekked to New Hampshire, a key state in the 2022 midterms, to tout the bill's benefits and revive the party's slumping poll numbers. Biden and his Democratic Party are betting that bipartisan progress and popular policies like investing in infrastructure and creating jobs can win over voters. The opposition Republican party remains divided over former President Donald Trump, his supporters' Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, and whether to cooperate with Biden on

regular governance. "Despite the cynics, Democrats and Republicans, we can work together," Biden declared during an event staged on the NH 175 Bridge, which local officials have sought funding for repairs for years. Biden said the last 20 years saw the "backbone of this nation hollowed out" by lack of infrastructure investments and that his \$1 trillion package will help lift the middle class and make the country more competitive globally. Republicans won key elections this month by warning about inflation and taxes under Biden, and stirring up anger on cultural issues, and Biden's poll numbers are in a slump. New Hampshire is home to a key U.S. Senate race and two congressional contests for positions now held by Democrats, in a midterm where Biden's party can



Jonathan Ernst / Reuters

President Joe Biden delivers remarks on infrastructure construction projects from the NH 175 bridge across the Pemigewasset River on Tuesday in Woodstock, New Hampshire.

afford barely any losses. Biden goes to Detroit on Wednesday to tout investment in electric vehicles, while Vice President Kamala Harris is expected to visit Columbus, Ohio, on Friday to highlight the package. The busy travel schedule is intended to hammer home the message that Democrats delivered on their promises. Neil Levesque, the executive director at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm

College, said it's no secret that Biden is coming to New Hampshire to help stem the bleeding ahead of 2022. "My latest poll shows that 68% of people here in New Hampshire believe the country's on the wrong track, and that's a very devastating number for people who are incumbents and are perceived responsible for that feeling," Levesque said. In February, 55% did, his poll shows. Midterm elections are

always challenging for the party that holds the White House. But losses for the Democrats this month in Virginia and New Jersey have raised wider concerns. New Hampshire Senator Maggie Hassan, a Democrat, up for reelection in 2022, could face a close race, analysts say, even though the expected top Republican rival, Chris Sununu, decided to seek reelection for governor instead of challenging her.

## Jury in Rittenhouse's murder trial ends first day without verdict

By Nathan Layne  
Reuters

KENOSHA, Wis. - The jury in the Wisconsin murder trial of Kyle Rittenhouse ended their first day of deliberations on Tuesday without reaching a verdict, pushing their efforts to form a consensus on whether to convict or acquit the teenager into a second day. Rittenhouse, 18, is charged with killing Joseph Rosenbaum, 36, and Anthony Huber, 26, and wounding Gaige Grosskreutz, 28, on Aug. 25, 2020. The shootings took place during protests in Kenosha. After roughly eight hours of deliberations, Kenosha County Judge Bruce Schroeder said he would accept the jury's request to call it a day and come back at 9 a.m. Central Time on Wednesday. The jury of 7 women and 5 men sent two notes to the judge on Tuesday, neither giving any indication of the substance of their discussions. The high-profile case pits the prosecution's argument that Rittenhouse shot the men without justification, against the teenager's assertion that he acted in self-defense. Rittenhouse faces life in prison on the most serious count. At the start of Tuesday, Rittenhouse played an indirect role in whittling down the jury, which was composed of 18 mem-

bers through two weeks of testimony, to 12 for deliberations. He selected six pieces of paper out of a metal raffle tumbler. Rittenhouse has pleaded not guilty and took the stand last week to argue that he only fired his weapon after the men attacked him. He said Rosenbaum, the first person he shot that night, grabbed the barrel of his semi-automatic rifle. On Monday, prosecutors and defense counsel gave their closing arguments, offering widely different portrayals of the defendant. Prosecutors described Rittenhouse as a reckless vigilante who provoked the series of violent encounters, first by raising his rifle in a threatening way, then by shooting Rosenbaum which created an "active shooter" situation which others tried to stop. The defense said Rittenhouse, who carried a medical kit in addition to his gun, merely wanted to help the injured and protect a used-car dealership from the kind of property damage that Kenosha had seen over two nights before the shooting. Kenosha has been on edge during the trial, and a small crowd of demonstrators stood watch outside the courtroom on Tuesday, some holding placards in support of Rittenhouse, others calling for racial justice and his conviction.

## Trump lawyer asks judge to block release of tax returns

### Attorneys called it an invasive and politically motivated request

By Jan Wolfe  
Reuters

WASHINGTON - Donald Trump's lawyers on Tuesday urged a judge to block a House of Representatives panel from getting the former U.S. president's tax returns, calling it an invasive and politically motivated request. Trump was the first president in 40 years not to release his tax returns as he aimed to keep secret the details of his wealth and activities of his family company, the Trump Organization. The House Ways and Means Committee sued in 2019 to force disclosure of the tax returns, and the dispute lingers nearly 10 months after Trump left office. Trump lawyer Patrick Strawbridge told U.S. District Judge Trevor McFadden the committee has no legitimate reason to see the tax returns, and asked for them in hopes of learning information that will hurt Trump politically. McFadden said that Democratic Representative Richard

Neal, the committee's chairman, and other Democratic lawmakers have made contradictory statements about why they want Trump's tax returns. Some of the public statements suggest the committee

wants Trump's tax returns to consider legislation, which is a valid reason, McFadden said. Other public statements, he added, "could certainly be taken to suggest there's something else going on." McFadden also said he was reluctant to second-guess Neal's motivations, signaling he may allow the case to move forward. The judge said he will issue a written decision within three weeks on whether the lawsuit should progress. The case has moved slowly, partly because the U.S. Justice Department has reversed positions. In 2019, under Trump, it said the request for his taxes by the committee was based on a "disingenuous" objective. Six months after President Joe Biden took office, it released a memo saying the House panel had offered "sufficient reasons" for the request. The U.S. Supreme Court last year ruled against Trump in an unrelated case on whether a Manhattan prosecutor could see Trump's tax returns as part of a criminal investigation of his business.



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President Donald Trump pauses as he announces his decision that the United States will withdraw from the landmark Paris Climate Agreement in June 2017 in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.





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A "Help Wanted" sign is posted in front of a business on Feb. 4 in Miami.

## THERE ARE NOW MORE JOBS THAN JOBLESS

Statistics from August show 42 states follow trend

By Tim Henderson  
Stateline.org

A record number of job openings and fewer workers to fill them have left 42 states with more available jobs than people looking for work, according to a Stateline analysis of federal statistics from August, the latest available.

Employers such as RF Buche, who runs a 116-year-old family chain of South Dakota fast-food restaurants and convenience stores, are scrambling to fill shifts and cutting store hours.

"I'm more worried about burnout than anything else, people working extra shifts," Buche said.

The labor shortage, by one measure the most acute since 1968, means higher wages and increased bargaining power for workers. But some experts fear it also could dampen economic growth. And it could make it more difficult to implement the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure plan Congress approved, which the White House has said is expected to create millions of jobs.

South Dakota, where Buche seeks workers, has one of the highest ratios of job openings to unemployed people who might fill them: There are nearly two openings for every unemployed person looking for work.

The ratio of jobs-to-jobless is almost 3 to 1 in Nebraska and more than 2 to 1 in Utah, New Hampshire, Vermont, Idaho, Georgia, Alabama and Montana. In most states, the ratio is higher now than it was before the pandemic.

There are just eight states with more unemployed workers than job openings: Hawaii, followed by California, Connecticut, New York, Illinois, New Mexico, New Jersey and Nevada. Hawaii and Nevada are heavily dependent on tourism, which still hasn't returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Most of the states with more jobless people than jobs have plenty of white-collar positions that allow people to work remotely. The labor shortage is most acute in sectors with relatively low pay and high public contact.

The shortage is snarling critical services in many states and cities.

Some Massachusetts towns, for example, are offering up to \$310 an hour to snowplow operators amid stiff competition for commercial drivers. A shortage of workers has

meant longer waits for public buses in St. Louis.

While the national unemployment rate is down to 4.6% as of October, that's not true for all groups, according to estimates for the third quarter from the left-leaning Economic Policy Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank. Black workers still face double-digit unemployment in Illinois (10.8%) and California (10.4%), and Hispanic unemployment in New York is 10.7%.

"This brings up the question, 'Are these employers' hiring pools as diverse as they could be?'" said Kyle Moore, an economist with the institute. "When wages are high enough and people are satisfied with safety provisions like protective equipment, they will take these jobs."

In South Dakota, Buche faces a deficit of about 55 shifts out of the 416 he needs most weeks in his convenience stores and restaurants.

Half of that deficit he attributes to hiring woes, but he said the other half is from part-time employees who don't want more work and don't need the money since they're not splurging on extras.

"We're losing a lot to COVID fears. They're not the primary breadwinners and they think 'Hey, I'll just stay back home.' They could get by financially without major concerns," Buche said. He said his jobs pay more than minimum wage, and he's recently tried offering \$2,000 signing bonuses.

Some experts see the dearth of willing workers as a sign that the trauma of the pandemic has prompted people to reassess their career choices, making them less willing to tolerate low pay and unpredictable schedules.

"A lot of businesses are set up for an economy where there's a bunch of people who are willing to take a minimum wage job with irregular hours," said Matt Darling, an employment policy fellow at the nonpartisan Niskanen Center, a think tank based in Washington, D.C. "Those businesses are set up for a strategy that no longer works."

Despite offering higher pay, better benefits and more flexibility, many Kentucky employers "still struggle to find workers, or even applicants," said Charles Aull, senior policy analyst for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Kentucky, which has

two job openings for every potential worker, has been struggling with a falling labor force participation rate since 2000, according to a September report from the Kentucky Chamber Foundation. That coincides with a freefall in the state's coal production.

Darling said factors such as lower immigration, more workers taking early retirement and generous unemployment benefits all have contributed to the labor shortage. But he pointed out that while the overall labor force participation rate is down, the participation rate for the "prime age" workforce, ages 25-54, is back to where it was in 2017.

"Unemployment insurance wasn't holding the labor force back—it was COVID," said Darling. He added that he stands by an October Niskanen post saying, "Crowded ports and 'for hire' signs are the growing pains associated with entering an age of abundance."

Other experts also see the openings as a temporary glitch in an improving economy. Mary C. Daly, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, predicted in a blog post that many people who are reluctant to return to work now will jump back into the workforce as the pandemic recedes.

"Myriad factors are tempering labor supply at the moment—the need to care for children, fears of COVID, generous unemployment benefits," Daly wrote. "But there is no reason to expect those to be permanent ... the lesson is simple: Americans want to work, and it would be a mistake to assume otherwise."

In South Dakota, where there were 1.6 job openings for every unemployed person the month before the pandemic began, some employers want to lure more workers from other states. The South Dakota Retailers Association is offering \$1,000 for anyone who moves to the state and holds a job for at least three months.

The bounty could pay off in places such as North Sioux City, a South Dakota suburb of Sioux City, Iowa, where it might be relatively easy to switch states, said Nathan Sanderson, the retail association's executive director. The state's low cost of living and lack of a state income tax also could draw young families.

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## Chinese automakers use US auto brands

Car buyers can find the Dodge Journey nameplate in Mexican stores

By Breana Noble  
The Detroit News

Car buyers will find few Chinese vehicles in U.S. showrooms, but they will in Mexico — under American brand names.

For the 2022 model year, Dodge has reintroduced the Journey nameplate in Mexico. The vehicle is based on the Trumpchi GS5 compact SUV from one of Stellantis NV's Chinese joint venture partners, Guangzhou Automobile Group Co. Ltd., which is shipping these small crossovers across the Pacific Ocean.

The Journey is not alone. It joins the Chevrolet Captiva, introduced in March in Mexico. It is a variant of the Baojun 530 compact crossover from SAIC-GM-Wuling, one of General Motors Co.'s Chinese joint ventures.

Chinese automakers for years have sought to enter the lucrative, yet competitive North American auto market. The Trump administration's enactment of 25% tariffs on vehicles made in China, however, halted or delayed many of those plans, and the Biden administration shows no signs of removing them. Instead, the Chinese automakers have found a way into Mexico with U.S. automakers willing to fill gaps in their lineups of small crossovers.

"There's efforts to get into the market whatever way possible," said Michael Dunne, CEO of Hong Kong-based consulting firm ZoZo Go LLC.

But, Dunne said, automakers like GM and Stellantis in doing so may create confusion for customers and hurt their brand image: "What is the value of the brand if you can just put it on anything?"

It's not the first time U.S. brands have lent their names to foreign models. The Detroit Three previously rebadged Japanese and Korean imports in the 1980s and 1990s. GM's defunct Geo brand launched in 1989 with rebadged vehicles built by Isuzu Motors Ltd., Suzuki Motor Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp. as the foreign makes chipped away at its U.S. market share. By 1997, however, sales had dropped 30% below their peak, and the brand was nixed.

"Bringing these entry-level models is a tradition that goes on for decades," said Sam Fiorani, vice president of global forecasting for AutoForecast Solutions LLC. "Bringing those vehicles allows them to have entry-level models that don't cost them any engineering resources."

That's important for a price-sensitive market like Mexico, Fiorani said. With the Journey, Stellantis is taking advantage of an existing alliance by providing a vehicle that fits the market needs and leverages a familiar model name, Stellantis spokesman Miguel Ceballos said. The Dodge Journey starts at about \$27,100.

"The type of product under the Stellantis portfolio, we

don't have anything like it," Ceballos said. "It is an important segment here in Mexico. That is why we chose to replace the Dodge Journey. It's something we have to offer."

He noted it's not the first time the automaker has used a donor car in the Mexican market. The Dodge Attitude subcompact sedan launched in 2006 was based off Hyundai Motor Co.'s Accent. Today, the Attitude borrows from a Mitsubishi sedan. The Journey previously had been built at the Toluca Assembly Plant in Mexico before being discontinued after the 2020 model year.

These small SUVs are difficult to bring to the United States and compete with used vehicles just two or three years old with less than 50,000 miles, Fiorani said. By bringing them to a market like Mexico, it gives new entrants a low-cost chance to learn without damaging their own brand.

An established automaker might be able to get a few thousand more sales from these partnerships by entering more mature markets, but that's short-term thinking, Dunne said: "Imagine Toyota importing Chinese cars into Japan and slapping a Toyota logo on the front hood. Not a chance. ... What am I buying? A Korean or Chinese brand? An American brand? It's a little confusing for the customer."

Chevrolet has sold 5,900 Captivas in Mexico since it was added to the lineup in March. GM's global brand councils approve the use of nameplates.

"Our global manufacturing footprint allows us to source a more comprehensive vehicle portfolio across all of our brands in various international markets, while still adhering to GM's common global quality and manufacturing processes," Chevrolet spokesman Kevin Kelly said in a statement. "Some of the branding is used across various markets because those brands are recognizable and have strong heritage, which is preferred by our customers."

GM does sell in the United States the Buick Envision, which is built with its SAIC-GM joint venture in China. In 2020, J.D. Power recognized the plant with the Platinum Plant Quality Award for producing vehicles with the fewest defects or malfunctions. The automaker previously attempted to obtain an exemption for the 25% tariff on the China-built compact SUVs, an effort that wasn't successful. The automaker pays the levy on the vehicle, Kelly said.

The tariffs led Ford Motor Co. in 2018 to halt its plans to ship Ford Focus Active crossovers to the United States from China. But tariffs aren't preventing all Chinese brands from entering the U.S. market: This summer, Polestar said it will build its new Polestar 3 electric SUV starting next year at a Volvo plant in South Carolina. The Polestar 1 and 2 are made in China.

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Anthony Souffle / Minneapolis Star Tribune / TNS

James Walsh, leader and original member of the local rock band Gypsy, sits for a portrait on Nov. 3 at Jim Laabs Piano in Roseville, Minnesota. The band, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, just released a new album, *Red Stone Line*.

## GYPSY RELEASES COVID ALBUM

Minnesota rock legend celebrates 50 years with new album 'Red Stone Line'

By Jon Bream  
Star Tribune

Minneapolis

Even though he was in the throes of COVID-19, veteran Minneapolis rock singer James "Owl" Walsh refused to go to a hospital.

"With what I heard about being intubated from my doctor, I said no," explained Walsh, who was concerned about his singing voice, not to mention the atrial fibrillation he'd been contending with.

So he suffered at home, and after two weeks, he experienced something unexpected: Songs started

coming to him.

"In the middle of the night, I got up and I had a song in my head. I went to the piano and I played it until I remembered it because I don't write anything down," he recalled.

"The next night, another song came. And this went on for a couple of weeks. I had eight songs in my head, and I knew I had to record them."

That was last December. This summer, Walsh's band Gypsy — still celebrating the 50th anniversary of its 1970 debut album — released the new material on "Red Stone Line."

"It's Gypsy's grown up," said Walsh. "We are taking it from a less starry-eyed view and more of a musical position."

The Twin Cities' original prog-rockers, he and his bandmates were fearless. They headed to California in the glorious late 1960s and hung with Jimi Hendrix and other stars as the house band at Hollywood's most celebrated rock club.

They became the first Minnesota group to land an album deal and then determinedly recorded daring music, including the epic 11-minute hit "Dead and

Gone."

Gypsy now favors a still-adventurous but less long-winded sound. Influenced by Steely Dan and early Chicago, the songs are still trippy, eclectic and philosophical. This time around, singer-songwriter Walsh even gets a bit political.

"The first song ('Screams of a Dying World') is very political," he said. "I've lived through several presidents in my life and I'm not sure what's going on now. Hopefully they'll straighten it out soon."

On the album's closing song, "The Garden Is

Dying," he sounds downright pessimistic, decrying people who tell lies.

"It's not just political lies, but it has to do with the drought situation and the famine situation and everything that's going on in the world that could be easily avoided if enough people cared," he said.

The album features one cover tune, Walsh's take on Jackson Browne's "Late for the Sky." It was a favorite song of Gypsy co-founder Jim Johnson, the guitarist/singer who died of cancer in 2019.

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## Chaos reigns in survival thriller 'Yellowjackets'

By Kate Feldman  
New York Daily News

High school can be hard. It's even tougher when it includes almost two years stranded in the wilderness.

The Showtime thriller "Yellowjackets," which premiered Sunday, starts in 1996, when flannel, grunge, crop tops and chokers were king, jumps to time lost in the frozen Canadian wilds and then present day.

Twenty five years after a plane carrying a champion New Jersey soccer team crashes in a forest, the adult survivors buckle under the weight of their shared history.

Some of the women, like politician Taissa (Tawny Cypress) appear to be doing better than others. There's

apathetic housewife Shauna (Melanie Lynskey), gun-toting alcoholic Natalie (Juliette Lewis) and off-kilter nurse Misty (Christina Ricci).

"She's really running from herself," Lynskey, 44, told the Daily News of her character, Shauna.

"There's a much darker side to her that she feels frightened of and feels like might be her true self. ... She's a person with — I was going to say a lot bubbling under the surface, but it's really not; it's all coming out all over the place. She's not doing a great job of keeping control."

"Yellowjackets," named after the soccer team, slowly reveals how terrifying it was in the wilderness. The teen and adult versions of the



Kailey Schwerman / Showtime / TNS

From left, Jasmin Savoy Brown as Teen Taissa and Liv Hewson as Teen Van in "Yellowjackets."

characters hint at darkness they experienced.

"I lovingly call this show 'Fifty Shades of Cray,'"

Cypress, the 45-year-old Jersey Shore native who plays former team captain Taissa, told The News.

"It's nice to see women who don't have to be pretty, who don't have to be nice, who don't have to pander to the audience to be likable. These women are not likable and yet you f—ing love them."

Seeing how the women get to where they are, and how they barely survived, it's understandable. And as each day passes in the wild, it's clear how the teenagers got to that point. They battle each other, hunger and maybe even the supernatural. Part of the mystery of "Yellowjackets" is that you don't yet know what happened in the woods.

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## 'Ghostbusters: Afterlife' haunted by franchise's past

By Katie Walsh  
Tribune News Service

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" is indeed haunted. But it's not just the likes of Muncher and the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man that need to be zapped into proton packs. This film is haunted by the specter of the legacy of the 1984 "Ghostbusters," which isn't just lurking around the edges but literally baked into its DNA. Co-writer and director Jason Reitman is the son of Ivan Reitman, who directed "Ghostbusters" and "Ghost-

busters II," and Reitman the younger has described "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" as a family movie, on screen, and behind the camera, with his father offering input on set.

Nothing wrong with that, right? Well, the resulting "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" is a tedious and juvenile project so slavishly devoted to the original that it's cringeworthy. Yet, it doesn't manage to capture the essence of what made that supernatural slacker comedy appealing at the time (that honor would go to Paul Feig's

2016 all-female reboot, but no one wants to have that conversation).

Where "Ghostbusters" was irreverent, "Ghostbusters: Afterlife" is deeply reverent. The tone is far more 1980s Stephen Spielberg than it is 1980s Ivan Reitman, and it's aimed squarely at a very young audience, even though it seems they keep refreshing this franchise for the 40-year-olds for whom "Ghostbusters" remains a beloved memento of childhood. And yet, for a film that's trying so very hard

to be Amblin, there's little sense of wonder, or suspense, or adventure. It's formulaic storytelling embroidered with tired "Ghostbusters" references.

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" brings a new family into the ghostbusting dynasty, which includes a single mom, Callie (Carrie Coon), and her two kids: brainy tween Phoebe (Mckenna Grace) and gawky teen Trevor (Finn Wolfhard of "Stranger Things" and "It"). Callie is a bit of a loser, bad with money and down on her

luck. When her estranged father dies and she inherits his property, she hauls her kids off to rural Oklahoma to investigate the value of his ramshackle old dirt farm. As one might surmise, farm is burshackle old dirt farm is bursting with mysterious artifacts and ghost-hunting gear. With Phoebe's round glasses, mop of dark curly hair and skill with numbers, anyone with even the most casual passing interest in "Ghostbusters" can see where this family story is going.

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“Seethed” Mussels With Parsley and Vinegar photographed on Oct. 27.

## The first Thanksgiving menu ... maybe

Pilgrims, Wampanoag tribe may have feasted on mussels

By Daniel Neman  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

**F**our hundred years ago this fall, 50 Pilgrims sat down to eat with 90 members of the native Wampanoag tribe to give thanks for their first harvest in the New World.

No one knows the exact dates of the feast, other than it was sometime between Sept. 21 and Nov. 9 of that year. The menu of what was served is likewise lost to history, but we have a few clues.

In a letter sent in December 1621, Edward Winslow wrote that four of the men successfully hunted for fowl, which very possibly could have been wild turkeys — but it also could have been ducks, geese or swans. The Indians brought five deer, which presumably were also served.

The most successful crop of that first harvest was corn, so we can extrapolate that it was on the menu. Pumpkins were plentiful, though the Pilgrims lacked the flour to make crusts for pie.

Because they were on the Atlantic Ocean, seafood was abundant. We know they often caught bass and cod, and lobster was also plentiful. Eels, too, were readily available, and mussels were harvested simply by overturning rocks.

I should point out here that I am speaking of the First Thanksgiving of popular lore, the one held by the Pilgrims in 1621. There was an earlier Thanksgiving in December 1619, at the Berkeley Hundred in Virginia, at which the settlers gave thanks for their safe arrival.

It was a religious service, though, and food was not involved.

With an eye toward history, I decided to make my own version of the Pilgrims’ Thanksgiving meal, or at least part of it. Because



Stewed Pumpkins photographed Oct. 27.

we don’t know what the actual meal was, my version is more of an exercise in what could have been served, based on our knowledge of what was available and their recipes from the time.

But first, a couple of caveats. I did not make venison because I do not have access to it. And a couple of the recipes use sugar, which the Pilgrims did bring with them from Holland but which they had run out of, or nearly had, by the time of their harvest feast.

On the other hand, if they didn’t save a little for Thanksgiving, what did they use it for?

Assuming that pumpkins were probably served, I made stewed pumpkins. The recipe is an adaptation of a recipe published by John Josselyn, an Englishman who first visited New England in 1638 and again in 1663.

The original recipe calls for the pumpkin to be cut into pieces and simmered for several hours, but I hadn’t seen the original recipe when I made it and, knowing that

Pilgrims sometimes cooked their pumpkins on hot coals, I began by roasting mine in the oven.

It didn’t make a difference. Even roasted, the side dish came out smooth and robustly flavored. It’s surprising how pumpkin can be improved with a splash of vinegar, a portion of ground ginger and a knob of butter.

If we are to stick strictly to what could have been served at the First Thanksgiving, then butter would not have been included. The Pilgrims did not have butter; their first cow did not come across the ocean until 1623.

But use the butter. It makes all the difference. The recipe for stewed pumpkins is probably why they sent for those first cows, anyway.

My first entrée was steamed mussels — or as the original 1597 recipe put it, “To Seeth Muscles.”

The dish could be served today to considerable acclaim, and no one would suspect it is nearly 425 years old. Some recipes are just

classic. The mussels are steamed in a broth of water, butter, parsley, garlic (a modern addition) and vinegar instead of the wine that would usually be used today.

My assumption that wine was not used in steaming — or seething — mussels because the Pilgrims did not drink turned out to be incorrect. In fact, they did drink wine, beer and especially hard cider, but they took care not to drink to excess. But wine was expensive, and the cooks of the day preferred vinegar.

The second entrée is a stewed turkey that is based on an English recipe from 1615, and it, too, could easily find a place on a table in the 21st century.

The cooks of the time would have used a whole turkey, but wild turkeys are smaller than domesticated turkeys, and pots were bigger. So I used turkey thighs and legs, which were about one pound apiece, and cooked them in my largest Dutch oven.

I boiled the turkey, along with a heaping amount of onions, herbs, butter, sugar and more, because that is what the recipe I was following — published by the Plimoth Plantation, I should point out — told me to do. It was, unquestionably, delicious.

But it wasn’t historically accurate. When I later looked up the original 1615 recipe, it is clear that the turkey was meant to be roasted by itself and the other ingredients boiled together for a sauce.

If you want to make it that way, well, don’t let me stop you. But boiling the turkey makes it wonderfully tender and imparts even more flavor to the brothlike sauce.

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### ‘SEETHED’ MUSSELS WITH PARSLEY AND VINEGAR

Yield: 8 servings

4 pounds of mussels  
2 tablespoons butter  
1/2 cup chopped parsley  
1/2 cup red wine vinegar  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
2 garlic cloves, minced

- Place mussels in cold water and scrub them clean. “Beard” them by taking off the tuft of fibers projecting from the shell (if there are any — many farm-raised mussels are “beardless”). Discard any mussels that are broken or do not close when touched.

- Place 1 cup of water, butter, parsley, vinegar, salt, pepper and garlic into a large pot, cover, and

bring to a boil over high heat. Add the mussels and reduce the heat so that the mussels cook at a simmer. Cover and cook, shaking the pot occasionally, for 10 minutes or until all of the mussels have opened fully. Keep an eye on the mussels — if cooked too long, they can be chewy.

- To serve, pour the mussels and broth into bowls, setting another empty bowl on the table for discarded shells.

Per serving: 226 calories; 8 g fat; 3 g saturated fat; 71 mg cholesterol; 27 g protein; 9g carbohydrate; no sugar; 1 g fiber; 871 mg sodium; 68 mg calcium

Adapted from “The Second Part of the Good Huswives” (Thomas Dawson, 1597), by Kathleen Curtin, Sandra L. Oliver and Plimoth Plantation in “Giving Thanks: Thanksgiving Recipes and History, From Pilgrims to Pumpkin Pie”

### STEWED TURKEY WITH HERBS AND ONIONS

Yield: 6 servings

4 pounds turkey parts (thighs and legs work well for this recipe)

1 teaspoon salt  
2 large onions, sliced into 1/4-inch rings  
Bundle of fresh herbs, tied (any combination of the following is appropriate: sage, thyme, parsley, marjoram or savory), or 2 tablespoons dried  
1/3 cup red wine vinegar or cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons granulated sugar  
1 teaspoon black peppercorns  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
6 (1-inch-thick) slices of hearty bread, cut in half and toasted or fried until browned

- Rinse the turkey pieces and place them in a pot large enough to accommodate them. Cover with cold water and add the salt. Cover the pot and bring the contents to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the temperature to keep the broth at a low simmer for 1 hour. Periodically, skim any froth that rises to the surface.

- After an hour, remove the turkey pieces and set aside to cool. Raise the heat until the broth comes to a boil. Continue boiling, uncovered, until the liquid is reduced by half, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

- When the broth is reduced, add the sliced onions, herbs, vinegar, butter, sugar, peppercorns and cloves. Simmer for about 20 minutes, until the onions are soft. While the broth is simmering, cut the cooled turkey into serving pieces.

- Before serving, taste the broth and adjust the seasoning. Place the meat into the broth and “let it take a walme or two,” that is, let it simmer gently for just a minute. Pour the turkey and sauce into a serving bowl. Pass the “sippets” (toasted bread slices) to serve as a base for the turkey and to sop up the sauce.

Per serving: 513 calories; 4 g fat; 9g saturated fat; 170 mg cholesterol; 75 g protein; 27 g carbohydrate; 7 g sugar; 2 g fiber; 826 mg sodium; 63 mg calcium

Adapted from a recipe in “Country Contentments, or the English Huswife” (Gervase Markham, 1615), by Kathleen Curtin, Sandra L. Oliver and Plimoth Plantation in “Giving Thanks: Thanksgiving Recipes and History, From Pilgrims to Pumpkin Pie”



Joe Nicholson / USA Today Sports

Seattle Kraken goaltender Philipp Grubauer reacts after surrendering a goal against the Vancouver Canucks during the third period of an Oct. 23 game at Climate Pledge Arena in Seattle.

## IS THERE HOPE FOR KRAKEN?

Seattle not out of it yet, but early schedule does team no favors

By Marisa Ingemi  
Seattle Times

Nobody wins a Stanley Cup in November, but as Jordan Eberle said following the Vegas game last week, when it was just a two-game losing streak, a team can certainly fall out of the race.

That's where the Kraken are, without a point since they defeated Buffalo five games ago. Since a loss to the then-winless Coyotes in Arizona, the Kraken have been in a downward spiral that's hit four games.

It could be a lot worse. The Ottawa Senators had

a six-game losing streak. The Coyotes still have just the single win. The Kraken are just nine points out of a playoff spot with 67 games to go, and that's far from insurmountable.

But it could get worse for the Kraken. After playing Chicago on Wednesday, the Kraken schedule gets significantly more difficult. They face a Colorado team that's been a Cup favorite for a few years, the iron of the league in the Capitals and Hurricanes, and back-to-back games with defending champion Tampa Bay and popular Cup pick Florida.

In any other time, coming out of that stretch with even just a few points would be impressive. The Kraken put themselves in a position where anything but success in this stretch will be dire straits. The time to push was against Arizona, a struggling Golden Knights team and the Ducks. Instead, they spiraled, and now could find themselves out of the race by December.

That doesn't mean it's impossible. Certainly, dramatic comebacks happen in the NHL more than any other league. In 2019, the St. Louis Blues were in last place and

fired their coach; they went on to win the Stanley Cup.

That Blues team had to win 29 of their last 42 games and have an 11-game winning streak. That's not something to bank on.

The frustrating element for the Kraken is they haven't played all too bad but not all too well either. On Saturday, in the loss to Minnesota, the Kraken had a strong third period and pushed to make it a game, which Dave Hakstol reasoned was why they pulled Philipp Grubauer so early, to give that last fighting chance.

At some point it comes down to if the Kraken have it

in their toolbox to fix these issues. They've identified what's going wrong, but as the schedule gets tougher, implementing fixes is more challenging. If that's the case, maybe this will just keep happening when they deal with Colorado and Carolina and Washington and Tampa Bay and Florida. But that's the spot they're in, and nine points out of a playoff spot and five behind Colorado — who will make a playoff surge, don't be mistaken — they have to find ways to win, or it's going to be too late.

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## IOC introduces new framework for transgender athletes

By Dhruv Munjal  
Reuters

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said on Tuesday that no athlete should be excluded from competition on the grounds of a perceived unfair advantage due to their gender as it released a new framework on transgender inclusion.

The governing body, however, added that it was not in a position to issue regulations that define eligibility criteria for every sport, leaving it up to federations to determine if an athlete was at a disproportionate advantage.

"The framework is not legally binding. What we are offering to all the international federations is our expertise



Edgard Garrido / Reuters

Laurel Hubbard of New Zealand in action Aug. 2 during the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

and a dialogue, rather than jumping to a conclusion," said IOC director of the athletes' department Keveh Meh-rabi.

"This is a process that we have to go through with each federation on

a case by case basis and see what is required."

The 10-point document, which was prepared over the course of two years in consultation with more than 250 athletes and other stakeholders, will be rolled out after the Beijing Winter Games next year, replacing the guidelines issued in 2015.

The new framework also moves away from the old policy that said transgender athletes would be allowed to compete provided their testosterone levels were below a certain limit for at least 12 months before their first competition.

"You don't need to use testosterone (to decide who can compete) at all.

But this is guidance, it's not an absolute rule," said IOC medical director Richard Budgett.

The new framework comes just months after New Zealand weightlifter Laurel Hubbard in Tokyo became the first transgender athlete to compete at the Olympics Games.

The IOC also said sex testing and "invasive physical examinations" used to verify an athlete's gender were "disrespectful" and "potentially harmful".

"We really want to make sure that athletes are not pressured or coerced into making a harmful decision about their bodies," said Maggali Martowicz, IOC head of human rights.

## Love says Tiger can have any role he wants for Presidents Cup

By Frank Pingue  
Reuters

Davis Love III, who has succeeded Tiger Woods as captain of the U.S. team for the 2022 Presidents Cup in North Carolina, said on Tuesday his predecessor can have any role on the squad he wants but hopes to see him return from injury and make it as a player.

Woods, who has not competed since he suffered serious leg injuries in a February

car crash, won all three of his matches at the 2019 Presidents Cup in Melbourne where he served as a playing captain for the victorious U.S. team.

Love, speaking to reporters at Sea Island Resort where he is host of this week's RSM Classic, said he had conversations about the Presidents Cup captain's role with Woods before the former world number one's car accident.

"It would have been a great

captaincy for Tiger to continue on," Love told reporters at Sea Island Resort.

"At the time we were discussing it, he said, 'No, I'm playing really good, I'm gonna make the team, and I enjoyed Australia being playing captain, but I want to be a player on the team'.

"So his role is whatever his role wants to be. If Tiger calls me up and says, 'Hey, you're kicked out, I'm taking over',

that's Tiger's role. If he wants to be an assistant, you know."

Love, a 21-time winner on the PGA Tour, said it would be great to see Woods regain his form in time for the Presidents Cup but knows he can offer support in other ways having done so in an unofficial advisory role at the last Ryder Cup.

"I would hope that he comes back and starts playing and can make that a goal, to be on the team," said Love. "He was

a big part of our Ryder Cup. It took us a while to get him to the point where he would engage.

"Obviously he had a rough start to the year, but once we got him in the loop, he was a big help and a lot of fun for the Ryder Cup and for the team."

The Presidents Cup is a biennial event which pits a 12-man team from the U.S. against international players from outside Europe.

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### THE RINK LIVE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

TRL reporters' question: Which returning player has shown the most noticeable improvement?

**Hatten (SCSU):** Forward Kevin Fitzgerald has never had more than 19 points in a season in his college career. He leads SCSU in assists (10), points (16), power-play goals (4) and is tied for the team lead in plus/minus (plus-7).

**Wellens (UMD):** No Bulldog has taken a bigger jump from last year to this year than sophomore wing Blake Biondi. A fourth-liner last year who didn't see the ice much in the postseason is now one of the team's top scoring threats night in and night out. He leads UMD in scoring with four goals and four assists for eight points in 10 games after producing two goals and three assists in 26 games last year.

**Schlossman (UND):** Louis Jamernik joined UND at semester break last season and is carving out a prominent role on UND's shutdown line this season. He has already exceeded his totals from last year in goals (3) and points (6), too.

**Myers (Minnesota):** As a Gophers rookie, forward Mason Nev-ers scored just twice, with both goals coming in the team's final win of the season over Omaha in the NCAA regional. He seems to have shaken off what his father termed "analysis paralysis" as a sophomore and has four goals and a pair of assists in the team's first dozen games.

**Frederick (MSU-Mankato):** This might sound strange, considering he was CCHA Preseason Player of the Year, but Nathan Smith. The junior center has gone from a very good player to great player who can take over any game. His rare combination of size, speed and skill are all working in tandem now, and he's on pace for a 50-point regular season after scoring a total of 52 in his first two with the Mavs.

**Babcock (BSU):** Sophomore goalie Gavin Enright barely played last year and had some growing pains early in the season, losing playing time to junior Michael Carr and freshman Mattias Sholl. But he has reclaimed at least a share of the starting role after two solid performances in a road sweep of Lake Superior State.



Jason Wachter / The Rink Live

St. Thomas University goalie Jacob Berger (31) tries to recompose himself after St. Cloud State scores their 12th goal in the third period Oct. 2 at the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. The Huskies won 12-2 with St. Thomas goaltenders Peter Thome and Berger each allowing six goals each.

# BACK TO THE BEGINNING

## St. Thomas goaltender Jacob Berger returns to Minnesota State for series

By Ryan Stieg  
Special to The Rink Live

**St. Paul**  
It's always interesting returning to your past. You don't know what will happen, whether it will be an enjoyable or awkward experience.

St. Thomas goalie Jacob Berger will be going through that this weekend as he faces his former team, Minnesota State for a home-and-home series. He played for the Mavericks for two seasons as a backup to current NCAA men's career shutout record holder Dryden McKay before transferring to the Tommies.

In a recent interview, Berger said his time in Mankato was special and he had a great relationship with McKay and the rest of his teammates.

"I didn't really know much about him (McKay) coming in and then just kind of to see him kind of just take over and he was just so good at just being consistent," he said.

"It was pretty cool to see, just kind of the way he approached the game and the way he thought about it and how he acted.

"We were roommates my sophomore year and then freshman year we were right next to each other in the dorms. So, obviously I got really close with him. It was cool. He's really good at doing his job obviously. He's good at making saves and I think he's one of the smarter hockey players I've played with. His mental



Berger

game is really strong, so it was cool to see that every day and just kind of learn from him and

take little bits of it. I'm happy for him this year and I'm really excited to see that he got the shutout record."

Berger eventually left Mankato though as he searched for more opportunities to play and possibly start in net. When St. Thomas announced it was transitioning from Division III to Division I, he knew he found the right place.

"I committed after they made that announcement," Berger said. "That was the biggest reason coming here was to be a part of that transition and kind of help it, I guess. The opportunity to play D-I hockey again was super exciting. It's been good. Obviously, it's been interesting to see, kind of how all teams do it because all sports are doing it at the same time. So, it's pretty cool to see and keep track of all the teams and how they're doing in their conferences and stuff."

An interesting element that seems to have carried over from his time in Mankato is that Berger is battling for playing time with another goalie. This year, it's with Peter Thome, a transfer from North Dakota, but Berger said he's getting along fine with his new teammate just like he



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Minnesota State goalie Jacob Berger tries to play the puck behind his net during a game against Northern Michigan on Dec. 14, 2019, in Marquette, Mich.

did with McKay.

"Peter and I were teammates back in Triple A Icemen days," he said. "I'd say we were probably 12 or 13 or 14, I forget the actual age, but we were teammates then. So, I met him way back when. It's kind of funny how full circle, we both go our own ways in high school and juniors and even college and now, we're back being teammates again. So yeah, we have a good relationship. It's been fun so far having him as a teammate again."

Things are mostly different though for Berger. He left an established D-I program that frequently won conference titles and earned NCAA Tournament bids for a program that will go through some growing pains as during its big transition period. However, Berger was well aware of that challenge and said the team is just focused on getting better every day. He also said he thinks

it was beneficial that he got to see what it takes for a program to be successful and that he's trying to help UST get to that point.

"It's all you can really do," Berger said. "It's frustrating because I think if you look at the games, we're close. We're not as far as our record says we are from being a winning hockey team. So, I think the most important part for us is just to get better every day and take away the good and continue to build on that and learn from the mistakes we make and get better at the little things. And then sooner or later, I think we'll start rolling here."

It goes beyond the ice as well.

"I think for me, it was good to see what it takes to see what type of program and now, I can put that into St. Thomas. So, like the work ethic, how you act every day, just the culture of it that they've done a good job creating. I think it was

good for me to see that and kind of implement that here and to make that our culture too, to make it a winning culture. So, it was a great learning process for me for the two years and it's exciting for me to bring what I learned to St. Thomas."

Berger will get a chance to possibly show what he's learned as early as Thursday when the Tommies head to Mankato and although he's looking forward to seeing his friends again, he's focused on the task at hand.

"It's another game," he said. "I have a job to do. It'll be interesting going through the whole gameday routine on the other side for sure. I haven't thought about it too much, but it'll be really cool to see the staff and say hi to my friends on the team and whatever. But it's a business trip at the end of the day and I have a job to do. But I'm looking forward to it, it'll be fun."

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