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Buena Vista to hold Welcome to Winter open house, ski swap ahead of 72nd season

By **Bria Barton**
The Bemidji Pioneer

With freezing temperatures and the first snowfall in the area, plenty of folks have begun wondering when they can hit the slopes again and enjoy the beloved winter pastime of skiing.

"People have already been calling to see if we're open," said Laurie Schaper, Buena Vista Ski Area's fourth generation operator and group services coordinator.

Last year, the ski area had a delayed start to the season when it opened in late December. At the time, pandemic regulations restricted some of its service offerings, and Schaper said she and her family were unsure of how the season would pan out.

"We were a little skeptical of how the year would be. A lot of things were virtual, so we didn't have school or church groups," said Schaper. "But it was actually pretty busy and

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Above: Buena Vista Ski Area is preparing for its 72nd season and recently acquired a new groomer, which will help drive the ski area's grooming standards. **Below left:** Lily Schaper, fifth generation of the Buena Vista Ski Resort family, decorates a Christmas tree in preparation for the ski area's open house on Saturday. **Below right:** A portion of the consignment sales from Buena Vista Ski Area's ski and snowboard swap goes to its ski patrol for training and medical education.



Haack announces resignation from Bemidji school board

By **Daltyn Lofstrom**
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — While Monday's Bemidji Area Schools Board of Education meeting had several surprises in store — ranging from a proposed vaccine/testing mandate for district employees to potential budget cuts in response to the failed referendum — the resignation of longtime board member Jeff Haack provided one last development for the night.

During the "once around the table" portion of the Nov. 15 meeting, which allows each board member to voice their thoughts on otherwise untouched topics, Haack took the opportunity to announce his resignation following his updates on the Bemidji 31 Education Foundation fund and coach shortage.

"My life gets busier all the time and this board meeting is my last one,"

"I really want to focus more of my time and efforts on my kiddos and this foundation and there's only so much of me to go around."

JEFF HAACK

Haack said. "I realized with this referendum that (failed), maybe I don't represent my constituency very well."

Haack has been on the school board since 2012 and most recently won reelection last year when he received 9,758 votes — 28% of the total.

Haack said his primary motivation for resigning is that he wants to have more time to focus on his family and the foundation fund, which he helps lead along with

board member Carol Johnson.

"I really want to focus more of my time and efforts on my kiddos and this foundation and there's only so much of me to go around," he added. "So, effective at the end of our closed session and adjournment, that's my resignation."

Other board members added to their closing remarks by thanking Haack for his service and the pleasure they had working alongside him.

"Jeff, thank you. I hear you in terms of leaving and with supporting kids, time goes fast," Board Chair Ann Long Voelkner said.

A moment of levity came when Haack detailed his oldest child in middle school being 5-foot-10 and out of concern of needing more basketball coaches, Long Voelkner recommended Haack's

child to be a coach.

Superintendent Tim Lutz shared the same sentiment following Haack's sudden announcement.

"Mr. Haack, thank you for your service. I'm going to miss working with you," Lutz said. "I appreciate your astute observations of data and your questions. You will be missed."

Johnson thanked Haack and added, "I look forward to our continued work with our foundation which we started from the ground up and is moving ahead very strongly."

Haack detailed earlier in his closing remarks that the Bemidji 31 Education Foundation Fund awarded a total of eight grants valued at \$4,519 in its third year of awarding funds, which are used to fund various classroom projects and resources.

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A recycling station is available for all Beltrami County residents on 23rd Street Northwest behind Target in Bemidji.

Citywide recycling unlikely without mandated pickups

By **Matthew Liedke**
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — Curbside recycling in Bemidji's city limits won't happen without a major change in how solid waste operations are conducted.

The city now offers residential refuse pickup for residents, but the service is optional. As a result, Bemidji City Manager Nate Mathews

said only a third of households sign up for the service.

"It's very difficult for anyone to have a recycling operation like that without being able to have curbside refuse pickup as part of it," Mathews said. "That's typically what you'll have. There will be a

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City proclaims Nov. 27 as Small Business Saturday

By **Matthew Liedke**
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — The Bemidji City Council met Monday for its second November meeting and approved several items via its consent agenda and proclaimed Nov. 27 as Small Business Saturday.

The consent agenda is an item for the council where multiple tasks can be approved at once. One item approved in Monday's consent agenda was the bills to be paid for the Sanford

Center, which totaled \$81,432.82.

Some of the bills included:

- ▶ \$31,841 to Otter Tail Power Co. for electricity.
- ▶ \$16,715 for food, beverages and merchant services.
- ▶ \$8,726 for Venu-Works management services.
- ▶ \$2,395 for internet and telephone services.
- ▶ \$2,179 for BSU athletics.
- ▶ \$2,150 for cleaning services.
- ▶ \$1,615 to the city of Bemidji for police secu-

rity at events.

- ▶ \$1,290 for the Minnesota Department of Health for a food license.
- ▶ \$1,880 for ice consultation.
- ▶ \$978 for cleaning supplies.
- ▶ \$814 for Waste Management services.
- ▶ \$600 to Higgins Heating for cooler/freezer repair.

The council also set the polling places for the 2022 elections in its consent agenda. Those places include:

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what's up

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Region 2 Arts seeks Business Skills Learning Cohort applicants

BEMIDJI – The Region 2 Arts Council is seeking eight artists or creatives to participate in a six-month Business Skills Learning Cohort program.

The program offers participants a series of business skills learning opportunities, professional consultations and support structures, and showcasing opportunities that support the next best step for their artistic career, a release said.

Cohort members will play a role in the selection of workshop content and support structures to encourage relevance of the materials and program design.

This opportunity is available to ages 18 and older. Applicants must live in Beltrami, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen and Clearwater counties, or be enrolled tribal members or descendants residing in Becker, Cass, Itasca and Roseau counties.

The deadline to apply is Nov. 29, and the program is set to run from January through June 2022. To apply, visit r2arts.org. For more information, call (218) 751-5447 or (800) 275-5447.

Salvation Army seeks volunteer bell ringers

BEMIDJI – Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with bell ringing at the following area stores:

- Lueken's Village Foods North and South
- Walmart (outside)
- L&M Fleet
- Marketplace Foods

Here is a list of contact numbers to schedule a time to ring at each store: Call Carol at (218) 333-3608 to ring at Lueken's North and South, call Gene at (218) 556-8048 to ring at Walmart or L&M Fleet, and call Patti at (218) 308-5234 to ring at Marketplace Foods.

Time slots are usually two hours at a time, but can be modified to fit each volunteer's schedule.



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Volunteer Ray Pearson, of Bemidji, rings the bell for the Salvation Army at Marketplace Foods in Bemidji in 2016.

As with all donations to the Salvation Army, these campaigns are entirely to benefit the community, a release said.

Applications open for Arts Learning grants

BEMIDJI – The Region 2 Arts Council is offering Arts Project grants, open to organizations that seek funding for art projects.

"The Arts Project grant is a project-based grant open to nonprofits, public and charter schools, community education programs, arts organizations, institutions of higher learning, government and tribal entities, and groups formed for nonprofit purposes with a fiscal sponsor," a release said.

These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects including costs associated with public art, arts festivals, engagement of guest artists, arts field trips, workshops, exhibitions, presentations or performances.

Arts organizations may also apply to fund consultation projects in board development, fiscal management, fundraising, public relations, audience development or assistance in designing arts programming.

Funds can be used to purchase materials and supplies for arts projects but not equipment or nonexpendable items, the release said.

Funded arts projects must benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods or Mahanomen counties.

The deadline to apply for Arts Project grants is Dec. 15, and the maximum award is \$2,500. The earliest project start date is Jan. 28, 2022.

For more information, call (218) 751-5447 or email staff@r2arts.org.

Blackduck art center to feature photographer Deb Krueger

BLACKDUCK – The Blackduck Area History and Art Center will host a photography display by Deb Krueger through mid-December.

The exhibit, "My Fine Feathered Friends: A Bird's Eye View," is a collection of Krueger's bird photography, a release said.

Krueger's first photography show was in 2009 at Bemidji State University. The next year, she initiated the Midwinter Interlude art displays at BSU to highlight and share the talents of staff and faculty.

Her photography was previously featured at the Blackduck Area History and Art Center in 2011, and Krueger's work has also been showcased at the Bemidji Public Library and at Glazed and Amused, the release said.

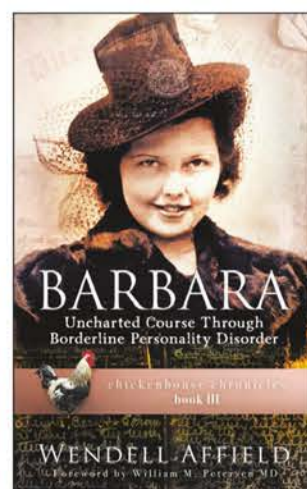
Guests are invited to stop in to see the photos and leave comments for Krueger in the show's special guest book. The center is located at 133 Main Street in downtown Blackduck and is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, call (218) 835-4478.

Wendell Affield to hold book release event at Watermark

BEMIDJI – Watermark Art Center will present the launch of Wendell Affield's newest book, "Barbara, Uncharted Course Through Borderline Personality Disorder," on Friday, Nov. 19.

"The book is the culmination of a decade spent researching over 1,000 pages of primary source documents and interviewing mental health professionals as Affield learns to understand and appreciate the woman who haunted his childhood," a release said.



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Watermark Art Center will present the launch of Wendell Affield's newest book, "Barbara, Uncharted Course Through Borderline Personality Disorder," on Friday, Nov. 19.

Affield will begin signing books at 6 p.m., with a reading to follow at 7 p.m. The event is free to attend.

For more information, visit watermarkartcenter.org or call (218) 444-7570. Attendees are asked to wear a mask.

Leech Lake Early Childhood to hold job fair

CASS LAKE – Leech Lake Early Childhood Development is set to hold a job fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, at its Cass Lake location, 190 Sailstar Drive.

Career opportunities are open for early childhood educators, family service advocates and cooks, a release said.

"Each position has full benefits, and interviews will be conducted on site," the release said. "We are seeking talented people who are interested in having a real impact on the health of our children, their families and our community."

For more information, call (218) 335-8345.

Author Terry Smith to hold book signing event

BEMIDJI – Bemidji author Terry Smith will hold a book signing event for his book, "Code 4: True Stories from a 37-year Police Veteran,"

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Bemidji Woolen Mills, 301 Irvine Ave. NW.

Senior Center to hold fall craft show, bake sale

BEMIDJI – The Bemidji Senior Center is set to host a fall craft show and bake sale from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20.

Handmade items by local crafters will be featured at the event, and fresh-baked goods will be available, a release said. There will also be a jewelry sale from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and a raffle with hourly drawings for prizes from the Senior Creations Gift Shop.

For more information, contact the Senior Center at (218) 751-8836.

Anishinaabe Arts Initiative grants available

BEMIDJI – The Region 2 Arts Council is offering Anishinaabe Arts Initiative grants, with the application deadline set for Wednesday, Dec. 1.

"This grant offers funding for costs associated with the exhibition, performance, or production of a creative work, purchase of materials or equipment to create works of art, educational opportunities in the arts excluding academic credit, and proposals for projects or opportunities to enhance the career of an individual artist," a release said.

Grants are open to artists who are enrolled tribal members and descendants residing in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Hubbard, Itasca, Lake of the Woods, Mahanomen or Roseau counties. Proposals must also be realistic and adaptive to COVID-19 restrictions, the release said.

The maximum award for the grants is \$1,000. For more information, call (218) 751-5447 or email staff@r2arts.org.

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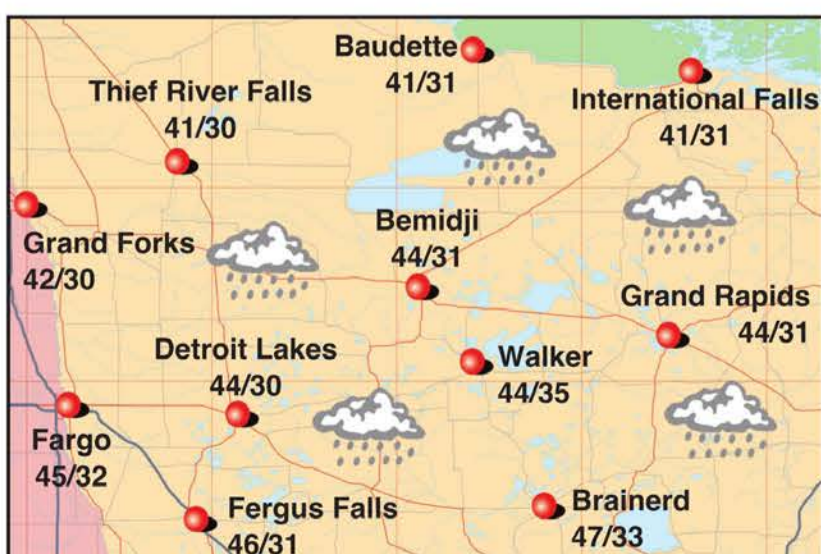
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44° 31°	39° 25°	33° 23°	32° 21°	31° 18°
Winds: 6-14 mph ESE	Winds: 9-14 mph NW	Winds: 16-19 mph NW	Winds: 5-8 mph WNW	Winds: 6-10 mph WNW

LOCAL OUTLOOK

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of rain, high of 44°, humidity of 70%. East southeast wind 6 to 14 mph. The record high for today is 64° set in 1954. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 31°.

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Where the fun begins...

Garfield Lake Ice Racers, In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club hold Veterans Day dinner

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LAPORTE — Veterans gathered at the Wood-Shed Bar and Grill in Laporte by invitation to celebrate Veterans Day with a prime rib dinner on Thursday, Nov. 11.

The event was put on by the Garfield Lake Ice Racers Club and the In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club, with help from the Party Store of Bemidji.

According to a release, Motorcycle Club Vice President John Rueter greeted the crowd and led the Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Rene Mehler provided an opening prayer for all veterans before the meal and Motorcycle Club Member Howie Baxter rang a special bell six times for each branch of the military. Cindy Haley made desserts for guests to enjoy after the meal.

The special guest at the event was World War II U.S. Navy veteran Robert Peterman, who served from 1944 to 1946.

“The Garfield Lake Ice Racing Club provided all the funds for the event with 250 vets and guests enjoying the free meal,” the release said. “The In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club provided the leg work in planning the event and hosting and serving the vets dinner. Each veteran in attendance was also provided, if needed, a full Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey or ham dinner at no cost.”

The Garfield Lake Ice Racers hope to get their racing season started in early January on Garfield Lake in Laporte once ice conditions are safe, the release said. The In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club has members throughout the Laporte, Bemidji and surrounding areas.



World War II veteran Robert Peterman, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946, was a featured guest at a Veterans Day event held by the Garfield Lake Ice Racers Club and the In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club.



Hugh Wichao, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1970, and Larry Mullen, who served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1985 attended a Veterans Day dinner held by the Garfield Lake Ice Racers and In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club.



Contributed photos Polly Baxter, who helped with the evenings events, and husband Howie Baxter, who served in the Army from 1970 to 1971 and is now the Sgt. of Arms for the In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club, attended a Veterans Day dinner held by the Garfield Lake Ice Racers and In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club.



Left: Garfield Lake Racers Club President Kris Baker, Motorcycle Club Secretary Ron Valient, President John Pearce and Vice President John Rueter were in attendance at Veterans Day dinner held by the Garfield Lake Ice Racers Club and the In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club.



Gary Nelson from Brainerd, who served from 1970 to 1972, and Keith Baumann from Bagley, who served from 1967 to 1969, were in attendance at a Veterans Day dinner held by the Garfield Lake Ice Racers and In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club.



USMC veteran Gene Moffatt, who served from 1964 to 1968, and Bert Woodford, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1974 to 1978 were in attendance at a Veterans Day dinner held by the Garfield Lake Ice Racers and In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club.

Wilkowski receives Sanford Health's Veteran Scholarship

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BEMIDJI — Bemidji State University junior nursing student Luke Wilkowski, a veteran specialist in the U.S. Army, was recently awarded Sanford Health's Military and Veteran Scholarship.

The award is given to any guard, reserve or active-duty military service member who has demonstrated leadership and commitment in their community, a release said.

“We look at the whole person, including their academics and community service,” Captain Paul Weckman, director of veteran and military affairs at Sanford Health, said in the release. “Not only has Luke served multiple times overseas, he was an eagle scout growing up and continues to volunteer with community outreach.”

Wilkowski has been deployed overseas twice — to Croatia in 2016 for overseas training and to East Africa in 2020 and 2021. On Oct. 28, Weckman made a surprise visit during class to present Wilkowski a check for the \$5,000 scholarship.

“This is a big life changer for me and all

my big stressors are helped by this award,” Wilkowski said in the release. “It’s going to push me forward in my career and life goal to become a nurse. It’s going to support me in a way that I could never imagine.”

Before his most recent deployment, Wilkowski was studying engineering and physics at BSU. When he returned home in April 2021, the Minneapolis native decided to change his career path to nursing so that he could continue helping people.

“When I was deployed over in Croatia, I did a

lot of medical tasks. It didn’t dawn on me until I was out in the field doing this kind of training that I really enjoyed working on the medical side of things,” Wilkowski said. “It clicked and solidified my reasoning that a career with caring and helping is what I wanted to do.”

For Wilkowski, the support from Sanford Health and Bemidji State has eased the transition from the military back to campus. During his deployments, he was frequently working alongside other armed forces who may not

have spoken the same language as him. This experience helped him develop the communication and interpersonal skills to best support those around him, the release said.

“Nursing isn’t straightforward, you have to look at all sides of care. You’re there to build connections with patients,” he said. “They may only be there for a day or two, but making connections gives the patients hope as they know that they can trust you and that you have their best interests in mind.”



Contributed Bemidji State nursing student Luke Wilkowski, left, receives a \$5,000 check from Captain Paul Weckman, director of veteran and military affairs at Sanford Health.

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Sustainability is not always straightforward

The New York Times released an article called “The Cotton Tote Crisis” in August of this year in which the author revealed that according to a 2018 study by the Ministry of Environment and Food in Denmark, an organic cotton tote needs to be used 20,000 times to offset its overall impact of production, when compared to its plastic single-use counterparts.

That means the bag has to be used daily for 54 years for its carbon footprint to be less than that of plastic bags.

In all fairness to my tote-carrying Earth-loving brethren, there are some valid counterpoints to the argument. For one, cotton is biodegradable and renewable; plastic, a petroleum-based product, is not. In personal experience, bringing my own bags also tends to limit my personal shopping and forces me to make more thoughtful purchases.

But the real point here is that there is a lot of greenwashing out there. Greenwashing is a marketing tactic that makes good Samaritans believe they are helping the planet when they make certain purchases. It’s why soda cans and plastic water bottles now demand on their labels that you recycle them. Even recycling isn’t as straightforward as the recycling campaigns want you to think. Electric cars, elephant pants, Impossible meat, and yes, reusable tote bags, are all loosely tied to sustainable consumerism. Maybe that’s an oxymoron, though.

Maybe there isn’t sustainable consumerism.

I’ve mentioned electric cars before, for example. As part of the Biden administration’s goal to have a sustainable fleet of government cars on the road, he has put both verbal and financial support into electric vehicle infrastructure.

However, there is a danger in assuming that gas vehicles are bad and electric vehicles are good; by what metrics are we measuring?

Mining for lithium, a key component in electric car batteries, is contaminating parts of China and South America. The U.S. electric grid may not be able to handle the addition of millions of electric cars, especially after watching the grid collapse in Texas this winter.

Furthermore, I’ve recently learned that electric, petrol and diesel cars aren’t even the only three options – BMW is already producing hydrogen-fueled cars in Europe. Hydrogen doesn’t have to be mined; it just has to be separated out of a water molecule.

Yet even hydrogen-fueled single-family (or worse, single-owner) vehicles ignore what is perhaps the real solution to social, environmental and economic transport, which is public transportation. In many ways, it is behavior change, not product trade-outs, that could lead us to a more sustainable future.

As with electric cars and tote bags that require land, water and manure to grow cotton (on land that could be used to grow food) that

must be processed into bags that last in our closets only a handful of years, the elephant pants and Impossible meat too have their issues.

After seven years of vegetarianism, the food I now avoid at the grocery store is actually bananas due to rainforest deforestation and the high rates of infertility that Central Americans are experiencing due to banana pesticides. It is not always so black and white which purchases are “clean” and which have dirty histories – sweatshops, high environmental cost, full of toxins, etc.

If we continue making these “environmental” purchases that assuage our guilt, we may also fall into Jevons Paradox, which insinuates that when something becomes more efficient, we, therefore, use it more. Sometimes so much so that the overall impact becomes greater than the original, less efficient version.

Take airplanes, for example. Airplanes have only become more fuel-efficient over time, such that they use less fuel per flight than ever before. But, because less fuel makes flying more affordable, we fly more than we ever have in human history (pandemic stats not included). Therefore, although we are being more fuel-efficient per flight, we are actually burning more fuel overall than we did when the flights were less efficient.

So it’s not just about efficiency. And it’s not about trading out one store-bought item for another. Since this was a lot of information all

at once, to simplify, the question is, what can we do about it?

As individuals, I think it’s really a two-step process. First, buy less and buy used. Buying high-quality, long-lasting products and becoming more immune to fast-paced trends makes a lot more sense than “supporting” the elephants and then abandoning the pants when a different social cause gains traction.

Second, do your own research. I know that zero-waste social media accounts tout the benefits of shampoo bars, and hey – maybe they are the solution to plastic packaging. But maybe they aren’t. Keeping a critical eye will help us to find more creative and ingenuitive solutions to our needs (and even wants).

That said, to take care of our environment is going to require a holistic, all-hands-on approach. We can’t just buy long-lasting Patagonia sweaters and assume the work is done. Governments and corporations have to get on board.

Our economic paradigm built on growth must be staved back, and the environmental services provided by trees, lakes, animals and insects must be incorporated into our equation.

Buying or not buying that grocery tote isn’t going to make or break the environmental crisis, but if we intend on leaving this world better than we found it, we ought to reevaluate our personal investments as a starting point.

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RACHEL BEGLIN

COMMENTARY

The power of Minnesota’s Give to the Max Day

Minnesotans are some of the most generous people in the nation. We donate to organizations that build stronger local communities and, when disaster strikes, we rally.

We step up quickly and help in concrete ways: donating money, food, clothing, household goods and our time. We join our neighbors and clean up debris from their yards and in our neighborhoods. We saw the giving nature of Minnesotans repeatedly in 2020 as communities responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to systemic racism evidenced by events like the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

In fact, 2020 was a record-setting year of donations for Give to the Max Day. This year’s annual GTMD is on Nov. 18 and provides a great opportunity to

put your values into action by providing financial support to an organization providing solutions in an area important to you.

Visit GiveMN.org, and with just a few clicks, you can select the causes you care about, and send

the critical support needed to help organizations remain resilient in serving our communities.

It’s no secret that the past two years have been filled with what feels like relentless challenges. And Minnesotans have consistently stepped to the plate to support pandemic-related causes in the same way we often respond to weather-related disasters, through a common pattern of community engagement – strong short-term giving that ramps up the first few weeks, but then drops off as the distractions of our everyday life resume. Just as it can take

a community years to rebuild after a tornado or hurricane, systemic challenges including racism, homelessness, hunger, and our ongoing response to the pandemic can’t be resolved overnight. Ongoing support and giving is crucial to ensure our communities remain vibrant and strong.

Year over year, Minnesotans have proven that they are committed to GTMD and directing their generosity to organizations that bring their values to life in local communities. And this year, we will do it again.

Thousands of nonprofit organizations throughout our state are working to provide solutions to our most complex community challenges, and they need our support more than ever. In March 2021, 30% of Minnesota’s nonprofits reported they had less than six months before they will exhibit financial



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distress. Fast forward more than six months to today, and the time for us to act is now.

Even if you’re not directly impacted by some of the challenges our communities are experiencing, we all have the power to act on our personal values and have a strong impact on the longer-term resilience of our communities.

How can you do this? Find an organization that supports your values and get involved. Volunteer, make a donation, learn more about the

organization’s mission and how you can help.

Each of us has the power to act on our values to help keep Minnesota communities and their residents strong and vibrant. When we come together to help our neighbors, we can help generate longer-term resiliency in our communities.

Visit GiveMN.org to check out their easy-to-use filtering tool to guide you to support an organization or several organizations that are in line with your personal values.

Jake Blumberg is the executive director of GiveMN.



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10 years ago

November 17, 2011 – Students from schools in the Bemidji area helped feed the hungry by collecting items for the annual Stuff-A-Truck drive sponsored by Marketplace Foods. “It is really gratifying to see how the kids and their families would rally around this,” said Jack Judkins, coordinator of the Bemidji Community Food Shelf.

25 years ago

November 17, 1996 – Classrooms at St. Philip’s School in Bemidji gained access to the cyberworld thanks to help from numerous volunteers and a national movement called NetDay. Volunteers installed wiring in grade 5-8 classrooms. Among the volunteer workers at St. Philip’s were John Halcrow, Barb Hanus and Doug Sherf.

50 years ago

November 17, 1971 – Billy Israelson, that fine little ninth grade golfer-football-hockey player, hit the boards in hockey practice Monday and messed up his right shoulder. Meanwhile, Dave Howe, Ed Demery and Gary Sargent were elected co-captains for the Bemidji High School hockey team this season.

100 years ago

November 17, 1921 – A large black bear, weighing almost 350 pounds when killed, was brought to Bemidji this morning in an automobile by Mr. Boyer, who has been hunting in the vicinity of Nebish. The bear was killed Tuesday in O’Brien Township, a short distance northeast of Nebish. It appeared the bear lived well all summer as he was sleek and fat.

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BECC to hold Movement and Play sessions

BEMIDJI — The Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative will hold Movement and Play sessions from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays at the Bemidji Boys and Girls Club, 1600 Minnesota Ave.

Movement and Play sessions offer a fun, safe play and socialization opportunity for children ages 5 and younger and their caregivers, a release said.

Sessions are free to attend and will be held on Fridays through March 25. Movement and Play events are sponsored by the Northwest Minnesota Foundation and Beltrami Electric Cooperative members.

For more information, visit bemidjearlychildhoodcollaborative.org or follow the Bemidji Early Childhood Collaborative Facebook page.



Madelyn Haasken / Bemidji Pioneer
Adelynn, 2, is pushed along on a bike by her mother, Ashley, during a BECC Movement and Play session in August at the Paul Bunyan Center playground.

CITY

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- ▶ The American Indian Resource Center at 1630 Birchmont Drive NE for Ward 1
- ▶ The Bemidji Armory at 1430 23rd St. NW for Ward 2.
- ▶ The Boys and Girls Club of Bemidji at 1600 Minnesota Ave. NW for Ward 3.
- ▶ Bemidji City Hall at 317 Fourth St. NW for Ward 4.
- ▶ Northwest Technical College at 905 Grant Ave. SE for Ward 5.

Before passing the consent agenda, Mayor Jorge Prince read a proclamation



Prince

declaring Nov. 27 as Small Business Saturday.

“Bemidji, Minnesota, supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our community,” Prince said. “I urge residents of our community and communities across the country to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday, and throughout the year.”

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Photos by Annalise Braught / Bemidji Pioneer

Above left: Battery recycling bins were recently added at the recycling station on 23rd Street Northwest behind Target in Bemidji. **Above right:** Beltrami County accepts items such as paper and cardboard, glass, some plastics and aluminum and steel cans at recycling stations. After collection, the county's recycling is then sent to Polk County, which has a station to sort the recycling items.

RECYCLING

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hauler in the community with a mandatory refuse pickup, and they'll use those profits to have curbside recycling. Curbside recycling by itself doesn't have a lot of profit.”

The city offers hauling for residential homes at \$16 per month for 65-gallon and 95-gallon trash cans. This operation is limited to residential spaces, though, as the city has a contract with Waste Management for exclusive commercial pickup rights.

“It's kind of tricky,” Mathews said. “When you have a community that historically has become accustomed to taking their own garbage to the transfer station, it's hard to have a conversation about mandatory collection.”

According to a study for city officials, there are seven other cities similar to Bemidji's size where residents haul their recyclables. Those cities include Baxter, Cloquet, Grand Rapids, Hutchinson, Park Rapids, Thief River Falls and Winona.

Those communities are in the minority, as the study found 44 similar cities that do have residential recycling pickup operations. Some examples included:

- ▶ Blaine, which has a single contractor and a \$12 fee for recycling.
- ▶ Elk River has two contractors and charges a \$4.30 fee for recycling.
- ▶ Moorhead has a city-run operation and a \$4.47 fee for recycling.
- ▶ Monticello has a single contractor and a \$2.26 fee for recycling.
- ▶ St. Joseph has a single contractor and different fees. The city has a \$15.20 fee for a 60 gallon recycling cart and \$21 for 90 gallon carts.

“A larger financial analysis and projection needs to be run if the city council were to want to implement recycling in town,” Mathews said. “If we were to have every house in town, it would mean more trucks and staff. In that scenario, we could cash flow a second run to take recycling. However, the recycling commodities market is

not very good, and the county also has an incineration tonnage required with their contract.”

County operations breakdown

Currently, all of Beltrami County residents can bring their recycling to several locations. Those sites include:

- ▶ The Bemidji Solid Waste Transfer Station at 751 Industrial Drive SE.
- ▶ The site behind Target in Bemidji on 23rd Street NW.
- ▶ The Ten Lake Rural Site at 23170 Power Dam Road NE in Bemidji
- ▶ The site at Tom's Spot at 8000 Irvine Ave. NW in Bemidji.
- ▶ The Blackduck Transfer Station at 33003 U.S. Highway 72, NE.
- ▶ The Fourtown Rural Site at 68030 State Highway 89 NW in Grygla.
- ▶ The Island Lake Site at 8530 Lumberjack Road NW in Puposky.
- ▶ Waskish Rural Site at 56162 Waskish Road NE.

“We cover Beltrami County fairly well, but we also know we have a gap up by Turtle River,” said Brian Olson, Beltrami County Solid Waste director. “That's our next biggest concern, as we try to cover all of the citizens in the county. Once we're able to do that we would like to put another site there.”

Country transfer stations

The two transfer stations have been under the county's operation since 2017. That year, the county finalized a purchase, buying the two transfer stations from Waste Management for \$1.85 million.

Since buying the facilities, several upgrades were made to the buildings, as they needed to have a 20-year-lifespan to receive state funding assistance. Remodeling the stations came to \$3.8 million.

At its sites, along with plastic and glass, Olson said the county accepts organics, batteries, tires, E-waste and hazardous waste. After collection, the county's recycling is then sent to Polk County, which has a station to sort the recycling items.

“Once its sorted, the recycling is sold,” Olson said. “The proceeds from

that are then provided to each of the counties in the coalition and helps administer the operations of that facility.”

Along with Beltrami and Polk, other counties partnering to use the recycling facility are Clearwater, Mahnommen and Norman.

County officials acknowledge that while most residents have access to recycling sites, though, there is some interest in pickups. However, County Administrator Tom Barry noted the same hurdle to get over that Mathews did.

“I think for some people who live in town, they'd not like to take it in as much and like the convenience of having it hauled off,” Barry said. “It's extraordinarily unlikely that you can launch a recycling program without mandatory collection. In my experience, working with public works for the last 20 years, and on a lot of recycling programs, you just can't get a hauler that's going to agree if they don't have a captured audience for those costs.”

“With solid waste, everything gets stuck on dollars,” Olson said. “We get \$134,000 from the state annually. We spend a little over \$1 million on recycling already and there's not much revenue in this for us.”

According to Olson, when recycling is made easier to do, residents are more likely to participate in. However, haulers of recycling are looking for a monetary guarantee.

“For them to do that, they have to make sure it's worth their time and effort,” he said. “Plus, the infrastructure and staff has to be covered.”

Cooperation between city and county

While mandatory pickup doesn't exist now in Bemidji, Olson said that kind of model, or something similar, may be needed in the future.

“At some point, it may have to change,” Olson said. “We get 600 to 900 cars per day at some points of the year at our transfer station in Bemidji. At some point, our population will outgrow that facility and we'll have to come up with a

different approach.”

In Barry's view, any changes to solid waste operations must include recycling as a key component.

“The reality is if we're going to manage our solid waste in a sustainable way, recycling has to be part of that, because landfills are growing,” Barry said. “I think the city's on the right path in trying to

find a cost-neutral way to enhance the services and increase recycling to meet better sustainable goals. That makes sense and we'd love to be part of that. I think they're struggling with the mandatory issue, though, and I think that will continue to be the big issue.”

Barry said any action done on the issue will have to include both

government bodies.

“What the county does impacts the city and what the city does impacts the county,” Barry said. “I think the county is very interested in expanding the partnership with the city and finding a way to move toward a sustainably conscious and cost conscious approach.”

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OBITUARIES

Larry Dwayne Zea



Larry Dwayne Zea, 84, of Blackduck, died on Nov 12, 2021, at home in Pennington, MN. A gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date.

He was born on October 13th, 1937, to Dale and Bernice (Kauffman) Zea in Denison, Iowa. He grew up and attended school in Denison, then attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. There he met his wife to be, Patricia Board, and they were married in Wheaton, Illinois, in 1957.

In addition to his wife and family, he had many loves in his life: opera, flying, hunting, fishing, and his Scottish Highland Cattle. From 1956 to 1970 he was a member of the US Navy Band Sea Chanters in Washington, D.C. He performed at the White House for presidents Eisenhower through Nixon. He performed in a European wide TV broadcast in Berlin shortly after the Berlin wall was erected, toured South American with President Eisenhower, and toured Mexico. He participated in several presidential inaugurations and marched with the US Navy Band in the President Kennedy funeral procession. While in the Navy he proceeded to attain many flying licenses, including his ATP, and ended up being chief flight instructor at the Andrews-Bolling Air Force club, while still performing with the Sea Chanters.

In 1970 he and his family moved to the south shore of Pimushe Lake in the Blackduck area. For two years he taught flying and flew charters at Bemidji Aviation. He then started Kimball Music and Furniture in Blackduck and in 1981 started Insurance Services North in Blackduck. In 1987 he started raising Scottish Highland Cattle and for several years had some of the top show quality highlands in the US. In 1999 he had the National Champion Heifer and in 2000 had the National Champion Bull and National Champion Cow/Calf. In the early 2000's he exported two shipments of highlands to Chile in South America. In 2001 he was named the American Highland Cattle Association member of the year.

He served on the Moose Lake Township Board, served for four years on the Blackduck School Board, represented northeast Minnesota for many years on the Minnesota Beef Council, and served as a director of the American Highland Cattle Association for over 10 years.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, son Michael Zea, daughter Pamela and her husband Dennis Flynn, daughter Rebecca Green, son Jeffrey Zea, grandchildren David Kennedy, Denys Zea, Robert Green, Joseph Green, James Green, Zachary Zea-Heuer, great-grandchildren Allen Kennedy, Mackenzie Kennedy, as well as his brother James Zea, sister Donna Roths, and brother Marlin Zea.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dennis.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the American Cancer Society in Larry Zea's name.

Messages of condolence may be sent to ceasefuneralhome.com

Mark Stephen Knutson



Oct. 4 2021

On a beautiful fall day quietly visiting with his daughter-in-law and enjoying a view of Mt Rainier over the Puget Sound, Mark Knutson, 80, peacefully passed away. His heart was full of joy and love from recent visits with all of his children and grandchildren.

Mark was born in Red Wing, Minnesota to Melford and Orla Knutson. He was the third of four children (Phil, Mary and Paul). The family moved to Albert Lea, Minnesota where he grew up with best friend, Jan. They met in kindergarten when young Mark spied Jan from across the room and gave to her his cookie at snack time (according to their mothers Orla and Crystal Gorder).

Mark and Jan were married in Albert Lea, MN in 1963 following their graduation from St Olaf College and later moved to Brooklyn, New York for Mark's internship year in seminary. This was the first of the many places where they served as pastor and teacher while raising their family. Mark and Jan's "hobby" completely revolved around people and they carried many deep friendships in Chippewa Falls, WI, Hoffman Estates, Ill., Bemidji, MN, Thousand Oaks and San Marcos, CA, and Olympia, WA. With his compassion, kind heart and sense of humor he touched the lives of many in campus ministry and in his parishes. Mark had a gift for making people feel special, seen and supported. It was common to hear Papa say, "I met a new friend at _____!" (Costco, the gas station, you name it.)

Mark loved music. He was a classical pianist and accompanied the choir in high school. Mark and his brother Phil played many concerts together. Mark also loved all things jazz, and he could tell you the best places for live music and happy hours up and down the west coast. He was always orchestrating activities, be it to the jazz club, on one of their many trips or going to theater.

Mark loved his family above all. He was proud of his children and four grandchildren and took delight in their activities and daily lives. As Mark transitioned to memory care in this recent spring his nature of gratitude and resilience remained. He never hesitated to say those three powerful words: "I love you."

Mark is survived by his three children, Jim Knutson (Debbie), Chris Sogn (Kristi), Molly Knutson-Keller (Doug); four grandchildren, Jasper, Betsy, Dexter and Satchel; in-laws Jim and Polly Gorder, Carol Gorder, Marsha Knutson; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on November 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (https://www.gloriadeiolympia.org/) and to the Artist Trust (https://artisttrust.org). More information found at Caring Bridge (https://www.caringbridge.org/).

Thomas "Joe" Hazeldine



Thomas "Joe" Hazeldine, 71, of Bemidji, MN died Thursday, November 11, 2021 at his home in Bemidji.

There will be no services according to his wishes. Arrangements are with the Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

He was born in on September 14, 1950, in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Thomas H. and Maryvl (Anderson) Hazeldine.

He is survived by his: Wife, Crystal Hazeldine, Siblings, Karron Hazeldine, Daniel (Vicki) Hazeldine, Christian (May) Hazeldine, Children, Donovan (Michelle) Hazeldine, Gabriel (Noelle) Hazeldine, Troy (Christina) Hazeldine, Grandchildren, Brandon, Joshua, Stephanie (Cheltse), Nathan, Tyler, Great-Grandchildren, Kaysey, Shiloh, Aurora, and Skyler.

Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Ricky Richter



Rick "Ricky" Richter passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at Sanford Bemidji Medical Center. He was 58 years old, and has left behind a legacy of love and kindness. We know he is watching over and guiding us through this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life/Funeral Service will be held at Calvary Chapel at 500 Irvine Ave. in Bemidji at 11:00 am on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 with Pastor Chris Hess officiating.

He will be missed by so many within his close knit family: his loving wife, Jacky, his daughter Danielle (Riley) Colley and Destiny Greybear; Step children Jon, Stephanie and Michelle Neely and his grandchildren Adalee, Kenna, Riley, Alex, Zach, Taylor, Kayleigh, Naveah, Kyson, Mariah, and Evan; his siblings Randy (Carol) Richter, Heidi (Jay) Schroeder, Robin Richter and Steve (Kim) Richter; Shannon (Ken) Nieuwsma, Todd (Michelle) McCarthy; Uncle Bernie Richter, Uncle Ray (Arlene) Richter, Aunt Pearl Meckley; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Clarabell (Meckley) Weidrich and his father, Reuben Richter.

Ricky was born in Turtle Lake, ND on July 4, 1963 to Clarabell and Rueben Richter. For most of his young life he lived in Beulah, ND, graduated high school there and went to Bismarck State College and got his Associates Degree in Power Process and Plant Technology. Rick worked at Bemidji State University as a Chief engineer.

Rick was one of the most positive, happy, and kind men you may ever met. He gave the biggest hugs, and always had a big smile and a ready for a chuckle. Rick made friends everywhere and touched so many people who will deeply feel this loss. He took care of family like no other and ensured everyone felt loved and cared for. He had a way of speaking that made you listen and want to learn more. Rick was an avid fisherman, hunter and motorcycle enthusiast. Nothing ever seemed to get him down - he saw obstacles as opportunities and challenges as adventures. Family was his foundation, his faith guided him, and love and kindness were his gifts to all who knew and loved him. Condolences may be left at ceasefuneralhome.com.

Randi (Randy) Goodwin

June 28, 1964 - Nov. 10, 2021

FARGO, N.D. - Randy (Randy) Goodwin, 57, Tenstrike, Minn., died Wednesday, Nov. 10, in Sanford Fargo Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 6 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19, at Cease Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bagley, Minn. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, at Grace Chapel south in Bagley. Pastor Chris Conger will officiate. Interment will be in Bagley City Cemetery. Arrangements by Cease Family Funeral Home.

Latoya Schoenborn

Sept. 16, 1984 - Nov. 13, 2021

RED LAKE, Minn. - Latoya Schoenborn, 37, Redby, Minn., died Saturday, Nov. 13, in Red Lake Hospital.

A wake will begin in the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 18, and will continue until the funeral at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at Redby Community Center. Pastor Tom Pollack will officiate. Arrangements by Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji, Minn.

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David Andree



David Andree, age 86, of Fosston, MN, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 13th, at his home. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19th, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston with the Rev. Jane Ekholm officiating. Inurnment will be in the Hope Lutheran Columbarium at a later date. Family will greet friends for one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Arrangements are with Carlin Family Funeral Service of Fosston and messages of condolence may be shared at www.carlinfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Essentia Hospice or Hope Lutheran Church.

David Elwood Andree was born in Bemidji August 27, 1935, to Ivan and Cora Andree. He grew up at Island Lake, where he attended Pleasant Valley Elementary School for eight years and then Bemidji High School, graduating in 1953. He attended Bemidji State College for one year after which he enlisted in the Army. He spent a year and a half with the 35th Field Artillery Division stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany. After discharge, he enrolled in the University of Minnesota at Duluth, graduating in 1959 with a degree in mathematics and industrial education.

On May 28th, 1955, David married Nancy Maher at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Puposky. Nancy finished college while Dave was in the service, and then taught school while Dave finished college, and together they moved to Fosston in 1959. Dave spent his entire career teaching at Fosston High School, teaching every student who attended Fosston High School for 30 years.

Dave was an outdoorsman. He loved hunting, trapping, fishing, boating, and snowmobiling. He was a master woodworker, and spent happy hours in his shop turning out furniture and gifts. He belonged to Hope Lutheran Church of Fosston for over sixty years. He was on the Fosston City Council when the Civic Center was built, and taught firearms safety. David loved visiting with people, and enjoyed his retirement years having morning coffee with local friends.

David is survived by his wife Nancy of Fosston, daughter Mary (Kevin) Hanson of Fosston, daughter Cindy (Brian) Andrew of Dilworth, MN, and son Craig David (Kris) Andree of Lakeville, MN. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Ashley (Jarod) Eckert, Cole David Andree, Tyler David (April) Andrew, Katie (Max) Morlock, Alyssa (Peter) Barnes, and Abby Laubenstein. Also surviving are three great grandchildren: Mason Kostuch, Ezra David Eckert, and Darius Andrew. One sister Sharon Smith of Puposky, MN survives, as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, brothers Howard, Robert (Bob), John (Jack), Earl, and Roger; sister Jeanne, and infant sister Rose Marie.

DEATHS

Michael Whelan

Feb. 22, 1935 - Nov. 10, 2021

BEMIDJI, Minn. - Michael Whelan, 86, Bemidji, Minn., died Wednesday, Nov. 10, in Neilson Place.

No services will be held. Interment will be in Island Lake Cemetery in Puposky, Minn.

Arrangements by Olson-Schwartz Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

Darren Conklin

May 3, 1962 - Nov. 9, 2021

BEMIDJI, Minn. - Darren Conklin, 59, Bemidji, Minn., died Tuesday, Nov. 9, in his home.

A celebration of life will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at The Eagles Club in Bemidji.

Arrangements by Cease Family Funeral Home in Bemidji.

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS Wednesday, November 17

JUMBLE SUEDE SHAKY THIRST EMERGE When Curtis thought twice about not getting a roast beef sandwich, he knew it was a - MISSED STEAK

SKI-SON

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a good year. I think a lot of people just wanted to get out, and skiing is something you're mostly outside for anyway."

Suzanne Thomas, owner of Buena Vista and Schaper's mother, said the ski area even saw increased ticket sales, which she also attributes to people's increased desire to get out of the house last winter.

While conditions aren't quite ready for snowmaking as of now, plans are underway to get the ski area and its guests ready for the upcoming 72nd season, which doesn't have an official start date yet. Schaper said they have tentative plans to begin snowmaking next week, and they recently added a new grooming machine with updated features to their fleet.

"I think it will be a lot easier to operate, and it will work a bit better on the hills," said Schaper. "One thing we really take pride in is grooming our hills, and making the conditions really nice for any ability to come on and ski."

Then, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, Buena Vista will hold its annual Welcome to Winter open house, which includes a ski and snowboard swap and ski patrol fundraiser



Above left: Memorabilia spanning over 70 years of Buena Vista Ski Area's history will be on display at its annual open house on Saturday, Nov. 20. **Above right:** A wall of memories spanning over 70 years of Buena Vista Ski Area's history will be on display at its annual open house on Saturday.



Photos by Annalise Braught / Bemidji Pioneer

– with a portion of the consignment sales going to its ski patrol for training and medical education. Ski and snowboard gear should be brought to Buena Vista for swap from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, or from 8 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The day is also an opportunity for people to purchase their season passes or snow passes, Schaper added. But if unable to attend, passes can be bought on the Buena Vista website or by calling the ski area at (218) 243-2231.

"The ski swap brings out a lot of people because they love to look at the equipment and sell their own," she said. "The season passes are such a good deal if you come out here frequently, or, even if you come out here a handful of times, the snow passes pay off."

During the open house, there will be various vendors in attendance showing the latest in winter gear. Free pizza, drinks and Raphael's Bakery cookies will be available to guests, who can also participate in free drawings.

The ski area is also looking to fill multiple job positions and will be holding open interviews on Saturday as well. Schaper said those interested in applying should come by that day, fill out an application and then hang around for an interview.

With renewed interest from groups and no current COVID-19 mandates from the Minnesota Ski Association, Schaper is hopeful the upcoming season and winter events at Buena Vista will look as they did



Buena Vista Ski Area's ski and snowboard swap is open to the public, and attendees can shop for gently used winter sporting equipment. **Contributed**

prior to the pandemic. "I think we're on track for probably the same events that we've had in the past, like cross country races," said Schaper.

And as opening day is on the horizon, both Schaper and Thomas said they're looking

forward to being reunited with guests and employees, new and old – their "winter family."

"Winter is a tough time for people sometimes, and being outside and skiing is just so good mentally and physically because you're getting that fresh

air and Vitamin D," said Schaper. "We are just super excited to get back into the season, and see all the fresh snow and the enthusiasm that it brings. We're excited to bring some joy again to people this year."

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Buena Vista Ski Area is preparing for its 72nd season and recently acquired a new groomer, which will help drive the ski area's grooming standards.

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SCHOOL

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Referendum review

Prior to Haack's resignation, the board took considerable time reviewing the failed second attempt at an operating levy increase for the district during the Nov. 2 special election.

A total of 7,183 voters took to the polls, with 3,432 voting in favor and 3,749 voting against the ballot measure. A difference of 317 votes.

Had it passed, the \$180 referendum authority would have been revoked and replaced with an authority of \$460 per pupil with taxes payable in 2022 and applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced.

Lutz stated that recommendations for budget cuts will be made beginning in December and will range from class size increases, changing bus routes and walking zones, adjusting administrative costs, shifting building budgets and changing activity fees.

"The district will now need to determine, once again, where cuts will be needed to stabilize the budget, the same process ISD 31 conducted last year," Lutz said. "It's too early at this time to predict or say anything to alleviate any concerns or anxieties."

Student representatives Maya Lindquist and Savannah Haugen spoke to the board about student concerns and rumors as they relate to the referendum not passing and how it will affect students' opportunities.

"Students, at least in the high school, are very worried about next year," Lind-

quist said. "There are a lot of rumors going around, and I think it's important to keep students as up-to-date as possible as decisions are being made in order to calm some of those rumors."

Public participation involved four speakers, two of which spoke against the district's second attempt at a referendum vote.

"After the referendum vote in 2020, the district posted a message that they were going to respect the vote. That is not what happened," Keith Whiting said. "The fact that we had to come back a year later for a special vote that the district wasted money on proves that you did not respect the vote. I hope the district will respect the vote this time."

Other sentiments during public participation included the board needing to revise its masking policy from a mandate to a recommendation and increasing public participation from three-minute time limits to six minutes.

Bemidji Coop Assistant Manager Guy Drevlow spoke about supplying propane-powered buses for the district and cited a statistic that less than 5% of all buses need to be plugged in during sub-zero temperatures.

"That alone, in a district similar to ours that uses around 100 buses, saves over \$30,000 by not plugging buses in," Drevlow said. "That alone would help the district with their money issues and financial woes."

COVID requirements

Human Resources Director Jordan Hickman was the point person for much of the meeting during discussion of an emergency temporary stan-

dard published by the Department of Justice Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Friday, Nov. 5, in the federal register.

This standard would mandate that employers with 100 or more employees be given two options regarding vaccination and testing: a full vaccine requirement for all employees, or giving employees the choice to be vaccinated or be subject to testing once every seven days.

The Minnesota state plan under the federal OSHA, or MNOSHA, is allowed to be more restrictive, but not less restrictive, than the federal guidelines for both public and private employers.

School districts would also still be allowed to impose additional restrictions specific to their COVID transmission rates and hospitalizations.

Hickman relayed that most provisions need to be implemented by Monday, Dec. 6, leaving a rather slim timeline for implementation following the standard's publishing date.

"The primary components of those provisions is that employers adopt a policy and decide which of those two options are going to be implemented and obtain verification of vaccination status from every employee within the district," Hickman said.

Despite being a federal requirement, Haack spoke against any type of vaccine or testing requirement.

"We all talk about slippery slopes and I wouldn't support either one of (these two options)," Haack said. "I know OSHA is going to make us do it. In my day job, I will be subject to this. The difference is that nobody asked for my opinion then, and I get to

say 'no' now."

Board member Jeff Lind touched on driving employees away from the district similar to other industries where mandated vaccines and testing are implemented.

"It really puts us between a rock and a hard place," Lind said. "Other people are leaving good-paying jobs and going to places where there are under 100 employees so they don't have to comply with these mandates. I would assume we would see that same migration of employees that we can't afford to lose."

"But as was stated earlier, we really don't have a choice," Johnson said.

Haack took a moment before stating, "There's always a choice. If every district in the state said 'no' is OSHA really going to fine every school in the state thousands of dollars a day? Now in this case, we will say 'yes' and comply. But, there's always a choice."

Following much more discussion, the board voted 5-1, with Haack voting against, to approve the first reading of this policy.

Other agenda items

The board voted unanimously to revise six district policies to comply with legislative changes and the Minnesota School Boards Association Model Policy.

Policies that were reviewed included Harassment and Violence, Internet Acceptable Use and Safety, Equal Educational Opportunity, Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records, Public and Private Personnel Data, and the School Weapons Policy.

They also unanimously passed a resolution to establish combined polling places for multiple precincts and

designate hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election.

District Business Director Krisi Fenner emphasized that these polling places must be established every year per legislation adopted in 2017, and that it does not relate to the referendum special election.

Another unanimous vote came with the acceptance of a \$15,000 donation from Sanford Health to the district's Angel Fund, which supports unpaid student meal debt. A drum kit valued at \$700 donated to the Bemidji High School band by Jim Hess was also approved.

Lutz plugged some upcoming events including two vaccine clinics open to children ages 5-11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 20 and Dec. 11 at the Bemidji Middle School. The two-dose pediatric Pfizer vaccine will be offered free of charge. Those who receive the first dose on Nov. 20 can get the second dose on Dec. 11.

A parent or guardian must accompany their child through the vaccination process. Parents can make an appointment for their children by visiting my.primary.health/r/bemidji-area-schools?registration_type=ages+5-11.

Once the meeting adjourned, the board transitioned to a separate room for a closed negotiation strategy session.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, in the district board room.

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Above left: Bentleyville staff member Craig Vanneste, of Proctor, right, helps his daughter, Emma Jo Vanneste, of Proctor, with attaching an awning on the Cookie House at Bentleyville in Duluth's Bayfront Festival Park on Nov. 3. **Above right:** The 128-foot-tall centerpiece, metal-framed, light-bedecked Bentleyville Tour of Lights tree at Bayfront Festival Park in Duluth on Nov. 3.

Bentleyville, Christmas parade return this week

Duluth News Tribune
DULUTH — The Christmas City of the North Parade is just around the corner, and so is the opening day of Bentleyville Tour of Lights in Duluth's Bayfront Festival Park.

The annual KBJR-TV-hosted Christmas City of the North Parade will take place Friday, ahead of the first day of the Bentleyville season Nov. 20.

Bentleyville goers will once again be able to walk through the tour showcasing more than 5 million lights. Last year, the free event was temporarily switched to a drive-thru-only format.

Attendees will be greeted by Santa, Mrs. Claus and their reindeer.

Bent Paddle Brewing Co. is returning its Christmas Cookie Cream Ale Beer, according to a news release from Bentleyville. The vanilla-, almond- and cardamom-infused ale will be on tap at the gift shop on-site and at Bent Paddle Brewing in Lincoln Park.

The limited-time Christmas brew will also be available in Decem-



ber at both Grandma's restaurant locations and Little Angie's Cantina in Duluth.

Anyone who buys a growler of the Christmas Cookie Cream Ale Beer will be donating \$5 to support Bentleyville and will receive a Bentleyville-themed ornament.

Bentleyville organizers are still looking for volunteers age 16 and older to help run the event. To sign up for volunteer shifts, visit [bentleyvilleusa.org/vol-](http://bentleyvilleusa.org/volunteer-live)

unteer-live. Bentleyville is open from 5-9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

The Christmas City of the North Parade, featuring marching bands, dancers, floats and an appearance from Santa, is scheduled for 6:30-8



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Above: The Stay Puft Marshmallow Man looms over the 2020 Christmas City of the North Parade in Duluth. **Left:** Vehicles line up to visit Santa on Nov. 21, 2020, during the opening night of the Bentleyville Tour of Lights at Bayfront Festival Park in Duluth. Bentleyville temporarily switched to a drive-thru format last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

p.m. Friday and will be broadcast on KBJR 6 and on the station's website. The parade starts near

the Fitger's Complex, travels west down Superior Street and through downtown Duluth.

Fischbach proposes renaming two post offices in Minnesota

By Ingrid Harbo
Grand Forks Herald

Two northwestern Minnesota post offices could soon have new names.

On Friday, Nov. 12, Rep. Michelle Fischbach led the Minnesota U.S. House delegation in proposing two bipartisan bills to rename post offices in the 7th District.

According to a news release from Fischbach's office, the proposed bills would rename the post offices in Vergas and Oklee to honor local heroes. The Vergas Post Office would be named after Jon Glawe, a veteran and mail carrier who lived in Vergas, while the Oklee Post Office would be named after Coya Knutson, the first woman elected to Congress from Minnesota.

Glawe and Knutson were selected for the marks they made on their communities.

Glawe served in the U.S. army as a sergeant stationed in Germany. He took over the family farm and his father's mail route after his father's death, and delivered mail in the Vergas area for 36 years. He retired in 2011, and was known in his community for delivering mail, helping neighbors and volunteering at his church. He died in 2016 at the age of 66.

Knutson was born in North Dakota, and attended Concordia Col-

"I'm honored to be able to commemorate these individuals who made such an impact on their communities."

MICHELLE FISCHBACH,
U.S. REP.

lege in Moorhead, Minnesota. She moved to New York to become a professional opera singer, but settled down on a farm near Oklee with her husband Andy. She was elected to Congress in 1955, and served until 1959. She also served as liaison officer for the Department of Defense under John F. Kennedy.

"I'm honored to be able to commemorate these individuals who made such an impact on their communities," Fischbach said in a letter.

For a post office name change bill to make it to the House or Senate, the bill must be approved by every member of a state's delegation. Then, it has to be voted on by both the House and Senate, after which it is signed into law by the president.

After a post office is renamed, it receives a plaque with the new name and an unveiling ceremony, which is paid for by the U.S. Postal Service.

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FOOTBALL



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The Beavers hold the NSIC North Division championship trophy up high after defeating U-Mary 62-40 on Saturday at Chet Anderson Stadium.

LET'S DANCE

Beavers run the table, make playoffs with historic 62-40 win in finale

By Micah Friez
The Bemidji Pioneer

It wasn't official yet, but the Bemidji State football team rightfully celebrated like it was.

The Beavers bowled over U-Mary 62-40 in Saturday's regular season finale at Chet Anderson Stadium. It essentially clinched their first-ever berth in the NCAA Tournament,

"When we were 2-2, it was like every game after that was an elimination game. We just took it one week at a time, kept stacking wins on wins. We feel like we deserve it."

MALIK WILLIAMS,
SENIOR WIDEOUT

something the selection committee confirmed

Sunday.

"I'm tremendously proud for all of Beaver Nation," BSU head coach Brent Bolte said. "This goes back to me getting hired by coach (Jeff) Tesch, coach (Rich) Jahner, Ken Traxler. All those guys put in decades of work to get us to this point."

After a 2-2 start, Bemidji State ran the table with seven straight

victories to close the regular season. And they were must-win games if the Beavers wanted something like Saturday to be possible.

"When we were 2-2, it was like every game after that was an elimination game," senior wideout Malik Williams said. "We just took it one week at a time, kept stacking wins on wins. We feel like we

deserve it."

BSU also clinched the NSIC North Division championship outright, as well as a share of the overall Northern Sun crown. The latter is the program's sixth conference title all-time and the first since 2006.

"Me and my boys, we've been fighting all year," sophomore running back Sage Booker said. "It's

amazing. We've never made the playoffs. The fact that we get to make it this year is a blessing."

A game of historic proportions featured 1,204 yards of combined offense, 15 total touchdowns and a second-quarter snowstorm to boot. And, more than anything,

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

BSU's 3 seed the latest step in rise to national power

By Micah Friez
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — In the early 2000s, some Bemidji State students heard a knock at their doors. Waiting for them to answer was Jim Stone, desperate to find enough players for his new team.

"I think I was hired about six weeks before the season began," said the BSU women's soccer head coach. "There were two failed searches, so I was like the last choice. They brought me up here, and here I am 20 years later."

The days of ragtag rosters are long gone now. In

Stone's 20-year tenure, the Beavers have risen to a national power. The latest example of proof came Monday, when the team earned the No. 3 seed in the Central Region of the NCAA Tournament.

"To go from literally posting signs in dorms to getting to this point, it's pretty phenomenal and pretty humbling," Stone said. "It's been a great journey."

Bemidji State will face sixth-seeded Central Oklahoma in the first round at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 19, on a neutral pitch in Emporia, Kan. Second-round games will be played on Sunday,

Nov. 21.

Central Missouri pulled down the No. 1 field in the region, while Emporia State jumped BSU for the No. 2 seed. The Beavers (18-1-2) dropped to No. 3 after losing to Minnesota State in Sunday's NSIC Tournament championship game, and the Mavericks earned the No. 4 seed as the only other Northern Sun team in the field.

"This team, I really don't have any words for how far we've come," senior midfielder Megan French said. "We've all greatly improved individually and as a team. We haven't hit our peak yet,

and I'm excited to see where we can go with it."

A team holding national championship hopes is a far cry from the program Stone inherited in 2002.

That team had to forfeit its first game of the year. Finally they convinced two women's hockey players to join — with one of them even scoring during a 3-1 win in the season opener. But the hockey players soon returned to the ice, and the soccer team faced lopsided losses while still battling shortages on the frontlines.

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Bemidji State head coach Jim Stone, right, is in his 20th season coaching BSU. He has over 200 career wins, placing him 46th all-time among the winningest coaches in Division II women's soccer history.



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LUMBERJACK
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kristen McClellan
Sophomore | Girls Hockey

Kristen McClellan (13), a sophomore forward on the girls hockey team, tallied two goals and an assist in Bemidji's 4-3 loss to East Grand Forks on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

AREA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17
No events scheduled
THURSDAY, NOV. 18
Prep Girls Swimming and Diving
Class AA state diving prelims, 6 p.m. (in Minneapolis)
Prep Girls Hockey
Bemidji at Thief River Falls, 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOV. 19
College Women's Soccer
NCAA Tournament: Bemidji State vs. Central Oklahoma, 10 a.m. (in Emporia, Kan.)
College Women's Hockey
Minnesota Duluth at Bemidji State, 3:01 p.m.
College Men's Basketball
Minnesota Morris at Bemidji State, 6 p.m. (exhibition)
College Men's Hockey
Michigan Tech at Bemidji State, 7:07 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOV. 20
College Football
NCAA Tournament: Bemidji State at Augustana, noon

College Women's Basketball
Minnesota Morris at Bemidji State, 1 p.m. (exhibition)
College Women's Hockey
Minnesota Duluth at Bemidji State, 2:01 p.m.
College Men's Basketball
Northland at Bemidji State, 3 p.m.
Prep Girls Swimming and Diving
Class AA state finals, 6 p.m. (in Minneapolis)
College Men's Hockey
Michigan Tech at Bemidji State, 6:07 p.m.

3, Minnesota State, (4), 9-3-0, 905, 3
4, Minnesota Duluth, 7-2-1, 841, 4
5, Quinnipiac, 9-1-2, 832, 5
6, North Dakota, 8-3-0, 740, 7
7, Minnesota, 7-5-0, 640, 6
8, Massachusetts, 6-3-1, 521, 8
9, Omaha, 9-3-0, 514, 11
10, Cornell, 5-1-0, 494, 13
11, Denver, 6-4-0, 485, 14
12, Providence, 8-5-0, 434, 12
13, Western Michigan, 6-4-0, 408, 9
14, Notre Dame, 8-3-0, 365, 15
15, UMass Lowell, 6-1-2, 291, 20
16, Harvard, 4-2-1, 289, 10
17, Ohio State, 7-3-0, 252, 18
18, Northeastern, 8-4-0, 197, 17
19, Boston College, 6-5-1, 139, 16
20, Bemidji State, 6-4-0, 97, NR
Others receiving votes: Michigan Tech 41, Clarkson 21, Canisius 18, Penn State 16, Wisconsin 15, Lake Superior 8, Connecticut 7, Boston University 3, Colgate 3, Northern Michigan 3, Princeton 3, Bowling Green 2, Michigan State 1, RIT 1.

1, Wisconsin, (15), 13-0-1, 150, 1
2, Ohio State, 10-2-0, 135, 2
3, Minnesota, 9-3-0, 119, 3
4, Northeastern, 10-2-1, 99, 4
5, Colgate, 13-3-0, 87, 5
6, Quinnipiac, 11-1-2, 54, 8
7, Clarkson, 11-1-2, 48, 9
8, Minnesota Duluth, 4-4-0, 48, 6
9, Yale, 6-2-0, 32, NR
10, Princeton, 5-1-0, 21, NR
Others receiving votes: Harvard 17, Boston College 15.

East Grand Forks 4, Bemidji 3
Football
Class 9-Man State Quarterfinals (Nov. 11-12)
Kittson County Central 27, Ogilvie 20
LeRoy-Ostrander 57, Wheaton/H-N 26
Fertile-Beltrami 44, Mountain Iron-Buhl 22
Hills-Beaver Creek 30, Renville County West 7
Class A State Quarterfinals (Nov. 12)
Minnesota 34, Mahanomen/Waubun 0
Rushford-Peterson 18, B-B-E 6
New York Mills 20, Deer River 6
Mayer Lutheran 34, Murray County Central 18
Class AA State Quarterfinals (Nov. 11-12)
Barnesville 34, Eden Valley-Watkins 20
Chatfield 50, Minneapolis North 20
West Central Area/Ashby 14, Moose Lake/Willow River 6
Maple River 39, Pipestone 20
Class 3A State Quarterfinals (Nov. 13)
Annandale 27, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 18
Plainview-Elgin-Millville 37, Breck 14
Esko 28, New London-Spicer 21
Dassel-Cokato 41, Fairmont 13
Class 5A State Quarterfinals (Nov. 13)
Robbinsdale Cooper 21, Alexandria 17
Mahtomedi 42, Rochester Mayo 20

Rogers 21, Andover 20
Markata West 21, St. Thomas Academy 14
Class 6A State Quarterfinals (Nov. 11-12)
Eden Prairie 17, Farmington 7
Maple Grove 31, Woodbury 12
St. Michael-Albertville 14, Wayzata 7
Lakeville South 42, Shakopee 28
Volleyball
Class A State Semifinals (Nov. 12)
Mayer Lutheran 3, Bethlehem Academy 0
Minnesota 3, Walker-Hackensack Akeley 0
Class A State Finals (Nov. 13)
Mayer Lutheran 3, Minnesota 0
Class AA State Semifinals (Nov. 12)
Jackson County Central 3, Mounds Park 1
Sauk Centre 3, Hawley 0
Class AA State Finals (Nov. 13)
Sauk Centre 3, Jackson County Central 1
Class 3A State Semifinals (Nov. 12)
Marshall 3, Grand Rapids 0
Kasson-Mantorville 3, New Prague 1
Class 3A State Finals (Nov. 13)
Marshall 3, Kasson-Mantorville 0
Class 4A State Finals (Nov. 13)
Wayzata 3, East Ridge 1

COLLEGE HOCKEY

USCHO.com Division I men's poll (Nov. 15)
The USCHO.com Poll consists of 50 voters, including coaches and beat writers and sports professionals from across the country. The weekly poll is a production of USCHO.com.
Ranking, team, first place votes, record, points, last week
1, Michigan, (42), 10-2-0, 991, 2
2, St. Cloud State, (4), 9-3-0, 922, 1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's Results
Bemidji State 62, U-Mary 40
Minnesota Duluth 49, Northern State 35
Minot State 28, Concordia-St. Paul 20
Wayne State 24, MSU Moorhead 21
Augustana 55, Southwest MN State 0
Sioux Falls 42, Upper Iowa 21
Winona State 18, Minnesota State 16

PREP SPORTS

Saturday's Results
Girls Hockey

LUMBERJACK ROUNDUP

Schmidt dives back to state; BHS places 8th at sections

Pioneer Staff Report
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SARTELL — Mady Schmidt will be making another trip to the state meet this season.
The Bemidji High School senior will be the lone representative for the girls swimming and diving team, as she placed second in diving during the Section 8AA meet on Saturday in Sartell.
Schmidt finished with a score of 383.20 on the diving board, which put her second in the



Schmidt

field and behind only Brainerd's Izzy Olson (397.35). The top four divers qualify for state, as do the top two swimmers in each event.
As a team, Bemidji fell to eighth in the standings against newfound competition at the Class AA level.
The section meet marked the final chapter in the careers of seniors

Marlee Bieber, Lietz and Vincent. Schmidt rounds out the senior class but has one more meet ahead of her.
The Class AA diving prelims begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Should she advance to the finals, Schmidt will return at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20.
Team Results
1-Buffalo 376; 2-Sartell-St. Stephen 355; 3-Moorhead 325; 4-Elk River 271; 5-Brainerd 268; 6-St. Michael-Albertville 237; 7-Rogers 179; 8-Bemidji 92.

Girls hockey drops opener to EGF
EAST GRAND FORKS — The Bemidji High School girls hockey team opened its season with a 4-3 loss to East Grand Forks, coming up just short against the Green Wave on Saturday afternoon in EGF.
Megan Berg got the scoring started for the Lumberjacks 1:30 into the game off an assist from Kristen McClellan. EGF (1-0) soon answered with a Kara Ellis score at

9:11, followed by a Laura Pesch score at 12:48 to take the lead.
But the fun wasn't nearly over in the first period. McClellan made her presence felt once again with an unassisted game-tying score at 13:09, but Ellis countered with another at 15:00 to give the Green Wave a 3-2 lead after one.
EGF added on in the second period when Blake Schultz scored at 13:20 to double up the difference. Bemidji (0-1) responded with another

unassisted strike by McClellan on the power play at 3:25, but the Jacks couldn't find the equalizer down the stretch.
Goaltender Payton Weidemann stopped 32 shots for Bemidji.
East Grand Forks 4, Bemidji 3
BHS 2 0 1-3
EGF 3 1 0-4
First period — 1, BHS GOAL, Berg (McClellan), 1:30; 2, EGF GOAL, Ellis (Beck), 9:11; 3, EGF GOAL, Pesch (Lukach), 12:48; 4, BHS GOAL, McClellan (unassisted), 13:09; 5, EGF GOAL, Ellis (D'Heilly), 15:00.
Second period — 6, EGF GOAL, Schultz (Ellis), 13:20.
Third period — 7, BHS GOAL, McClellan (unassisted), 3:25, PP.
Saves — Weidemann (BHS) 32; Corbett (EGF) 21.

This time, nothing stops Bemidji State from the NCAAs

By Christian Babcock
The Bemidji Pioneer
BEMIDJI — Nothing was stopping Kristy Castillo from getting to this game.
Castillo, the mother of Bemidji State football long snapper Aaron Castillo, trekked from balmy, sunny Arizona to support her son.
"We would do anything to support our son and the love that he has for the game," Kristy said.
It was treacherous territory Saturday for BSU fans and players alike. At slippery, wintry, snowy Chet Anderson Stadium, the Beavers were one win away from the first NCAA Tournament berth in program history. A slip-up would negate all the work they had put in to reach this point.
But this time, after so many past disappointments, they keep their footing. Kristy saw Aaron get plenty of action, as BSU ran up 62 points on U-Mary and won 62-40 to clinch a certain spot in the



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Bemidji State junior Aaron Castillo (46) runs down on punt coverage in the second half against U-Mary on Saturday at Chet Anderson Stadium.
Division II playoffs.
Nothing was stopping the Beavers — just like the Castillos.
"It's amazing," said Aaron, a native of Mesa, Ariz. "Hearing from the past, (Bemidji State's) always been that one game away. We wanted to come in and be the team that finishes the games. (We came) through, and we believe in one another, and it means a lot."
BSU delivered on an after-

noon where the field had to be cleared during the game and at halftime due to the accumulation of wintry precipitation. Crews shoveled the field using a Zamboni-inspired vehicle at the half, with the baseball team's infield drag mat pinch-hitting and following behind as a smoother for the disturbed turf.
Shovelers even scooped up deep snow in the far end zone during live plays in the second quarter — simply so you could see where it was.
When the dust — or snow — settled, it was all worth it. The Beavers had their historic win, with someone else who knows about sacrifice carrying them to it.
"One word to describe it is grateful," said quarterback Brandon Alt, who threw for 435 yards and tossed five touchdown passes. "To have these guys on my team, we worked years and years for this. Just summers. I mean, when the season didn't go

how (we) planned, we just knew we'd put our head back down and just work our (tails) off."
Alt, after promising starts in 2018 and 2019, missed most of those seasons with torn ACLs. He rehabilitated in time for the 2020 season, but that was wiped out due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
This year, there are no more obstacles left in the path of Bemidji State realizing a program dream.
"It's all about the kids," head coach Brent Bolte said. "That's why we get into this crazy profession of coaching. They stuck with it. We were 2-2 (earlier in the season), and found a way to continue to overcome some adversity. And that's really what the sport of football is supposed to do."
That's a mantra Kristy Castillo could get behind.
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DANCE

From Page B1
Bemidji State was dominant in perhaps the biggest game in program history.
The Beavers started with a bang, first with Booker's 61-yard touchdown rush on the second play from scrimmage. On the second play of the next drive, Williams reeled in a 63-yard touchdown pass from Brandon Alt for an instant 13-0 lead.
"I had it in my mind, before the game even started, that I wanted to come out and break it loose on my first carry," Booker said.
"(Afterwards) I was like,



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Bemidji State's Malik Williams (6) and Dhel Duncan-Busby (14) celebrate Williams' touchdown in the second quarter against U-Mary on Saturday at Chet Anderson Stadium.
"O'yeah, we've got this in the bag right here."
Williams and Booker each added another score in the second quarter, good for a 27-14 halftime edge.
The Marauders (4-7) almost assumed the role of spoiler in the third quarter, getting the score

within 27-20 and then recovering a fumble. But BSU forced a three-and-out, then responded with back-to-back touchdown catches by Brendan Beaulieu to cushion the lead to a much more comfortable score of 41-20.
The long touchdowns kept coming in the fourth quarter, featuring Hameed Oyedele's 93-yard kickoff return and Beaulieu's 58-yard TD catch. Beaulieu's reception also gave him the single-season program record for receiving yards (1,100), which pairs nicely with Williams' single-season TD receptions record of 16.
"I'm pretty thankful, to be honest with you,

to be part of this," Bolte said. "I keep saying it: It's not just about the coaches. This is all about the players and the program. I'm ecstatic for the opportunity to lead the team, and hopefully (we) continue to make a run here in the next couple weeks."
In the end, a season-high 62 points was the perfect culmination of a seven-game winning streak to cap an unprecedented regular season.
Bemidji State now travels to Augustana for a noon kickoff on Saturday, Nov. 20, in its first-ever tournament appearance.
"(The win) means a lot to me, to a lot of the guys," Williams said.

"All the guys who stayed for this extra season, we just knew we had to do something special. I feel like this is a special thing we did."
Bemidji State 62, U-Mary 40
U-M 7 14 620 — 40
BSU 13 14 1421 — 62
First quarter — BSU TD, Booker 61-yard rush (Hoffer PAT), 7-0 BSU; BSU TD, Williams 63-yard catch from Alt (2-pt. conversion no good), 13-0 BSU; U-M TD, Kittner 61-yard catch from Nelson (Powell PAT), 13-7 BSU.
Second quarter — BSU TD, Williams 14-yard catch from Alt (Hoffer PAT), 20-7 BSU; BSU TD, Booker 5-yard rush (Hoffer PAT), 27-7 BSU; U-M TD, Little 18-yard catch from Nelson (Powell PAT), 27-14 BSU.
Third quarter — U-M TD, Kittner 23-yard catch from Nelson (Powell PAT), 27-20 BSU; BSU TD, Beaulieu 51-yard catch from Alt (Hoffer PAT), 34-20 BSU; BSU TD, Beaulieu 17-yard catch from Alt (Hoffer PAT), 41-20 BSU.
Fourth quarter — U-M TD, Kittner 11-yard catch from Nelson (Powell PAT), 41-27 BSU; BSU TD, Oyedele 93-yard kickoff return (Hoffer PAT), 48-27 BSU; U-M TD, Little 17-yard catch from Nelson (Powell PAT), 48-34 BSU; BSU TD, Beaulieu 58-yard catch from Alt (Hoffer PAT), 55-34 BSU; BSU TD, Gronski 36-yard rush (Hoffer PAT), 62-34 BSU; U-M TD, Kittner 17-yard pass from Nelson (no PAT attempt), 62-40 BSU.
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SOCCER

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And she ended up starting for us. It was an experience that I'll never forget and one that I never want to partake in again."
Those are certainly not days Stone misses.
"I was kind of concerned because I was

It was a really, really stressful time."
Stone survived his first season and even stuck around. By 2004, Bemidji State had double-digit wins for the first time ever. The program has zero losing records since 2005, and

they've made the NCAA Tournament in three of the past four seasons.
Oh, and as for recruiting, Stone's not going door-to-door anymore.
"Coach played a big role in why a lot of us want to come and play here," junior midfield-

er Maggie Cade said.
"He is a Godly man and he treats everyone with respect and love. You know that he cares about you."
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FOOTBALL

MEN'S HOCKEY

BSU sweeps Lake Superior State for 6th win in 7 games

By Christian Babcock
The Bemidji Pioneer

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Bemidji State men's hockey team earned a series sweep with a 4-2 win over Lake Superior State in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Saturday, closing out its second perfect weekend of the season and improving to 6-4 (5-1 CCHA).

BSU also defeated LSSU 5-4 in a tight finish on Friday.

The Lakers came out swiftly in the first period Saturday, getting on the scoreboard at 3:37 on a Cole Craft goal. But the Beavers turned the tide, with Finnish freshman forward Jere Vaisanen scoring his first career goal at 9:44. Fellow freshman Jakob Lewandowski added another at 12:28.

BSU squandered some opportunities to stretch the lead in the second period, including 45 seconds of 5-on-3 time. Nevertheless, the Beavers maintained the 2-1 advantage heading into the third.

In the final period, Bemidji State seized control with Vaisanen's second goal, an unassisted score that gave BSU a 3-1 lead at 3:29.

Lake State responded with a score by Miro-

slav Mucha at 13:16 to put the pressure back on the Beavers. But Bemidji State was up to the task once again, shutting down the Lakers' attack and even adding an empty-net goal by Owen Sillinger, his third goal of the series, to close out the game.

BSU netminder Gavin Enright tallied 25 saves on 27 shots on the afternoon.

The Beavers return home for a series with Michigan Tech on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at the Sanford Center. Puck drop is scheduled for 7:07 p.m. Friday and 6:07 p.m. Saturday.

Bemidji State 5, Lake Superior State 4

BSU	2	2	1	5
LSSU	0	2	2	4

First period — 1, BSU GOAL, Ierullo (O. Sillinger, Somoza), 6:18, PP; 2, BSU GOAL, O. Sillinger (Ierullo, Armour), 12:04, PP.

Second period — 3, LSSU GOAL, Posa (Cole, Nordqvist), 4:42; 4, LSSU GOAL, Posa (Bengtsson, Boudon), 7:56; 5, BSU GOAL, L. Sillinger (O. Sillinger, Ierullo), 13:17; 6, BSU GOAL, Kirkup (Lewandowski), 16:07.

Third period — 7, BSU GOAL, O. Sillinger (L. Sillinger), 17:51; 8, LSSU GOAL, Boudon (Bengtsson, Mucha), 18:27; 9, LSSU GOAL, Posa (Craft, Boudon), 19:29.

Saves — Enright (BSU) 20, Eisele (LSSU) 24.

Bemidji State 4, Lake Superior State 2

BSU	2	0	2	4
LSSU	1	0	1	2

First period — 1, LSSU GOAL, Craft (Manz, Bengtsson), 3:37; 2, BSU GOAL, Vaisanen (Myers), 9:44; 3, BSU GOAL, Lewandowski (Kirkup), 12:28.

Second period — No scoring.

Third period — 4, BSU GOAL, Vaisanen (unassisted), 3:29; 5, LSSU GOAL, Mucha (Nixon, Manz), 13:16; 6, BSU GOAL, O. Sillinger (Ierullo, Johnson), 18:48, EN.

Saves — Enright (BSU) 25, Langenegger (LSSU) 24.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Rays' Arozarena, Reds' India named top rookies

Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Randy Arozarena and Cincinnati Reds second baseman Jonathan India were named the Jackie Robinson Rookie of the Year awards for the American League and National League, respectively, on Monday.

Arozarena played his first full season in the majors after vaulting into the spotlight during the 2020 MLB postseason. In 141 games this past season, he batted .274 with 20 home runs, 32 doubles, three triples and 69 RBIs while stealing 20 bases.

The 26-year-old also committed only one error in the field all season. He entered the season as a favorite for the award after setting a single-season playoff record last year with both 27 hits and 10 home runs. He did not exhaust his rookie eligibility with

just 84 regular-season at-bats before the 2021 season.

Arozarena earned 22 of the 30 first-place votes (124 overall) from Baseball Writers Association of America voters. Houston Astros pitcher Luis Garcia (63 votes) finished second and Arozarena's Tampa Bay teammate, shortstop Wander Franco (30), was third.

India, 24, became Cincinnati's everyday second baseman during his first season in the majors. The former fifth-overall draft pick in 2018 played in 150 games and batted .269 with 21 home runs, 34 doubles, two triples, 69 RBIs and 98 runs.

India won 29 of 30 first-place BBWAA votes and 148 overall. Miami Marlins pitcher Trevor Rogers (86 votes) earned the other and finished second, while St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Dylan Carlson (22) took third.

— Field Level Media



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The Beavers react to hearing their name called in the NCAA Selection Show on Sunday in Bemidji State's Hagg-Sauer Hall.

Bemidji State officially enters NCAA Tournament, meets familiar opponent

By Christian Babcock
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — The anticipation built in Hagg-Sauer Hall on Sunday.

The Bemidji State football team, fresh off a rousing 62-40 win over U-Mary to clinch a spot in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history, awaited the announcement of its next opponent.

Audible groans surfaced as the Beavers agonized through the other three regional reveals on an NCAA.com livestream, forcing them to endure a nearly 20-minute wait after the show's scheduled start time.

But soon after, the fourth region was revealed, and there it was — Bemidji State, in the bracket. BSU will face Augustana in a rematch of the two NSIC rivals' homecoming matchup at Chet Anderson Stadium.

"It's something that you've always been working for and kind of dreamed of," head coach Brent Bolte said. "Having this day where you're hosting (a watch party) and having the guys in, and

having (media members) here to check out where we're going to be seeded and stuff.

"So it's a great day, man. It was awesome to see the reaction of the kids."

Bemidji State entered the weekend as the No. 4 team in the Super Region 4 rankings and did nothing to harm its positioning in the win over U-Mary. Ultimately, the playoff selection committee decided to leapfrog both BSU and Augustana with Western Colorado, which earned the No. 3 seed. Augie earned the No. 4 seed and the right to host.

"I don't know what they might have seen," senior receiver Malik Williams said. "But we're happy just to be in it, really."

Pleased they are, as the Beavers have made history and etched their names in the record books, regardless of what happens Saturday.

"It's cool to kind of get the school on the map," senior linebacker Gabe Ames said. "And not just Bemidji as a city, but the community (gets) recognition kind of worldwide."

BSU earned new national recognition, but will face a familiar foe in the first round. The homecoming game, which ended with a 52-24 Augie win, dropped the Beavers to 2-2 and threatened to derail their season. Instead, it became a springboard for their seven-game winning streak to close out the year and earn the tournament berth.

"We're a completely different team from Week 4 when we lost to Augie," Williams said. "Offensively, defensively, special teams. I feel like we got guys flying around on both sides of the ball. We're just much better and more complete. ... That's why we've just been able to stack these wins up."

Stacking victories has gotten them here. It'll take more of what's worked down the stretch to get them a win in Sioux Falls. "It's going to be fun to get some revenge," Williams said.

The Beavers and Vikings will face off at noon on Saturday, Nov. 20, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Beavers face heartbreak in NSIC championship loss

By Micah Friez
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — The NSIC Tournament championship trophy had never touched the turf at Chet Anderson Stadium before Sunday.

And after Minnesota State's 4-2 win over the Bemidji State women's soccer team, the trophy was whisked away from the Beavers all too soon.

"That definitely stings a lot," senior captain Allyson Smith said. "I've been here five years working for this. ... We don't ever want to feel this way again. So one good thing coming out of it is that we'll fight so we don't."

The taste of defeat was strangely unfamiliar for a team that hadn't lost in 23 matches and more than two calendar years.

A hopeful 1-0 start met a bitter reality when the Mavericks scored three unanswered to take over.

"The ironic thing is we played really well," BSU head coach Jim Stone said. "It just wasn't our day. Give credit to them. (Maille Mathis) hit a couple shots that were tough to save, and we made some mistakes under pressure, and here we are."

Smith scored the opening goal on a beautiful give-and-go with Sara Wendt, coolly beating the keeper with a calculated tap to the right in the ninth minute. But Mathis unleashed two deep rockets in the final seven minutes of the half, including the go-ahead goal with just 32 seconds



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Bemidji State's Mariah Nguyen (23), Alyssa Stumbaugh (1) and Emma Huelsnitz (10) console each other after falling 4-2 to Minnesota State in the NSIC Tournament championship on Sunday at Chet Anderson Stadium.

on the clock. "You never want to let in a goal with 33 seconds left in the half," Smith said. "We knew we had to go out there and fight. Our energy coming out in the second half was good, and we were all over them for a while."

Bemidji State (18-1-2) did stage a comeback, but not before MSU (17-2-2) added an insurance goal on Sophie Eskierka's dagger in the 70th minute. It dropped the Beavers in a two-goal deficit for the first time in more than three years.

Megan Dahl and Wendt pumped some life into BSU with 15 minutes left. Dahl's booming free kick from midfield found Wendt in the box, and Wendt headed it into the

side netting for a 3-2 goal.

There was one more goal to be had, too, but the Mavericks produced it. Allie Williams froze Bemidji State keeper Alyssa Stumbaugh with a 20-yard free kick that proved to be the dagger in the 83rd minute.

"Once we got within 2-3, I thought one was coming. I really did," Stone said. "When the game was more back and forth, it was there for us to grab, we just didn't grab it."

The Beavers' four goals allowed are tied for the most in the program has given up in a match since 2012. It was a jarring contrast from a defense that had pitched seven straight shutouts enter-

ing the title match.

"We put up a fight. We made history," said Smith, referencing an unbeaten regular season and the program's first appearance in the conference title game. "You have to celebrate your little wins, too. Yeah, it stings and it hurts, but you've got to keep your head up and realize we have games coming up. We've got to get back to work."

No. 25 Minnesota State 4, No. 6 Bemidji State 2

MSU	2	2	4
BSU	1	1	2

First half — 1, BSU GOAL, Smith (Wendt), 9'; 2, MSU GOAL, Mathis (unassisted), 39'; 3, MSU GOAL, Mathis (unassisted), 45'.
Second half — 4, MSU GOAL, Eskierka (Mosher, Watt), 70'; 5, BSU GOAL, Wendt (Dahl), 76'; 6, MSU GOAL, Williams (unassisted), 83'.
Saves — Stumbaugh (BSU) 8; Rath (MSU) 5.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Parent Nick Adam Chapman, Samuel James Kingbird, Sr. Parent

Summons and Notice Permanent Placement Matter

NOTICE TO: Samuel James Kingbird, Sr.

1. A Permanency Petition-Termination of Parental Rights has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Juvenile Court located at Bemidji, Minnesota, petitioning for the Termination of parental rights of the child(ren).

2. **Notice is hereby given** that the matter of said Permanency Petition-Termination of Parental Rights will be called for hearing before the Juvenile Court located at the Beltrami County Judicial Center, 600 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601 on **December 21, 2021 at 10:50 a.m.**

3. **YOU ARE ORDERED** to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date.

4. You have a right to be represented by counsel.

5. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including terminating the parental rights of the parents named in the Petition.

WITNESS, the Honorable John G. Melbye, Judge of District Court
BY: Kayla Littler Court Administrator
Andrea Krueckeberg Deputy

(Nov. 3, 10 & 17, 2021)

2909716
State of Minnesota
Beltrami County
District Court
Ninth Judicial District
Court File Number:
04-PR-21-2619

Case Type: Informal Probate
In re the Estate of Stephen Glen Wick, Deceased
Notice of Informal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's
• Last Will dated October 25, 2011.
• Separate Writing Referred to in the will dated September 24, 2022.

has been filed with the court, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Judge of District Court has informally appointed the following:

Adam Glen Wick
1108 Irvine Avenue NW
Bemidji MN 56601

As personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative, or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. Å§ 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Dated: November 5th, 2021
/s/ Jeanine Brand
Judge of District Court

Dated: November 4th, 2021
Kayla Littler
Court Administrator

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Today's Guest JUMBLER is **RAY BILLINGSLEY** creator of CURTIS

WHEN CURTIS THOUGHT TWICE ABOUT NOT GETTING A ROAST BEEF SANDWICH, HE KNEW IT WAS A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

5				3			6
	9			1			2
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Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the number 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ACROSS

- Mend socks
- performing
- Think back fondly
- Propelled a rowboat
- Banana cream
- Philippines capital
- WWI president
- Florence's land
- Ensnare's
- Brief life sketch
- Rowdy groups
- Irritate
- Plague-spreading bug
- "Be There"; Jackson 5 hit
- Out of ___; not physically fit
- Tap a mouse button
- Deadly
- Prolonged attacks
- ___ out of; used up
- Bamboo muncher
- Book ___; school assignment
- Hurricane center
- Fruitcake container
- Tourist stop in Athens
- Indigenous New Zealander
- Small store
- Sahl or Zuckerman
- Cook's cover-up
- Beer ingredient
- Takes to court
- Tim Daly's sis

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- Short-necked duck
- Pelosi's title: abbr.
- Thousand __, CA
- Ghostly figures
- Hightailed it
- Like a good knife
- Movie industry
- Boy Scout groups
- "__ it isn't so!"
- Orkin's targets
- Chicken pox symptom
- Reverberate
- ___ up; provide support for
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- Reasonable bedtime
- ___ Diamond Phillips
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- Likely

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SHARE YOUR SHOT

Easten Jacobson shoots 10-point buck



Contributed photos

Easten Jacobson, 15, shot a large, 10-point buck on his grandparent's farm in Northern Township on Friday, Nov. 12, beating out his sister Norah, who shot an 8-point buck earlier this season.

Cora Madison bags first deer



Cora Madison, 14, got her first deer on Saturday, Nov. 13, while hunting in Buzzle Township.

SHARE YOUR SHOT

Send in your hunting photos to the Pioneer and we will publish them online in our Share Your Shot section and also periodically run them on the Outdoors page in the Pioneer as space allows. Please include the name of the hunter, date and where the animal was shot, in the body of the email. Share Your Shot photos can be emailed to news@bemidjipioneer.com.

2019 Minnesota law allows dogs to find wounded deer

By John Myers
Duluth News Tribune

TWO HARBORS, Minn. — There is perhaps nothing more frustrating, angering and morale-sapping for a deer hunter than losing a wounded deer.

Every hunter worth their salt — archery or firearm — makes every effort to place the shot well, to kill the animal as quickly as possible and to track it relentlessly until they find it in the woods.

But sometimes, especially when there is no snow on the ground, the track runs cold. Sometimes the blood trail ends. Sometimes the animal just goes farther after being hit than you could imagine.

“I know guys who have quit hunting when they lose a deer they know they hit. Especially for first-time hunters, it can be devastating,” said Chris Neutz.

That’s why Neutz, of Esko, decided to train his yellow Labrador retriever, Ivy, to track wounded deer.

While the use of dogs to track deer in Minnesota had for decades been illegal, Minnesota lawmakers moved in 2019 to allow dogs to track wounded deer, with several caveats to prevent unscrupulous dog handlers from chasing deer that are not wounded.

A Facebook page called Minnesota Tracking Dogs now lists 25 Minnesota-based dog owners, and a few from nearby towns in neighboring states, who will come to the aid of hunters to find wounded deer. Neutz and Ivy are the only team listed in Northeastern Minnesota. The Wisconsin Deer



Steve Kuchera / Duluth News Tribune

Ivy the dog follows a scent that trail owner Chris Neutz laid down on his rural Esko property Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021. Neutz has trained Ivy to track wounded deer. They are the only team listed on Minnesota Tracking Dogs for Northeastern Minnesota after lawmakers in 2019 moved to allow the use of deer tracking dogs.

Trackers group also has a Facebook page. A national group called United Blood Trackers, unitedbloodtrackers.org, also offers listings of dogs available to help track.

Neutz, who works as an electrician at the CN ore docks in Two Harbors, said Ivy, now 3 years old, had been a solid bird-hunting dog before he got the idea to add deer tracking to her training regiment.

“I started a couple years ago just for my own use, and my friends. But then I noticed that there weren’t any tracking dogs listed in our part of the state, so I decided to put us on the list,” Neutz said.

The term blood-tracking dog is a bit of a misnomer. Usually by the time the dogs are called in, there is no blood trail, so the dogs must rely on other scent left behind by the deer, like they would finding a live pheasant or grouse in heavy cover.

“You could train any

dog to do this. But she (Ivy) just seems to have the drive for it,” Neutz said. “She’s got a working dog mentality. ... She just lives for this.”

Already in her early career, Ivy has 10 deer finds to her credit. She was three-for-four during Minnesota’s archery hunting season in September and October. Over opening weekend, Neutz and Ivy were called to a spot near Mille Lacs Lake to help track a deer. They didn’t find it, but confirmed it wasn’t badly wounded.

Calvin Rowley, of Iron River, Wisconsin, has been using his German shorthaired pointer, Abby, to track deer for four seasons. Abby has recovered 20 deer already. Calvin, 17, and his dad, Josh, will work in Wisconsin or Minnesota and have used Abby to track wounded deer as far away as Hibbing and Virginia in Minnesota. They have also been called out on bear searches in Minnesota. “She’s (Abby) at about

55% success right now,” Calvin Rowley said. “Some guys will only go out if they know they are likely to find it, so they may have a higher success rate. But we’ll go out on any call, anywhere, so a lot of times the problem is that the shot wasn’t good to start with and the deer isn’t down.”

For training, Calvin Rowley says he will often strap deer hooves to his boots and walk through the woods, then bring the dog back in later.

“Usually by the time we get called in, there is no more blood trail. ... So the dog will key in on the scent that the deer leaves from a gland between their toes. ... That’s all she needs to go on,” said Rowley, who operates Cooper’s Kennels with his dad.

Neutz, too, uses a deer hoof, but taped to a stick, sometimes with added deer scent, that he dabs on the ground as he walks, leaving an old deer hide at the

RULES OF DEER TRACKING DOGS IN MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Legislature in 2019 moved to legalize the use of dogs to locate and retrieve a wounded deer or bear, with these regulations:

- ▶ The person attempting to locate the wounded deer or bear must have a valid hunting license in their possession. Dog handlers who do not have a license must be accompanied by the licensed hunter with the license in their possession.
- ▶ The licensed hunter and dog handler must be on foot and wearing blaze orange or pink.
- ▶ Any light used must be an artificial light carried in the hand or attached to the person.
- ▶ The dog must be on a leash no longer than 30 feet and the hunter or dog handler must control the leash at all times.
- ▶ The dog owner’s name and telephone number must be on the dog while it is used to locate a wounded deer or bear.

end. Then he brings in Ivy who quickly goes to work, following the trail to the hide.

“Good girl!” Neutz said after a recent training session in the woods behind his house. “She wants to keep looking for the deer, though. Sometimes the hide isn’t enough for her to think it’s over.”

Neutz advises hunters who know they have lost the trail of a wounded deer to stop walking over the trail that may hold scent, back out of the area and call him. The less human scent on the trail the better.

“And a lot of times, if they walk through the blood trail and get it on their boots and spread it around, it just confuses the dog when I bring her in,” Neutz noted. He said the old adage of not pushing a wounded deer usually holds true. Move too soon, or too fast, and the deer will keep moving ahead of you. The hope is that the deer stops, lays down and doesn’t get up again.

Neutz, Ivy and the hunter who made the shot go out to the last place the hunter knows there was a trail. Neutz asks the hunter to remain there, as

a marker, then lets Ivy pick up the scent trail. Minnesota and Wisconsin laws require the hunter with the deer tag to accompany the dog handler.

“I’ll ask the hunter to stay at the last spot where we have a good scent and then move up from there,” said Neutz, noting that Ivy is on a long leash all the time. State law requires a leash no more than 30 feet long.

Neutz doesn’t have a fee but gladly accepts any free-will offering to cover gas expenses. The Rowleys charge a flat fee of \$150 per search.

“It’s a chance for us to use our kennel and our dogs to provide a service for hunters, to recover a deer that otherwise wouldn’t be recovered,” Rowley noted. “There’s nothing worse for a lot of guys than losing a deer.”

If you need Ivy’s services, contact Chris Neutz in Esko at 651-769-7146.

If you need Abby’s services, contact Calvin Rowley in Iron River at 715-979-1042.

John Myers reports on the outdoors, environment and natural resources for the Duluth News Tribune. He can be reached at jmyers@duluthnews.com.



Shortcuts[®]

by Jeff Harris

Food For Thought About Olives

Worldwide, more than 19 million tonnes (21 million tons) of olives are harvested each year.

Olive oil was used to fuel the "eternal flame" at the original Greek Olympic Games. Winners were given crowns made of olive leaves.

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My songs are more sour than bitter.

The ancient Greeks believed olive trees brought prosperity and peace. In many countries around the world today, a branch from an olive tree is a symbol of peace.

Freshly picked olives are extremely bitter and shouldn't be eaten directly from the tree. They need to be cured and fermented before they are edible.

What do you get when you cross the center of an olive with a Miami rapper? Pitbull.

What do you get when you cross an olive with a Charles Dickens character? Olive R. Twist.

This cartoon is the pits.

Olives are classified as a type of fruit called a "drupe." Drupe are fruits that have a hard pit, or stone, in the center. Other drupes include cherries, peaches, mangoes and almonds. About 90% of the olives grown in the world are used for making olive oil. The remaining olives, called "table olives," are grown to be eaten.

A healthy olive tree can live for about 300 to 600 years. Some olive trees, such as those found in Crete, Greece, Lebanon and Spain, are believed to be more than 3,000 years old. Many more have been determined to be more than 1,000 years old.

Olive trees are evergreens.

Why did the police officer suspect the olive tree? It was shady.

Branching Out

Ancient humans began to cultivate olive trees more than 7,000 years ago in areas around the Mediterranean Sea.

The olive tree was brought to the Americas by Spanish colonists in the 1500s.

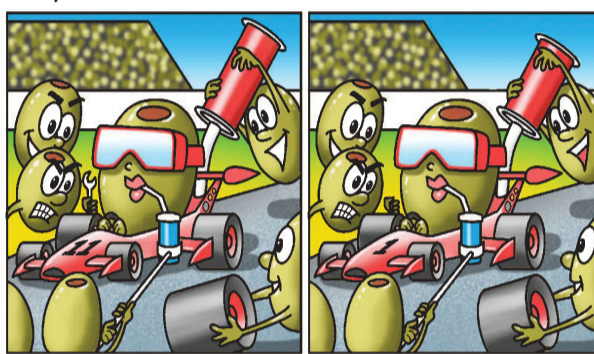
Spanish missionaries introduced olive trees to California in the 1700s.

Olives are about 75% water.

Few olive trees grow taller than 15 m (50 ft.).

Pit Stop

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?



What do you get when you cross an olive with a black hole? A bottomless pit.

GAME ANSWERS: 1. Crowd is smaller. 2. Gas can is shorter. 3. Mouth is different. 4. Wrench is missing. 5. Number is different. 6. Tire is narrower.

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Word Search

Can you find the hidden words? Search carefully because some words are backward or diagonal.

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|--------|-------|------|
| BRANCH | DRUPE | RIPE |
| BROWN | STONE | BOB |
| BITTER | PEACE | RED |
| TABLE | OLIVE | OLD |
| BLACK | FRUIT | OIL |
| GREEN | TREE | PIT |
- H O L L Y W O O D H I L L
S L O W L F E C E Y E S
N I C E D U A N E R R O R
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For more information: "Olive Oil" by Peggy Knickerbocker and Laurie Smith (Chronicle Books) or "Virgin Territory" by Nancy Harmon Jenkins (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).

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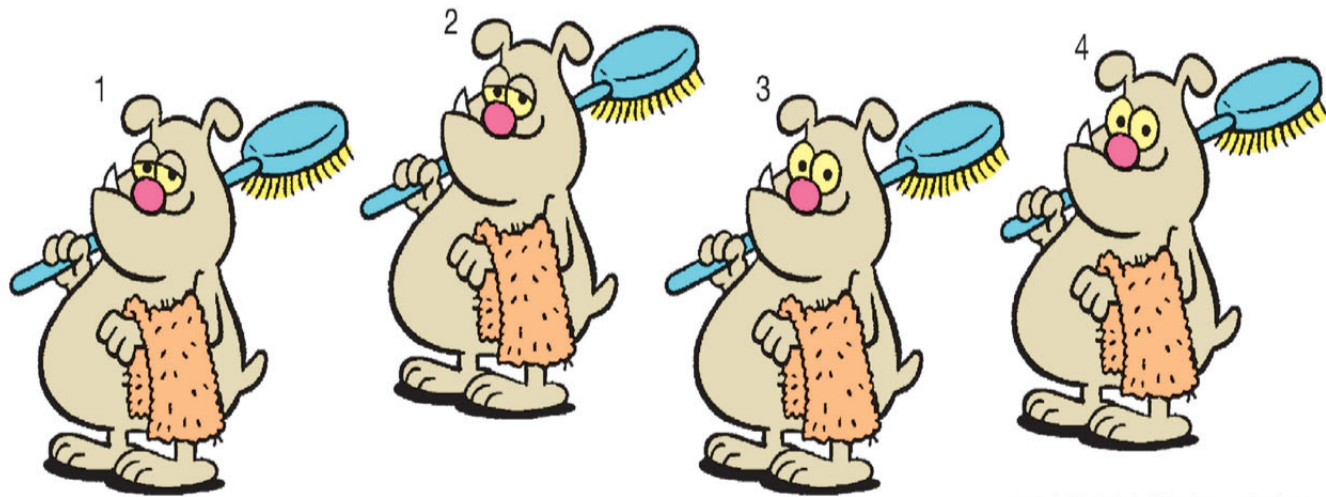
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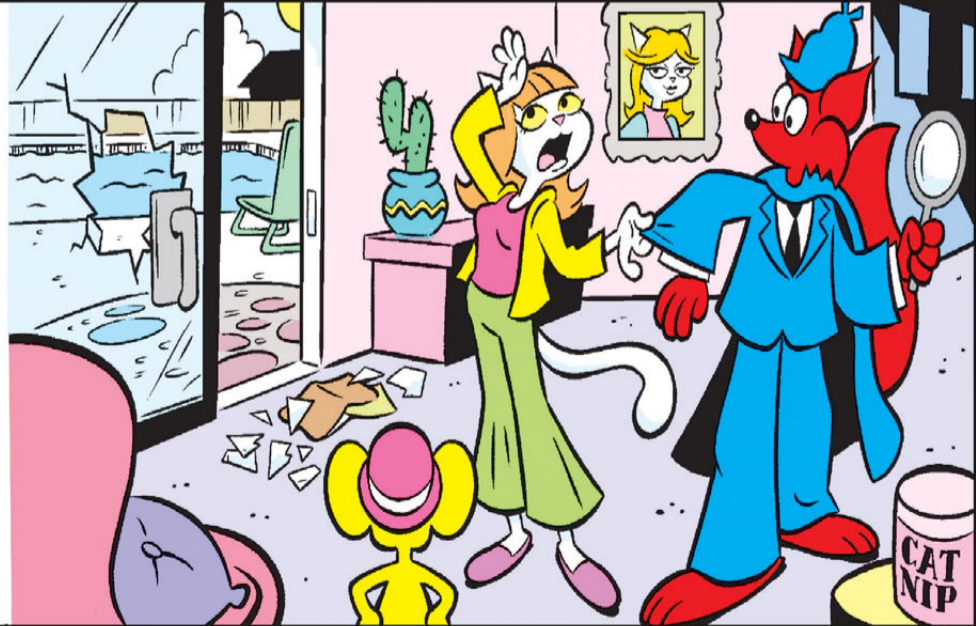
Bob Weber Jr.'s and Sr.'s

Which two scenes are exactly alike?



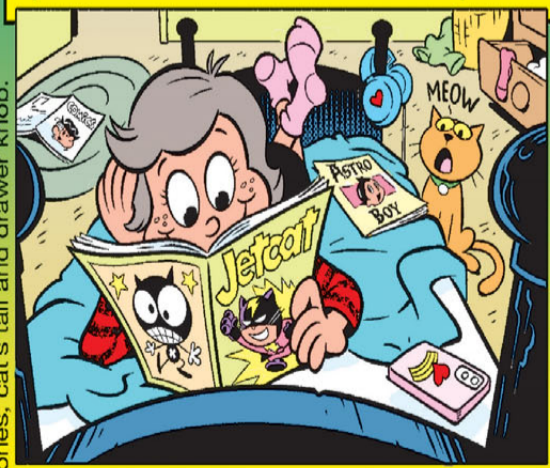
Answer -- Numbers one and two.

Cassandra Cat is suspected of breaking into neighborhood homes and stealing handbags and wallets. Cassandra insists she's innocent and is a victim herself. She claims a burglar broke into her sliding glass door, stole her designer handbags and dropped her wallet while fleeing. What evidence did Slylock see that suggests this "burglary" was staged?



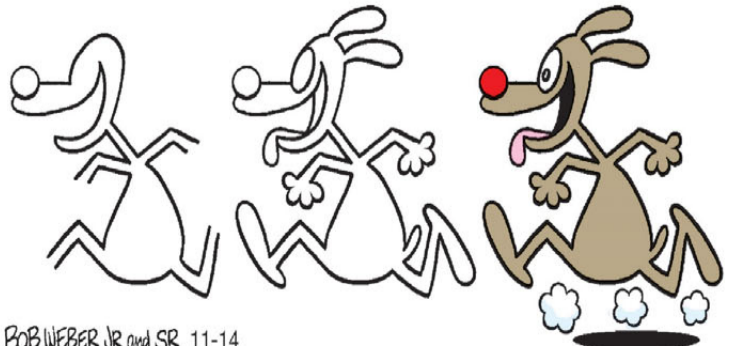
Solution -- There is glass on top of the wallet. Cassandra made the mistake of breaking the door after she set up the crime scene.

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Star, eyebrows, hair, headphones, cat's tail and drawer knob.

HOW TO DRAW a dog running for dinner



BOB WEBER JR and SR 11-14

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Superman first appeared in Action Comics #1 in ...

- a) 1918
- b) 1925
- c) 1938
- d) 1944

Answer -- (c) Superman was created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.

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