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Detroit Lakes girls basketball players ecstatically celebrated a double-overtime win over second-seeded Alexandria on Saturday at Alexandria Area High School. The win clinched their spot in the Section 8-3A championship game, coming up this Thursday in Alexandria. The third-seeded Lakers will take on top-seeded Willmar in hopes of making it to state for the first time since 2009.

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After eight years in business, Ice Cream Truck owner Beth Priddy has sold the Detroit Lakes-based business to Audubon native Chris Hemmah, effective March 15.

Ice Cream Truck sold to new owner

Truck will stay in Detroit Lakes; Audubon man to take the wheel

"I felt it was the right time. I've loved doing it... (but) we're just looking to slow down a little."

By Vicki Gerdes
Detroit Lakes Tribune

After eight years in business, Detroit Lakes Ice Cream Truck owner Beth Priddy has sold the enterprise to Audubon native Chris Hemmah, effective Tuesday, March 15.



Hemmah

unchanged when it reopens in late April or early May.

"We're planning on following Beth's game plan to the letter," Hemmah said in a telephone interview. "She has done an amazing job building this busi-

BETH PRIDDY, ICE CREAM TRUCK OWNER FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS

ness and we are really excited to continue operating it."

Priddy, who started the Ice Cream Truck eight years ago, said one of the conditions of the sale was that it remain based in Detroit Lakes.

"I wasn't interested in selling to someone who wanted to take it out of Detroit Lakes," she said. "That was part of the agreement, that I sell it to somebody that was going to run it in Detroit Lakes, and that's what the new owner's intentions are."

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Watershed broken into bite-sized bits

New Otter Tail River Watershed District includes 11 smaller management areas

By Nathan Bowe
Detroit Lakes Tribune

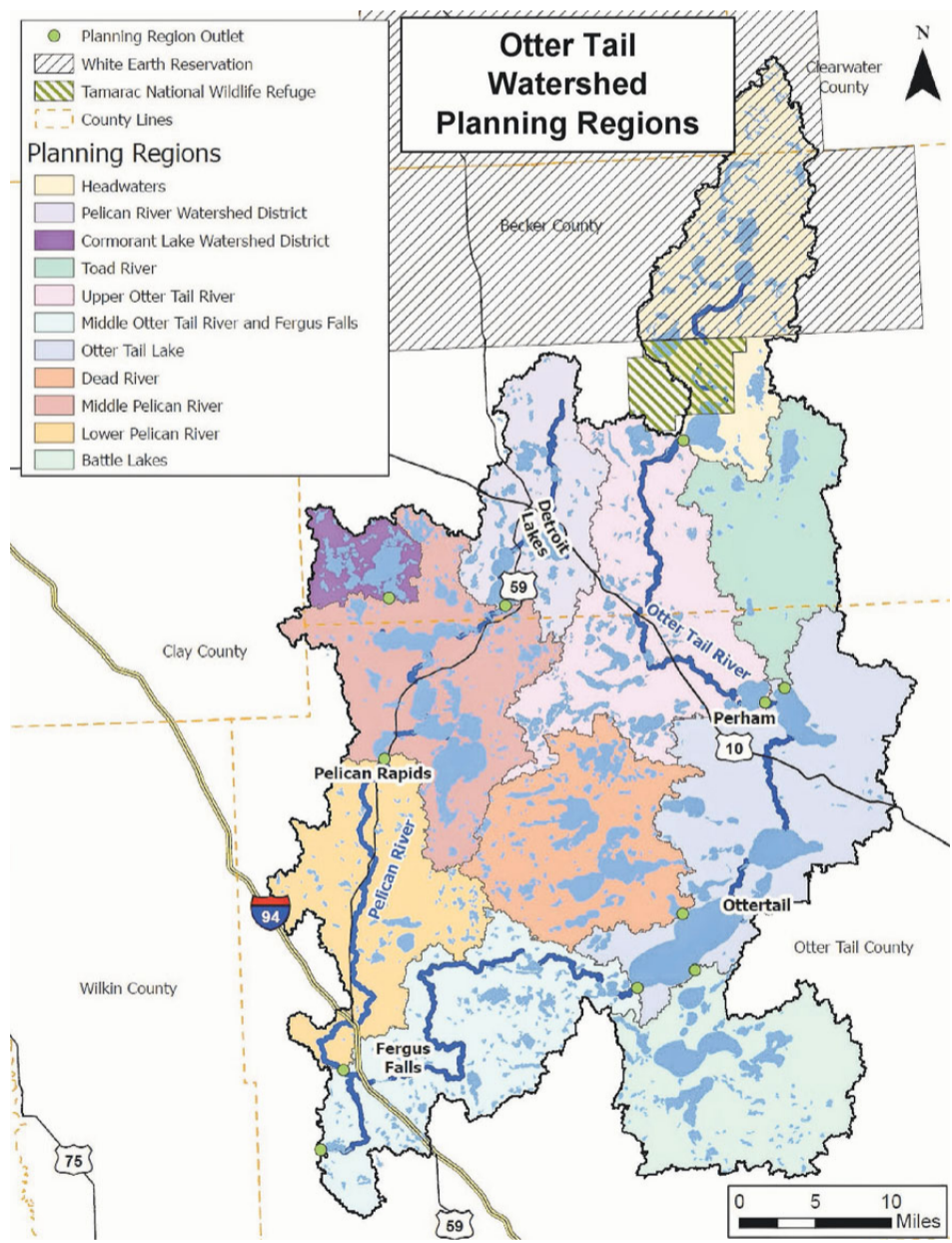
It may be called "One Watershed One Plan," but the new Otter Tail River Watershed is actually composed of 11 different planning regions.

And why not? The newly-created district has three different biomes – pine forests, hardwood forests and prairie – and stretches from the top of Becker County down past Fergus Falls, from Clay County over past Perham and down into the Battle Lake area of south-central Otter Tail County.

Smaller parts of it extend into Clearwater County and Clay County, and a big chunk would be in Wilkin County, if planners hadn't decided to put the boundary at Orwell Dam, because the extensively-farmed land fits better with the Buffalo-Red River One Watershed One Plan (or 1W1P) district.

"It's been incredibly frustrating to figure this out, to wrap our arms around the whole area," said Tera Guetter, administrator of the Pelican River Watershed District, who also sits on the Otter Tail River 1W1P policy committee.

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Contributed / Otter Tail River One Watershed One Plan

This map shows the 11 planning regions of the new Otter Tail River Watershed District.

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CITY COUNCIL

Permit parking may be coming to DL

By Michael Achterling
Detroit Lakes Tribune

With the expected passage of a new city parking ordinance by the Detroit Lakes City Council on March 8, council members will now have the power, by resolution, to designate streets with parking restrictions or a parking permit requirement.

The change cleans up some of the language in the old parking ordinance, said Kelcey Klemm, city administrator, and gives council members the ability to pass additional resolutions for street

"The ordinance provides the council, by resolution, to establish where, what the restrictions are, and then if we're going to do parking by permit, what are the requirements for the permit."

KELCEY KLEMM, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

parking restrictions. Some streets in Detroit Lakes already have timed-parking restrictions, and Oak Street also has street parking restrictions near the hospital.

"The ordinance provides the council, by resolution, to establish where, what the restrictions are, and then if we're going to do parking by permit, what are the requirements for the permit," said Klemm. "Part of the issue is, again, we've had some of these areas before, but in a conversation we've had with the city attorney, the ordinance doesn't really spell that out very well about how to enforce it and what authority the council has to establish it, so this cleans it up."

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POLICE NEWS

The following reports were compiled from the Becker County Sheriff's Office and Detroit Lakes Police Department from an official with knowledge of the cases, unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, March 3

► 9:19 a.m., at Bakke Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, burglary. A door was forced open and damaged. Nothing else appears to be damaged.

► 10:22 a.m., 39000 block County Road 34, Ogema, fraud. Personal checks were stolen, cashed and bounced. The case is under investigation.

► 2:46 p.m., near Ponsford, possible overdose on pills. A 15-year-old girl was transported to a nearby medical clinic for treatment.

► 3:23 p.m., 600 block Vigen Lane, Lake Park, a parent called the Lake Park-Audubon High School principal to inform them that their son purchased marijuana on school grounds from a male student.

► 4:05 p.m., near Holmes Street and Rossman Avenue, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

► 9:10 p.m., 700 block 7th Street, Frazee, theft. A chainsaw, extra chains, a cordless drill, a circular sander and various paints and solvents were stolen from a shop. The case is under investigation.

Friday, March 4

► 8:10 a.m., 100 block Shorewood Drive, Detroit Lakes, physical assault. A 13-year-old girl assaulted her mother during an argument about going to school. No injuries were reported. The girl was transported to a nearby medical clinic for evaluation.

► 9:02 a.m., 1300 block Madison Avenue, Detroit Lakes, a window was broken at an apartment building. The incident is under investigation.

► 11:21 a.m., near 330th Street and 500th Avenue, Ponsford, an Arvig employee reported one of their storage boxes containing cables was damaged by gun fire. The case is under investigation.

► 12:01 p.m., 200 block 5th Street, Frazee, a power line was reported down.

► 12:46 p.m., at Walmart, Detroit Lakes, shoplifting.

► 2:11 p.m., 27000 block County Road 156, Osage, a caller discovered six bullet holes in their mailbox. Law enforcement believes this incident may be linked to a case in Ponsford.

► 4:19 p.m., 26000 block Eagle Road, Ogema, past action assault. A 26-year-old White Earth woman reported being assaulted a couple of weeks ago and didn't report the incident because she was afraid. The case is under investigation.

► 6:21 p.m., 700 block Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, two-vehicle crash. No injuries.

► 6:36 p.m., 36000 block White Fish Lane, Ogema, possible heroin overdose. The caller reported the possible overdose, but wouldn't give an exact address and refused medical treatment.

► 6:47 p.m., near County Road 29, Frazee, single-vehicle rollover. Unoccupied, but tracks were leading away from the crash to the roadway.

► 9:36 p.m., 200 block Barbara Avenue, Detroit Lakes, harassment. The caller has received thousands of text messages even after blocking the number of the sender. The caller was advised on how to obtain a harassment restraining order.

► 10:26 p.m., 800 block south Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, report of juveniles shooting at each other in the mall parking lot. The kids were shooting at each other with Orbeez guns, which shoot a gel-water projectile. The suspects were apologetic and said they'd stop.

Saturday, March 5

► 9:35 a.m., 100 block north Manninen Avenue, Menahga, a parked vehicle was spray painted.

► 9:45 a.m., 700 block Elm Street, Detroit Lakes, a house was listed as "for sale" on Craigslist, but the house isn't for sale.

► 10:35 a.m., 100 block west Main Avenue, Frazee, \$510 reported missing from a safe at a business.

► 6:05 p.m., at Walmart, Detroit Lakes, an employee walkie-talkie was stolen.

► 8:06 p.m., at CVS, Detroit Lakes, shoplifting.

► 10:04 p.m., at Domino's Pizza, Detroit Lakes, report of former employees harassing current employees.

► 11:22 p.m., at Central Market, Detroit Lakes, report of several pickup trucks in the parking lot squealing their tires.

► 11:33 p.m., 34000 block Hubble Pond Road, Rochert, multiple citations issued for minor consumption at a party attended by juveniles.

Sunday, March 6

► 12:36 p.m., 16000 block County Road 18, Ogema, single-vehicle rollover. No injuries.

► 1:57 p.m., near County Road 34 and 370th Street, Ogema, Louis Harold Londo Jr., 39, of Ogema, was reported as missing. White Earth Police are leading the investigation into the disappearance.

► 4:30 p.m., near mile marker 33 on Highway 10, single-vehicle rollover. Two occupants. No injuries.

► 5:01 p.m., 28000 block County Road 21, Callaway, single-vehicle rollover. No injuries.

► 5:26 p.m., 16000 block County Road 15, Audubon, single-vehicle rollover. No injuries.

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Felony charges in crash that injured seriously woman

Kyle Scott Jacobson, 35, of Hitterdal, has been charged in Becker County District Court with four felony counts of criminal vehicular operation.

According to court records, about 2:21 a.m. on Feb. 20, he was involved in a two-vehicle crash near County Road 7 and County Road 16, about five miles east of Ulen in rural Becker County, that seriously injured a woman.

Jacobson was southbound on Becker County Road 7 in a Chevy Tahoe, and a witness said he watched the Tahoe begin sliding as it approached the intersection. The Tahoe went through the stop sign and struck a white Dodge minivan that had been pulled out of a snowbank there.

The witness, who had pulled out the stuck minivan, estimated the Tahoe was still moving about 30 miles per hour at impact. The witness added that the visibility was okay at the time and was not a "white out" as Jacobson claimed.

The minivan had significant damage to the front passenger side door area. The Tahoe had significant front end damage, and the airbag had deployed. When the deputy arrived, Ulen Fire and Rescue was already on scene and providing medical care to a woman in the Dodge minivan. She was extracted from the vehicle using the jaws of life and transported to Fargo with critical injuries. Her name was not included in the criminal complaint.

On the morning of Feb. 21, the deputy spoke to the woman's husband, who said that he had limited information, but that she had internal bleeding and a laceration to her liver. The husband also added that it was very likely that she would require surgery due to the injury to her liver.

When the deputy talked to Jacobson at the crash scene, he detected the strong odor of alcohol and observed that Jacobson had watery eyes, exhibited slow movements, and his speech was slow and slurred.

Jacobson said he was driving from Flom, Minn., and admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages. The deputy saw unopened beer cans on the ground outside the Tahoe's driver's door, on the front dash, on the front passenger floor and in the rear of the vehicle, and also saw an empty glass bottle on the passenger floor. A preliminary breath test showed .22% blood alcohol content, nearly three times the legal limit.

A blood sample was taken from Jacobson at about 4:42 a.m. at Essentia Health St. Mary's hospital.

Jacobson was previously convicted of DWI in 2007, 2009 and 2010.

On Feb. 23 he posted a \$10,000 bond and was released, under a number of conditions. A court appearance was set for March 7.

Audubon woman accused of writing bad checks

Justina Ellen Gilbertson, 29, of Audubon, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony dishonored check.

According to court records, between Sept. 21 and Sept. 23, 2021, she wrote three bad checks totaling \$636.30 at Menards in Detroit Lakes.

On Jan. 18, a Detroit Lakes police officer contacted her and explained the checks were returned as non-sufficient funds. He explained that a demand for payment had been sent to the address on the checks. Gilbertson acknowledged no longer living at that address and asked if she could set up a payment plan with Menards. The officer advised her to contact them before further action was taken.

On Feb. 15 a summons was issued for her to appear at a re-

mote hearing April 14.

Man accused of punching man, breaking his jaw

Lucas Matthew Hartwig, 28, of Park Rapids, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony third-degree assault.

According to court records, on Feb. 17, a Becker County deputy met with the victim of an assault outside of the emergency room at a hospital in Park Rapids.

The man reported that when he left the bathroom inside Osage Bait & Tackle, Hartwig was waiting for him and punched him in the face. The man suffered a broken jaw and lost one of his teeth as a result of the punch. The man reported Hartig was upset because he was with Hartig's ex-girlfriend. In a Snapchat message between Hartig and another person, he admitted to punching the man twice, and described the bathroom as looking "like a murder scene."

On Feb. 18, cash bail was set at zero, with standard conditions of release, or \$15,000 bail or bond with no conditions. An omnibus hearing was scheduled for April 11.

Felony burglary charge filed in Walmart thefts

Dustin Robert Hagel, 35, of Fort Yates, North Dakota, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony third-degree burglary.

According to court records, on Feb. 10, Hagel pushed a cart full of high-value items totaling \$1,485 out of the Detroit Lakes Walmart to a waiting black Lexus passenger vehicle.

Hagel was accompanied by an unidentified man. They were not apprehended at that time. On Feb. 16, Walmart identified Hagel through its computer system, because he was involved in another theft at the Dilworth Walmart on Feb. 7.

During that incident, Hagel was wearing the same Vikings hat and left in the same black Lexus. Hagel was prevented from completing that theft and was issued a no-trespass order applying to all Walmarts. On Feb. 13, in Fargo, Hagel was a passenger in the same black Lexus, was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Scott County, Minnesota, and is currently in custody there. On Feb. 18, a warrant was issued in Becker County District Court.

According to an amended criminal complaint filed Feb. 28, Walmart later reported that it had identified via surveillance footage that Hagel had also stolen about \$827 worth of merchandise on Feb. 3 using the same strategy. He is now in the Becker County Jail on the warrant from

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the original complaint.

Man charged with felony no-contact violation

Jayson Robert Annette, 33, of Ponsford has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony violating a no-contact order within 10 years of the first of two or more convictions.

He was charged Feb. 19, but details of the criminal complaint were not available online.

On Feb. 22, cash bail for Annette was set at \$1,000, or bond at \$10,000 with standard conditions of release, or \$30,000 bail or bond with no conditions. His request for a public defender was approved. He remained in jail as of March 5.

Erratic driving leads to felony drug charge

Thayian Christopher Greenfeather, 18, of Ponsford, has been charged in Becker County District Court with felony fifth-degree controlled substance crime and misdemeanor DWI.

According to court records, at about 2:45 a.m. on Feb. 19, a Becker County deputy received a traffic complaint on Highway 59 near Callaway: A white 2010 Chevrolet Impala was driving at

varying speeds between 40 to 70 mph, and had traveled about four miles in the wrong traffic lane.

The deputy followed the car south on Highway 59 and saw it drive onto the fog line, drive approximately halfway into the turn bypass lane and then drive over the fog line again.

The car was pulled over and Greenfeather was found to be the driver, with two passengers in the back seat. The car smelled strongly of marijuana, and Greenfeather was arrested on a warrant. He performed poorly on field sobriety tests, a search warrant was obtained, and a blood draw was conducted about 5 a.m.

During a search of the vehicle, a glass pipe with marijuana residue was found at the driver's door. In the front passenger seat, a blue pill, stamped with "M 30" and suspected to be fentanyl, was found along with a fanny pack containing small baggies of material that field-tested positive for methamphetamine. Each baggie weighed 2 grams, for a total of 8 grams, including packaging.

On Feb. 22, Greenfeather posted \$100 cash bail and was released under standard conditions.

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Gov. Tim Walz asks Minn. Legislature to issue sanctions against Russia

By Dana Ferguson
The Detroit Lakes Tribune

ST. PAUL — Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz in a letter to legislative leaders on Monday, March 7, asked lawmakers to consider additional sanctions against Russia following its attacks on Ukraine.

Walz days earlier issued an executive order ending state contracts with Russian entities and condemning the Russian government's actions. And he said the state could do more in the coming days.

"I am heartened by and share in your expressions of support for Ukraine since the unprovoked and unlawful attack by Russian military force at

the direction of Vladimir Putin that began on Feb. 24, 2022," the governor wrote. "I am hopeful the Legislature can act quickly to consider additional actions against Russia."

Walz suggested that lawmakers pass a proposal directing the State Board of Investment to pull investments in Russian business interests. And he noted that Minnesota took similar steps in banning investments in Iran and Sudan over conflicts there.

Senate Democratic-Farmer-Labor leaders on Monday afternoon said they strongly supported Walz's "effort to punish Russian aggression against Ukraine and we support his order to end any state



Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz on Sunday joins demonstrators at a rally outside the Capitol standing in solidarity with Ukraine.

of Minnesota contracts with Russia."

Hundreds of Minnesotans gathered on the Capitol steps on Sunday, March 6, to stand in sol-

idarity with Ukraine and to call for an end to the attacks in the region.

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Diocese of Crookston finds former clergy member acted inappropriately with young man

By Ingrid Harbo
Grand Forks Herald

CROOKSTON, Minn. — The Diocese of Crookston confirmed on Monday, March 7, that former clergy member Monsignor Roger Grundhaus, who was previously accused of sexually abusing a minor, was found by a diocesan review board to have "engaged in inappropriate activity that showed poor judgment and some level of impropriety with a young man."

In a letter on Monday, Bishop Andrew Cozzens updated clergy and laypeople of the diocese on the statuses of Grundhaus and former Bishop Michael Hoepfner, who resigned in April 2021 at the request of Pope Francis following investigations into reports that he had covered up child sex abuse by clergy members in the diocese.

Grundhaus has been barred from engaging in public ministry since May 2017 and in the letter, Cozzens writes that he will continue to prohibit Grundhaus from engaging in public ministry, a decision that will last for one year, at which time it will be reviewed to determine if it should be continued.

Accusations against Grundhaus were investigated by the Diocese of Crookston's Ministerial Review Board, led by Judge Timothy O'Malley, director of ministerial standards and safe envi-

ronment for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The MRB could not confirm that Grundhaus had engaged in behavior considered sexual abuse under canon or civil law, but did maintain that he had acted inappropriately with a young man.

"Judge O'Malley oversaw the investigative process on behalf of Archbishop Hebda and assisted our MRB, reviewed the case extensively and concluded that it is clear Monsignor Grundhaus acted highly inappropriately and in a way that caused lasting harm to individuals and scandal in the diocese," wrote Cozzens.

O'Malley determined that Grundhaus' misconduct was serious enough to prohibit him from engaging in public ministry. "Based on my own review of the entire affair, I agree with this assessment," Cozzens wrote. "Monsignor Grundhaus does not have faculties for public ministry in the Diocese of Crookston."

The diocese posts a list of names of individuals who have had credible claims of sexual abuse of a minor made against them on its website, but Grundhaus will not be added to the list.

"The circumstances surrounding the situation involving Monsignor Grundhaus do not fit our definition of a credible claim of sexual abuse against a minor so

his name will not appear on the list of disclosures found on our diocesan website," Cozzens wrote.

While Grundhaus was accused of sexual assault by Ron Vasek in 2017, the diocese could not confirm that Cozzens' letter was referencing Vasek's case.

"In accordance with our diocesan Safe Environment Policy, which cites Canon law and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter and Essential Norms, the identity of victims/survivors who have alleged abuse are protected from disclosure in so far as possible," said Janelle Gergen, director of communications at the Diocese of Crookston.

In 2019, the Diocese of Crookston reached a \$5 million settlement with several individuals who were children when they were sexually abused by priests. As part of the settlement, the diocese said it would make public the names and files of clergy who have been accused of abuse.

Additionally in the letter, Cozzens confirmed that Hoepfner would not be returning to ministry in the Diocese of Crookston. He also announced that the former bishop's retirement benefits would be reduced following new United States Conference of Catholic Bishops guidelines for "bishops who resigned or were removed from their ecclesiastical office due to grave acts of commission or omission as stipulated

in universal law."

"This means Bishop Hoepfner's monthly pension was cut in half, and all non-essential travel expenses were eliminated since any travel undertaken is not ministry-related. In addition, he has no secretarial support. Bishop Hoepfner continues to receive a modest housing allowance, as well as healthcare and medical benefits," Gergen said.

Cozzens was installed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Crookston in December.

"I recognize the Diocese of Crookston needs some healing," Cozzens told reporters prior to his installment as bishop. "I'm aware, of course, of the resignation of the last bishop and the reports around that, and I do come with experience in dealing with issues of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct."

As an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Cozzens was part of a team that investigated sexual abuse allegations against Archbishop John Nienstedt.

The Diocese of Crookston includes a number of communities and counties in Minnesota, including Ada, Bagley, Bemidji, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth, East Grand Forks, Fertile, Fisher, Goodridge, Hawley, Lancaster, Mahanomen, Moorhead, Oslo, Roseau, Thief River Falls and Warroad.

BRIEFS

Becker County Courthouse evacuated due to gas leak on Monday

A gas leak was detected by employees at the Becker County Courthouse in the morning hours of March 7 and the building was evacuated until the leak could be isolated.

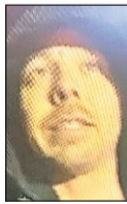
Lake Avenue was blocked off by law enforcement to prevent access to the building. According to a county employee, a gas pipe

broke and was located near an air intake pipe for the building, which spread the gas throughout the building.

The leak was isolated and the building was vented. Normal operations resumed at the courthouse by about 8:45 a.m.

Ogema man missing, last seen in Strawberry Lake area Saturday

A 39-year-old Ogema man has been listed as



Londo

missing by the Becker County Sheriff's Office and the White Earth Nation, according to posts on their Facebook page.

Louis Harold Londo Jr. was last seen on Saturday, March 5 in the Strawberry Lake area in the northern part of Becker County, near the intersection of County Road 34 and 370th Street,

commonly referred to as Kay's Corner.

Both the sheriff's office and White Earth Police would like anyone with information about the whereabouts of Londo to call their local law enforcement at 218-983-3201 and 218-847-2661.

Londo is 5-foot, 8-inches tall and weighs about 185 pounds. He is Native American and was wearing a black hoodie jacket and blue jeans when last seen.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pro-Putin Americans should be ashamed

To the Editor:
With that Russian punk Putin invading the neighboring country of Ukraine, do we really need to reconsider the lack of morality of such leaders like Putin and Hitler?

Wilfred Owen wrote some of the best British poetry during that "war to end all wars." He composed nearly all of his poems from August 1917 to September 1918. In November 1918, they killed him at age 25, one week before the Armistice.

"Dulce et Decorum et" is Owens' WWI time-bottle poem that questions

our own morality in allowing Putin- and Hitler-type leaders. After describing the scene before and during a gas attack that kills a soldier, the poem ends with:

"If in some smothering dreams, you too could pace / Behind the wagon that we flung him in / And watch the white eyes writhing in his face / His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin / If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood / Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs / Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud / Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues - / My friend, you would not tell with such high

zest / To children ardent for some desperate glory / The old Lie: 'It is sweet, and proper / to die for one's country'."

During his Feb. 22 Fox News show, looking like a constipated parrot, Tucker Carlson said, "It may be worth asking yourself, why do I hate Putin?" That same day on another radio show Trump said, "I went in yesterday and there was a television screen, and I said, 'This is genius.' Putin declares a big portion of the Ukraine — of Ukraine — Putin declares it as independent. Oh, that's wonderful."

Too many Republicans

either want no government, or at least a Trump dictatorship like Putin's. Minnesota Republican congressional representatives Tom Emmer, Michelle Fischbach and Pete Stauber supported Trump in his Jan. 6, 2021 attempt to overthrow our elected government. It failed only by Trump's lack of "genius." But Trump suck-ups have since taken away basic rights to vote in key states to give Trump a second chance.

Any person who supports any of this is an immoral damned fool!

— **Erwin R. Rud, Fosston**

GUEST EDITORIAL

Ukraine journalists bravely cover invasion despite dangers

Journalists are essentially observers — impartial recorders of events, games, meetings, controversies, good deeds and many other

newsworthy happenings that surround us every day. By design, they report from the sidelines and aren't part of the news itself. Once they have published one story for our reading

community, they immediately move on to another. But watching the horrifying news every day of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, I think often of our fellow journalists in that country. They are no longer simply observers of what is going on around them. They are fearing for their lives and the future of their country, all while reporting on the invasion.

Since early 2020, several of us at the Duluth News Tribune, Superior Telegram and Cloquet Pine Journal have met on Zoom with Ukrainian journalists from the 20 Minutes newspaper in Kyiv. We first connected through the IREX journalism program, an international nonprofit based in Washington, D.C. Through an interpreter, we discuss various journalism topics a few times a year. Though there is a bit of a language barrier, we enjoy talking shop. One thing is understood in any language — their passion for providing the best journalism to their readers.

We hoped to host some of them this spring or summer and potentially travel to Kyiv ourselves to learn more about each other and our



approaches to journalism. But now their country is under attack and their future is in doubt. They are busy covering a war and fearing for their lives and the lives of their friends and loved ones. There likely is little time left over other than to try to sleep and eat.

A few days ago, they were sheltering every other hour due to the Russian bombings. I can't begin to imagine working under such frightening circumstances.

I received a message from Taras Borosovskyy, an investigative reporter with 20 Minutes, Friday morning.

"The invasion has ... practically turned the newsroom work upside down," he wrote. "The communications within the newsroom are done via separate chats. Part of the personnel has moved to more secure places: mainly managers and workers of the production department that are not involved in the work of the website.

"As of today, we realize that most likely we will not return to the previous work mode. Basically, all activities have moved to online. The print product of the newspaper has stopped since there is no opportunity to deliver. ... The newsroom is running out of money and basically we remain fully out of revenue sources due to the closure of all business and stop of work of all advertisers. But, overall, the situation is critical and our future is absolutely uncertain."

Borosovskyy said the 20 Minutes team is pondering moving to a new location.

"Depending on the further development of events, we might need ... relocation of the newsroom office and evacuation of the newsroom with families to the western regions of Ukraine," Borosovskyy said. "But in no case are we planning to stop the work of the newsroom."

It sure puts some

perspective on the array of things that we stress about daily in the newsroom but are only minor issues after all. Despite the incredible hardships they are facing — both physical and mental — their website continues to churn out essential coverage of the invasion for their readers. You can check it out at www.20minutes.fr (a button will pop up that will allow you to translate the website to English).

Those journalists have my utmost admiration.

Please take a few moments to visit their website when you have a chance. You will be reading coverage of the Ukraine invasion directly from the people living through it — journalists who are not only observers, but also residents of Ukraine experiencing the same horrors of the Russian invasion as their friends and neighbors.

Rick Lubbers is the editor of the Duluth News Tribune

Humans' role is to protect all of creation

If we as people of faith are to take our role in creation seriously, then we ought to be listening to the extreme cries of grief from our world and all of the natural things on it.

In a story this week, The New York Times wrote that "The dangers of climate change are mounting so rapidly that they could soon overwhelm the ability of both nature and humanity to adapt" The reporting was based on a report issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which was convened by the United Nations. More than 270 researchers from 67 countries took part in the work. Its findings include that "Rising heat and drought are killing crops and trees, putting millions worldwide at increased risk of hunger and malnutrition," and that half the world's people currently face severe water scarcity.

And, unfortunately, I think that many here in the United States believe we are too smart and too

wealthy to be affected by the changing climate, but that comes par for the course with our feeling of superiority over much of the world. But the fact is that our storms are getting worse, and our coastal cities are in just as much peril as those around the world.

As faithful people it is we who should be leading the charge on protecting our planet, and all of the beautiful creation that exists on it. This will require a change in our theological thinking about the earth, as a long time ago, some in the Christian faith placed man at the pinnacle of God's creation. Theologians declared that because God gave humans a special responsibility within creation to cultivate, guard and use it wisely — known as stewardship — that this placed humans above the rest of creation.

This is understandable because we humans, born with our egos, see ourselves as the pinnacle of creation. Thus, rather than seeing ourselves as an active part of creation, we believe we have more power over the future track of creation than

we do. We overemphasize our place in the universe and deemphasize everything else in creation.

So, if we are going to rectify this terrifying path of environmental catastrophe that we are currently on, it's going to require a theological change in mindset from humans lording over the earth, to humans working in concert with creation. Because after all, that really is all we are ... just a part of creation.

If we humans are to preserve this earth, the only known source of living creation we know of in this universe, then it should be people of faith who lead the charge. After all, we are interdependent on God's creation, and thus it is our responsibility to live in harmony with it.

Simply put: It is our job to protect all of creation, ending the abuse and destruction of it, and there is plenty of scriptural evidence for that.

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OBITUARIES

Randi Vaydich

Sept. 24, 1953 -
March 4, 2022
PARK RAPIDS, Minn. -
Randi Vaydich, 68,
Menahga, Minn., died
Friday, March 4, in CHI
St. Joseph Hospital.
Visitation will be from
4-7 p.m. Wednesday,
March 9, at Jones-
Pearson Funeral Home in
Park Rapids. Visitation
will continue from 10-11
a.m., followed by a
funeral service at 11
a.m., Thursday, March
10, at American Legion in
Park Rapids.
Arrangements by
Jones-Pearson Funeral
Home.

Darlene Hinton

Aug. 10, 1941 -
March 4, 2022
PARK RAPIDS, Minn. -
Darlene Hinton, 80,
Menahga, Minn., died
Friday, March 4, in CHI
St. Joseph Hospital.
Visitation will be from
4-7 p.m. Friday, March
11, at Jones-Pearson
Funeral Home in Park
Rapids. Visitation will
continue from 10-11 a.m.,
followed by a funeral at
11 p.m., Saturday, March
12, at St. Peter's Catholic
Church in Park Rapids.
Interment will be in the
church cemetery.
Arrangements by
Jones-Pearson Funeral
Home.

June M. Pearson

June Pearson, age
96, of Frazee, MN,
crossed into the loving
arms of Jesus, her
savior, peacefully while
surrounded by loved
ones at Sunnyside Care
Center in Lake Park,
MN.



June was born June
26, 1925, to Hans Peter
and Jennie Matson in
McHugh, Minnesota, the
fourth of five siblings. It
was on her family's farm
where she met Merwin
Pearson, with whom she
was united in marriage on
December 23, 1944, in
Detroit Lakes. After
Merwin returned from
service in WW2, they
purchased land in
Frazee, building a farm,
home, and family.

June dedicated much of
her time in service to
others. A member of the
First Baptist Church of
Detroit Lakes, and a true
friend to so many, June
always had freshly baked
goods and home canned
preserves for those who
stopped by to visit.

June is survived by two
daughters and one son,
Violet Pearson of Elk
River, MN, Ella Beck of
Olathe, KS, and Paul
Pearson of Frazee, MN;
six grandchildren, and
ten great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death
by her husband, Merwin,
her parents, Hans Peter
and Jennie Matson, and
her siblings, Elna, Jennie,
Peter, and Arvid.

Visitation will be held
Friday, March 11, at
West-Kjos Funeral Home
from 4-6, and funeral
service on Saturday,
March 12, 2 pm at First
Baptist Church of Detroit
Lakes.

Rita Christine Soine

Rita Christine Soine,
age 80, passed away
unexpectedly in her home
on February 23, 2022.

Rita was born February
20, 1942, to Christian
and Olga Williamson in
Grafton, ND the youngest
of four children. She
graduated from Grafton
High School and NDSU
with a degree in Home
Economics/FACS. Rita
married Terry Soine on
January 5, 1966. She
later earned a Master's
Degree in Elementary
Education with a
concentration in Hearing
Impairment from
Montana State University.
She spent the majority of
her teaching career in
Thief River Falls, MN
where she retired in
1999. Following her
retirement from
education, Terry and
Rita started T&R Tree
Nursery in Thief River
Falls. They worked in the
tree business for seven
years until finding their
dream space on Lake 610,
near Cormorant Village.

Rita is survived by her
husband of 55 years,
Terry Soine, Pelican
Rapids, MN, three
children: Jessica (Matt)
Filoon, Ashland, OR;
Wade Soine, Lonsdale,
MN; and Lucas (Terri)
Soine, Mayville, ND,
five grandchildren;
Kennedi, Jenna, and
Lauren Soine and Teagan
and Rhys Filoon as well
as many nieces and
nephews.

Rita is preceded in death
by her parents Christian
and Olga Williamson and
her brother Obed
Williamson.

A memorial service will
occur June 17 at
Cormorant Lutheran at
11:00 AM. A Celebration
of Life will take place
June 18 starting at 2 PM
at their home.

Betty Mae Branden

May 5, 1933 -
Feb. 4, 2022
HAWLEY, Minn. - Betty
Mae Branden, 88,
Hawley, Minn., died
Friday, Feb. 4, in home.
Visitation will be from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
followed by a service at
1 p.m., Monday, March
14, at Lake Eunice
Evangelical Free Church
in Detroit Lakes, Minn.
Arrangements by The
David-Donohewer Funeral
Home in Detroit Lakes.

Dillon Rhoades

Feb. 7, 1930 -
Feb. 3, 2022
PIONEER, Calif. -
Dillon Rhoades, 91,
Pioneer, Calif., died
Thursday, Feb. 3, in his
home.
A memorial service will
be 11 a.m. Saturday,
March 12, at Daneri
Mortuary in Jackson,
Calif.

HAPPENINGS

The Detroit Lakes Tribune
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and, space permitting, in our
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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.

from "Constitution Alive"
from 5:30 to 7 p.m., with
the official meeting to follow
at 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

Coin Club: Visit the
Detroit Lakes Public Library
at 1 p.m. for the first of
three exploratory meetings
regarding the possibility of
starting up a local coin club.
This 90-minute session will
cover the basics of coin
collecting, present some of
the handier websites to be
used when searching for
information about specific
coins, and review some
more in-depth reference
books. Free and open to the
public.

Monday, March 14

Ogema VFW Auxiliary:
Ogema VFW Post 9880
Auxiliary will meet at the
VFW Hall in Ogema, starting
at 4 pm. All members
encouraged to attend.
Prospective new members
also welcome. For more
information contact Carol
Fabre, president, at 218-401-
1219 or 218-983-3443.

Tuesday, March 15

Library Book Club: Visit
the Detroit Lakes Public
Library at 3 p.m. for a
book club discussion of
"The Midnight Library"
by Matt Haig. All are
welcome, even those who
haven't read the book. With
questions, email the library
at dltribune@larl.org.

Thursday, March 17

**ULTRA Snowmobile
Club:** Detroit Lakes' ULTRA
Snowmobile Club will hold
its annual election for
officers and board members
at its general membership
meeting at 7:30 p.m. in
the Eagles Club at 112 W.
Holmes St. For more
information call Mike
Williams at 218-850-1333.

Multi-day and Recurring Events

**Naytahwaush Snodeo
2022:** The Naytahwaush
Nightriders Snowmobile
Club will host its 52nd
Annual Snodeo on March
5-6 at the Pinehurst
Resort. Races start at 9
a.m. both days.

Gate fee is \$10. There will
be 19 racing classes. Visit
naytahwaushnightriders.com
or corpowersports.com for
more information, or call
651-387-5880.

Frazee Fish Fry:

The Knights of Columbus,
Council 12581 will host a
Lenten fish fry on every
other Friday through Lent,
March 11, March 25 and
April 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.
at Sacred Heart Catholic
Church in Frazee. Cost is
\$10 for a meal that
includes fish, scalloped
potatoes, coleslaw, bread
and ice cream, with
proceeds to go to fixing
the pews at the church.
Meals are for pick-up and
take-out only.

Lenten Fish Fry:

The Knights of Columbus,
Council 3166 will be
sponsoring Lenten fish
fries on every other
Friday night through Lent,
March 18 and April 1,
from 5 to 7 p.m. at Holy
Rosary Church Parish
Center, 1023 Lake Ave.,
Detroit Lakes. Fish,
potatoes, coleslaw, baked
beans, bun and dessert,
for \$10.

HR Connect:

The Detroit Lakes Chamber
is hosting an opportunity
for human resources
professionals, business
owners and managers to
connect, every first
Thursday of the month
at 8:15 a.m. in the
Chamber office at 700
Summit Ave. Discuss
human resource topics,
share best practices and
review data to help
attract, retain and grow
the workforce for the
lakes region. Event is
free for Chamber
members, \$10 for
non-members.

Cornerstone for Kids:

Kids from preschool age
through high school can
go to the Detroit Lakes
First Baptist Church, 300
Central St. East, every
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
for a chance to learn
about faith and
understand God. There's
an adult Bible study at
the same time. For
more information call
218-847-4571 or email
DLFirstBaptistChurch@
gmail.com.

Library Storytime:

The Detroit Lakes Public
Library offers weekly
storytime sessions every
Thursday at

10:30 a.m. Preschoolers
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invited to join library
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songs and more. This
early literacy experience
explores a different theme
each week and is a way
to encourage young
children to enjoy reading.
Call 218-847-2168 for
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Baby Bounce:

Songs, stories, and action
poems for infants,
toddlers and their
caregivers are offered
every Monday at the
Detroit Lakes Public
Library at 10:30 a.m.
Program runs about a
half hour including
playtime and chatting
with other caregivers.
For ages 0-18 months.
Call 218-847-2168 for
more information.

GED/Adult Diploma Class:

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orientation sessions for
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Call 218-844-5760 or
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to register.

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English language
instruction for adults
every Monday through
Thursday. The schedule
is flexible and
individualized. Call
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for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

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Summit Ave. on the
following days and
times: Sundays at 1
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meeting; Tuesdays
at 7 p.m., Big Book
open meeting;
Wednesdays at 12
noon, Grapevine open
meeting; Wednesdays
at 6 p.m., women's
open meeting;
Thursdays at 7 p.m.,
Intro to AA open
meeting; Saturdays at
9 a.m., Women's Big
Book closed meeting;
Saturdays at 8 p.m.,
open topic meeting.
There are no dues or
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The quest to attract the elusive purple martin

This month marks year No. 4 since I built my purple martin house from a kit I ordered from an online company that specializes in wild bird supplies.

The attractive-looking, green and white, all-aluminum two-story house has room for 12 pairs of martins, six holes on each side with each nesting apartment neatly separated from the others. Sturdy and likely very long-lasting, I was excited to erect the house outdoors and wait for occupancy.

Also purchased from the company was an expensive, telescoping 15-foot metal pole. I dug a hole in the ground not far from Assawa Lake, filled the hole with cement, and pushed the pole into the center of the hole. Securing the pole with twine string and staking the lengths of twine to the ground, I waited a few days for the cement to set before mounting the martin house to the pole.

My four-year-old grandson Lincoln happened to be staying with me on that early spring day of 2018, the day I secured the martin house onto the pole and lifted the telescoping pole to its full height. Afterward, we untied the twine string, pulled the stakes, and admired our work while we excitedly



Contributed / Purple Martin Association of the Dakotas
Purple martins are especially drawn to Minnesota because of not only the thousands of martin houses that have been made available, but because of an abundance of water, open countryside, and, of course, insects.

talked about the day purple martins would discover the empty apartment and begin building nests inside of it to raise their babies.

Unfortunately, however, that special day has yet to arrive.

There was a time across the North American countryside when purple martin houses were commonplace on the front yards of farms everywhere throughout purple martin range. It's believed that with the loss of family farms, so, too, have declined the thousands of purple martin houses that were once relied on by nesting martins.

However, perhaps not unlike efforts designed to attract more wood ducks and eastern bluebirds when people and conservation organizations dedicated to enhancing habitat and assisting the comeback of these two species of wild birds began constructing

and installing artificial nest boxes in prime habitat everywhere, so, too, were the desires of people interested in attracting and assisting purple martins.

For wood ducks and bluebirds, such efforts paid off and has resulted in helping to restore some local populations and possibly halting national declines.

Yet, unlike wood ducks and bluebirds, which don't necessarily need artificial nest boxes to nest in, purple martins — or at least the eastern variety of purple martins that we enjoy here in Minnesota — are dependent on artificial nest boxes. The only population of purple martins that are known to utilize secondary cavities — those naturally occurring cavities or cavities excavated by other animals, such as woodpecker holes — are found in the Pacific Northwest.

Otherwise, all other populations of purple martins have undergone a complete behavioral shift over the past hundreds of years because of humankind's yearning to attract purple martins by providing the beautiful birds structures to nest inside of.

Minnesota's martins are especially drawn to the state because of not only the thousands of purple martin houses that have been made available, but because of water, open countryside, and, of course, insects. Lots of insects. In fact it was because of insects that people began building structures or placing other objects designed to attract purple martins in the first place.

It certainly was the case that more martins would mean fewer biting insects, or at least that was the hope! So, too, was the case that more martins were simply a joy to observe and something to look forward to each spring and summer. And thus, more martin dwellings were placed to attract even more martins.

This spring I'll be pulling out all the stops in my hopeful quest and anticipation of attracting nesting purple martins to my empty martin abode. The company that I purchased the house and pole from also sent me a booklet about purple martins, two plastic purple martin decoys, and a compact disc of martin vocalizations.

The CD, titled "morning vocalizations," is meant to be played

from a CD player or other device such as a game caller. When played aloud, the martin chatter broadcasted near a martin house and coupled with the decoys, are supposedly effective in attracting purple martins to an area. And once the birds' curiosity has lured them to a site and a vacant martin dwelling is discovered by scouts or pairs of martins, the theory goes that they might stick around and begin nesting

soon after. Let's hope so.

Beautiful purple martins, swallows, they are, and obligated to nest boxes and other artificial structures, migrate to Minnesota every spring. Large nesting colonies occur at many places here in the Northland. As their colonies grow, some birds are bound to search and discover nearby vacant apartments — maybe yours, maybe mine — as we get out and enjoy the great outdoors.



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March is the month for tullibee chasing

With the trend toward longer daylight and warming temperatures, tullibeas will start biting soon, and should continue until we have dark ice.

Tullibeas are often referred to as cisco, and are different (but cousins to) whitefish. Tullibeas have an underbite-shaped mouth and whitefish have an overbite mouth. Whitefish also tend to run bigger, and the state record came out of Leech Lake and topped the scales at 12 pounds, 5 ounces.

The state record size tullibee is 4 pounds, 3 ounces. Most tullibeas will range from about a half-pound to 2 pounds. More of these fish get caught in our area lakes than whitefish, and they are more present then many may realize. They will, however, run, roam, and feed together on lakes that have populations of both.

For those that want to stay close to home, but don't have any interest in chasing the tullibee bite, crappies, sunfish, and perch are all still biting and will be available until the ice turns and is not safe!

Tullibeas school tightly in large groups



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and feed heavily. They are, many times, aggressive biters, and when hooked are fierce fighters. Like any fish, there are times when bite detection can be difficult, when they are just nipping at a bait. Electronics are a must if chasing tullibeas, as they will hold off sharp breaks to deep water, or deep basin areas, and be suspended in the water column.

They hang out over the deep basin, soft-bottom areas because that is where their food is located. They feed on mayfly larvae and columns of zooplankton, so small jigs and flashy small spoons tipped with wax worms are all it takes to trigger bites.

The most popular lakes for fishing "tullies" is Mille Lacs, Leech, Lake of the Woods, and all of the Great Lakes. Locally, there are some favorites, but I might get in trouble with some of the long-time

tullibee chasers if I just hand you the lakes and spots. You can do your own research for locating local lakes that hold good populations by going to the DNR website and getting on the lake finder information pages. All the info you need is available, including stocking, netting results, species types for each lake, and forage available.

They are fun to catch, and you can have a 50-fish day. I don't care for them at the table, so this time of year, I still chase walleyes (at Lake of the Woods). Some anglers just enjoy the catch and release, because you can catch numbers, and they are good fighting fish coming out of deeper water.

People that do love them to eat, especially like them smoked or pickled. They are very healthy fish, if you do decide to add them to your diet.

When we start to warm up, we will also start the migration of local anglers north to Lake of the Woods for the big northern bite. Northerns will start moving to the shallow waters in the bays of the lake in Warroad.

They will move to the 5-12 foot water and start pigging out on big sucker minnows if you offer it to them on a quick-strike rig under a tip-up.

This has become an annual trip for many, since it is one of the few locations that 40-plus inch northern pike can be caught with consistency. Rod holding rigs with big minnows below a bobber have also become popular, so anglers can fight these trophy fish on rod and reel instead of the traditional tip-up hand lining technique.

Just a couple more reminders, you need your new license to continue to fish, and fish houses south of Highways 10 and 34 need to be off the lake by March 7.

The powerful sun a few days this week has helped knock some of the snow on the lake down, and that will help with getting houses off the lake. Mornings are best for house removal, when everything is still stiff from the cold overnights. Be safe and make good decisions on the ice.

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Minnesota courts drop mask requirement as of Monday

By Dana Ferguson
The Detroit Lakes Tribune
ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Judicial Branch lifted its statewide face masking requirement in state courthouses beginning Monday, March 7.

Supreme Court Justice Lorie S. Gildea on March 4 said that she decided to end the requirement after COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the state declined and the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention eased its guidance around mask use. Under the guidance, chief judges in districts where COVID-19 case rates in the community remain at a “high” level

according to the CDC would be able to keep masking requirements in place. And individuals in any part of the state who prefer to wear a mask will be able to do so.

“The Judicial Branch has relied on data and the guidance from state and federal public health experts to inform how the courts manage our operations during the pandemic,” Gildea said

in a news release. Gildea said Minnesota courts would continue to use COVID-19 mitigation protocols to “manage in-person activities in a manner that prioritizes health and safety.”

Minnesota positive COVID test rate dips below ‘caution’ threshold

By Alex Derosier
The Detroit Lakes Tribune
ST. PAUL — Minnesota’s positive COVID-19 test rate has dropped beneath 5% for the first time in over half a year as daily infections, hospitalizations and deaths continue to decline. The state health department’s COVID-19 update for Friday, March 4, showed 472 hospitalizations, with 60 in an intensive care unit. That’s the lowest number of ICU patients for COVID since summer 2021. During a surge of

cases in January, the state had more than 1,600 in the hospital for COVID-19. The seven-day rolling average for positive COVID-19 tests was 4.9%. It’s the first time the positive test rate has been below the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s “caution” risk threshold since August. Daily case rates and deaths also remain significantly lower than in recent months. The state reported 4,518 cases between Feb. 25 and

March 4. Just a month ago the state would report that many cases in a single day. Deaths also appear to be slowing. Over the past week, 91 died of COVID-19 in Minnesota, down from 120 the week before. Following are Minnesota Department of Health’s COVID-19 case rates, deaths, hospitalizations and vaccinations for Feb. 25–March 4. Because all data are preliminary, some numbers and totals may change.

This week’s numbers
▶ NEW CASES: 4,518
▶ SEVEN-DAY, ROLLING AVERAGE OF NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE: 14.8 (as of 2/24)
▶ TOTAL CASES, INCLUDING REINFECTIONS: 1,417,015
▶ TOTAL REINFECTIONS: 61,411
▶ SEVEN-DAY, ROLLING AVERAGE TEST POSITIVITY RATE: 4.9% (as of 2/24)
Hospitalizations, deaths
▶ ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS: 472 (as of

2/24)
▶ TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS: 60,614
▶ DEATHS OVER PAST WEEK: 91
▶ TOTAL DEATHS: 12,172
Vaccinations
▶ FIRST DOSE ADMINISTERED: 3,881,200 OR

74.5% of ages 5 and up
▶ COMPLETED SERIES (2 doses): 3,663,890 OR 70.3% of ages 5 and up
▶ BOOSTER DOSES ADMINISTERED: 2,153,505
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WATERSHED

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She recently gave an update to the Becker County Board, along with Becker County Soil and Water District Administrator Bryan Malone and others. “Each planning region will have its own area of focus,” Malone told commissioners. He would have preferred fewer than 11 planning regions, but planners went that route because of the diversity of the watershed. Areas of concern for each planning region are prioritized with an A, B or C grade. “We’re getting into measurable goals for reduction in pollution or sediment or whatever the case may be,” Guetter said.



Nick Kludt, Red River fisheries specialist for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, conducts survey work below Bucks Mill Dam on the Pelican River, a tributary of the Otter Tail River.

“Most of our outreach and funds are likely to go to “A” areas,” she told commissioners. And “B” priority areas will also have measurable goals, but a lower priority. The remaining “C” areas will mostly involve other projects, like helping the DNR with its dam-removal, river connectivity efforts, she said. Two of the Otter Tail River Watershed planning regions just follow the existing borders of the Pelican River and the Cormorant Lakes watershed districts, but the others are new. Here’s a quick look at projects that have “A” priority status in each planning region.

Pelican River Watershed District
The city of Detroit Lakes is at the heart of this planning region, which includes Detroit Lake, Lake Melissa, Lake Sallie, the Floyd Lakes, Long Lake, Wine Lake and others. Top priorities are: preventing wind and water erosion; reducing nutrient loading; protecting water quality; reducing untreated storm water runoff; preventing aquatic invasive species; and preventing unstable stream channels.

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District
The Big, Upper and Middle Cormorant lakes and Leaf Lake form the main part of this plan-

ning region. Top priorities are: preventing nutrient loading; protecting water quality; and stopping aquatic invasives.

Middle Pelican River
This planning region has one arm that reaches up to include Little Cormorant Lake, another that stretches into Clay County under the Cormorant lakes area, and a third that stretches down to Pelican Rapids on the west side of Highway 59. Top priorities are: groundwater quality; fragmentation and loss of forests and grasslands; prevention of wind and water erosion; nutrient loading; and protecting water quality.

Lower Pelican River
This planning region basically follows the Pelican River from Pelican Rapids to where it flows into the Otter Tail River, west of Fergus Falls. Top priorities include: soil health; preventing fragmentation and loss of forests and grasslands; and preventing wind and water erosion.

Headwaters
True to its name, this planning region is where the Otter Tail River begins in Clearwater County, and includes Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge and Height of Land Lake

in northern Becker County. Its top priority is protecting the water quality.

Toad River
This planning region follows the Toad River from Big and Little Toad lakes to the top of the Pine lakes near Perham. Top priorities include: soil health; preventing fragmentation and loss of forests and grasslands; and preventing wind and water erosion.

Upper Otter Tail
The city of Frazee is roughly in the middle of this district, which includes Cotton and Pickarel lakes at its northern end, and includes the city of Vergas and the Spirit lakes, Little McDonald Lake and Little Pine Lake. Top priorities include: groundwater quality; soil health; preventing fragmentation and loss of forests and grasslands; and preventing wind and water erosion.

Otter Tail Lake
This planning region includes the cities of Perham and Richville (and nearby Marion Lake) and stretches from Big Pine Lake to Rush Lake to Otter Tail Lake. Top priorities include: groundwater quality; soil health; preventing fragmentation and loss of forests and grasslands; preventing wind and water erosion; preventing nutrient loading;

and protecting the water quality.

Dead Lake
This planning region includes the city of Dent and includes Big and West McDonald lakes, East and West Silent lakes, Star Lake, Dead Lake and Walker Lake. Top priorities are: preventing wind and water erosion; preventing fragmentation and loss of forests and grasslands; and protecting the water quality.

Battle Lakes
The cities of Battle Lake, Clitherall and Vining are in the center of this planning region, which includes West and East Battle lakes and Clitherall Lake, as well as the lakes in and around Glendalough State Park. Top priorities include: groundwater quality; soil health; preventing wind and water erosion; and protecting the water quality.

Fergus Falls
The cities of Fergus Falls and Underwood are in this district, as are East and West Lost lakes, the Anna lakes, Fish Lake, Deer Lake, Bass Lake and the Phelps Park area. Top priorities for this planning region are: untreated storm water; soil health; preventing wind and water erosion; and preventing nutrient loading.

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TRUCK

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"I'm really looking forward to getting back into the business community there, and getting to see a lot of old friends, as well as (make) some new ones," said Hemmah, who is currently based in California for the winter.

Priddy noted that she and Hemmah are long-time friends who met in college, when they were both at North Dakota State University.

"We've kept in touch over the years, and he spends his summers here," she said. "He's got a real love for Detroit Lakes, so that was defi-

nately a part of it for me."

The other reason, she added, was that, "I felt it was the right time. I've loved doing it — it's been the perfect mix between passion and profession, but... my husband's semi-retired now, too, so we're just looking to slow down a little."

"Although it's a seasonal business, it's been really busy from April to October," she explained. "I'm just looking to ease things up a little."

Aside from doing a bit of business consulting work for Greater Fergus Falls, Priddy said she has no other definite plans at the present time.

Hemmah, meanwhile, plans to run the ice cream truck business pretty much as it has been, at least for now.

"I'm a graphic designer by training, and I was in the advertising business for years," he continued. "I founded Short-printer.com in Fargo. That was a digital printing business I operated for years."

About seven years ago, he sold his half of the digital printing company to his partner, Eric Richman, who continues to operate it successfully, Hemmah said. Now, he divides his time between Detroit Lakes and Fargo in the summer, and Palm Springs, Calif., in the winter.

Hemmah said he plans to be back in the lakes area sometime in April, and soon after, will begin taking calls for people to reserve the truck for all of their special occasions as well as for summer festivals and other public events.

"We'll come out to whatever they've got going on — even if it's to someone's lake cabin for a party," he said.

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COUNCIL

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One of the areas of street parking concern is near Detroit Lakes High School, with many students using the street for overflow parking, and includes some additional residential streets near the school, he said.

"The areas that are always in conversation, that historically have had different restrictions, are by the school, Roosevelt and also the residential side," said Klemm. "We've always had one on Oak, by the hospital and we've also had one by Zorbaz on Summit, when you get further into the residential area going north."

The permitting process hasn't been finalized and is still being worked out with the Detroit Lakes Police Department, which will be in charge of enforcing the ordinance. However, in the past, a parking sticker was given to drivers to display on the windows of their vehicles.

Klemm said he hopes this doesn't start a rush of citizens demanding permit parking on their streets, but should be a useful tool for the council to address any street parking situations that may arise in the future.

He expects a resolution on April's city council agenda to cover the proposed permitting process for restricted street parking and clarification on the current restrictive parking zones.

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Ice Cream Truck owner Beth Priddy with the truck as it appeared during the early days of the business, which she opened eight years ago.



Photos contributed / Beth Priddy

Above: Longtime Detroit Lakes resident Beth Priddy has owned and operated the Ice Cream Truck for the past eight years. She recently sold the local business.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL



Photos by Jared Rubado / Detroit Lakes Tribune

Detroit Lakes' Abby Larson throws a pass over four Alexandria defenders in the second half of the Lakers' 71-67 double-overtime win over the Cardinals on Saturday at Alexandria Area High School.

GETTING OVER THE HUMP

Lakers trump longtime rivals in overtime thriller

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

Alexandria
Detroit Lakes had been labeled as a team that couldn't score, was wildly inconsistent and lacked cohesiveness as a unit. Those narratives were put to bed on Saturday afternoon as the Lakers knocked off long-time rival Alexandria in the Section 8-3A semifinals in a double-overtime thriller.

The Lakers (13-12) had a flair for the dramatic at Alexandria Area High School. After Cardinals' (12-14) freshman Hadley Thul drained what looked like a dagger three-pointer with under 20 seconds left in regulation, Detroit Lakes head coach Rachel Johnson drew up a game-tying play for sophomore guard Helena Daggett. She launched a three to even the score at 53-53, sending the game to overtime.

"We talked about it during the timeout, and we just had to figure out a play to get a three-point shot up," Daggett said.

"I don't have my thesaurus on me, but whatever the most exciting, exuberant word could be, that's what everyone is feeling right now."

LAKES HEAD COACH
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"Any of the girls could've taken that shot. Honestly, I didn't think about it as the play was going on if I was going to shoot it there. I just blacked out and shot it, and it was incredible."

Johnson wanted Daggett to take the shot. With 6.5 seconds left in regulation, she gave the Lakers life.

"Helena didn't hesitate," Johnson said of Daggett. "We drew up that play for her, and she didn't hesitate to take the shot. She had ice running through her veins, which, if you know Helena, doesn't exist. She's the warmest, sweetest person out there. For her to knock down that shot was so awesome. She's worked so hard this season and has put in a lot of long nights of extra work."

Alexandria's Allie Haabala kicked off the first overtime with a three-pointer. It sparked a 5-2 start to the extra session



Detroit Lakes' Jacee Hauser, left, boxes out Ellie Heydt on a free-throw attempt in the first half of Detroit Lakes' 71-67 double-overtime win over Alexandria.

before Detroit Lakes' Abby Larson converted an acrobatic layup to pull the Lakers within a point. Ella

Okeson converted a free throw on the Lakers' next possession to tie the game 58-58.

Detroit Lakes forced a turnover and got the ball back with 38.2 seconds left.

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BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Gulon sets new school record at state

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Detroit Lakes senior John Gulon put a bow on his high school swimming career on Saturday at the Class A state swimming and diving state championships.

Gulon finished 13th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 55.79. His preliminary time of 55.02 on Friday broke his school record set a week earlier.

Breck-Blake's Charlie Crosby won the 100-yard

backstroke with a time of 46.64. He shattered the state record, and was just over a second off the national record set by Ryan Murphy from Jacksonville, FL in 2012.

Perham-New York Mills also had a swimmer compete at the state tournament. Freshman Blake Swenson was just 0.05 off of his seed time with a 17th-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle. Swenson took in his first ever state tournament appearance with a time of 23.06.

"We had the opportu-

nity to watch some really great races during the finals, with Blake doing it right and asking questions about what makes the top swimmers so fast and how he can adopt those things," Yellow-jackets' head coach Jensen Grimley said. "He made a game plan for the off-season and next year. The entire Yellow-jacket team had a phenomenal season, and we can't wait to see what these boys do next year."

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Detroit Lakes' John Gulon swims the 100-yard backstroke in the consolation heat during the Class A state swimming championships Saturday at the University of Minnesota. Eric Morken / Forum News Service

WRESTLING



Left: Detroit Lakes' Cade Jackson wrestles in the first round of the Class AA state individual wrestling tournament at 160-pounds Friday. Jackson took sixth place in his division. Photos by Sam Stuve / Forum News Service



Right: Detroit Lakes' Tyson Ulyott, right, wrestles at 145-pounds in the Class AA state individual tournament Friday at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Detroit Lakes' Jackson takes sixth at state

Several area grapplers compete in St. Paul

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

ST. PAUL – Detroit Lakes' Cade Jackson made the most of his wrestle-back opportunity on the consolation bracket at the state individual wrestling tournament over the weekend.

After dropping his opening-round matchup against Mora's Connor Gmahl in a 7-0 decision, Jackson fought his way through the left side of the bracket to a sixth-place finish at 160-pounds in the Class AA field. Jackson pinned Brooklyn Center-Concordia Academy's Jefferson Johnson in 1:37 before edging out Hibbing's Bryson Lara-bee 3-1 in the consolation quarterfinals.

Jackson took on Sim-ley's Travis Smith in the consolation semifinal round and fell in a 13-7 decision. Jonathan Harvey of Lake City won the fifth-place match in a 4-0 decision. Jackson was the lone Laker to come away with a top-6 finish at state.

At 138-pounds, Bradly Swiers dropped his opening-round match to Chisago Lakes' Brycen Morely. Morley pinned Swiers in 3:01, sending the Detroit Lakes senior to the consolation bracket. Swiers then pinned Minneapolis South's Brandon Reyes in 58 seconds before falling in a tightly-contested 5-2 decision to Princeton's Ethan Ballweber.

Tyson Ulyott suffered a similar fate at 145-pounds. He was pinned in his first-round match by Aitkin's Kenny Erickson before taking on MAHACA's Caden Rose. Rose narrowly beat Ulyott 6-5 in the consolation bracket. He scored an escape point with nine



Detroit Lakes' Jeffrey Moen, right, wrestles St. Paul Como Park's Aaron Adekplovi in the opening round of the 285-pound Class AA state individual wrestling tournament on March 4 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

seconds left in the third period to knock off Ulyott.

Jeffrey Moen wrestled in the opening round against St. Paul Como Park's Aaron Adekplovi, who scored a pin in 3:06. Moen didn't get a chance at a wrestle-back in the consolation bracket.

Best of the rest

United Clay Becker's Taylor Johnson took on the top seed in the Class AA tournament at 126-pounds. St. Francis' Tyson Charmoli beat Johnson in a 19-4 technical fall, sending the junior Bulldog to the consolation bracket. Scott

West's Zach Tracy pinned Johnson in 2:05.

Fraze had four wrestlers compete at state. Jake Nagel fell in the opening round to Maple River-USC's Konner Harpestad in a 4-0 decision and did not get a wrestle-back opportunity. Cade Nagel suffered a similar fate after a 9-1 major decision loss against Saint Clair-Mankato's Simon Kruse at 113-pounds.

Belgrade-Brooten-Elroa's Walker Bents pinned Fraze's Bailey Peichel in 3:41 in the first round of the Class A 132-pound tournament. Peichel then wrestled West Central Area-Ashby-Brandon-Evansville's Hunter Gruchow in the first round of the consolation bracket and suffered a pin in 2:16.

Daniel Graham ran into the eventual state champion at 170-pounds in his opening-round match. WCA-A-B-E's Anthony Sykora won by technical fall in 2:33, sending

Graham to the consolation bracket. Tracy-Milroy-BalatonWestbrook-Walnut Grove's Caden Johnson pinned him in 3:11.

Mahnomen-Waubun's Domanik Niesen also opened his state tournament run with a first-round match against the eventual state champion. Jackson County Central's Nolan Ambrose pinned Niesen in 1:12. His tournament ended in the consolation bracket with a 6-2 defeat at the hands of WEJW's Carson Petry.

Will Olson made it all the way to the quarterfinals of the 160-pound consolation bracket before falling to BBE's Maximus Hanson 9-1. Olson dropped his opening-round match against Howard Lake-Waverly-Winstead's Isaac Busse 12-2. Olson then beat Ottertail Central's Jaxon Rich by fall in 2:46 before falling to Hanson.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Lakers close season on high note, earn No. 4 seed

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES – The Detroit Lakes boys basketball team wrapped up its regular season with a pair of Mid-State Conference wins.

After beating Staples-Motley 80-65 on Thursday, the Lakers celebrated their six seniors with an 82-65 win over Crosby-Iron-ton on Friday. Mason Carrier led the way with 23 points, while Nate Cihak and Chris Breeden finished with 16 and 13. Devon Berg also got in

double figures with 10.

On Thursday, it was Breeden who led the Lakers with 22 points. He made 6-of-10 shots from three-point range and dished out four assists. Carrier had 19 points and five rebounds on 7-of-9 shooting.

Detroit Lakes finished the regular season with an 11-14 record after starting the season 1-7. Despite an 0-5 Section 8-3A record, the Lakers will host its first-round game against Rocori on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Rocori went 10-16 this season, including 4-7

in section play. Detroit Lakes finished within the tiebreaker margin and had a better overall winning percentage to leap the Spartans in the standings.

Alexandria secured the top-seed in the section tournament with a 20-5 overall record and will face No. 8 Little Falls (8-18). The Cardinals are without star guard Kristen Hoskins for the remainder of the season due to personal reasons, according to the Alexandria Echo Press. Alexandria dropped its first section game on Feb.

28 to second-seeded St. Cloud Tech 90-62.

St. Cloud Tech (16-9) will host St. Cloud Apollo (7-19) in the first round, while No. 3 Sauk Rapids-Rice (14-12) welcomes Willmar (7-19) to town. The high seeds will host the first two rounds before a neutral site championship game.

All quarterfinal games kick off Tuesday at 8 p.m. before the semifinals Friday at 7 p.m. The championship game tips off on March 17. You can find live updates on Detroit Lakes' first-

round game on Twitter @DLtribSports. A full recap will be posted at www.dl-online.com and will be in the Sunday, March 13 issue of the Detroit Lakes Tribune.

DETROIT LAKES 80, STAPLES-MOTLEY 65
DETROIT LAKES- Chris Breeden 22 points, 4 assists, 2 rebounds; Mason Carrier 19 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals; Nate Cihak 8 points, 4 rebounds, 9 assists; Devon Berg 7 points, 3 assists, 1 steal; Christian Solberg 6 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block; Brandon Marsh 6 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block; Oliver Quam 6 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 1 blocks; Ethan Carrier 6 points, 2 points; Reece Borgman 1 rebound; Mason Omberg 2 assists

DETROIT LAKES 82, CROSBY-IRON-TON 66
DETROIT LAKES- Mason Carrier 23 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals, 3 blocks; Nate Cihak 15 points, 12 assists, 1 steal; Chris Breeden 13 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist; Devon Berg 10 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Oliver Quam 8 points,

6 rebounds; Brandon Marsh 5 points, 10 rebounds; Ethan Carrier 3 points; Christian Solberg 2 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block; Nate Mohr 1 rebound

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HOOPS

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Johnson drew up a play for sophomore Grace Gunderson in the post, but a defensive stand by the Cardinals' frontcourt gave them a shot to win the game with under 30 seconds left.

An errant shot ended up in the hands of Alexandria freshman Chloe Scholl, who was fouled on her way to the rim on a put-back attempt. She missed both free throws before the Lakers failed to convert a chance at the buzzer as the game slid into a second overtime.

"It really had to do with a lot of our discussions this week," Johnson said of the Lakers' mental fortitude. "Physically, the girls are at where they're at. We're not going to grow physically in a week. We had a lot of conversations about that mental toughness today. This is

it. You either dig down and show everyone how much you want to win, or you're done. We gave them that very blunt reality, especially during those two overtimes. For them to perform and execute to get it done was fantastic."

The second overtime session came down to free-throw shooting. Detroit Lakes took its first lead since the midway point of the second half on a traditional three-point play from Daggett. It was the start of a 13-7 run to close out the game, including timely free throws from Larson and sophomores Ella Okeson and Elle Bettcher. Okeson iced the game by making the second of two shots from the line with under 10 seconds left.

"I can't even think straight right now," Daggett said. "I'm still in awe that this even happened. It was an incredible win. We all had to bring each other up when it looked bad and keep feeding off of each other.

We were each other's boost of confidence out there. It was definitely a tough mental game, for sure."

"We were really excited to come into this gym and get a win after we had lost earlier in the year," Johnson said. "Now, we are really excited to continue our season. "I don't have my thesaurus on me, but whatever the most exciting, exuberant word could be, that's what everyone is feeling right now."

Alexandria beat Detroit Lakes 54-21 on Jan. 27. The Lakers made it a point to bring more intensity on the defensive end of the floor this time around. One point of emphasis was to limit Thul's production in the post. Gunderson did a nice job of competing with her physically and using the help of second and third defenders in the Lakers' zone defense.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lakers hang on to beat Little Falls in quarterfinals

By Jonah Bowe
Detroit Lakes Tribune

The Detroit Lakes girls basketball team survived the opening round of the Section 8-A tournament on Thursday.

The third-seeded Lakers (13-12) kicked off the quarterfinal round at home against the sixth-seeded Little Falls Flyers (4-21) on Thursday night at Lakeshirts Fieldhouse. In a game that got a little close for comfort at times, Detroit Lakes never surrendered the lead in a 39-29 win.

The Lakers jumped out to a 10-0 lead to start the first half, and continued to build on that momentum carrying a 21-9 lead going into halftime.

The defense was particularly strong, boxing the Flyers out from second-chance opportunities on the glass. Detroit Lakes also did a nice job of forcing turnovers, which helped take a 12-point lead into the locker room after 18 minutes. Junior Jace Hauser led the team in scoring in the first half

with seven points. Little Falls came out with more intensity in the second half as it outscored Detroit Lakes 13-4 to cut the deficit to three points.

Detroit Lakes head coach Rachel Johnson called a timeout as it started to halt the Flyers' run. The Lakers regrouped and went on a 9-2 run to regain control of the game before grinding out the clock to a 39-29 win.

Hauser and Sophomore Ella Okeson led the Lakers in scoring

with nine points each. Junior Kendal Swantek led Little Falls with 13 points on the night.

"Things weren't going particularly well for us tonight, but it's the section playoffs, and all that matters is that we won tonight," Johnson said. "We definitely have some work to do, but I thought our defense stayed poised and we never stopped fighting—even after they started to make things a little close for a bit there in the second half."



Jonah Bowe / Detroit Lakes Tribune
Detroit Lakes' Ellie Lunde prepares to catch a pass from Ella Okeson in the Section 8-3A quarterfinals Thursday at Lakeshirts Fieldhouse in the Lakers' 39-29 win over Little Falls.

BOYS HOCKEY

Detroit Lakes hockey team collects five Section 8A awards

By Jared Rubado
Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES – The Detroit Lakes boys hockey team racked up five individual Section 8A awards following one of the best seasons in program history.

The Lakers went 19-5-2 in head coach Ben Noah's third year at the helm. He was awarded the Section 8A coach of the year. His assistant, Mike Miller, was named assistant coach of the year. Three players also

received all-section honors. Junior defenseman Jacob Thomas was named to the all-second team. Thomas played in all 26 games this season and was over a point-per-game. He collected 25 assists and nine goals, including

10 power-play points. Thomas' 34 points were the third-highest on the team.

After his standout offensive season, senior Spencer Bergman was named to the all-section third team. He led Detroit Lakes in both

goals (20) and assists (31) for a total of 51 points. Bergman averaged 1.96 points per game and led the Lakers with five power-play goals.

Senior Elijah Blow also landed on the third team with a 10-5-2

record and a .907 save percentage. Blow had a 1.9 goals against average and four shutouts on the season. He played over 885 minutes in 17 games this season.

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"Don't let No. 11 get the ball. That's basically it," Larson said of the Lakers' defensive approach. "We ran our zone with someone face-guarding her. She didn't get as many points as she normally does. It helps when you have a girl that can size up with her and is lengthy like that."

Detroit Lakes started the game on a 7-2 run on the back of Bettcher's post defense. She logged two blocks and three steals in the opening six minutes.

Alexandria started to find a rhythm at the end of the first half. Ellie Heydt and Haabala gave the Cardinals a 20-15 lead before Okeson drained a three herself and added a pair of free throws in the final minute.

"We just wanted it more, and we put everything out on the floor," Larson said. "We just wanted it more than them. When they scored, it felt like it motivated us to get it back every time."

Larson took over offensively in the second half. She tied Bettcher with a game-high 17 points, with 13 of them coming in the last 26 minutes.

"They ended up face-guarding her a little bit," Johnson said of Larson. "As soon as I saw that, I just said that she's going to have to

dig down deep. They weren't going to let her get anything for free. She stayed in control of our offense and did what we needed her to do on the other end. Having her step up and be the point guard we needed her to be was awesome."

The Cardinals began to pull ahead with 13 minutes left in the game. MaCee Linow and Kaia Emter each hit two of their combined five threes as part of an 8-0 run to take a 35-30 lead. Alexandria would lead until the final minute, where Gunderson tied the game with two free throws to set up Thul's three-pointer with 19 seconds left.

"As soon as (Thul) made it, I was just like, 'Ugh, alright,'" Larson said. "There was definitely some doubt. We just had to do our best to get the look we wanted and play until the buzzer goes off."

On Thursday, Detroit Lakes will head back to Alexandria Area High School for the Section 8-3A championship game against top-seeded Willmar. The Lakers fell to the Cardinals 54-26 on Jan. 14. Willmar beat No. 4 Rocori 48-41 on Saturday.

"I'm just so proud of them that they got to prove to all the naysayers tonight that the stereotypes are not who we are," Johnson said. "We are a very well-rounded team that likes to be together, likes to play defense, loves to play

offense and play competitive basketball."

Playing for a happy bus ride home

Alexandria has put a sour taste in the mouth of Detroit Lakes athletes and fans during the 2021-22 school year. This season, the girls soccer and volleyball teams both lost to their Cardinal counterparts in the section semifinal round at Alexandria Area High School. On top of that, the Detroit Lakes football team fell in the Section 8-3A championship in Alexandria this season against Becker. It's safe to say Douglas County hasn't been the most beloved place to watch local sports for the Laker faithful.

The Detroit Lakes girls basketball team is filled with soccer and volleyball players who had the experience of giving an Alexandria team a good shot, but not being enough. It's what fueled the effort put forth on Saturday in the Lakers' most impressive performance of the season.

"We talked about it before the game," Larson said of Detroit Lakes' recent struggles against Alexandria in all sports. "We lost to Alex in the second round in the soccer playoffs, and so did the volleyball girls. It would've really sucked if we lost to them again in the second round. We were just playing to have a heck of a bus ride home."

"On the bus ride here, we all talked about how we didn't want to lose to Alex again after soccer and volleyball," Daggett said. "We all just pushed through it. Even with the double overtime and everything, we all had to work together. We finished."

Closing out a hard-fought game against a program like Alexandria goes against the aforementioned stereotypes.

"We talk about it a lot, but you hear through scuttlebutt that, 'They don't have a good offense,' 'They're not tough defensively,' or 'They don't work as a team,'" Johnson said. "All of those different things are things we hear about us. I told the girls, 'Tonight, you have to go show everyone that they're absolutely, 100% wrong.' This group of girls is so close. Yeah, sometimes these kids don't have great nights. They pick each other up and play so well together."

Johnson is a second-year coach for the Lakers after taking over for Mike Labine. In two years, she's seen her teams knock off Alexandria twice. While the new face of the Detroit Lakes girls basketball program will receive a lot of credit for this feat, she was quick to dish the praise to the other pieces on her staff.

"My coaching staff is top-notch," Johnson said. "You'd be hard-pressed to find a better full coaching

staff out there. (Josh) Bettcher's knowledge and really working with our scout team to go along with (David Hutchinson's) enthusiasm and his small points of emphasis are so big for us. Kris (Swenson) just rounds us out and is like the mom of the group that offers that ear for these girls to go to. My coaching staff is just phenomenal, and they support me and the girls so much."

Johnson and Alexandria head coach, Wendy Kohler, are on the opposite ends of their careers. Kohler has career victories, while Johnson hasn't even coached in 100 games. Yet, she was able to take a team without a senior on the active roster to a hostile environment to clinch her first-ever spot in a section title game.

"We beat Alexandria and coach (Wendy) Kohler one time last year, and it was absolutely surreal," Johnson said. "Today, when we won again, it was less surreal because this is the outcome myself, my coaching staff and my girls expected. To have that expectation become a reality says a lot. I give all of the credit to coach Kohler and her coaching staff because they're incredible. We had to put a whole team effort forward to beat them, and getting to play for a section championship is special."

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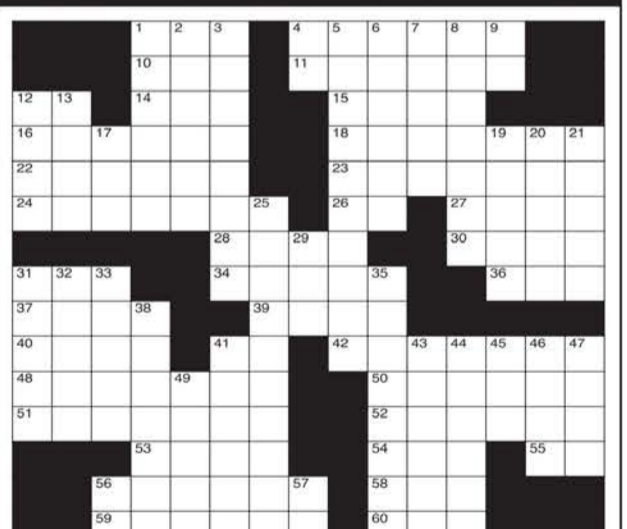
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BANS PUNISH RUSSIA

MEANWHILE, MOSCOW MAKES NEW PLEDGE ON UKRAINE REFUGEES

By Steve Holland and Pavel Polityuk
Reuters

Washington/Lviv, Ukraine

A U.S. ban on imports of Russia's oil cranked up punishment for the invasion of Ukraine on Tuesday as McDonald's and Starbucks closed outlets and Moscow promised safe passage for some to flee after Kyiv said one route was shelled.

As the number of refugees created by the biggest assault on a European country since World War Two surpassed 2 million, several of the most internationally famous brands added to the Kremlin's global isolation on the 13th day of the incursion.

McDonald's, a symbol of capitalism that opened in Russia as the Soviet Union fell, and coffeehouse chain Starbucks will temporarily close stores, while Pepsi will stop selling its soft drink brands and Coca-Cola is halting business in the country.

An immediate ban on Russian oil and other energy imports will drive up U.S. energy prices but President Joe Biden said it was necessary to punish Russia's Vladimir Putin for the assault.

"The American people will deal another powerful blow to Putin's war machine," he said.

"Russia may continue to grind out its advance at a horrible price, but this much is already clear: Ukraine will never be a victory for Putin."

Moscow describes its actions as a "special operation" to disarm Ukraine and unseat leaders it calls neo-Nazis.

Ukraine and Western allies call this a baseless pretext for an invasion that has raised fears of wider conflict in Europe and could deal a further hit to the world economy as it tries to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

Civilians fled the besieged city of Sumy on Tuesday in the first



Photos by Fabrizio Bensch / Reuters
A boy plays basketball with a plush toy inside the sports hall of a primary school, transformed into temporary accommodation for people fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on Tuesday in Przemysl, Poland.



Natasha, 83 years old, who witnessed World War II, looks out of a shuttle bus after crossing the border from Ukraine to Poland after fleeing from Mykolajiw following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, on Tuesday at the border checkpoint in Medyka, Poland.

successful "humanitarian corridor" opened since Russia's invasion but Ukraine accused Russian forces of shelling another evacuation route, from Mariupol in the south of the country.

Talks between Kyiv and Moscow over safe passage have previously failed, with Ukraine opposing routes out of the country to Russia or its ally Belarus.

Moscow is ready to provide humanitarian corridors so people can leave capital Kyiv

and four other cities - Chernihiv, Sumy, Kharkiv and Mariupol - on Wednesday, Mikhail Mizintsev, head of Russia's National Defense Control Center, was quoted as saying by the Tass news agency.

"In order to ensure the safety of civilians and foreign citizens, Russia will observe a regime of silence from 10 a.m. Moscow time (1 a.m. Central Time) on March 9 and is ready to provide humanitarian corridors," he said. It was unclear



if the proposed routes would pass through Russia or Belarus.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy renewed calls on Tuesday for more sanctions and no-fly zones, something the West has rejected for fears of escalating the conflict.

Western sanctions had so far focussed mainly on individuals and financial institutions. Oil and natural gas from Russia, the world's biggest exporter, had been excluded.

The United States is not a leading buyer of Russian oil and Europeans, who are far

more reliant on it, have been more reluctant to take that step.

Vyacheslav Volodin, chairman of Russia's State Duma lower house of parliament, said the measures would hurt Europe while helping the United States.

"By promoting sanctions against Russian energy resources, Washington is seeking to occupy the European market," he said in an online post.

Britain said it would also phase out the import of Russian oil and oil products by the end of 2022. The EU published plans to cut its reliance

on Russian gas by two thirds this year.

'Apocalyptic'

In Mariupol, hundreds of thousands of people have been sheltering under bombardment for more than a week. Many tried to leave on Tuesday along a safe corridor but Ukraine's foreign ministry said Russian forces violated a ceasefire and shelled it.

International Committee of the Red Cross spokesman Ewan Watson said people in Mariupol were fast running out of electricity, heat, food, and drinking water.

"The situation in Mariupol is apocalyptic," he said.

Russia opened a separate corridor out of the eastern city of Sumy. Buses left for Poltava further west, only hours after a Russian air strike which regional officials said had hit a residential area and killed 21 people. Reuters could not verify the incident.

Russia said 723 people had been evacuated via that corridor, including 576 Indian nationals.

Residents were also leaving Irpin, a frontline Kyiv suburb.

Elsewhere, Ukrainian troops repulsed efforts by Russian forces to enter the eastern city of Kharkiv on Tuesday and foiled a planned operation by 120 Russian paratroopers near the border, regional governor Oleh Synehubov said.

Five people, two of them children, were killed late on Tuesday when Russian planes attacked the town of Malyn, some 62 miles northwest of Kyiv, and destroyed seven houses, the state emergency service said in an online post. Reuters was unable to corroborate.

The United Nations human rights office said it had verified 1,335 civilian casualties in Ukraine, including 474 killed and 861 injured, since the invasion began on Feb. 24. The real toll is likely higher, it said.

Moscow denies targeting civilians.

Homeland Security office failed to warn about Capitol threats

Watchdog report identifies at least three failures by federal officials

By Sarah N. Lynch
Reuters

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's intelligence office was aware in advance about threats connected to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, but failed to warn other law enforcement offices until it was too late, the department's internal watchdog has found.

The new report from the DHS inspector general paints a critical picture of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), which it says failed at least three times

to disseminate intelligence about the storming of the building by then-President Donald Trump's supporters, who wanted to block Congress' certification of his November 2020 election defeat.

More than 140 police officers were assaulted, as were members of the media. One of the rioters, Ashli Babbitt, died after she was shot by Capitol Police as she climbed through a doorway.

Since the attack, more than 775 people have been criminally charged.

"In the weeks before the events at the U.S.

Capitol, I&A identified specific open source threat information related to January 6 but did not issue any intelligence products about these threats until January 8," the report says, adding that some of the missteps came from "inexperienced collectors" who received "inadequate training."

In one example, a field office division tried to share intelligence suggesting the right-wing group the Proud Boys planned to shut down the Washington, D.C. water system at 11:29 a.m. on Jan. 6.

The former chairman of the Proud Boys, Enrique Tarrio, was charged on Tuesday, just a few hours after

the inspector general's report was released, for conspiring with fellow members to block President Joe Biden's election victory from being certified by lawmakers.

Other cryptic messages uncovered by intelligence-gatherers included people who openly discussed sharing maps of the U.S. Capitol building.

"I found a map of all the exits and entrances to the Capitol building," one person wrote to another on Jan. 2, 2021. "I feel like people are actually going to try and hurt politicians. Jan 6th is gonna be crazy."

In response to the report, John Cohen, a senior official with the Office of Intelligence and



Shannon Stapleton / Reuters file photo
Police release tear gas into a crowd of pro-Trump protesters during clashes at a rally to contest the certification of the 2020 presidential election results by the Congress on Jan. 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington.

Analysis, said he concurred with the report's findings and recommendations, which call for

additional training and more timely reporting on urgent open source threat intelligence.

Former Proud Boys chairman arrested

Enrique Tarrio accused of helping to plot Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol

By Sarah N. Lynch, Jan Wolfe and Aram Roston
Reuters

WASHINGTON - The former chairman of the U.S. right-wing group the Proud Boys, Enrique Tarrio, was arrested on Tuesday on a conspiracy charge for his alleged role in plotting the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the Capitol in a bid to block certification of President Joe Biden's election.

Tarrio, 38, appeared in a virtual Miami-based federal court hearing from a cellblock in a nearby local jail, and prosecutors said they were seeking to have him detained pending trial because they believe he is a danger to the community and poses a risk of flight.

Tarrio told the judge he has "absolutely" no savings, and that he only recently got a job printing T-shirts that earns him \$400-500 per week.

Andrew Jacobs, a federal defender, was appointed to represent Tarrio, and a detention hearing was set for Friday at 10 a.m.

An attorney for Tarrio did not respond to requests for comment.

Tarrio is one of the most high-profile of more than 775 people criminally charged for their roles in the attack on the Capitol by supporters of then-President Donald Trump. Tarrio was not on the Capitol grounds on the day of the assault, but is charged with helping plan and direct it.

Other members of the Proud Boys removed Tarrio from their private chatrooms early on Tuesday after learning of his arrest, said a member of the group who asked for anonymity.

Eleven people affiliated

with the Oath Keepers militia, including that group's founder, Stewart Rhodes, were charged in January with seditious conspiracy for their alleged roles in planning the attack.

Tarrio was added as a defendant to a case naming other Proud Boy members Ethan Nordean, Joseph Biggs, Charles Donohoe, Zachary Rehl and Dominic Pezzola.

That case is tentatively slated to go to trial on May 18.

Police in Washington on Jan. 4, 2021, arrested Tarrio on destruction of property charges connected to the Dec. 12, 2020, burning of a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic African-American church.

He later served a four-month stint in jail for the charges.

Tarrio was released from custody on Jan. 5, 2021, and ordered to stay out of the city as a condition of his release in the banner-burning case.

However, the indictment alleges that he did not immediately comply, and instead met with Oath Keepers leader Rhodes in an underground parking garage.

Last month, Reuters reported that the FBI was investigating the details of the meeting between Rhodes and Tarrio. Tarrio previously told Reuters the meeting was unplanned and he did not consider it to be significant.

He also previously denied any Proud Boys planning ahead of Jan. 6.

Although Tarrio did not storm the Capitol with some of the other Proud Boys, prosecutors say he nonetheless continued to direct and encourage his fellow Proud Boy members during the riots.

He also allegedly claimed credit for what happened on social media, as well as through an encrypted chat room.

Florida lawmakers pass 'Don't Say Gay' bill

Bill will limit LGBTQ discussion in school

By Gabriella Borter
Reuters

Florida lawmakers on Tuesday passed a Republican-backed bill that would prohibit classroom discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity for many young students, rejecting criticism and student protests that characterized the measure as discriminatory and misguided.

The legislation, referred to by its opponents as the "don't say gay" bill, has stirred national controversy amid an increasingly partisan debate over what schools should teach children about race and gender.

Governor Ron DeSantis, who is seeking re-election this year, has indicated his support for what is formally called the "Parental Rights in Education" bill. He and other Republican politicians across the United States say they want to give parents more control over what young children learn in school.

Democrats say such policies will harm the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community. The Florida measure bars classroom instruction in public schools on sexual orientation or gender identity for children in kindergarten through third grade, or from about ages 5-9.

It also prohibits such teaching that "is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate" for students in other grades. Under the law, parents would be allowed to sue school districts they believe to be in violation.

"We're going to make sure that parents are able to send their kid to kindergarten without having some of this stuff injected into their



Twitter / @ProudTwinkie @mddizornek / via Reuters

Students gather to protest after Florida's House of Representatives approved a Republican-backed bill that would prohibit classroom discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity on Tuesday in Winter Park, Florida, in this still image obtained from a video posted on social media.

school curriculum," DeSantis told reporters on Monday.

High school students across Florida have staged walkouts to protest the bill. Video footage showed students crowding the steps and the halls of the state capitol on Monday, carrying pro-LGBTQ signs and chanting "We say gay!"

The measure passed the state Senate on Tuesday mostly along party lines. The Republican-led state House also approved the bill last month.

In a floor debate before the state Senate vote on Tuesday, Democrat Shevrin Jones, the first openly gay Florida state senator, chided his Republican colleagues for pushing for the bill for political gain.

"As you prepare for this victory lap in the name of parental rights, just know that this is no victory lap," Jones said to the chamber, a day after tearfully sharing his own difficult experiences as a gay man. "I believe this will be another stain on the

history of Florida."

Republicans who supported the bill insisted that it was intended to prevent discussions about sex and gender identity they deemed inappropriate for young students.

"There is an effort to inject these types of discussions into younger and younger age groups," Republican state Senator Danny Burgess said. "Our default position as a state has to be and should remain: trust the child's parents."

The education bill is the latest Florida policy to draw objections from across the country.

On Monday, the state surgeon general said Florida would recommend that healthy children not receive COVID-19 vaccines, defying federal health guidance. The state Senate last week passed a ban on abortion after 15 weeks, which would slash access to late-term abortions for women in the U.S. Southeast as the Supreme Court weighs the constitutionality of such a ban.

Texas man found guilty in Capitol riot

Case is a landmark win for prosecutors; more plea deals expected to follow

By Jan Wolfe
Reuters

WASHINGTON - A Texas man who joined the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump was found guilty for his role in the attack on Tuesday, a milestone victory for federal prosecutors in the first such case to go before a jury.

The defendant, Guy Reffitt, was found guilty on all five of the felony charges he faced, including bringing a gun onto the Capitol grounds and obstructing an official proceeding.

Reffitt's trial was seen as an important test case as the U.S. Justice Department attempts to secure convictions from the hundreds of defendants who have not taken plea deals.

The federal jury in Washington returned the unanimous verdict after just two



Leah Millis / Reuters File Photo

A mob of supporters of then-President Donald Trump climb through a window they broke on Jan. 6, 2021, as they storm the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington.

hours of deliberation.

Reffitt, who is currently in custody, will learn the length of his prison sentence at a

court hearing scheduled for June 8. Reffitt faces up to 20 years in prison, although defendants rarely get the

maximum sentence.

Reffitt never entered the Capitol, but video showed him egging on the crowd and leading other rioters up a set of stairs outside the building.

Reffitt, who wore a bullet-proof vest and a helmet, persisted up the staircase even as police officers pelted him with pepper balls and doused him with chemical spray.

In a video clip played for jurors, Reffitt repeatedly urged rioters to drag House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other lawmakers out of the Capitol building.

"I didn't come here to play — I'm taking the Capitol," the video showed Reffitt saying at one point. "I just want to see Pelosi's head hitting every stair on the way out."

Prosecutors also accused Reffitt, 49, of threatening his teenage children with harm if they turned him into authori-

ties after the attack.

Reffitt's estranged son Jackson, now 19, turned his father into the FBI and testified against him during the week-long trial. "He said, 'If you turn me in, you're a traitor,'" Jackson Reffitt told jurors during his testimony. "And traitors get shot."

Some 200 defendants have already pleaded guilty to charges relating to the attack, which sent lawmakers running for their lives. Reffitt's trial was seen as an important test case as the U.S. Justice Department attempts to secure convictions from the hundreds of defendants who have not taken plea deals.

They face charges ranging from unlawful picketing to seditious conspiracy, with which 11 people affiliated with the right-wing Oath Keepers were charged in January.

BRIEFS

US urges Saudis to review cases of 'prisoners of conscience'

GENEVA - The United States urged ally Saudi Arabia on Tuesday to review cases of "prisoners of conscience" and lift travel bans and other restrictions imposed on women's rights activists previously released from jail.

The rare U.S. intervention on the matter came with U.S.-Saudi ties strained over a range of issues including the Yemen war, the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul in 2018, and energy markets.

Iceland and Luxembourg also zeroed in on the Saudi human rights record during a

debate held on Tuesday at the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Sixth fire at Bangladesh Rohingya camp this year makes about 2,000 homeless

DHAKA - A blaze swept through a Rohingya refugee camp in southeastern Bangladesh on Tuesday, killing a six-year-old boy and leaving about 2,000 people homeless in the sixth fire this year to hit the world's biggest refugee camp, officials and witnesses said.

The fire gutted parts of the Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar, a border district where than a million mostly Muslim Rohingya refugees live, most

having fled a military-led crackdown in neighboring Myanmar in 2017.

The blaze follows a massive fire in January, which destroyed 1,200 shelters and left more than 5,000 people homeless and four smaller fires between January and March.

Do not sabotage Iran deal with new conditions, West tells Russia

VIENNA - Western powers on Tuesday warned Russia against wrecking an almost completed deal on bringing the United States and Iran back into compliance with the 2015 nuclear accord, as Iran's top negotiator was set

to return from consultations in Tehran.

Eleven months of talks to restore the deal which lifted sanctions on Iran in return for curbs on its nuclear program have reached their final stages.

But they have been complicated by a last-minute demand from Russia for guarantees from the United States that Western sanctions targeting Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine would not affect its business with Iran.

Biden to order studies on regulating, issuing cryptocurrency

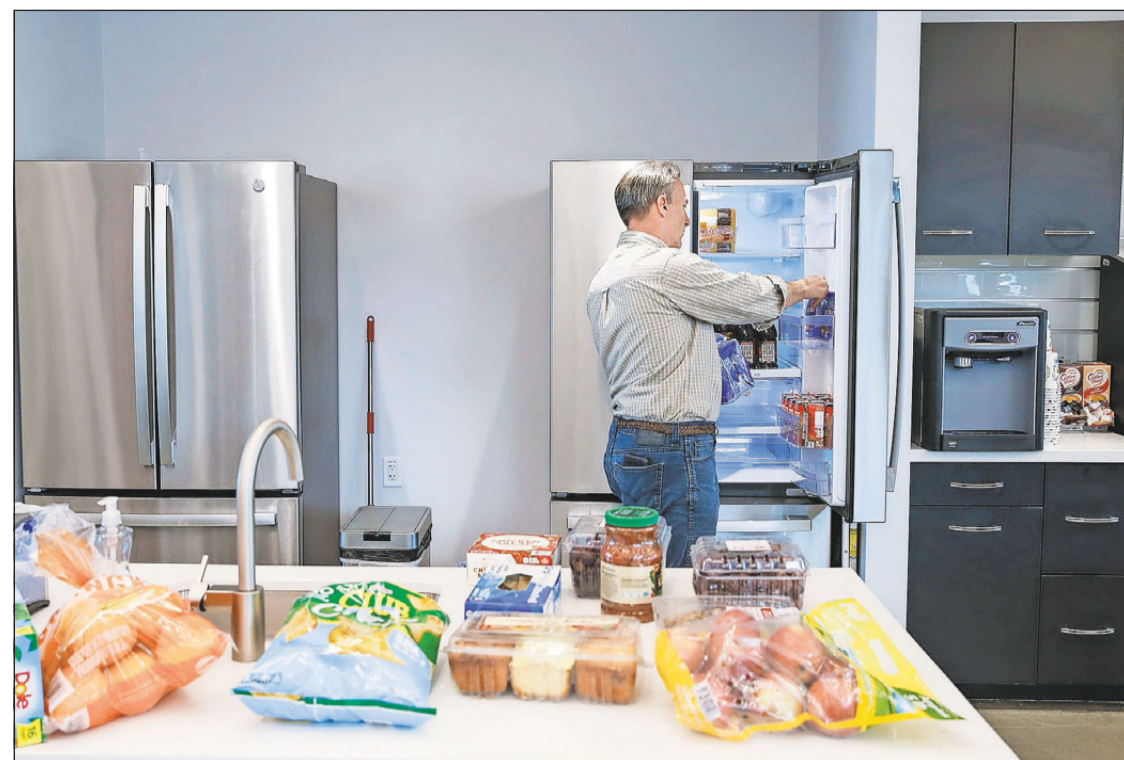
WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden is expected to sign a long-awaited executive order

this week directing the Justice Department, Treasury and other agencies to study the legal and economic ramifications of creating a U.S. central bank digital currency, a source familiar with the matter said on Monday.

The White House last year said it was considering a wide-ranging oversight of the cryptocurrency market - including an executive order - to deal with growing threat of ransomware and other cyber crime.

Biden's order sets an 180-day deadline for a series of reports on "the future of money" and the role that cryptocurrencies will play in the evolving landscape.

Reuters



Shafkat Anowar / The Dallas Morning News / TNS

Amdocs, a software services company, has updated its Plano offices to entice more of its 1,000-plus employees to come in and hang out. Here, employee Scott Beckman restocks the fridge with refreshments and snacks.

THE BEST OF ALL WORK WORLDS?

Hybrid arrangements offer time at home and office

By Mitchell Schnurman
The Dallas Morning News

Why are people staying away from the office even as they return to restaurants, movies and air travel?

“It’s not a COVID thing anymore,” said Anthony Goonetilleke, group president of Amdocs Inc., a software services company with over 1,000 employees in Plano. “Now it’s become a lifestyle.”

Two years ago when the pandemic hit, millions of workers were forced to do their jobs from home. And they did them pretty well, learning how to use online tools and often boosting productivity.

Today, as the pandemic starts to ease, companies want people to come back to the workplace again. Many are embracing hybrid models that let employees spend some days working remotely — a recognition that such flexibility has become a must-have benefit for many.

Last year, Amdocs adopted a typical hybrid plan, with employees spending three days a week in the office and two at home. It lasted just eight months, and then the company let each team decide when and how often to show up in person.

“That completely changed the discussion and people loved it,” Goonetilleke said, noting that Amdocs has made 50 hires locally this year. “This is about trusting your employees and saying collectively, ‘We have a job to do, and what’s the best way to do it?’”

But like many company leaders, he wants workers to come into the office at least some of the time. Face-to-face interactions create more collaboration and innovation, and they lead to stronger human connections and deeper loyalties.

The challenge is getting people to choose to come in — despite the extra time required for commuting, personal grooming and juggling family responsibilities. Amdocs took several steps to enhance its workplace: moving to a new location, gutting the interior and creating an open environment reminiscent of famous tech headquarters.

The office has pingpong and foosball tables, he said, and a kitchen with fridges stocked with snacks. Free lunches are offered a few times a week, and there’s an outside patio for dining. He’s trying to create an office where employees want to hang out.

“There’s something magical when you get several people in a room,”

Goonetilleke said. “One plus one equals three, not two.”

The impulse to bring everyone together again is strong, especially among some executives. But they can underestimate the pushback, said Kim Curley, vice president and practice leader for workforce readiness at NTT Data.

She said a client company recently required all employees to return to the office, Monday through Friday.

“That mandate lasted about four days” because so many employees talked about quitting, she said. “If leaders are stuck — and I do mean stuck — in an old, now-defunct way of thinking, they ultimately won’t be successful.”

“CEOs have to figure out they’re not in control,” Curley said. “And they can’t control everything about their employees going forward.”

NTT Data, which has about 3,000 employees in North Texas, had about 88% working remotely early in the pandemic. Those numbers are about the same today, she said, and that’s fine because employees have demonstrated they can produce — and sometimes produce more — without having managers hover over them in an office.

“The world has finally killed that particular myth, which is a great thing for humans everywhere,” Curley said.

There are still reasons to get together, she added, because in-person meetings can build trust much faster than virtual interactions. And teams that develop more trust tend to have higher productivity.

Face-to-face meetings are preferred when creating new teams or getting two teams to work together for the first time. “That type of thing is far more effective in person,” Curley said.

She recently went to lunch with a client, the first such encounter in two years, and “I was as excited as a golden retriever puppy,” she said.

The meeting led to more progress on work issues — and in their personal relationship — than multiple phone calls and Zoom meetings. “You just bond in a very different way,” she said.

The CEO of Bottle Rocket, a local firm best known for creating mobile apps and websites for dozens of well-known brands, has a similar take: “I don’t think people realize just how important it is to sometimes have that in-person contact,” said Rajesh Midha.

That’s notable coming

from Bottle Rocket.

It embraced remote work early, adopting the motto: “Work from wherever.” It later added “forever” to the line and said people could work remotely on a permanent basis.

“It’s our promise that you should be able to work wherever to do the best work of your life,” said Midha, who was promoted to CEO last fall.

The approach has been a big success, both in boosting productivity and attracting talent. Bottle Rocket’s revenue grew nearly 30% each of the past two years, he said, and the company hired over 100 people — and now has about 300 employees.

Bottle Rocket has an attractive high-tech office in Addison, but only about 10% of employees show up on a given day, he said. During special events, such as monthly town hall meetings, maybe a quarter of employees come in.

He misses the random conversations that happen when people run into each other in the hallway or kitchen or around a foosball table. They form deeper connections organically.

“It’s harder to do that when you’re going from scheduled meeting to scheduled meeting” on Zoom, he said.

Employees at Bottle Rocket have worked hard to connect during the pandemic. They experimented with virtual events, such as scavenger hunts, cooking lessons and a whiskey club. They re-created the Addison office in the metaverse, where people could wander around and enjoy a kind of science fair. They tried something like speed dating in which employees would move between Zoom rooms every few minutes.

“Some of it was great, and some of it was totally awkward and not great,” Midha said. “But the important thing was that we were trying — and setting an intention to form these connections.”

He’s planning a formal gathering in the second half of the year. Bottle Rocket will invite all employees to Dallas for a day or two of meetings and parties with a heavy emphasis on socializing.

But the company won’t mandate the trip. “We’re leaving the choice totally up to our Rocketeers,” Midha said. “We may encourage them to visit in person, but the choice is theirs — and will always be theirs.”

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Electric bills double for US families

Surging fuel costs send electricity bills skyrocketing

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U.S. consumers from New York to California are experiencing “rate shock” on their latest utility bills as the global energy crisis drives up prices for fossil fuels, forcing tough financial decisions for families getting squeezed on all sides.

The increase is becoming a problem for Dave Croyle, 75, a San Diego retiree with multiple health issues that keep him largely housebound. In the past his power expenses were about \$250 a month, but his most recent bill shot up to \$508. He lives on a fixed income of Social Security and pension payments and said the higher costs mean his expenses are now exceeding his earnings, so he has to draw on savings to cover the balance. He’d like to have his home health aide visit twice a week instead of once, but he just can’t afford it when utility costs are piling up.

“It’s not where I want to be spending my money — on my electric bill,” Croyle said.

The strain from electricity costs comes at a time when U.S. inflation is already running at a 40-year high. Food prices are climbing, gasoline is surging and housing expenses are up. All that is taking a bigger bite from consumers’ wallets, especially for low-income people who were already disproportionately affected by the pandemic, according to John Drew, chief executive officer of the non-profit group Action for Boston Community Development.

“The roof is falling down on lower-income people,” Drew said.

Nationally, about 21 million customers were behind on their utility bills in December, according to the latest data from the National Energy Assistance Directors Association in Washington. That number is down from a year ago as some critical public assistance programs helped to ease financial pressures. But now, many of those programs have ended, exacerbating the burden just as energy prices are soaring, said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the group. The Biden administration’s expanded child tax credit, for example, expired at the end of 2021.

“Lower-income families have less discretionary income in their budget, so when one cost goes up, something else has to give,” Wolfe said.

Bills are likely to stay high. U.S. natural gas prices are still soaring, and tight global supplies means there is little relief in sight. Consumers typically use less power in the spring, since milder weather means they neither have to crank up the heat nor the air conditioning. But electricity rates themselves will likely be up because of the rising fuel costs.

People are frustrated with their local utilities, but the companies say it’s not really their fault. New York’s Consolidated Edison Inc., for example, doesn’t generate electricity, and by law it doesn’t make a profit from the power it delivers to customers. It’s charging people more this year because it has to pay more for electricity.

“I have to keep a budget in order to make sure I have gas for the car to go to my job. Like serious budgeting. I’m going to have figure out where I can take the extra money from.”

ANNIE CROSS,
A BUS DRIVER IN
MT. VERNON, NEW YORK

The typical ConEd bill in January was about \$124 for customers in New York City using 300 kilowatt-hours, according to company data, up 23% from a year earlier. The higher bills have drawn the ire of both New York Governor Kathy Hochul and Attorney General Letitia James, and prompted the company to adjust the timing of its billing cycles in an effort to mitigate pricing volatility.

Power prices in the U.S. are higher thanks to a conflux of global events.

As the world’s economies started to recover from the pandemic last year, electricity demand spiked. Meanwhile, unusual weather patterns meant there was less wind power in Europe. Drought also limited hydro power in some parts of the continent as well as in California, while Asia saw tighter markets for coal and natural gas. All those factors came together to create a mad scramble for energy supplies and sent prices soaring.

Now, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is extending the rally. Russia is a huge exporter of natural gas and oil, so any extended disruptions to its supplies will mean energy prices will likely stay high.

Natural gas generates about 35% of U.S. power, and prices for the fuel have doubled in the past year. Demand and prices also soared for coal, which accounts for about 22% of the electricity mix in the country.

On top of higher fuel prices, people are using more energy this year because it’s been colder. In New York City, the average monthly temperature in Central Park in January was 30.3 degrees Fahrenheit (-1 Celsius), compared with 34.8 degrees in 2021.

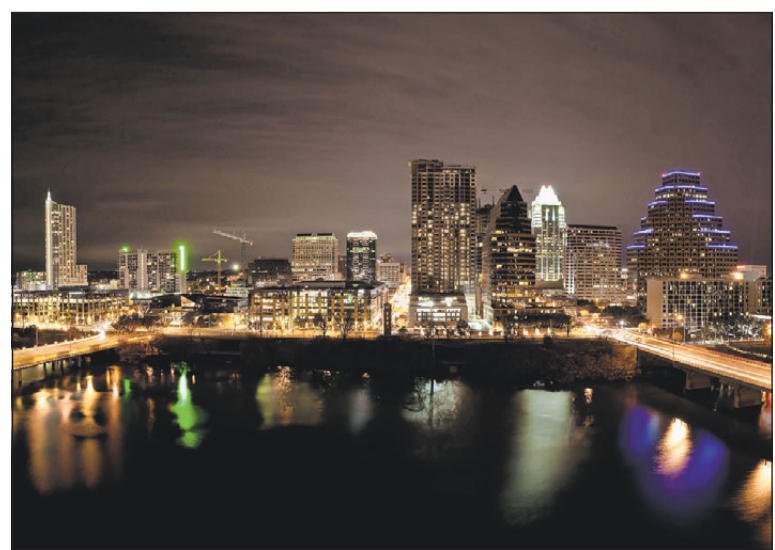
“We understand the hardship that higher energy bills can cause for our customers,” ConEd CEO Timothy Cawley wrote in letter last month to the state Department of Public Service.

More than 1.3 million New York City households are 60 days behind on utility bills, about 20% of the city, according to Public Utility Law Project.

Annie Cross, a bus driver in Mt. Vernon, New York, is trying to figure out how to shift her spending to make sure she can keep the lights on and still have enough to fill up her car. She typically pays about \$100 a month in the winter to ConEd, but this year she’s seen a \$40 increase.

“I have to keep a budget in order to make sure I have gas for the car to go to my job. Like serious budgeting,” said Cross, 61. “I’m going to have figure out where I can take the extra money from.”

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A view of the downtown Austin, Texas cityscape at night from across Lady Bird Lake.



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Meilin (voiced by Rosalie Chiang) in a scene from the Pixar movie "Turning Red."

THE JOY OF 'TURNING RED'

Pixar's latest coming-of-age movie is about growing up, learning to be yourself

By Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

One morning, when Meilin Lee woke from troubled dreams, she found herself transformed in her bed into a horrible vermin.

Thankfully, Meilin (Rosalie Chiang) doesn't turn into an insect like Gregor Samsa, the protagonist of Franz Kafka's "The Metamorphosis," but rather, takes the form of an oversized fluffy red panda. Meilin is as shocked and horrified as Samsa himself, but thankfully, "Turning Red" is so fun and exuberant that one couldn't possibly refer to it as "Kafkaesque."

The utterly charming and insightful "Turning Red," directed by Domee Shi, written by Shi and Julia Cho is a story that is highly, and unapologetically specific, but universal in its themes. Mei is a 13-year-old Chinese Canadian girl trying to navigate the turbulent waters of eighth grade in the early 2000s. At school, she's buoyed by her trio of best friends, and their shared passion for the boy band 4*Town, but at home, working at her family's temple, trying to please her



A scene from the movie "Turning Red."

discerning mother Ming (Sanda Oh), Mei is not the sassy, self-possessed girl whose friends love her unconditionally.

"Turning Red" is a tale about learning to be yourself, and all the growing pains that go along with it, a process that's hard enough without the unique trait passed down to all the women in Mei's family. Meilin's blessing (and curse) is a mystical gift from

her warrior woman ancestor Sun Yi, who channeled the spirit of the red panda spirit to protect her family and village. Suddenly granted this "gift," Meilin finds that whenever her emotions get out of control (a frequent occurrence for this hyped-up and hormonal tween), she transforms into the red panda. This metamorphosis is triggered by that all-powerful force known as matriarchal

mortification, or in layman's terms, an embarrassing mom. The title "Turning Red," is a clever double-entendre for the female coming-of-age metaphor at the center of the film, as well as a nod to Chinese culture.

As her family races to remedy the panda problem with an ancient ritual, the situation threatens Mei's chance to see 4*Town in concert, and she's forced to

reckon with the way she's compartmentalized herself between school and home.

This fantastical, fantastic film is stylistically inspired by anime and '90s teen sitcoms, and draws from a wealth of references including Hayao Miyazaki, monster movies, "Degrassi" and nostalgic pop cultural ephemera. It is energetic to the point of being hyperactive, dense with jokes and character moments, and like most recent Disney/Pixar films, bolstered with (actually useful) therapy-sanctioned lessons about psychology, families and self-esteem that just might hit home for the adults in the room. This is a film about a teenage girl turning into a panda, but it's truly a film about listening to your inner child, parenting your parents and healing ancestral trauma. All that in only 100 minutes.

There's something so joyful about the way Mei embraces the panda that she is, expressing her emotions freely, and the way that expression brings her closer and closer to who she is meant to be. It's a whirlwind roller-coaster of a ride to get there, and an absolute joy to watch.

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Fantasy author raises record \$25M

Brandon Sanderson's Kickstarter will fund new secret novels

By Karu F. Daniels
New York Daily News

Brandon Sanderson has disrupted the literary publishing industry with his latest foray into self-publishing.

The bestselling sci-fi/author has set a record for the highest-funded project to come from a crowdfunding platform.

The "Year of Sanderson" campaign — offering supporters four new novels in multiple formats as well as monthly or quarterly "swag" boxes — generated more than \$20.8 million from 84,600 backers in just three days on Kickstarter.

With 23 more days to go, the total has climbed to over \$25 million — surpassing Sanderson's initial \$1 million goal exponentially.

The previous Kickstarter record-holder was the Pebble Time smartwatch that raised \$20.3 million in funds back in 2015.

Fans of Sanderson brought into his innovative self-publishing business model with-

out knowing much about the plot of the four novels — with the working titles of "Secret Project 1 through 4" — he said were written during the pandemic, and the types of products they would receive.

Intrigue and mystery seem on brand for the 46-year-old Lincoln, Nebraska, native, who was first published in 2005.

"Who would have thought that a group of quirky stories could rival — then topple — technological innovations and beloved game projects," Sanderson wrote in a Kickstarter update. "I'm floored. And you did this all without even knowing what you were getting, save that I promised you it was awesome."

Best known for creating the Cosmere fictional universe, in which most of his novels are set, Sanderson helped finish the final three novels in Robert Jordan's "The Wheel of Time" book series, which was recently turned into an Amazon series produced by Rosemund Pike.



Marta Perez / EFE via ZUMA Press / TNS

Writer Brandon Sanderson poses for photographers during his visit to Barcelona to attend the Eurocon Science Fiction Convention in 2016 in Spain.

The scribe, who founded the Utah-based Dragonsteel Entertainment in 2012, had over 20 million books in print, according to published reports.

Since the mid-aughts, his works has been published by Macmillan Publishers imprint Tor and Penguin Random House's Delacorte Press.

Sanderson has a books scheduled for release with each of them later this year.

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Green Goddess Dressing is a popular TikTok recipe that's used on everything from salads to chips.

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TURNING TO TIKTOK

More home cooks turn to social media app for cooking inspiration

By Joy Summers
Star Tribune

The social media platform is filled with easy recipe hacks that can change the way you cook — for the better.

What's one thing you've recently learned that forever changed the way you do an everyday task?

For me it was that an egg and some chili crisp could transform packaged ramen into an actual meal that costs next to nothing. Or that a block of feta cheese and some cherry tomatoes thrown in the oven could make for a rich and unbelievably easy weeknight meal. And I've even been opening pickle jars wrong all these years (turn it over and wedge a butter knife in the cap to break the seal).

There is a seemingly endless stream of new and easier ways to navigate the kitchen on TikTok, the video app sensation that boasts over 1 billion users worldwide.

Those familiar with TikTok know that like its social media counterparts, the entertaining content can easily occupy a person for hours. The app curates short videos with surprisingly accurate algorithms and offers up niche interests you didn't even know you had. Videos range from seven seconds to a maximum of 10 minutes. It's not a lot of time to grab your attention, yet the platform's diverse and constant streams of funny, relatable and outrageous snippets do just that.

While there are plenty of funny food videos, the sheer number of new recipes is incredible, from easy-to-recreate weeknight meals to master classes in bread baking with a cultivated sourdough starter. Some have links to the recipes, others you'll have to glean from the videos. Your efforts will often be rewarded.

Discover tortillas being folded into quarters for a revolutionary twist on quesadillas and watch a self-described pickle sommelier talk about the ways that brine can elevate a humble vegetable. Or travel the world through plates and baskets of ingredients, watch a street vendor make arepas, or a home cook turn out crusty, golden tahdig with all the drama and anticipation of a Hollywood thriller.

What makes TikTok so engaging is that the videos are just as diverse as their creators. Everyday people

have easy access to their 15 minutes of fame. In this world, a pug named Noodle can predict the kind of day you'll have. Or a professional chef will lament their day while showing you how to make instant soup at home. There are communities built for crafting, foraging, hiking, travel, dance and cooking.

The food videos include helpful hints, or hacks, to revolutionize a few easy meals or snacks. Upgrade your ramen, make a hot sauce powder to kick up boring popcorn, or make a one-dish pasta sensation that is as gorgeous as it is tasty.

It's fun, fast, informative, and just a little addicting. Here are a few inspired ways to up your cooking game, if you can put down the phone long enough to make them.

TikTok tips

As a video app it's optimized for smartphone use, but it works just as well on a computer (go to tiktok.com).

No need to create (another) user account; you can use your Google email and password or log in through your Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Apple accounts. You can also browse and search without signing in.

Like a video? Tap the heart. Don't like it? Scroll past it and the algorithm logs it. From music to niche community interests, TikTok's "for you page," which suggests people to follow, is often a gateway to endless entertainment and inspiration.

The videos have gotten so popular that Facebook and Instagram and jumped into the fray with their "reels," which are often the same as TikToks, but without the agility to log your interests and personalized video streams.

Who to follow

Want fun food content? These users deliver:

@cookingbomb: Start local with Twin Cities content creator Vivian Aronson, a China-born cook specializing in Asian cuisine. For those who want to follow her the old-fashioned way, she just published a cookbook, too: "Asian Market Cookbook: How to Find Superior Ingredients to Elevate Your Asian Home Cooking."
@chefjonkung: Jon Kung calls themselves a "third culture cook" whose instructional cooking videos rocketed the Detroit chef to fame during the pandemic.

Their 1.5 million followers relate to their cross-cultural recipes and variations on classic dishes.

@hebrideanbaker: Coinneach MacLeod is the Hebridean Baker, who focuses on small bakes and all things Scottish. He just released his debut cookbook, "The Hebridean Baker: Recipes & Wee Stories From the Scottish Islands."

@abir.sag: Lebanese lifestyle and food vlogger Abir Saghir is known for her fashion sense as well as her international approach to cooking. With nearly 10 million followers, her mesmerizing videos have struck a chord; she ends videos by garnishing dishes with a flag from its country of origin.

Hot sauce powder

An easy way to transform your favorite hot sauce into something perfect for zipping up dishes that won't do well with soggy. For me it was also a new way to use up the gallon of Crybaby Craig's I've got hogging up room in my fridge. Try this dusted over crispy potatoes, chicken tenders or popcorn. Inspired by TikTok user @bigbeats.world.

1/2 cup hot sauce, such as Cry Baby Craig's
Directions
Preheat oven to 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Pour hot sauce on the parchment in a thin, even layer. Bake for 4 or 5 hours, or until it's completely dry. Remove from oven and let cool before placing dried sauce in a blender and pulsing into powder. Store in an airtight container.

Green Goddess dressing

Makes approximately 1 cup.

For some reason, TikTok creators only eat salads on corn tortilla chips. It might be because of @BakedbyMelissa. Her recipe for green goddess drenched cabbage salad went viral and suddenly everyone was scooping up huge bites of vibrant green, creamy goodness for an extreme close-up. Use this dressing on anything — salad or as a dip on its own.

2 cloves garlic
1 small shallot, root end trimmed off
Juice of two lemons
2 green onions, green parts only
1/2 cup olive oil
1 teaspoon rice wine vinegar
4 walnuts, shelled
4 raw cashews

1/4 cup basil leaves
1 cup fresh spinach
1 tablespoon nutritional yeast

1 fresh jalapeño, chopped, optional
1 teaspoon kosher salt
Directions

Combine all ingredients in a blender and purée until smooth. Serve over salad, as a dip for raw veggies or tortilla chips. Store in the refrigerator for up to four days.

Famous feta pasta

Serves 6.

This was one of the first recipes that moved beyond TikTok to become inescapable on all social media channels. The genius of baking cheese and tomatoes together for a creamy sauce is credited to Finnish creator @Liemessa. Cherry tomatoes, feta cheese and a few aromatics bake in the oven for an incredibly easy and deeply satisfying dinner.

2 pints (20 ounces) cherry or grape tomatoes
1 shallot, sliced
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Kosher salt and black pepper
1 (8-ounce) block feta cheese, drained
10 ounces (about 3/4 of a box) short pasta, such as rotini or cavatappi
Pinch crushed red pepper flakes, optional

2 cloves garlic, grated
1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced
Directions
Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a 3-quart casserole dish, toss cherry tomatoes and shallot with olive oil. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and a few grinds of black pepper.

Nestle feta into the center of tomatoes. Bake until the tomatoes blister and the cheese gets a golden crust, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Salt generously and add the pasta. Cook according to package directions. Reserve 1/2 cup of cooking water and drain pasta.

When the tomatoes and feta come out of the oven, immediately add the red pepper flakes, if using, and grated garlic cloves. Smoosh and stir the feta and tomatoes with the back of a wooden spoon so that it forms a sauce. Add 2 tablespoons of the pasta water. Stir.

Toss pasta with sauce, adding more pasta water if it appears dry. Season with

more salt to taste. Garnish and serve with the fresh basil.

French-style drinking chocolate

Serves 1.

A vegan chocolate beverage is for all occasions. Those who can't do the dairy will be thrilled to have a decadent drink, and milk lovers won't miss the creaminess. Inspired by TikTok user @wholesomehedonista, who posts gluten- and dairy-free recipes.

1 (3.5-4 ounces) bar high-quality chocolate, 60% to 70% cacao
1/4 cup coconut cream
3/4 cup oat milk
1 tablespoon maple syrup, or to taste

1 tablespoon strong-brewed coffee, optional
Sprinkle of Maldon salt
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
Directions

Combine ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat. Whisk occasionally until chocolate is melted. Serve immediately.

Ramen hack

Serves 1.

This hack has quickly become a go-to in our house, a meal my 12-year-old has mastered. Use your favorite packaged ramen, or use this as an excuse to check out the multitude of options inside metro-area Asian markets. Once the technique is mastered, alter at will. Toss in leftover chicken or sausage, add sautéed mushrooms or a tart-hot shot of kimchi. Personalization options are endless and it can easily be assembled in a kitchen — or a dorm room — for pennies.

1 package ramen (such as Sapporo Ichiban)
1 egg
1 tablespoon mayo, preferably Kewpie
1 teaspoon chili crisp (Zen Box Izakaya sells a stellar version)
Directions

Boil noodles according to package instructions. While noodles cook, crack an egg into a soup bowl. Add mayo chili crisp, and ramen flavor package. Whisk to combine.

When noodles are cooked to desired doneness, grab a bunch with a pair of tongs and plunge into the bowl with the sauce mixture. Stir vigorously to combine. Repeat until all the noodles have been added to the bowl. Pour in 1/4 cup warm water to make a broth; stir again to combine, and enjoy.



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Minnesota Twins fans scramble for a foul ball in the seventh inning during a game against the Texas Rangers on May 6, 2021, at Target Field in Minneapolis.

LOSING INTEREST?

Poll suggests lockout is causing fans to stop caring about baseball

By Bill Shaikin
Los Angeles Times

Whether sports fans follow developments in the baseball lockout closely or pay no attention at all, a league with an already diminished fan base has jeopardized at least some of its remaining base because of the work stoppage, according to a Los Angeles Times/SurveyMonkey poll.

In the poll, 6 of 10 Americans said they were not baseball fans. Of those that described themselves as fans, 6 in 10 said the lockout has caused them to lose interest in the baseball season this year.

After baseball's last labor dispute — a player strike that resulted in the cancellation of the 1994 World Series and a delayed start to the 1995 season — the league's average per-game attendance did not recover until 2006.

In 1994, the average attendance was what was then a record for MLB: 31,256. The average remained below that figure from 1995-2005, rebounded through the steroid era and peaked at 32,696 in 2007

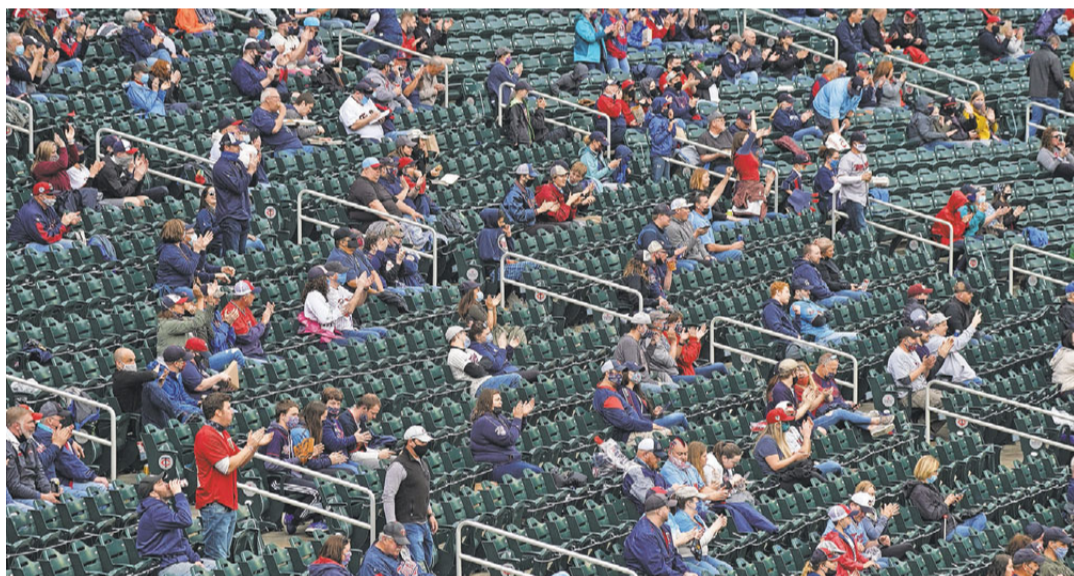
— the final year for Barry Bonds, who broke Hank Aaron's all-time home run record that season.

Even before the pandemic restrictions on attendance over the last two seasons, the average attendance had fallen in seven of the previous eight full seasons. The average attendance in 2019 was 28,203, the lowest such figure since 2002.

The lockout, imposed by the owners last December in an effort to spur a winter resolution of the league's labor issues, has not yet resulted in the loss of any regular-season games. Commissioner Rob Manfred last week announced the cancellation of the first week of the season, although the league has indicated a traditional 162-game schedule could be played if a collective bargaining agreement is reached this week.

No matter when an agreement is reached, according to The Times/SurveyMonkey poll, one-third of fans said they would buy fewer tickets, watch fewer games on television and buy less merchandise than they otherwise would have.

About half the fans said



Anthony Souffle / Minneapolis Star Tribune / TNS

Fans, capped at 10,000, cheer as they sat socially distant during the Minnesota Twins' home opener against the Seattle Mariners at Target Field in Minneapolis on April 8, 2021.

they expected no change in their habits in attendance, viewership and spending on merchandise. The remaining sixth of fans were split almost equally between expecting to spend more and offering no opinion.

According to the poll, 5% of Americans in general and 11% of MLB fans said they were following lockout news "very closely," with 56% of Americans and 18% of MLB fans saying they were not

following lockout news at all and another 31% of fans saying they were following "somewhat closely."

A majority of fans in the poll said they were either not following lockout news at all, or not following it closely.

About half of fans blame owners and players equally for the lockout, with 31% blaming owners the most and 12% blaming players the most. In a related question, 65% of fans said

players were negotiating in good faith with 42% of fans saying owners were negotiating in good faith.

The survey polled 3,768 Americans online from March 3-7, of whom 1,523 said they were baseball fans; the margin of error for the sample of fans is 3.5 percentage points.

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Mexican club, owners banned for 5 years after soccer riot

By Kevin Baxter
Los Angeles Times

The owners of a club in the central Mexican state of Querétaro have been banned from Mexican soccer for five years in the wake of a bloody riot that left more than two dozen people hospitalized.

Mikel Arriola, president of Mexico's Liga MX, announced the ban at a news conference following an extraordinary meeting of league owners Tuesday, saying the club must be put up for sale before the end of the year. Arriola, who called the sanctions "historic decisions," also banned Querétaro FC's supporters' group for three years and said the club's affiliated teams, including its women's teams, will play the rest of their seasons behind closed doors regardless of the venue.

For home games, a 1.8-mile security perimeter around the stadium must be maintained.

The club was also fined about \$70,000 (U.S.), and the club was forced to forfeit Sat-



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Supporters of Atlas fight with supporters of Queretaro during the Mexican Clausura tournament football match between Queretaro and Atlas at Corregidora stadium in Queretaro, Mexico, on Saturday. The game between the two Mexican football clubs was called off after violence by opposing fans spilled onto the field.

urday's match to Atlas, which was leading 1-0 when play was halted early in the second half. Atlas' supporters' group, whose members were on the receiving end of much of Saturday's violence, was also

banned from home games for six months.

Yon De Luisa, president of the Mexican soccer federation, charged Querétaro's owners with putting "the lives of many at risk and damag[ing]

the image of the state of Querétaro, its people, the club and Mexican soccer."

Mauricio Kuri, governor of Querétaro, said that 10 people have been arrested and 26 suspects have been identified. Arriola said anyone found guilty of participating in the violence will be banned from all stadiums in Mexico for life. Kuri had earlier promised to pursue attempted murder charges against those who took part in the riot.

Officials continued to insist there were no fatalities in Saturday's violence despite multiple accounts of deaths from fans and reporters who were on the scene. Those accounts say as many as 17 people died.

Twenty-six people were hospitalized. Twenty have reportedly been released, but five remain in serious condition, with another reported to be in critical condition.

Arriola's announcement Tuesday means that Greg Taylor, a 54-year-old U.S. promoter and agent who was part of a group that bought

Querétaro from Grupo Caliente in 2020, is out. Last year Taylor, a controversial figure in Mexican soccer, was accused of participating in a scheme in which the rights to players were sold at inflated prices with Taylor and his associates pocketing the profits.

The ripple effects of Saturday's riot will be felt throughout Liga MX with the owners ruling Tuesday that visiting supporters' groups will be prohibited from attending away matches. For home games, teams will be required to vet members of organized fan groups attending home games and confine them to a designated area. Minors will be barred from that section.

FANiD and facial recognition systems will be required in all stadiums for the 2022-23 season.

The Liga MX season, which was briefly paused Sunday, will resume with two games on Friday.

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Which college prospect are you looking forward to watching in the state tournament?

Mick Hatten (Huskies): Warroad senior forward Daimon Gardner, who is committed to Clarkson. He's listed at 6-foot-4 and 205 pounds and I'm curious to see the skill set that goes along with his size that has him leading his team in goals and points.

Christian Babcock (Beavers): I'm interested in seeing Warroad's Jayson Shaugabay, who has committed to Minnesota Duluth. He had two assists on Gardner power-play goals when the Warriors played in Bemidji and looks the part of a future college hockey player.

Jess Myers (Gophers): The Minnesota Gophers roster is less Edina-dominated than it was when Bob Motzko took the head coaching job four years ago, but there is still an important pipeline that regularly brings Hornets to 3M Arena at Mariucci. Jimmy Clark, a junior forward for Edina, led the Hornets in assists with 21 this season and announced his commitment to Minnesota in September. It will be interesting to see how he performs on the big stage in St. Paul.

Matt Wellens (Bulldogs): For me it's a tie between a pair of Bulldogs recruits in Hermantown's Zam Plante (2.89 ppg) and Warroad's Jason Shaugabay (2.64 ppg). Are they the cure for the Bulldogs scoring woes, that have only exasperated this season? Too bad both forwards are only juniors.

Brad Schlossman (Fighting Hawks): Maple Grove forward Danny Nelson (16 goals, 33 points) is a sophomore who can field scholarship offers beginning Aug. 1. This is a chance for him to make a name for himself on a big stage.

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HISTORY LESSON

Most impressive records from the Minnesota high school boys hockey tournament

The Rink Live St. Paul

Sixteen teams advanced to this week's Minnesota high school boys tournament, and a new champion is guaranteed for both Class A and Class 2A.

In Class 2A, Hill-Murray will be making its 32nd tournament appearance, more than any other school in the state. Edina is making its 29th appearance. Combined with Edina East, the Edina/Edina East combo ties Roseau — which didn't advance this year — with 34 trips to state.

Warroad leads teams competing in Class A, with 23 appearances, while Hermantown is making its 18th visit.

All teams competed in the same division prior to 1992, when the state implemented a two-tier setup.

As the 2022 Minnesota State High School League boys' state tournament draws near, here are some notable records and facts from players and teams who've played in #TheTourney.

1945

Eveleth rallied for two goals in the third period to top Thief River Falls, 4-3, and earn the state's first boys' championship. The Golden Bears went undefeated and returned to win third place in 1946 and 1947. Eveleth claim four straight titles from 1948 to 1951, which remains a record.

1951

John Mayasich set records for most goals (15) and points (18) in his final state tournament. Eveleth went 69-0 during his prep career. Mayasich also owns career tournament records for points (46), goals (36), hat tricks (7) and consecutive games with a goal (12).

1955

In 11 overtimes, the longest game in tournament history ends when Minneapolis South scores 93 minutes, 12 seconds for a 3-2 quarterfinal win over Thief River Falls. Minneapolis South lost in the semifinals, 3-1, to eventual champion St. Paul Johnson.



Nick Nelson / Grand Forks Herald

Thief River Falls goalie Brett Holmer tracks the puck in the second period of the Minnesota Section 8A boys hockey championship at the East Grand Forks Civic Center on March 3.

1960

For the first time, there were no shutouts during the tournament. Duluth East beat St. Paul Washington 3-1 in the championship. The feat has been accomplished several times since: 1963, 1967, 1979, 1980, 1981 and 2003.

1961

Roseau starts a streak of 9 consecutive tournament appearances, good enough for the state's second longest streak. Eveleth holds the record with a 12-year tournament run from 1945-56. Roseau has racked up more state appearances (34), wins (55) and goals (327) of any school.

1970

The most overtime games (6) were played in the 1970 tournament. In the championship, Minneapolis Southwest needed an extra period to win 1-0 over Edina, which saw all of its tourney games go into overtime. Goalie Doug Long of St. Paul Johnson set the individual record with 124 saves, including 61 in a 5 overtime quarterfinal win, in a single tournament.

1973

The fastest three goals scored by one team came when Hibbing tallied a trio of lamp lighters in 23 seconds against Alexander Ramsey High of Roseville during the championship. It proved to be the difference

in a 6-3 contest won by Hibbing.

1979

The most goals scored by all teams came during the 1979 tournament field of Edina East, Rochester John Marshall, Roseau, Irondale, St. Paul Harding, Minneapolis Washburn, Grand Rapids and Hill-Murray. Edina East, which topped John Marshall 4-3 in OT to win the championship, scored a dozen goals in a semifinal win over Roseau.

1980

Hill-Murray entered the championship game with a perfect record (27-0), but fell 2-1 to Grand Rapids. The Pioneers are the last team with an unblemished record to make the title game and lose. The 1997 Duluth East team was 26-0-1 entering the title game, won by Edina. In 2021, Lakeville South was 19-0-2 before losing to Eden Prairie in the championship.

1993

Jamie Langenbrunner dished out 10 assists for Cloquet, setting a tournament record. Five years later, Johnny Pohl of Red Wing notched 8 assists, giving him the career tournament record.

1994

Bloomington Jefferson scored 6 goals in the tournament, and won all

three games, on way to third straight titles. The Jaguars became the first team to accomplish the feat since International Falls from 1964-66. Bloomington Jefferson won 49 consecutive games at one point — second on the all-time list to Eveleth's 79-game win streak.

2004

Centennial's Greg Stutz notches 3 shutouts to set a single-tournament record. Centennial scored six goals to win 2-0 over Holy Angels, 3-0 over Wayzata and 1-0 over Moorhead in the title game.

2014

Edina ties the record for most goals by one team in a championship game in an 8-2 win over Lakeville North. The 1948 Eveleth team also scored 8 goals in the title game. Lakeville North won the 2015 championship, ending the campaign with a perfect 31-0 season.

2020

Grant Slukynsky of Warroad ties the record for the most points (5) in a period during tournament play. He tallied 3 goals and 2 assists in the first period in a game against Hutchinson. The point total tied Eveleth's John Mayasich, who scored 4 goals and an assist in the first period against Williams in 1951.

Play-by-play broadcaster makes US junior hockey history

By Kirsten Krull
The Rink Live

ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Whether it has been television, writing, or radio, Ashley Chase has done it all. Chase currently is the director of operations, media relations and play-by-play for the St. Cloud Norsemen of the North American Hockey League, but it wasn't an easy path to get to this point.

Chase decided to pursue broadcast journalism after a professor in college heard her voice and asked her if she ever thought about sports broadcasting.

"In that moment for me, it was like an original idea,"

Chase said.

"I had never actually considered that, but that makes a ton of sense, let's do that. After that moment with him he put me on sideline for football that Saturday and in some way, shape or form I've basically been on the air ever since," she said.

Upon graduation from Morningside University, Chase entered the world of television, a territory she hadn't stepped into before. Although she didn't have experience in this medium, she learned quickly and relied on the confidence she had from knowing the sports as well as the teams in that market.

Chase returned to the Fox Sports affiliate that she interned at in college to work for Curtis Anderson, which also allowed her to gain more experience on the call.

"Every day, every night of the week I'm like 'OK, what's my game today? What games do I have this week? What games can you put me on?'" Chase said.

"I wanted to do as much as possible. Staying hungry like that is definitely part of what was able to bring me here (her current play-by-play role). When I started doing play-by-play I didn't know what I was doing at all, but I really wanted to," she said.

Prior to the start of the 2021-2022 season, Chase headed to St. Cloud to pursue a job she had dreamed of doing since her days in college, play-by-play.

When asked, Chase shared the best piece of advice she has been given in this industry that she is now offering to others aspiring to acquire the job she has.

"Don't be the best female broadcaster, be the best broadcaster," she said.

"If that's your goal, then it won't matter who you are, what your gender is, what you look like, none of that will matter if you do the job well."