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## Primary election day arrives

**Editor's note:** The Brainerd Dispatch print edition went to press before polls closed Tuesday night, but area and state primary election results can be found at [brainerddispatch.com](http://brainerddispatch.com) and in Wednesday's Brainerd Dispatch e-edition.

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Jerry and Agnes Stevens from Unorganized Territory on Tuesday enter The Woods Event Center to vote in the primary election.

By Theresa Bourke and Sara Guymon  
Brainerd Dispatch

Town halls and other polling places throughout Crow Wing County buzzed with activity Tuesday, Aug. 9, as election judges performed their duties and voters cast their ballots for their favorite candidates during the state's primary election.

The contests will determine which candidates will appear on the ballot for the Nov. 8 general election, including those for governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general. Several local races also feature enough candidates to prompt a primary.

Deborah Erickson, Crow Wing County administrative services director and elections head, said Tuesday morning the operation appeared to be running smoothly, minus a few minor questions here and there from those staffing the polls.

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## School meal prices mirror their pre-pandemic rates

By Theresa Bourke  
Brainerd Dispatch

BRAINERD — Families will have to pay for school meals for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, but prices in Brainerd will remain where they were pre-pandemic.

The U.S. Department

of Agriculture provided free meals for students for the past two school years, but that program has come to an end.

Food Services Director Alissa Thompson told the Brainerd School Board Monday, Aug. 8, because of state and federal reimbursement amounts, families who have to go back to paying for their meals will not see an increase in cost from the 2019-20 school year, even as food prices climb.

The federal Keep Kids Fed Act, signed into law in June, provides increased financial support to schools to keep meal prices as low as possible. The act allots an additional 40 cents for student lunches and 15 cents for breakfast. Those amounts, paired with state reimbursements, mean Thompson is confident prices can stay where they were.

"I was very cognizant of inflation to families

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## County sticks with broader boardwalk moratorium

### Board agrees to loosen subdivision ban



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The boardwalk at the Milford Mine Memorial Park, seen on July 12, spans two points of land at Milford and Foley lakes at the park.

By Chelsey Perkins  
Brainerd Dispatch

BRAINERD — Crow Wing County's moratorium on boardwalk construction along shorelines stands unchanged after commissioners declined to adopt updates intended to narrow its focus.

Following a Tuesday, Aug. 9, public hearing — during which most speakers opposed the changes — a motion to

adopt a majority of the staff-suggested language into the interim ordinance failed in a 2-3 vote, with commissioners Steve Barrows, Bill Brekken and Rosemary Franzen opposed.

The changes would have permitted construction to move forward on new shoreline boardwalks meeting certain criteria, intended

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## Staffing shortages delaying mail delivery in Minnesota

By Tim Nelson  
MPR News

That old United States Postal Service motto — "We Deliver for You" — is coming with a caveat at more and more these days, in Minnesota and around the nation. They deliver — mostly.

Amy Oxentenko, a doctor in Rochester, noticed it after she put her mail on hold for a family vacation earlier

this summer.

"We had, that first week we were back, some fits and stops of several days without mail," she recalled. "And then we started in this spread of almost two weeks, with only getting mail one day out of those two weeks."

It was a mystery until a neighbor told her: Their carrier was out, and there wasn't a replacement. The neighbor went

to the post office to try and get the missing mail — no luck there, either.

"There was thousands of thousands of pieces of mail yet to be sorted," Oxentenko said.

A short distance away, Lori Mickelson said she waited two weeks for loan paperwork from a customer in Cannon Falls to make its way through the mail to her equipment dealership

outside Rochester.

About the same time in June, she put an outgoing letter in the mailbox on the street outside her Rochester home.

"I put it in on a Wednesday (and) it wasn't picked up Thursday, Friday or Saturday, with the flag up."

Mickelson said she finally drove it to the post office herself the

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## 3rd candidate seeks Ironton mayoral office

A third candidate filed Tuesday, Aug. 9, to run for the mayor of Ironton.

Jeff Midthun, a current Ironton City Council member, marked the third person seeking the office thus far.

Also filing for mayor Tuesday were Sierra McLean in Crosby, who previously ran for the role; Debbie Siltman in

Jenkins, filing for an open seat given the current mayor is seeking election to the Crow Wing County Board; and Mayor Tamara Hansen in Pine River, who is seeking reelection.

A third candidate filed to run for East Gull Lake City Council, making the race for two open seats competitive. Incumbent

Scott Hoffman seeks to return to the body.

The candidate filing period to seek public office in school districts, cities, townships and hospital districts remains open through Aug. 16.

**Filings on Aug. 9**  
**School districts**

Walker - Hacken-

sack-Akeley School District No. 113

► School board member (elect three) — Kimberley Gendron, Keane Johnson, Shannon Pfeiffer.

**Verndale School District No. 818**

► School board member (elect three) — Tahna Rurup (incumbent).

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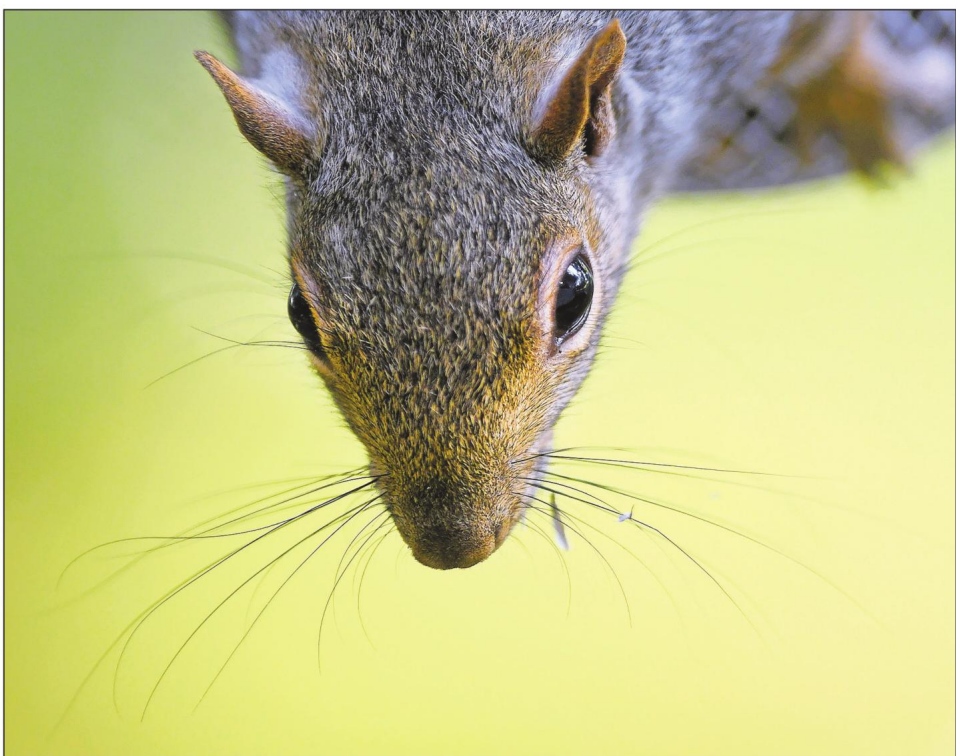
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# Sneaky squirrels thwart schemes to protect feeders

Squirrels are entertaining. Around here, the ones we notice the most are the gray ones, although the red squirrels make their presence known by their scolding croaks when they don't like something. It's been a good summer for these animals. Last year, we had drought conditions that stressed the oaks into producing more acorns. More food, better survival rates in a long winter and more babies. They are everywhere.

I have a love-hate relationship with the little gray critters. I'd like to think I have a liberal view of feeding any creature that roams through our yard, whether I want to do it or not. I like to dangle hummingbird and tube seed-filled feeders for other birds from the eaves around the house. Over time, I've used a multitude of places to dangle them in an attempt to keep them high enough so a lanky bear won't be able to reach them. I can put up with hungry bears, knowing that I can take steps to protect against their foraging by bringing in anything they are likely to munch on at night. I haul the big containers on wheels inside the garage to avoid a mess. I'm not a rookie



Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram file photo  
A squirrel has bits of sunflower seeds stuck in its whiskers while hanging from a bird feeder near Central Park in Superior.

anymore when it comes to leaving garbage bins out overnight before trash pick up the next morning. Sometimes that works, other times it doesn't. When it doesn't work, I clean muddy paw prints off a window or repair a screen. But the gray acrobats know how to get around every barrier I've used to keep them from gorging. I don't mind feeding them, but c'mon guys, do I have to refill the feeders every day? I'm not 30 years old anymore, for Pete's sake! If they happen to wreck a bird feeder, I fix it. It's the cost of watching chickadees, redpolls and finches in the morning. I

like having the birds hanging around, especially at sunrise when I'm having that first cup of coffee. But the squirrels are relentless. I have a friend who takes a somewhat perverse approach to squirrel intrusions. I suspect it has its origins from his experience with some of the critters a few decades ago, when they invaded his summer home and pretty much chewed their way through a wall trying to get out. He designed an elaborate contraption that counterbalanced corn cobs on the end of several one by two pine boards that were engineered to start rotating in circles when

the gray scavengers reached the goodies on the end of the stick. He had the device set up so it would spin in two different ways. I would often look out from a second-floor living room window and watch the dizzy, bushy-tailed critters stagger across the lawn after giving up trying to scrounge a meal. Recently, an unemployed Google engineer designed an elaborate maze that his neighborhood squirrels had to navigate to get a free lunch. It has been a YouTube success and well-worth seeing. So, the squirrels persist. Short of spending a lot of time making devices for my occasional distraction and trying to keep the gray marauders at bay, I am left with watching them hang upside-down stuffing themselves outside the office window and wondering how in the heck they can swallow that way?

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



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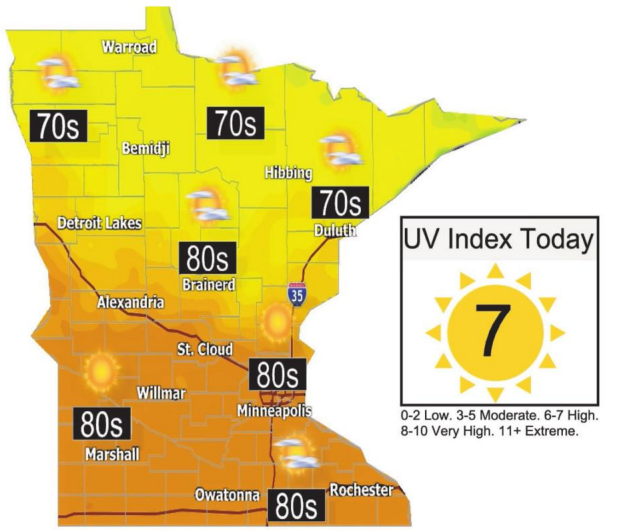
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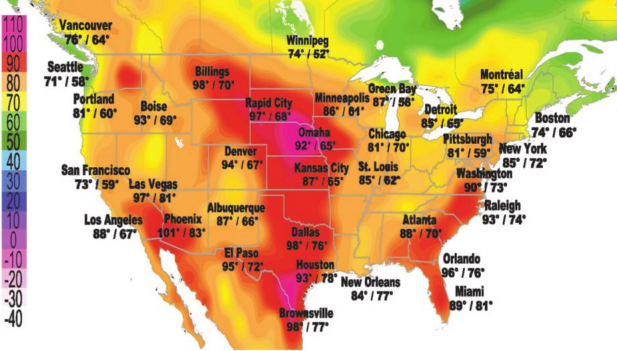
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
80/56	78/59	71/63	84/62
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Showers	Partly Cloudy
Wind: N 8 mph	Wind: E 7 mph	Wind: SE 12 mph	Wind: E 8 mph

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
83/61	80/59	78/56	75/57
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
Wind: NE 8 mph	Wind: E 9 mph	Wind: E 9 mph	Wind: SE 8 mph

\*Average wind speed for each day



Regional Weather	Today	Hi	Lo	Tomorrow	Today	Hi	Lo	Tomorrow
Bemidji, MN	76	52	77	55	Marshall, MN	86	62	76
Duluth, MN	79	58	71	55	Minneapolis, MN	86	61	83
Eau Claire, WI	87	57	81	56	Rochester, MN	85	61	77
Fargo, ND	80	62	77	63	Sioux Falls, SD	92	67	84
International Falls, MN	73	49	73	50	St. Cloud, MN	82	57	80



### StormTRACKER Forecast

Sunny skies with highs near 80 degrees.

Almanac Through 6 pm Tuesday		
Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	84	52
Normal	80	57
Record	95 in 1958	37 in 1917
Precipitation	In Inches	
Tuesday	0	

Sunrise: 6:09 a.m. Sunset: 8:34 p.m.  
Moonrise: 8:21 p.m. Moonset: 5:06 a.m. Aug. 11

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### Happy together

Weather drawing by Noelle Bonilla of Mrs. Sauer's and Mrs. Meyer's first grade class at Harrison Elementary School.

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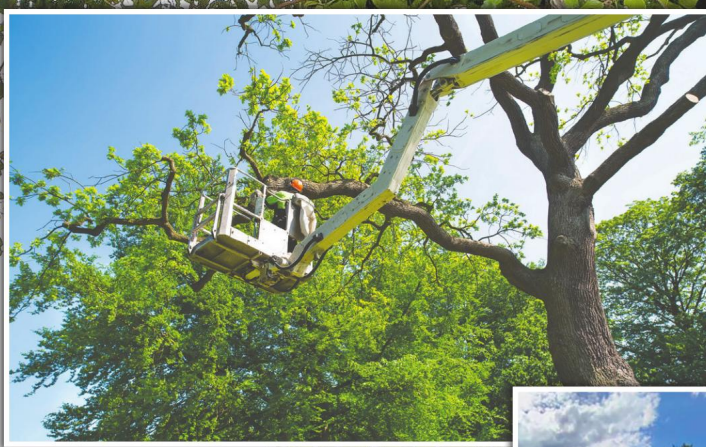






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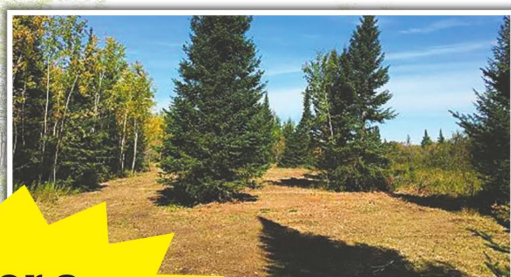
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Arne Thompson

Arne Thompson, Montevideo died on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at St. Cloud Hospital at the age of 76.

Services were held on August 2, 2022. It can be viewed at [www.andersontebeest.com](http://www.andersontebeest.com)

Arne George Thompson was born May 26, 1946 in Brainerd, MN to James and Elsie (Haunts) Thompson. He was baptized and confirmed in Brainerd and graduated from Brainerd High School in 1964. He was a MN State Patrol Trooper for 32 years and retired in 2001 with the rank of Sergeant. He was united in marriage with Arlene Krueger July 16, 1993 in Watertown, SD. They continued to live in Montevideo and enjoyed their time at their lake place on Gladstone Lake near Merrifield.

Arne was a master gardener and took pride in having two large gardens to grow tomatoes, beans, beets, and other vegetables. He was an amazing cook and could make bread like no other. He could clean a fish faster than anyone and could cook them better as well. He enjoyed wild ricing with his dad when he was younger, fishing, playing darts and cards, and hunting trips to Wyoming. Arne also worked with David and Daryl Augeson doing electrician work as a side job to being a Trooper. At one time he raised turkeys, chickens, pheasants and ducks with David and Daryl. Arne loved to feed the wildlife, especially the geese and deer. He had a special place in his heart for his dog, Benji. Arne had a huge heart and a wonderful sense of humor. He was loved and respected by everyone he knew.

Arne is survived by his wife, Arlene; two sons: Arne (Gomer) Thompson Jr. of Brainerd and Troy Thompson of Brainerd; two step-sons: Jeff (Heidi) Flinn Jr. of Montevideo and Jarrod (Brigitte) Flinn of Montevideo; five grandchildren: Katie Flinn (Derek Wold) , Kayla Beatty, Huck Flinn, Jordan Flinn (fiance Kristi Caviezel), and RJ Haas; seven great-grandchildren: Gracie, Ryder, Jackson, Miles, Bennet, Trinity, and Audrey; a brother, Pete (Sonja) Thompson of Illinois; two sisters: Joan (Donald) Roberts of Minnesota and Suzie Thompson of Minnesota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his in-laws; a granddaughter, Amanda Flinn; and two brothers: Warren Thompson and David Thompson.



Delores (Dolly) M. Zitur

Dolores (Dolly) Zitur passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Wednesday, August 3, at her home in Brainerd. She was born in St. Cloud to C. Art and Minnie Swanson, their only child. Dolly married her neighbor, Donald Charles Zitur, Sr. and together raised three children, Sandra Lee (Wayne) Nimmo, Sheryl Lynn (Scott) Nygaard, and Donald Charles (Irene) Zitur, Jr. They moved to Brainerd in August 1970 into the commercial building on Hwy 371 they built together. Dolly and her husband owned the Artcraft Company until he retired at age 85. Dolly was active in the Women of the Moose at all degrees: Academy of Friendship, College of Regents, and Star Recorder. Dolly was also active in the American Legion Auxiliary #255, serving as secretary and then being elected as President. She served one year as Executive Committee member, first Vice, and was then elected President of the Sixth District, where she worked on many programs at the Department level. She served two terms as Chairman of the ALA Minnesota Girls' State, two years as Educational Director, two years on the Ex. Board and the rest of the time as Counselor. Dolly served at President of the Nisswa Women's Club and loved modeling at their fashion show to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. She also enjoyed dancing with her friends in Geritol Frolics. Dolly was a lifelong bowler and attended the National WIBC Bowling Tournaments for 28 years. She served at president of the group for many years until her retirement. Dolly was blessed with twelve grandchildren: Justin (Evelyne) Nimmo, Tamie (Jon) Barber, Matthew (Stephanie) Nygaard, Nicholas (Kaitlyn) Nygaard, Jonathan Nygaard, Aaron (Tori) Nygaard, Halle Nygaard, Michael Zitur, Teresa (Kyle) Thiery, Terence (Jenny) Zitur, Donald Charles Zitur III, and Sueann (Leroy) Shepherd. She has 20 great grandchildren: Jacob and Ryker Nimmo, Ashley and Erich Barber, Emilie, Callie, and Natalie Nygaard, Blake Zitur and Grace Zitur, Kylee, Kaleb and Amelia Thiery, Lily and Everly Zitur, Danika Zitur, Sophie Grunst, Jasmynn Williams, LeiLand and Jameson Shepherd, and Baby (yet to be named) Nygaard. Dolly thanked God daily for her lovely family. Preceding her in death was her mom and dad and her husband. A funeral service for Dolly will be held at 11:00AM on Friday, August 12th, 2022 at the Halvorson-Taylor Life Events Center, 512 S. 8th Street, in Brainerd. Gathering of family and friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Dolly and her family, Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home in Brainerd.



Loretta Lee (Johnson) MacDonald

Loretta Lee (Johnson) MacDonald, age 89, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at Aicota Health Care Center in Aitkin.

Lori was born on September 22, 1932 in Aitkin and was lovingly adopted by Theodore B. and Ruth S. (Hartman) Johnson. She lived in Aitkin most of her life, graduating from Aitkin High School in 1950. Lori married John W. MacDonald on June 2, 1951 in Aitkin.

Lori worked as a proofreader and columnist for the Aitkin Independent Age for ten years. She volunteered with the Aitkin County Historical Society, the Jaques Art Center, and Friends of the Aitkin Public Library, served on an advisory board for the Brainerd Dispatch, and was active in the Republican Party at the county and district levels for 30 years. She also enjoyed gardening, reading, discussing Aitkin history, and staying up with current events.

Lori is survived by daughter, Mara Funk (David) of Cheyenne, WY; son John T. 'Ted' MacDonald (Ruth) of Ames, IA; grandchildren: Alexander Funk of Cheyenne, WY; Joel Funk of Cheyenne, WY; Neal MacDonald (Clare) of Iowa City, IA; Scott MacDonald (Claire Hofius) of St. Louis, MO; great-grandson Callum; brother, Gerald A. Johnson (Arvilla Unzeitig) of Aitkin; half-sister Bonnie (Dlouhy) Ziebarth Eisworth of Oak Hills, CA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by parents, Ted and Ruth Johnson; birth parents, Richard K. Dlouhy and Victoria O. Hansen; husband, John; and half-sister, Donna (Dlouhy) Vodopia.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Aitkin.

Memorials are preferred to the Aitkin County Historical Society, Jaques Art Center, Aitkin Public Library, or a charity of the donor's choice.

To sign the guestbook online, go to: [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com). Arrangements are with the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Aitkin. [www.srtfuneral.com](http://www.srtfuneral.com).



Joyce Ecker

Joyce M. Ecker went to be with her Lord on August 4, 2022, while surrounded by her family at her home. Joyce was born to Jack and Virgie Birge on June 28, 1942 in Pequot Lakes, MN. She was born in the car on the way to the hospital and that was the last time she was ever early.

Joyce loved spending time visiting and laughing with her loved ones. She was always there to help out, take care of others and babysit her grandchildren. Joyce loved listening to music, singing and playing the piano. She was active at her church for many years. Decorating the church for the holidays became one of her favorite activities. The last few years, as it became more difficult to leave the house, it brought her great joy to keep up with friends and family through social media.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Richard; daughters, Kimberly (Mark) Hopper and Sonya (James) Crimmins; grandchildren: Nathan McFarland, Nolan (Kaylee) Hopper, Ethan, Genevieve, Margaret and Shay Crimmins; great-granddaughters, Kieran and Raina Hopper; siblings: Patsy Birge, Larry (Theresa) Birge, Gary (Annie) Birge, Barb (Scott) Hendricks, Sharon Olson, John Birge, Rebecca Birge, Janice Birge; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Virgie Birge; father, Jack Birge; and grandson, Eli Crimmins.

Services will be held at the Backus Nazarene Church on August 20 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship and light lunch. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Arrangements are with Kline Funeral Home, Pine River.



BRIEF

Rear-end collision injures Pierz man

VINELAND — A 57-year-old Pierz man was injured Tuesday, Aug. 9, after he rear-ended a vehicle on Highway 169 in Mille Lacs County.

The Minnesota State Patrol responded to the crash, reported at 10:07 a.m., in Kathio Township, south of Vineland. According to the report, a 2008 Honda Odyssey and a 2018 Chevy Malibu were both northbound on the highway when the Honda slowed to make a turn onto Vineland Road and was rear-ended by the Chevy.

The driver of the Chevy, Toby Lawrence Egan, suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to Mille Lacs Health System-Onamia Clinic.

The driver of the Honda, Valeri Jennifer Krebsbach, 45, and her passengers: Alexander James Krebsbach, 13; Ellie Auna Krebsbach, 8; Maxwell James Krebsbach, 7; all suffered no reported injuries.

The road was dry at the time of the crash. Assisting at the scene were the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office and the Mille Lacs Tribal Police Department.

CLARIFICATION

In the July 24, 2022, edition of the Brainerd Dispatch, a Page A10 story on Senate District 10 candidate Jim Newberger included mention of an endorsement by the Benton County Republicans. Newberger later sought to clarify while the official convention call for the June 23 event stated the purpose was to endorse a candidate, the motion passed by delegates indicated it was a preferential vote of support. "An endorsement at this

convention shall not carry with it a commitment of party resources, finances, and volunteers. All candidates will proceed to the Primary Election in August where the official endorsed candidate will be determined," the convention call stated. Newberger won the preferential vote with 23 votes to three votes for candidate Nathan Wesenberg. Candidate Steve Wenzel was not in attendance. The Dispatch regrets the error.

Baxter police

ARRESTS — A 43-year-old woman was arrested at 7:17 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, for a \$193 theft at Walmart, 7295 Glory Road.

A 24-year-old man was arrested at 6:50 p.m. Saturday for a warrant and possession of drugs at Walmart. As of Tuesday afternoon, the man was in custody in the Crow Wing County Jail.

A 40-year-old man was arrested at 9:28 p.m. Friday for threats of violence, driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct and illegally transporting a firearm on the 14000 block of Edgewood Drive. As of Tuesday afternoon, the man was in custody in the Crow Wing County Jail.

Brainerd police

ARRESTS — A 43-year-old man was arrested at 10:40 a.m. Monday for DWI and an open bottle on the 1200 block of South Sixth Street. As of Tuesday afternoon, the man was in custody in the Crow Wing County Jail.

A 27-year-old man was arrested at 5:27 p.m. Sunday for assault, disorderly conduct and domestic assault on the 500 block of Second Avenue Northeast.

A 29-year-old woman was arrested at 4:20 p.m. Saturday for the sale of a controlled substance, driving on a canceled license, possession of an open bottle, littering and possession of drug paraphernalia on the 500 block of Northeast Washington Street. As of Tuesday afternoon, the woman was in custody in the Crow Wing County Jail.

A 62-year-old man was arrested at 10:51 p.m. Friday for the sale of a controlled substance and drug possession on the 400 block of Northeast Washington Street.

A 32-year-old man was arrested at 5:11 a.m. Friday for six Crow Wing County warrants on Jessica Lane.

PROPERTY DAMAGE — Report of property damage Friday on the 900 block of Southeast 11th Street.

Crosby police

ARRESTS — A 35-year-old man was arrested at 9:26 p.m. Friday for assault and threats of violence on Oak Street. As of Tuesday afternoon, the man was in custody in the Crow Wing County Jail.

THEFT — Report of a bike theft on Erie Avenue.

PROPERTY DAMAGE — Report of a home being spray painted, having dog feces left on the porch and fish carcasses left around the yard on Erie Avenue.

Crow Wing County sheriff

ARRESTS — A 29-year-old man was arrested at 11:35 a.m. Sunday for assault on the 20000 block of Pickeral Lake Road in Nokay Lake Township.

A 35-year-old man was arrested at 8:15 a.m. Friday for possession of drugs at 13th Avenue Southwest and 64th Street Southwest in Pequot Lakes. As of Tuesday afternoon, the man was in custody in the Crow Wing County Jail.

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OTHER OPINION

More work still needed to stem tide of robocalls

We appreciate the automatic call that comes to our cellphones to remind us about an appointment with a doctor’s office. But nobody likes the multiple calls about extended auto warranties, oceanfront property for sale in Oklahoma or any of the myriad maddening pitches we get on our cellular phones these days – usually hiding behind the mask of a local number, or even a number that seems familiar.

Enter the Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force, a nationwide effort that’s being made to investigate and take legal action against companies who bring foreign robocalls into the United States. The coalition includes attorneys general from all 50 states.

The idea behind it is to try to reduce the nation’s plague of scam and annoying phone calls, which lead to nearly \$30 billion stolen each year, according to the National Consumer Law Center.

More than 30 million robocalls are received by Americans each day. Yes, each day.

The efforts to crack down on scammers and robocalls isn’t new. In 2018, we urged the Federal Communications Commission and telephone companies to target 2019 to reduce scam calls.

At that time, we noted that “the number of robocalls with a North Dakota 701 area code was 2.4 million in November. In Minnesota’s 218 area code, it was 5 million. Both of those call totals also have greatly increased in the past two years.

In 2021, we wrote that “more movement comes in the battle vs. robocalls.” At that time, the FCC had given wireless phone providers a deadline to self-report whether they are complying with the agency’s new rules regarding robocalls.

These were good developments, but still, the dang phone keeps ringing.

Now, the 50 attorneys general on the Anti-Robocall Litigation Task Force will investigate “gateway providers” that sell access to U.S. telephone networks. According to a recent report by Forum News Service, the ultimate goal is to bring legal action against the companies and cut down on illegal calls. While much of the traffic originates from different countries, the task force aims to shut down domestic providers who route scam calls to the U.S.

FNS reported that the task force has filed subpoenas demanding information from the 20 companies they believe are responsible for a significant volume of robocalls.

More good news.

It’s true that some of these calls are simple reminders from a doctor or dentist – helpful calls, from a local source, and not trying to hide behind any kind of fake number or dark motive.

— Grand Forks Herald

THIS WAS BRAINERD

AUGUST 10  
20 years ago (2002)

It was seven years since Brainerd last made a trip to the American Legion state baseball tournament. And before Brainerd knew it, it was over. Facing N. St. Paul, second-ranked team in the state, Brainerd led 2-0 into the final inning, only to give up three runs for the loss. In their second game they were steamrolled 19-1 by Hopkins.

30 years ago (1992)

Jon Haapajoki of rural Brainerd has been named executive director of the Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber. Haapajoki says he starts on Sept. 8 but will be getting some early work done first. He is a member of the school board and a rep for a farm equipment company. Tom Kotula, president of the chamber board, says there were 82 applications.

40 years ago (1982)

A man being held by Minneapolis Police for making terroristic threats was escorted to Brainerd to show county law enforcement the site where he said he had hidden military grade explosives. Sheriff’s deputy Skip Rudquist said he found enough TNT and detonators to destroy a car, plus “booby trap” devices.

60 years ago (1962)

Cleaver Thayer, 72, who drove for the first time (illegally) in Chicago when he was 10, and hasn’t had more than a scratched fender since (not his fault), will be honored as the “Safe Driver of the Century” by the St. Paul Auto Club next week. Thayer and his wife live near Merri-field and he still drives daily.

80 years ago (1942)

The consolidation of at least two Brainerd schools (Garfield and Lowell) and closing of kindergarten in Brainerd schools will be discussed at a special school board meeting to curtail expenses next year. Supt. Ferrell said the board is short four grade school teachers, two at the junior high and two more at the high school.

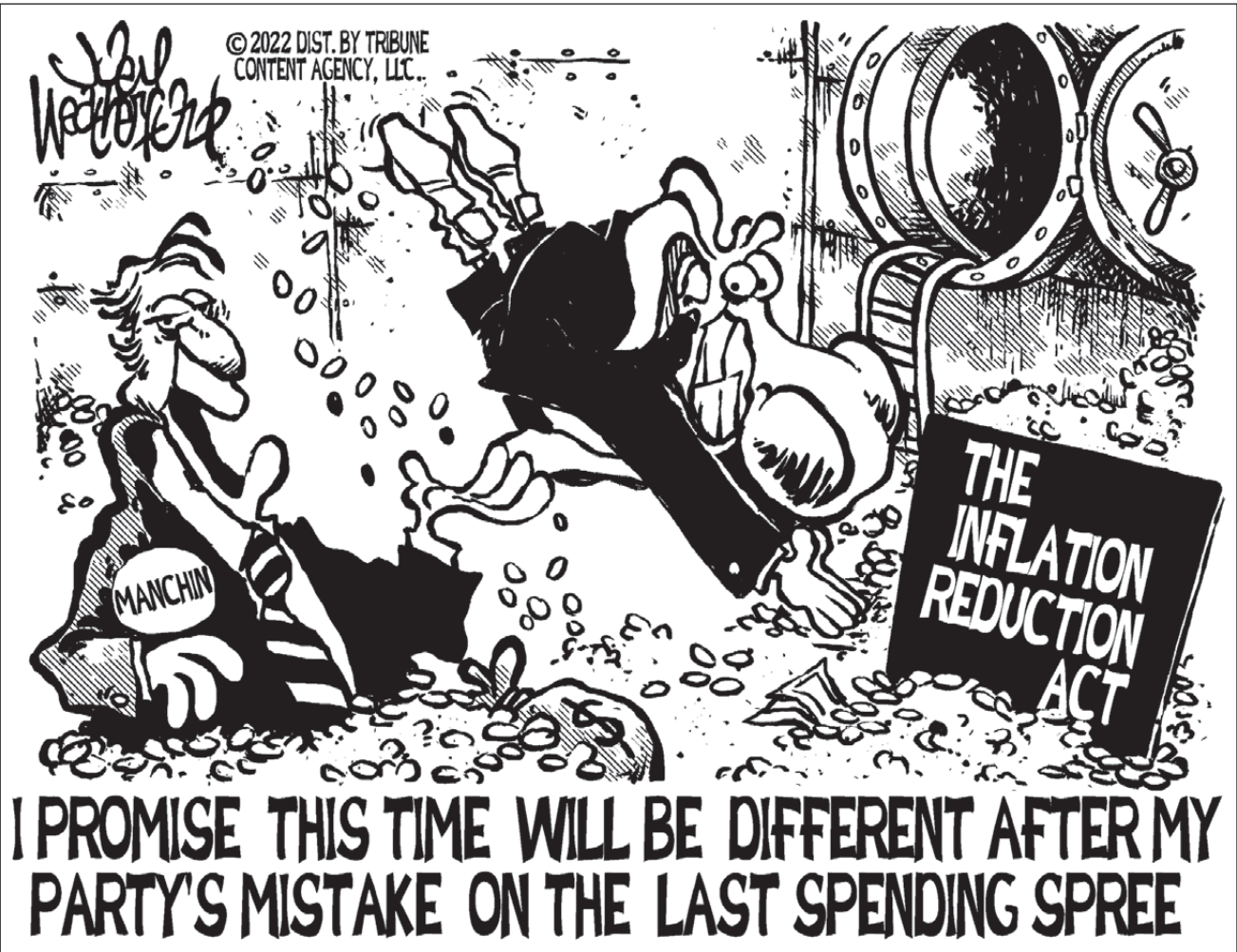
100 years ago (1922)

A general strike of the big four railroad transportation unions is threatened, and that would mean 2 million men walking off the job. They say this is due to threats made against them by railroad guards, and the danger of working on poorly maintained equipment. All railroad shop-men are already on strike, including the 1,200 at Brainerd’s NP Railroad shops.

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GUEST OPINION

Want to increase economic mobility for yourself and others? Make friends at church

By Cynthia M. Allen  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The never-ending quest to understand why some people are more easily able than others to achieve the American Dream has a new, intriguing wrinkle.

It’s not just where you attend school, where you live or your family structure (although, the last of those matters tremendously) that determines whether and how upwardly economically mobile you will become.

Your friendships matter, too, specifically if they cut across socioeconomic lines; that is, if you develop relationships with people who are richer than you.

That’s one of the major takeaways of new research from a group of academics, including Harvard University economist Raj Chetty.

Chetty and his colleagues examined the social networks of 72.2 million Facebook users ages 25 to 44 and made some interesting observations about how personal connections foster mobility.

They found that children raised in environments with a higher rate of friendships between people of low and high socioeconomic status have much higher rates of upward mobility. That means, as Chetty explained in The New York Times, they have a much better shot of rising out of poverty.

Forging those friendships, however, isn’t always easy — and not always because people are reticent to make friends across socioeconomic lines.

The researchers found, for example, that people of lower socioeconomic status tend to develop most of the relationships within their neighborhoods,

where there is less socioeconomic diversity.

Wealthier people tend to make lasting friendships in college, where the same is often true.

That’s what the researchers call an “exposure” issue.

What’s interesting, however, is that when poorer people attend college and therefore increase their exposure to people of higher socioeconomic status, they are still less likely to form friendships with their wealthier peers, a phenomenon the researchers call “friending bias.”

It turns out that friending bias is high not only in neighborhoods but also in some recreational activities, such as sports, which tend to reinforce socioeconomic segregation.

But friending bias isn’t present everywhere, because institutional structure appears to play a role in how friendships are formed.

Where is friending bias the lowest? Religious institutions.

The researchers found friending bias to be negative in religious groups “because religious-group friendships do not exhibit substantial homophily (the tendency to form strong social bonds with people who share one’s defining characteristics) by socioeconomic status.”

In fact, poorer people are about 20% more likely to befriend a wealthier person in their religious groups than in their neighborhoods.

That shouldn’t be a novel finding for anyone who is part of a community of faith.

Shared faith supersedes the temporal, making it easier, even natural, to form meaningful connections based on things other than socioeconomic status.

Or as Brad Wilcox, a sociologist and director of the National

Marriage Project, noted on Twitter, cross-class relationships are more easily forged when “a common ethos/end/telos undergirds such friendships.”

God is a stronger bond than where you live, go to school or play baseball.

That suggests, at the very least, that churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious institutions have something crucial to teach us about relationships.

Of course, breaking through socioeconomic barriers is not as simple as just befriending the people with whom you regularly attend religious services.

As the study authors (and plenty of other data) point out, religious institutions are often, but not always, relatively homogeneous in terms of the socioeconomic status of their members.

That makes some sense, as many churches draw from the neighborhoods that surround them.

But there are plenty of churches, like my own, which (for doctrinal and other reasons) draw people from far afield.

These “commuter” churches naturally engender substantial socioeconomic diversity. So, they increase economic connection and foster integration – circumstances that the researchers found increase upward mobility.

While there is already copious evidence of the value religious institutions bring to society, this latest research provides one more. It may help increase upward mobility (your own and that of those around you), in addition to saving your soul.

Sounds like a win to me.

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READER OPINION

Thank you

As I prepare to wrap up my service on the ISD 181 Board of Education, I wish to thank the community, incredible staff, my fellow board members, and, most of all, my family. I set out on this journey two years ago when I filed for candidacy, excited to serve our students. The challenges and opportunities have been unprecedented. I appreciate every thoughtful conversation, difficult decision, and celebratory moment as I learned from them all. I learned we live in a passionate community with a rich history at Brainerd Public Schools. I learned we can do hard things, and our staff, students and parents are resilient.

I’ve lived, worked and raised a family in Brainerd for over 20 years. My husband and daughter both graduated from BHS as will our son in two years. We’re a family of Warriors. That won’t change when our address changes. I believe we all have an incredible opportunity to step up and support our schools. With new buildings, stellar staff, a fantastic superintendent, and a strong board of education, the future is bright! We can choose to dwell on the past and run with the social

media rumor of the day or lean in, engage, and support the good. I believe we owe it to our students to show them what it looks like to lead, not follow.

I can assure you with 100% certainty, the folks who continue to sit at the board table after I leave have our students’ best interest at heart. Support them, engage with them, and lead with them. I wish the best to Dr. Hahn and the entire ISD 181 team during the 2022-23 school year. Our family will continue to support Brainerd Public Schools! Thank you for this incredible opportunity. I learned so much and am forever grateful.

Jana Shogren  
Brainerd

Student loans

To those who want the government to forgive your student loans, I say this. There are out there, in our society, millions of people who wanted to go to college but didn’t because they did not want the debt load that they knew would come with it. They also knew they would have trouble paying it back. Had they known that there was not going to be any debt load and they didn’t have to pay it back, they may have chosen a different course. Now they — through their

hard-earned paid taxes — will have to pay for your loans.

There are millions of people out there who did borrow money for college and lived up to their part of the bargain and did the honorable thing and paid it back. Will they be able to recoup this money? After all, fair is fair, or at least it’s supposed to be.

To the borrowers, did you or did you not sign papers to borrow this money? If this is the way you manage your financial commitments, I question how you will handle other debts in your life. What’s next? Forgive my credit card debt?

There is also the problem of you asking for debt forgiveness from an entity that borrows a good share of its money from the taxpayers to start with, with little chance of ever paying it back. Our national debt will never be paid off and that’s a given. Our children and grandchildren will carry that burden of debt all of their lives. Pay your own bills.

To those politicians who want to see this loan forgiveness happen in Congress, quit trying to buy your votes and get elected honestly.

Mike Holst  
Crosslake



# Drunk uncle crosses the line with a kiss

DEAR ABBY: I come from a large, close family. The majority of them live in another state. A couple of family members live in the same state I reside in. One night, my uncle came over and we were

hanging out having drinks. We both drank too much and at some point, he started to kiss my neck. I told him to stop because he is family, and he did. Luckily, nothing more happened. The next day he texted and called profusely apologizing. I have been hurt, sad and angry ever since. He wanted to talk about it, but I didn't.

We still see each other at family get-togethers since there are only a few of us out here. I haven't told anyone, and it's hard to keep this to myself, but I'm afraid that if I say something, it could cause a rift in my family. How do I get through this without hurting them? Should I confront him and tell him how this



JEANNE PHILLIPS  
Dear Abby

made me feel? Should I confide in a family member? Or must I just pretend it didn't happen? – EMOTIONAL IN ARIZONA

DEAR EMOTIONAL: Do not pretend it didn't happen. Because you feel the need to get this off your chest, tell your amorous uncle how hurt, angry and violated you felt by what he did. I see no reason why you should announce this to the family for the reason you mentioned. However, do not see him alone or drink with him again.

DEAR ABBY: I have been babysitting my grandson, alternating with the other grandmother, for two years. She and I rarely see each other, but invariably, when we do, something I say gets repeated to the mother in a changed form. It causes my daughter-in-law to go ballistic on my son; never directly to me. Both of them have professional jobs and are in their 30s.

I have never felt valued or needed for myself or the service I provide for her, although my son frequently expresses appreciation privately to me. They hope to have their child enrolled in preschool

in eight months, but I very much want to quit because yet another miscommunication occurred this week. My son makes excuses for his wife, but I think she should talk to me directly, so I can refute what her mother says.

I'm told her mother has a "listening issue" that my daughter-in-law is aware of, but apparently that doesn't matter when it comes to me. I'm pretty sure that whether I continue or leave now, I will rarely see them or the baby once he starts preschool, although we live only 20 minutes away. What should I do? – GRANDMA'S MESS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR MESS: My advice is to smile and continue babysitting your grandchild until preschool starts. If you quit now, it will only give your daughter-in-law another excuse to blame you and curtail interactions with you in the future. If you choose to keep doing it, you will have an eight-month window for your grandchild to bond with you, which bodes well for the future.

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# What should I tell my husband with dementia about his parents?

DEAR CAROL: Though my husband was diagnosed with dementia four years ago, he's had symptoms for much longer. I've learned a lot from reading your column and joining a support group, but I'm still struggling with some of his behavior.

What's going on is that he sees and/or talks with his long-deceased parents. I've told him that they are waiting for him in heaven, but that upsets him because then he thinks they just died. When I tell him that this happened long ago, he argues and gets agitated. Sometimes I even wonder if this behavior means that my husband's not long for this world. I'm torn between just leaving him alone when he does this and trying to correct his perception. What is the best approach? — EK.

DEAR EK: This is common behavior for someone with advanced dementia, but it's one of the many situations where caregivers can feel helpless. We don't want to see a person whom we love distressed, and we view the idea that they are seeing their deceased parents as distressing. Sometimes, though, they find it comforting, so read on.

For most people



CAROL BRADLEY BURSACK  
Minding Our Elders

with dementia, short-term memory loss happens significantly earlier than long-term memory loss. This means that your husband is cognitively living at a time when he was younger, and his parents were alive. At least for the moment, this is his reality, so even your well-intentioned efforts upset him since "heaven" means that his parents died. As you've seen, he then experiences their deaths as if this is new information.

Ask yourself if your husband seems content or upset during these conversations. If he's content, then maybe it's all right to just let him enjoy this time. Or you could simply say, "Were you talking with your mom? I'll bet she's happy. Let's let her do what she's doing, and we'll go for a walk."

If he's worried about his parents or wondering where they are, try to validate his concern with some thoughtful expressions of understanding. You could say, "I can see

that you're worried about your mom. She's busy right now, but you'll see her later." Then suggest a snack or something he'd enjoy.

The idea is to provide support without having him repeatedly relive their deaths. Some caregivers feel that they are lying when they do this, but in my view, you are simply recognizing his truth.

If you find that he frequently becomes distressed during these episodes, the doctor could prescribe a medication to help relieve his anxiety.

To address your thoughts about your husband being near death himself, that's a valid thought. If he were otherwise exhibiting end-of-life physical signs, he might be comforted by the idea of joining them, so that's possible. However, from what you described, this sounds more like a memory issue.

My heart is with you, EK. It's hard enough when someone in this stage of dementia is a parent. It's got to be even harder when it's your spouse. Take care.

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## It's written in the stars

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Some family issues may seem unreasonable or confusing. Power ahead past these fleeting disagreements by focusing on achieving your ambitions and using your energy wisely. Any job worth doing is worth doing well.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Someone's eyes may be upon you so be sure to do your best. A family member may need to disrupt your schedule so you might have to adjust your plans. Unique ideas and original concepts could capture your imagination today.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Stay in your own lane and let someone else read between the lines. What you say could grab someone's interest so be sure that whatever

you say is worth repeating. Count on a partner to give shrewd financial advice.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Untangle any emotional misunderstandings. You may be in someone's crosshairs if you create disruption over something that seems trivial. This is not a good time to make major changes to your bank accounts or investments.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Be sure that if you switch gears, you do not grind them. You may be challenged to make a smooth transition to something new or unique. Be cut and dried about the facts but thoughtful and sensitive with people.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Smooth your way to the top by saying the right words at the right time. It is in your best interests to cooperate rather than compete with others. This is a good time to make a conscious commitment to do better.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You might want to be a social butterfly but could feel ostracized for the time being. Focus on being a wise negotiator and follow the lead of a savvy partner when money is involved. Do not initiate anything new.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't count your chickens before they hatch. There is never a free lunch or a sure thing, so adopt a wait-and-see approach. Be patient and let changeable events

play out to the end before taking any action.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Timing is everything. Make an effort to impress someone at the right time and in the right places. It is said that battles are won or lost in the preparation, so focus on making smart strategies and plans.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't stir the pot. Concentrate on handling your obligations to the best of your abilities. It is a poor time to sign financial agreements or to purchase with a credit card as it may take a long time to pay off.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your work or appearance may be under scrutiny. Double check your

facts and figures to avoid mistakes. You might be placed in a situation where you must rely on yourself rather than expect help from others.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let the cat out of the bag or otherwise say something you should not say. There could be temporary disruptions or changes that make it difficult to work. A partner or friend could support your efforts.  
**IF AUG. 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Your ambitions can be achieved if you do not give in to unhealthy temptations during the next two to three weeks. Focus on being practical, down to earth and ethical even if you see ways you could work the system to your

advantage. As September gives way to October, you may become restless for change, or a sudden change could be thrust upon you with little warning. Do not break off relationships or quit a job because when this is over, you may regret what you left behind. Anything that shifts of its own accord, however, could free you of a burden. In late November and December, widen your social network and enjoy more social activities. Just be sure to remain responsible and attentive to your obligations. January can rush through like a whirlwind and an unexpected change can scatter your plans. Late February is an inspiring time when you can live out romantic or creative dreams.

Monday, August 8, 2022

## SUDOKU

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
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Tuesday, August 9, 2022

## SUDOKU

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# Minnesota company aims to bring little electric cars to city streets

By Kirsti Marohn  
MPR News

Tom Skahen is used to turning heads when he cruises through downtown St. Joseph. Scooting past the SUVs and pickups that are common in central Minnesota, Skahen's pint-sized black car stands out.

"Without exception, I get rubbernecking and waves pretty much everywhere I go," he said.

Skahen is CEO of Opus Motorcar Co. in St. Joseph, an innovative company that is selling small, low-speed all-electric vehicles designed for short trips around town, to the grocery store or picking up the kids from school.

With a top speed of 35 miles per hour, the three-passenger Opus No. 3 looks like a cross between a London cab and an early Smart car. It can travel about 25 miles on a single charge.

Opus' vehicles may be small, but the 25-year-old Skahen has big ambitions for shaking up how people think about local transportation.

After earning a degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Minnesota in 2020, Skahen said he got interested in micro-mobility — small, lightweight electric vehicles designed to travel at low speeds to nearby destinations. They typically have a hub motor, the kind in electric scooters and e-bikes.

In some countries such as China, such vehicles are widely popular, Skahen said. But people have run into problems when they've tried to import them into the United States.

"We thought, 'Well, it can't be that hard,'" he said with a wry laugh. "Two or three years later, we're just going on sale."

Skahen partnered with his father, Sean, who owns a third-generation manufacturing business in St. Joseph, to launch Opus Motorcar Co.

They import cars that are mostly assembled, then install the batteries and make a few other modifications. Skahen said it's a low-risk way to gauge consumer



Photos by Ben Hovland / MPR News

Tom Skahen sits in the Opus No. 3, the Opus Motorcar Co.'s latest model, Aug. 2 outside the company's headquarters in St. Joseph, Minnesota. The three-seat vehicles cost \$7,500 and can be charged by plugging in to a standard outlet. Skahen's 6-foot-2-inch frame fits comfortably in the driver's seat.

interest. Eventually, they hope to manufacture small electric vehicles in Minnesota, plus sell conversion kits for some Volkswagen models.

The latest model, Opus No. 3, is large enough for Skahen's 6-foot-2 frame to fit comfortably in the driver's seat.

It's like a golf cart with amenities, including a roof, a heater, power windows, keyless entry, rearview camera and Bluetooth connectivity.

At \$7,500, the price tag is significantly smaller than a traditional vehicle. It can be charged by plugging into a standard electrical outlet, and costs just three cents a mile to operate, Skahen said.

According to national studies, almost half of all car trips in the U.S. are less than three miles. With the price of gas and new vehicles on the rise, Skahen thinks more people will be looking for low-cost alternatives for those short drives.

"We're under no illusion that this is like a silver bullet for transportation," he said. "But there's clear market



Tom Skahen drives the Opus No. 3, the Opus Motorcar Co.'s latest model, Aug. 2 through the streets of St. Joseph, Minnesota.

demand for it."

The price of batteries for e-vehicles has been falling, said Will Northrop, a mechanical engineering professor at the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies. That's sparked an increase in electrified transportation options, from e-scooters and hoverboards up to full-sized Teslas, he said.

"It's a new world out there in terms of mobility options for people," Northrop said. He said the high price of

gas likely will fuel more interest in small e-vehicles that use less energy per mile.

"These hub motors are pretty prolific," he said. "You can get them from China, they're produced all over the place and a lot of people are able to put together these vehicles. So there's a lot of small companies that are starting up in this area."

A small town in rural Minnesota might seem like an unusual place to market e-vehicles.

But Skahen said St.

Joseph, about eight miles west of St. Cloud, is not only his hometown but also a good fit for Opus. It has a growing downtown lined with shops, breweries and restaurants and well-educated residents interested in innovative modes of getting around.

"People are driving around golf carts, they're driving around side-by-sides and ATVs, e-bikes, snowmobiles during the winter," Skahen said. "There's all kinds of enthusiasm about different ways to get around that don't necessarily require you to take the whole car out of the garage."

The company has local supporters, including Nate Keller, St. Joseph's community development director. He said Opus offers mobility to people who don't have the means to purchase a more traditional car or truck, and fits in with the city's goals of sustainability and equity.

"It's a very efficient way to not only get around and do small errands, but it's also economical," Keller said.

"We talk about access to vehicles and trying to be more equitable. And I think that they have a solution that can provide that and bridge a lot of gaps."

## Challenges

But there are obstacles to the little electric cars hitting the mass market, including local traffic laws.

They're currently designed primarily for off-road use and are permitted on streets in St. Joseph, St. Paul, Wauzata, Sartell and a few other cities that allow golf carts or neighborhood vehicles. But they're not street legal in every city.

Opus also encounters skepticism from people accustomed to larger automobiles. Some of the comments on Opus' social media are brutal.

"It will be great in Minnesota snow, LOL," one person wrote on Facebook. And another: "Do you stand a chance in a crash, or is it 'call the coroner?'"

Skahen said he understands the skepticism.

"It's not a highway vehicle, and it's not an e-bike," he said. "It's relatively unproven outside of some small niche communities."

Skahen spends a lot of time explaining that the cars' winterized batteries can handle the cold. They have regular safety features, including seat belts, signals, windshield wipers and lights. And they're not intended to be driven on busy highways or county roads.

Skahen said it will take time for people to get used to seeing the vehicles on city streets.

But he thinks in St. Joseph and cities across the U.S., people are reevaluating what they really need to get where they need to go.

Some of the same people who posted critical comments about Opus cars also asked for a test drive, he said.

"Micro mobility, with these e-bikes, it's caused so many people to reevaluate how can I change my commute? Do I need a car for all of this?" Skahen said. "And that's the first step."

# 'Hockeyland' hits theaters Sept. 9

Documentary follows Minnesota teams during 2019-20 season

By Jay Gabler  
Duluth News Tribune

DULUTH, Minnesota — "Hockeyland," a documentary feature that follows two northern Minnesota high school hockey teams through the 2019-20 season, will open in Minnesota movie theaters Sept. 9.

The film follows boys' hockey players

from Hermantown and Eveleth-Gilbert. It previously had premiere screenings in Minnesota theaters this past February, and it's also been featured in several national documentary film festivals. A dozen Minnesota theaters have confirmed bookings starting Sept. 9. Later in September, the release will expand to other cities in the Midwest and ultimately elsewhere in the U.S. and Canada.

"Hockeyland" was directed by Tommy Haines, who co-pro-

duced the film with JT Haines (his brother) and Andrew Sherburne. Their company, Northland Films, is billing "Hockeyland" as the third feature in a trilogy of hockey movies including a 2008 pond hockey feature and a 2010 film about the U.S. hockey team that won gold in the 1960 Winter Olympics. Tommy and JT Haines grew up playing hockey in Mountain Iron.

The film is being distributed by Greenwich Entertainment, the company that also brought the Oscar-winning doc-

umentary "Free Solo" to theaters.

"Their proven track record with action-oriented documentaries and art house audiences is a perfect combination for an observational coming-of-age hockey story," said Tommy Haines in a statement.

Critics have compared "Hockeyland" to "Hoo-siers" and "Friday Night Lights." Writing in The Guardian, Dave Caldwell observed that "the film hammers home the fact that it is mighty cold during hockey season



Contributed / David Greedy Photography

The documentary "Hockeyland" was filmed in northern Minnesota in 2019-20.

in northern Minnesota, with plenty of overhead shots of remote woodland, with bare tree limbs

black next to the fallen snow on the ground. Best to watch this film in front of a fire."

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# Senate District 5: Incumbent Utke victorious over 2 challengers

Republican incumbent state Sen. Paul Utke defeated his party-endorsed challenger and a third candidate to advance to the general election in November.

Utke earned 5,024 votes, or 57.33% of the vote in 144 voting precincts. Bussman, who earned the endorsement this spring, received 2,834 votes, or 32.34%. Challenger Dale A.P. Anderson received 906 votes, or 10.34%.

The new Senate District 5 includes Todd and Wadena counties along with portions of Becker, Cass, Hubbard and Morrison counties. It covers areas that were represented primarily by state Sen. Paul Gazel-



Utke

ka, an East Gull Lake Republican who is retiring from the Legislature, before the redistricting based on the 2020 Census.

Candidates were Anderson of Pine River, a truck driver, farmer and pastor; Bussman of Browerville, a U.S. Army veteran who works at Camp Ripley; and Utke of Park Rapids, an insurance agent and certified legal videographer.

Utke will face DFLer A. John Peters of Browerville in the November election.

# House District 5B: Wiener comes out on top in tight race

Party-endorsed candidate Mike Wiener appeared to have defeated Sheldon Monson by just 40 votes with 100% of precincts reporting in House District 5B on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The Republicans faced off in the primary election to appear on the Nov. 8 general election ballot, where the winner will face Independence-Alliance Party candidate Gregg Hendrickson.

Wiener earned 2,100 votes, or 50.48%, while Monson earned 2,060 votes, or 49.52%.

As it stands with results from 66 of 66 precincts and a difference of 0.96%, the race does not qualify for a publicly funded recount,



Wiener

per the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. The margin must be less than one-half of 1% in state legislative races.

House District 5B includes Todd County, southern Wadena County, a portion of southern Cass County and the northwestern corner of Morrison County.

Candidates were Monson, a Wadena County commissioner and state electrical inspection area representative, and Wiener, an animal bedding and biomass small business owner and the party-endorsed candidate.

# Johnson tops Ward 4 candidates, LeClaire comes in at 2nd

**By Theresa Bourke**  
Brainerd Dispatch

BRAINERD — Incumbent Gabe Johnson moves on to the general election for Brainerd’s Ward 4, along with challenger Emily LeClaire

Johnson garnered 118 votes (43.38%) during the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 9, while LeClaire earned 79, beating out the third candidate, Johnathan Miller, by just four votes.

Johnson is looking for his third term on the council after first being elected in 2014.

“I’m real thankful for the voters to come out today and give me a little bump, a little vote of confidence that they think I’m doing a good job,” Johnson said. “It makes me feel good. So it gives me a little energy heading into November to continue to talk to my neighbors and get more votes.”

LeClaire said she was pleasantly surprised by the results, as she didn’t get to campaign as much as she would have liked to ahead of the primary but is looking forward to the general election.

“Incumbents are traditionally pretty hard to beat, so that’s definitely on my mind. So I’ll be strategizing there a little bit,” he said. “But I guess I’m just excited



Johnson



LeClaire

to get started and see where it takes us.”

LeClaire added Miller ran a great campaign and she would have liked to face him in the general election.

Miller said he was certainly disappointed by the results but still had a lot of fun campaigning.

“We really just went out there and met a lot of folks, and I think that was the most important thing,” he said.

Miller received 27.57% of the votes Tuesday, just behind LeClaire at 29.04%.

“Folks liked what we had to say, and I think at least there’s that. We certainly had a lot of fun doing this, and we’ll have to take a stab at it again at some point,” he said. “... It was really awesome meeting all the people in my neighborhood, so we’ll come back and just try to find another way to channel our sense of community and try to help the city.”

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# Terry comes in at 1st, Skillings gains 2nd spot

**By Theresa Bourke**  
Brainerd Dispatch

BRAINERD — Kara Terry is the top pick to represent Ward 1 on the Brainerd City Council after the Tuesday, Aug. 9, primary race.

Leonard Skillings came in second place Tuesday, with 114 votes to Terry’s 160. In third place was William “Jamie” Bieser, who already occupies the seat up for election.

Bieser was appointed to the City Council on a 5-1 vote in July after the resignation of Dave Pritschet. Terry got one vote for the seat. After not garnering any council votes to fill the vacancy, Skillings



Terry



Skillings

announced he would stop campaigning and instead give Bieser his support. But because he missed the window to withdraw from the race, his name still appeared on the primary ballot. Crow Wing County reported his name also can’t be withdrawn from the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

Neither Skillings nor Bieser were available for comment Tuesday, so whether Skillings

decides to campaign for the general election is uncertain.

Terry, who serves as the Crow Wing County Community Services director, expressed her gratitude Tuesday night to all the voters.

“I just want to thank everyone, whether they voted for me or not, who just got out to vote,” she said, noting her conversation with a neighbor on the way to the polls earlier in the day about the importance of being engaged and having a voice in the outcome.

She added a word of thanks to the election judges, as well, for their commitment to over-

seeing the process.

“I also want to thank those who trusted me enough to vote for me,” Terry said. “Gosh, with the results I am just truly humbled. And I look forward to getting out into our community and just learning more about my neighbors’ concerns and their hopes and all of that great stuff. And when I say ‘neighbors,’ I don’t just mean in my cul-de-sac. I mean throughout my ward.”

Ward 1 covers the downtown area and southwest Brainerd.

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# House District 6B: Heintzeman defeats Kern in strong landslide

**By Chelsey Perkins**  
Brainerd Dispatch

Republican State Rep. Josh Heintzeman won his primary race handily Tuesday, Aug. 9, besting challenger Doug Kern to appear on the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

With 25 of 25 precincts reporting late Tuesday, Heintzeman earned 3,132 votes (79.92%) to Kern’s 787 (20.08%).

Heintzeman said he was very happy with the result and the margin of victory was just about what he expected after speaking with about 3,000 voters in



Heintzeman

the district.

“I think the biggest takeaway for us at our event tonight was essentially what we’re seeing is almost an exact reflection of what we saw at the endorsing convention,” Heintzeman said during a phone interview Tuesday night. “You know, it’s frustrating to have things progress to a primary, but to see the outcome come out essentially exactly what we saw then, I think says a lot about the

process and the folks that were there and their feelings about the candidates. That affirmation is helpful.”

Frustration at the primary process aside, Heintzeman said it’s helped him be even more prepared for the upcoming general election battle.

“We’re pretty well set and that’s, I guess, a positive of having to work early in the race,” Heintzeman said.

House District 6B remains largely unchanged compared to the previous District 10A after this year’s redistricting. It includes most of west-

ern Crow Wing County, including the cities of Brainerd, Baxter, Pequot Lakes, Nisswa, Merrifield, Jenkins and Breezy Point.

Candidates were Heintzeman, a small timber-related business owner and the four-term incumbent, and Kern, a township supervisor and owner of an appliance repair company.

Heintzeman moves on to face DFL challenger Sally Boos in November.

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# Crow Wing County Board: Barrows, Erickson advance to general election

**By Chelsey Perkins**  
Brainerd Dispatch

Incumbent Commissioner Steve Barrows and primary challenger Tad A. Erickson will advance to the Nov. 8 general election to represent District 3 on the Crow Wing County Board.

Barrows was the top vote-getter Tuesday, Aug. 9, among the field of five, earning 644 votes, or 45.71% between eight voting precincts.

“I feel real good. The results are very favorable,” Barrows said during a phone interview Tuesday night after it became clear he would advance. “I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people that supported me. I want to thank the election judges, the staff and Ms. Erickson for how this election was performed. I think



Barrows



Erickson

it was outstanding.”

Tad Erickson, who currently serves on the Brainerd City Council, earned 358 votes, defeating the next closest challenger Keith M. Johnson by 95 votes. Candidate Jazz Ness earned 91 votes and Jacob White received 53 votes.

“I’m excited. It was a really encouraging night,” Erickson said by phone Tuesday night. “Tomorrow, a new race begins and a lot of hard work is ahead.”

Erickson said he intends to focus on getting out the message more to voters on his policy priorities and knock on a lot of doors.

“Door-knocking all over the place — I think I have a lot of opportunity,” Erickson said.

Barrows congratulated Tad Erickson on his efforts in the primary and encouraged the other candidates to continue making an impact.

“They have an opportunity to be community activists, so they shouldn’t stop working in the community for whatever issue they feel is important. So I would just encourage them to do that,” Barrows said.

Johnson called in to offer his congratulations to all the other candidates.

“Cheers to the victors, it was a hell of a race,” Johnson said. “And a very, very heartfelt thank you to my voters.”

District 3 includes the two southern voting precincts in the city of Baxter and most of the

city of Brainerd, including Ward 1, precincts 1 and 2; Ward 2, Precinct 2; Ward 3, Precinct 1; and Ward 4, precincts 1 and 2.

Candidates were Barrows of Baxter, the incumbent commissioner and retired Minnesota Department of Human Services worker; Tad Erickson of Brainerd, a transportation planner at Region Five Development Commission and Brainerd City Council member; Johnson of Brainerd, a returning candidate and self-employed truck driver; Ness of Brainerd, a community volunteer and homemaker; and White of Brainerd, a house painter and Central Lakes College student.

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# House District 10A: Kresha to advance to uncontested in general election

Incumbent state Rep. Ron Kresha will move on to a general election in which he will face no challenger on the ballot.

Kresha earned 3,577 votes, or 73.53%, over challenger Charles “Chuck” Parins, who gained 1,288 votes or



Kresha

26.47% in the 73 voting precincts.

Parins previously reported he was no longer actively campaigning for the seat, citing fam-

ily health reasons.

District 10A includes portions of the counties of Aitkin, Crow Wing, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Morrison, as well as the Mille Lacs Reservation.

Candidates were Kresha, incumbent and owner of an international economic devel-

opment firm, and Parins, a retired colonel and longtime Little Falls Township supervisor.

There is no DFL challenger in this district, so it appears the Republican Kresha will cruise to another legislative term.



# Jim Schulz wins GOP attorney general primary

By Alex Derosier  
Brainerd Dispatch

ST. PAUL — Political newcomer Jim Schulz won the Republican primary for attorney general.

The Associated Press called the race for Schultz at around 10:35 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9. With 73% of precincts reporting, Schultz had 54% of the vote, with candidate Doug Wardlow at 35%. Perennial candidate Sharon Anderson had around 12% of the vote.

Spirits were high at Schultz's election night party at a bar just west of downtown St. Paul Tuesday night as Schultz drew closer to statistical certainty he'd clinch the GOP nomination. He credited his success to a focus on a rise in violent crime over issues like abortion, which he said is best left to legislators.

"We're going to continue working hard because we're on a mission to restore public safety to our state, and I think people are responding to that," the first-time candidate said in an interview with Forum News Service at his campaign party. "We focused ... the vast majority of our time on articulating the case that we need to focus on public safety in this race."

Schultz and fellow Republican Wardlow styled themselves as "law and order" candidates, but Schulz, despite being an abortion opponent, has avoided campaigning on the issue.

"I'm focused like a laser beam on ensuring we defeat Keith Ellison, and I'm really focused on the crime message," Schultz said in an interview at his campaign party Tuesday night in St. Paul. "I think people responded to that."

Schultz will run in the general election for an office that has been held by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party since 1971. No Republican has won statewide



Alex Derosier / Forum News Service  
Minnesota Republican attorney general candidate Jim Schultz at his primary election night party Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Burger Moe's on West Seventh Street near downtown St. Paul.

office since 2006.

The Associated Press on Tuesday night called the DFL primary for incumbent Keith Ellison. At 10:30 p.m., with 60% of precincts reporting, Ellison held a commanding lead over DFL candidate Bill Dahn, with 89% of the vote to Dahn's 11%.

Schultz in May won his party's endorsement, which Wardlow had initially pledged to honor. A few days after the convention, Wardlow announced he would run in the primary against Schultz, claiming he had been denied the nomination by political insiders and "Republicans in name only." Minnesota Republicans typically honor the party endorsement at their state convention.

As Minnesota's top legal officer, the attorney general represents the state and its agencies in lawsuits, enforces consumer protection and antitrust laws and regulates charities. The office takes consumer complaints and can use its power to prosecute businesses that violate the law. It also assists smaller jurisdictions with fewer resources in prosecuting serious crimes.

Ellison faced criticism from both Republicans who say he has not done enough to tackle a rise in violent crime. Both Schultz and Wardlow hail from Twin Cities metro-area suburbs and styled themselves as "law-and-order" candidates.

Abortion is also an

issue following the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade in June, which ended nearly 50 years of federal abortion protections. The right to an abortion remains constitutionally protected in Minnesota under the 1995 state Supreme Court decision Doe v. Gomez, rendering the state a virtual island in the Upper Midwest for legal abortion.

In July, a Ramsey County District Court judge further expanded abortion rights in Minnesota by blocking existing laws, including a 24-hour wait period and requirement for minors to disclose and obtain consent from both parents in order to get an abortion. The state had 60 days to file an appeal in the ruling, which Ellison declined to do.

Ellison has vowed to protect abortion rights in Minnesota. Ahead of the Supreme Court's June decision on Roe, Ellison said he would protect women seeking abortions in Minnesota from prosecution and lawsuits from states where abortion is illegal.

He has also described himself as a leader for criminal justice reform. Ellison's office successfully prosecuted former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd as well as Brooklyn Center officer Kim Potter in the fatal shooting of Daunte Wright.

Election Day is Nov. 8.

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# Senate District 10: Wesenberg the victor in hard-fought 3-way race

Political newcomer Nathan Wesenberg defeated two legislative veterans to be the sole Republican on the ballot for Senate District 10 in November.

Wesenberg earned 3,757 votes, or 36.88%, to best his next closest rival Steve Wenzel by 449 votes. Wenzel received 3,308 votes, or 32.47%, and Jim Newberger came in third place, earning 3,123 votes or 30.65%.

The new Senate District 10 includes portions of Aitkin, Benton, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Morrison counties. The way the lines

were drawn in redistricting earlier this year means there was no sitting senator in the district.

Candidates were Newberger of Milaca, a retired paramedic and past member of the Minnesota House of Representatives; Wesenberg of Little Falls, a wildlife biologist; and Wenzel of Little Falls, a former longtime legislator and current instructor at Central Lakes College.

Wesenberg will face DFLer Suzanne M. Cekalla of Rice in the general election.



Dana Ferguson / Forum News Service  
Gov. Tim Walz, left, and Republican candidate Scott Jensen, right, debated on Aug. 3 at Farmfest in Redwood County, Minnesota.

# Walz, Jensen match-up set for November governor's race

By Dana Ferguson  
Brainerd Dispatch

ST. PAUL — Gov. Tim Walz and Republican challenger Scott Jensen on Tuesday, Aug. 9, cleared partisan primary contests, solidifying their match-up in November.

Each candidate faced lesser-known challengers in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Republican Party primaries. And their victories mean that they'll move forward to the general election.

The Associated Press called the races for Walz and Jensen at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan fended off a challenge from fellow Democrat Ole Savior. They picked up 96.5% of the vote with about 52% of precincts reporting compared to Savior's 3.5%. Meanwhile, Jensen and running mate Matt Birk came out ahead of Joyce Lynne Lacey and Bob "Again" Carney Jr. with 90.16% of the vote compared to 6% for Lacey and 3.7% for Carney Jr.

Grassroots Legalize Cannabis Party candidate Steve Patterson held a lead in that primary, ahead of Darrell Paulsen. And Legal Marijuana Now Party candidate James McCaskel

held a narrow lead over Chris Wright with 52% of precincts reporting.

Walz and Jensen's campaigns on Tuesday night cheered the news of their respective wins and said they would take the momentum into their campaigns this fall.

"Minnesota has rallied to overcome historic challenges, and together we're making progress," Walz said. "I'm running for a second term so that we can continue to lower costs, fully fund education, improve public safety, and protect a woman's right to choose. Together, we can and will move Minnesota forward."

Minnesota Republican Party leaders applauded Jensen's win and said it foreshadowed victories for him and other Republican candidates in November.

"With the Jensen-Birk ticket's plan to heal Minnesota, Republicans in Minnesota are poised to win statewide, up and down the ballot," Minnesota GOP Chairman David Hann said. "Dr. Jensen and Matt Birk will provide real solutions like putting more cops on the street, reducing taxes and regulations, and strengthening families' voices in our schools."

Jensen and Walz had

already set their sights on one another before the primary elections, holding news conferences to challenge one another on policy positions and facing off in a debate last week at the agriculture expo Farmfest.

Jensen has taken aim at the governor for his administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which he has said was overly restrictive, as well as for the response to rioting in the Twin Cities following the police killing of George Floyd.

Walz, meanwhile, has said Jensen has shared misinformation about COVID-19 and the security of elections in Minnesota. The governor has also challenged Jensen and Birk for saying this spring that they opposed abortion, even in cases of rape or incest.

Voters on Nov. 8 will decide whether to place Walz, Jensen, primary winners from each of the marijuana parties, Independence Party of Minnesota candidate Hugh McTavish or Socialist Workers Party candidate Gabrielle Prosser in the governor's office for the term beginning in 2023.

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# Stauber, Schultz easily win primaries

By Jimmy Lovrien  
Duluth News Tribune

DULUTH — Incumbent U.S. Rep. Pete Stauber, of Hermantown, and state Rep. Jennifer Schultz, of Duluth, advanced Tuesday as the Republican and Democratic 8th Congressional District candidates, respectively, to the November general election.

The two easily beat their primary challengers.

As of 10:30 p.m., with 57.6% of precincts reporting, Stauber had 90.74% of the vote, while his Republican primary challenger, Duluth's Harry Welty, had 9.26% of the vote.

Schultz had 87.35% of the vote while her Democratic primary challenger, John Munter, of Warba, had 12.65% of the vote.

On Tuesday, Stauber, a former Duluth police officer and St. Louis County commissioner, was once again endorsed by former President Donald Trump, who held a rally in Duluth to campaign for Stauber in 2018, just months before Stauber was elected to his first term in Congress.

Trump made Tuesday's announcement on his social media site



Stauber

Schultz

Truth Social. It came just hours after the FBI searched Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence for materials he took from the White House. Stauber said on Twitter that the raid was "a weaponized politicization of the FBI."

Stauber did not release a statement on Tuesday's results.

Schultz, who holds a doctorate degree in economics and is a professor at the Labovitz School of Business and Economics at the University of Minnesota Duluth, has represented the eastern side of Duluth in the Minnesota House of Representatives since 2015. In March, a few weeks before announcing her run for Congress, she announced she would not seek a fifth term in the Minnesota Legislature.

"I am thrilled to have the confidence and support of DFLers voting in today's primary, and I want to thank every voter for taking the time

to engage in our democratic process," Schultz said in a news release Tuesday evening. "My team and I have been working hard, and we're excited to be focused on the general election in the fall."

This is Welty's second loss to Stauber in a primary. He lost in the August 2020 Republican primary with just 6.25% of the vote. Welty is a former Duluth School Board member and is known locally for his snow sculptures.

Earlier in the day Tuesday, Welty said he didn't expect to do well against Stauber and referred people to his website, [lincolndemocrat.com](http://lincolndemocrat.com).

"What I have put in my blog is important for voters to consider and Pete Stauber is the wrong person for us to send to Congress. If he is reelected I will watch him closely and am prepared to run against him again if he continues to deny the truth and threaten our Democracy," Welty said in an email to the News Tribune.

When Munter, a retired Delta Air Lines employee, announced he was running against Schultz, he said it was over his staunch opposition to copper-nickel mining.

# Simon, Crockett get greenlight from voters in secretary of state primary

Forum News Service

ST. PAUL — Secretary of State Steve Simon will face off against challenger Kim Crockett in the general election in November.

Simon easily turned back a primary challenge from DFL candidate Steve Carlson during the Tuesday, Aug. 9, primary election. The Associated Press called the race for Simon, who had 75% of the vote to Carlson's 25%, with 56% of precincts reporting at 10 p.m. Tuesday.



Simon



Crockett

Crockett, the Republican-endorsed candidate for secretary of state, beat Erik Van Mechelen in the GOP primary. At 10 p.m., with 56% of precincts reporting, Crockett led Van Mechelen 64% to 36%, respectively.

Crockett, a former vice

president and general counsel for the Center of the American Experiment, a conservative think tank, photo has been critical of Simon for his expansion of absentee and mail-in ballot access in the 2020 election.

Simon says he hopes to expand Minnesota's nation-leading voter turnout through efforts to encourage greater trust in the election system.

The general election is Nov. 8.



# In open conversation, without agenda, divine truth reveals itself

This past week, at a press convention in Texas, chatting over a beer at the close of the second day, I had one of the most civil, enlightening and encouraging conversations about faith I've had in a long time.

This sounds like the set-up line to a classic "(blank) walks into a bar" joke, but it is all true.

My guests were a Polish man who grew up Catholic but isn't practicing now; a Texas-born man who grew up Church of Christ but is now flirting with Methodism; a "spiritual but not religious" woman who has lived internationally but now calls North Carolina home; and me, an ordained Lutheran pastor. All of us were in our late 30s to late 40s.

And after a couple of hours of conversation about our faiths, the mysteries of the divine and where religion can



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go terribly wrong, we all walked away as friends; a couple of them I've already made plans to connect with in the near future.

It was a fascinating experience that allowed me to peer into the hearts of three folks willing to share their most intimate thoughts about faith without worry of judgment from a clergy person sitting at the table. And I am a better faith leader for it.

It reminded me that when all the parties come to a conversation about faith, without having to win or to convert or to conquer, there is divine truth that reveals itself.

I recently read in a

Center for Action and Contemplation newsletter this line: "... (H)is Divine Presence seeks connection and communion, not separation or division — except for the sake of an even deeper future union."

Much of the trouble with religion is that we've convinced ourselves that we can know an infinite God, a God who created the entire universe that is billions of years old and which still reveals mysteries to us that we cannot solve.

And in our hubris, we believe we can also know all of the answers about faith, especially about who is right and, more importantly, who is wrong.

However, as faithful people, if we set aside our egos, we might be surprised what we can learn about God from those who have varying faith traditions than ours. When we openly and honestly welcome

others to share their most intimate thoughts about God and the cosmos, all of creation wins. Because the idea that anyone has to lose is a human concept.

Jesus understood this.

The gospels are full of stories about Jesus interacting with those who were not Jewish. He hung out with everyone from Romans to Syrians to Canaanites to Samaritans, all of whom had varying faith traditions. He didn't walk away; he didn't shun them. He engaged with them.

We live in polarized times. The world over is at odds.

But as faithful people we don't have to be. It just starts with listening to each other.

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## LIGHT NEWS



Dreamstime/TNS

Parenting is letting go when the time is right, writes Lucy Luginbill.

# Parenting is letting go and holding onto memories

**By Lucy Luginbill**  
Tri-City Herald (Kennewick, Wash.)

First. Last.

They don't often collide. But when they do, your heart knows.

I was a witness to that kind of occasion years ago — a "first time" I knew would be the "last time."

It happened in such an ordinary way, a scene that's been repeated between parent and child through the generations. An event that often isn't given much thought.

But as I stood in that moment — one long past but so present in today's memory — my daughter had run alongside her little son, his feet furiously pumping the bicycle pedals and her hand steadying the wavering

little boy. My eyes had grown misty. "You can do it!" Tiffany urged between breaths. "Just look straight ahead, not back at me."

Standing in the distance, I could see Luke was beginning to feel the rhythm, the balance — and inner courage — to pedal faster ... and away from her gentle touch. With his eyes focused on the path ahead as he'd been instructed to do, his hands gripping the handlebars, this little boy left training wheels behind and rode into a new day.

First. Last.

It was his first time to ride his bicycle all by himself. It was also the last time his mom would protectively jog by his side. There was joy and

a bit of sadness; a clock that would never turn back. But that's what parenting is — letting go when the time is right.

We teach, guide, pray and hold on until we know our child is equipped for independence, trusting God with their future. Then, we shout encouragement — a tear in our eye — as we watch them "ride" toward adulthood, knowing they might not look back.

But if they do, or if they falter, they'll see we've got their back; that our hands and heart are always there, ready with support. Because where love is concerned, there's never a "last."

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Lutheran Church of the Cross of Nisswa to ordinate and install Ruen

NISSWA — Vicar Michelle Ruen's ordination and installation at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa will be 9 a.m. Aug. 28.

Bishop Amy Odgren will preside and preach.

Visit [www.lccnisswa.org](http://www.lccnisswa.org) and the Facebook page for any updates.

### Local ELCA Churches plan trip to the State Fair

BAXTER — Lord of Life, Trinity, Bethlehem and First Lutheran Churches are taking a bus down to the Great Minnesota Get Together.

The group will leave for the State Fair from Lord of Life, 6190 Fairview Riad, Baxter, at 8 a.m. Aug. 27. The group will return at about 7 p.m.

The cost is \$36 for adults, which covers a ticket to the fair and transportation. Children ages four or younger only need \$22 for the bus ride. A link to the signup form is available at [www.lolbaxter.org](http://www.lolbaxter.org).

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church services

BRAINERD — On Sunday, Aug. 14, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 Eighth Ave. NE, Brainerd, will celebrate the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost with Pastor Sarah Marshall preaching at 9 a.m.

The local ELCA summer children's choir, "With One Voice," will be sharing their talents with us.

### First Lutheran Church news

BRAINERD — First Lutheran Church, 424 S. Eighth St., Brainerd, will celebrate the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost with worship in the sanctuary and online at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14.

Pastor Patty Bjorklund and Pastor Jordan Gades will preach and preside.

Coffee Fellowship will be 10 a.m. in Koinonia Hall.

### First Congregational United Church of Christ service

BRAINERD — First Congregational United Church of Christ, 415 Juniper St., Brainerd, will have

Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

### South Long Lake Church to host Dean Goossen

BRAINERD — Dean Goossen will speak at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at South Long Lake Church, 13152 Smart Road, with coffee fellowship time to follow.

The service will be streaming live on Facebook.

Call 218-851-2018 for additional information.

### This week at Trinity

BRAINERD — Trinity Lutheran Church, 1420 S. Sixth St., Brainerd, has two worship services this week.

On Wednesday, Aug. 10, there will be a midweek worship service at Gregory Park with area ELCA churches for food, worship and kubb beginning at 5:30 p.m. In case of rain, the service will be at Trinity Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, there will be a traditional worship service at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion being served. The service will be broadcast live on KVBR 1340 Radio and livestreamed on YouTube.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Trinity Quilters will meet at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Vision Council will meet at 6 p.m.

### Outdoor gospel concert planned in Malmo

MALMO — The Malmo Free Church will present the Headin' Home Quartet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

Headin' Home Quartet was formed during the summer of 2001 by four members of the First Baptist Church in Colfax, Iowa.

Malmo Church is located on Highway 18 near the junction of highways 47 and 18 near the northeast corner of Lake Mille Lacs.

### Carillon concert planned

LAKE SHORE — Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8327 Interlachen Road, Lake Shore, will have a Carillon concert on Friday, Aug. 19.

They will serve a free simple supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by 30-45 minutes of hymns from the new Chimmemaster System.

Bring a chair for those who want to listen from outside.



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# ‘Shrouded in impenetrable mystery’

**Suspect in 1904 murder of Minn. father and daughter never successfully convicted**

**By Madelyn Haasken**  
The Bemidji Pioneer

BEMIDJI — Under the bold headline “Murdered for Money,” a Bemidji Daily Pioneer story from June 8, 1904, broke the news that a father and daughter had gone missing from the tiny town of Quiring, Minnesota.

N.O. and Aagot Dahl, natives of Crookston, Minnesota, hadn’t been seen since early April of that year.

The elder Dahl had originally traveled to Quiring, just north of Blackduck, Minnesota, from Crookston to spend a few weeks visiting his daughter at her cabin. They had planned on heading back to Crookston together around the beginning of April, so when neighbors didn’t see or hear from the pair, no one suspected anything malicious.

But when the Dahls’ mail started piling up at the Quiring post office, townspeople began to think otherwise.

“Mail kept arriving at the Quiring post office for the couple until the postmaster was led to inquire as to their whereabouts when it was developed that they had not returned to Crookston and that their relatives there knew nothing of their whereabouts,” the initial Pioneer story about the Dahls’ disappearance read. “Their mysterious disappearance is still unexplained.”

Rumors quickly arose that the Dahls were robbed and murdered, as N.O. was known for carrying large amounts of cash with him.

Within the next couple of months, search parties were sent out to look for the father and daughter. Concerned Quiring residents searched high and low for the Dahls to no avail.

“During all of the present week searching parties have been in the woods,” a June 18, 1904, Pioneer story noted. “They have scoured the entire country even more carefully than before, but there is absolutely no trace of the missing man and his daughter.”

A small reward was offered in the case, which was later increased by county and state officials to about \$1,500 in hopes of motivating searchers or anyone who had information about the disappearances.

Still, aided by thorough investigative efforts by search parties, local law enforcement and even a detective with the Pinkerton National Detective Agency, no evidence of the Dahls was found.

In a July 2, 1904, Pioneer story, it was announced that detectives had given up on the case.

“The prospect of bringing the murderers to immediate justice of the discovery of the bodies seems at present to be more remote than ever,” the story said. “Until the bodies are found there is no substantial clue to proceed on.”

Though the investigation had stalled, rumors continued to circulate about the missing pair. Some townspeople believed that their bodies were sunk in a deep pond, and others added to the theory by positing that the theft of several ax heads from nearby logging camps could have been used to weigh down the bodies.

Just as the hope of solving the case was fleeting, one of the Dahls was found.



Pictured from left: Charles Scrutchin, John Martin, James Wesley and Paul Fournier. Scrutchin and Martin represented Wesley and Fournier during their court trials for the murders of N.O. and Aagot Dahl.

## Beneath the balsam

On July 26, 1904, the body of N.O. Dahl was discovered under the roots of a balsam tree near his daughter’s cabin.

A Pioneer story published the following day reported that the body was found by Eugene Caldwell and Owen French, two neighbors of the Dahls. Though search parties had previously searched the area, the pair stumbled upon the body by accident as they were searching for a cow that had wandered away from Caldwell’s home.

The elder Dahl’s body was in a bad state of decomposition, and there was a large hole in the side of his head.

At the time, the hole was speculated to have been from an ax, but the autopsy revealed that it was a gunshot wound, likely from a .30-30 caliber rifle.

It was immediately suspected that N.O. had been murdered, and authorities posed the possibility that Aagot was still alive and being held captive by her father’s killer.

Investigators were quick to name three suspects after N.O.’s body was found — the first being Caldwell, who was soon dismissed as having any connection to the murder.

Another suspect was James “Shorty” Wesley, a laborer and lumberjack who had moved to Beltrami County in 1900 and lived with Caldwell. In the months following the disappearance of the Dahls, Wesley had also disappeared for more than a year, which led authorities to have suspicions about him.

The third suspect was a Frenchman named Paul Fournier, who lived in Quiring and drew the attention of authorities because he had done jail time for robbery in the past.

A Pioneer story reported that Fournier had a “close-mouthed and very shrewd” demeanor that created an air of suspicion around him.

At this time, search parties started going out in full force again in hopes of finding the second Dahl.

“A number of men are engaged in searching for the body of the girl, Aagot, whom it is believed is buried under another stump,” a July 28, 1904, story read. “The men of the searching party have a team and a stump puller and are searching under every stump in the



Charles Scrutchin was Minnesota’s first Black lawyer to practice outside of the Twin Cities. He lived in Bemidji for 32 years and handled more than 500 cases in Beltrami County. Photo courtesy of the Beltrami County Historical Society.

neighborhood.”

## Scraps of evidence

Shortly after N.O.’s body was found, authorities located the first piece of evidence in the case — a small piece of lace from women’s clothing, discovered at Fournier’s cabin.

“The scrap of lace found was small and was evidently torn from the garment upon which it was worn,” an Aug. 9, 1904, Pioneer story read. “It is thought by some that it might have been severed from the girl’s dress during a struggle, but of course this is a mere matter of conjecture.”

Fournier defended himself, saying that the lace was used to wrap around some butter that he had bought from a neighbor. It was also reported that a heap of ashes near Fournier’s cabin had revealed a pile of bones, but it was undetermined whether or not they were human bones.

Less than a month after N.O.’s body was unearthed from the roots of a balsam tree, his daughter’s body was found.

A Pioneer headline announcing the discovery of Aagot’s body read, “Most terrible crime ever committed in northern Minnesota still shrouded in impenetrable mystery.”

Like the body of her father, Aagot’s remains were found by accident, when a local man named Thomas Dooher was

making hay on the Quiring postmaster’s meadow about a mile east of Aagot’s cabin.

As Dooher was working, he discovered a shoe protruding from a pile of brush. He called to his wife, and when the couple pushed it back, they saw a leg. Dooher immediately contacted law enforcement.

When authorities arrived at the scene, they found Aagot’s decomposed body. Her left leg was detached from her body, with some of the leg bones found about 150 feet away. There was a hole in her chest, and her skull was fractured.

With both bodies found, it became vital for authorities to lock down solid evidence in the case to connect their suspects to the crime.

Just a few days after Aagot’s body was found, a piece of a man’s shirt sleeve and a button were discovered near the scene. The fabric was matched to a shirt in Fournier’s cabin, and the button was determined to be from a pair of his trousers.

With the evidence stacking up against Fournier, most believed he committed the murders. Despite public opinion, though, authorities didn’t think a scrap of lace, a shirt and a button would be enough to convict him.

As Fournier sat in jail awaiting his fate, his brother spoke out, telling authorities that Fournier likely had something to do with the killings.

According to a Sept.

22, 1904, Pioneer story, the brother said in a teary-eyed interview that Fournier was a “wild boy,” who likely “had a hand in the murder.”

**‘I killed the Dahls’**

Both Fournier and Wesley were formally charged with murdering the Dahls.

Wesley’s trial was set for March 1907 in Bemidji, three years after the disappearance of the Dahls broke the news.

According to a Pioneer story covering the trial, Wesley remained calm and collected throughout his trial, “without the faintest show of fear of the outcome of the charge made against him.”

The prosecution relied mainly on circumstantial evidence to convince jurors of Wesley’s guilt, as there wasn’t much physical evidence to connect him to the murders.

One witness testimony revealed that Wesley had access to a rifle at the time of the Dahls’ disappearance. Later, a long, white hair was allegedly found on the rifle, and it was reported that “no woman in that vicinity had white hair except Miss Dahl.”

Another focus of the prosecutor’s case was the fact that Wesley had disappeared once the Dahl investigation began, and wasn’t found for more than a year when law enforcement was finally able to arrest him in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Two men who were in jail with Wesley as he awaited trial also testified that Wesley confessed to robbing and murdering the Dahls with the help of Fournier.

As the trial came to an end, the jury took just 27 minutes to find Wesley guilty of murdering N.O. Dahl and he was sentenced to life in the Stillwater prison.

Days after Wesley’s verdict, Fournier’s trial began — he was also found guilty of N.O.’s murder and sentenced to life in prison but was granted a new trial on the grounds of prosecutorial misconduct.

The new trial was held in Brainerd in 1907. In a twist, the jury acquitted Fournier of N.O.’s murder.

In 1910, an Aitkin jury also acquitted Fournier of Aagot’s murder after deliberating for just 23 minutes.

Fournier’s success in court was mainly due to his highly successful lawyer, Charles Scrutchin, the first Black lawyer to practice outside of Minneapolis.

Though he was proclaimed innocent, most still believed Fournier was the true murderer of the Dahls, or that he at least had a part in the killings.

During one of his trials, testimony given by the wife of Fournier’s brother alleged that Fournier admitted to the murders in her presence shortly after the Dahls went missing.

“Yes; I killed the Dahls,” the woman testified in the words of Fournier. “I have two killed in these woods, and if these people keep on pestering me, I will kill five more.”

Fournier was officially off the hook for the Dahl murders — but it wouldn’t be the last anyone heard of him.

**Fournier’s fate**

Paul Fournier was killed in Quiring in March 1912. Before his death, he made a shocking confession.

Earlier in March, an argument broke out between Fournier and another Quiring man named George Cyr over a financial issue.

Fournier showed up at Cyr’s house one day, where Cyr lived with his wife and daughter. After becoming enraged, Fournier pulled a knife out and threatened Cyr’s wife.

“Fournier said ‘I have killed three people and will kill three more right now,’” Cyr testified in his court hearing.

Cyr then took a rifle off the wall and shot Fournier, killing him in what Cyr claimed was self-defense. In court, it was ruled that Cyr was justified in the shooting.

A Pioneer story from March 15, 1912, detailed Cyr’s story about the incident and also discussed Fournier’s past acquittal in the Dahl trials.

“He is said to have been subject to fits of intense anger and that when in such a state, he became almost insane,” the story said about Fournier. “In his trial, for the murder of the Dahls, he was not found guilty, but public opinion in this section generally held that he committed the crime and little sympathy has been expressed to date over his death.”

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DEATHS

Alisa Rakow

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(Gangestad) Rakow

was born in Brainerd, Minnesota on April 10, 1951. She was the daughter of Kenneth and Leona (DeRosier) Gangestad. After high school, she attended vocational school and spent most of her career helping her husband Robert Rakow operate their construction business.

She will be missed by her husband of 53 years, Bob; daughter Rishona (Cory) Hendricks; son Jason Rakow; grandchildren, Dr. Ashley (Blake) Alguire, Courtney (Brad) Laudanskas, Rylan Rakow, Cody Rakow; siblings, Brenda (Robert) Peterson, Cynthia (Brian) Bachmann, Dudley (Kathy) Gangestad, Emma Rademacher, Felix Gangestad, Greg Gangestad, Holly (Terry) Wendland, Ilene (Gaylin) Smith, Julie (Jeff) Hardy and Kendra (Brian) Roberts.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Leona; Mother-in-law Shirley Flicek; Step father in-law Fred Flicek; her sblings in-law, Mike Radamacher and Tammy Gangestad; brother-in-law Bill Rakow.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at Nelson Doran Funeral Home in Brainerd. Family and friends are invited to gather one hour prior to services. Please no flowers.

Arrangements have been completed by Nelson Doran Funeral Home.



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# St. Cloud shooting suspect apprehended after standoff in Dawson

**By Tom Cherveny**  
West Central Tribune

DAWSON, Minnesota — A suspect in a quadruple shooting in St. Cloud last month was taken into custody after a standoff Friday night in Dawson.

Dawson Ambulance. The standoff continued for about three to three and a half hours, according to Chief Stock. Ledbetter emerged from the house around 11 p.m. Friday and surrendered without incident.

Officers notified residents in a home near the suspect's location about the standoff and advised them to leave or go to their basements for safety, according to Chief Stock.

Two other suspects in the St. Cloud shooting had been previously taken into custody. Bryan Garth II, 26, and Jamarcus Jamond Morris, 20, had been arrested separately at different locations and on different days last month.

Ledbetter, Garth and Morris are charged with multiple counts of second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon. Ledbetter is charged with five counts.

The complaint alleges that the suspects had contact one day earlier at a gas station with the people who were shot. On July 6, they are alleged to have exited a car and approached the alleged victims.

According to the complaint, Ledbetter exited the rear passenger side door and moved south. He took cover behind a vehicle, and then fired multiple rounds.

Investigators were able to identify Ledbetter from a variety of investigative techniques, including evidence derived from his involvement in a separate shooting incident, the complaint charges.

At the shooting scene in St. Cloud, investigators recovered approximately 33 cartridge casings and/or live sounds. Ammunition included .380 and 9 mm caliber. Multiple brands were located.

Ledbetter is among three men who are charged in a July 6 shooting in St. Cloud. A criminal complaint issued for Ledbetter charges that he and two others fired multiple rounds that struck four males around 5:47 p.m. July 6 near the intersection of 11th Avenue and Sixth Street South in St. Cloud.

According to the complaint, a 15-year-old boy was shot in the neck and shoulder. A 21-year-old was shot in the head. Another 21-year-old was struck in the chest, and a 19-year-old was shot in the elbow.

According to information from Dawson Police Chief Andy Stock and Lac qui Parle County Sheriff Allen Anderson, the U.S. Marshals Service had learned that Ledbetter was staying in a Dawson residence.

Stock and Anderson said law enforcement officers with the U.S. Marshals Service, West Central SWAT team, Lac qui Parle County Sheriff's Office, Dawson Police Department and CEE-VI Drug and Gang Task Force established a perimeter around a residence on the 800 block of Hickory Street in Dawson. The agencies also were assisted by the

# Report shows kids nationwide struggling with anxiety, depression

## Minnesota ranks high in child well-being

**By Matthew Stolle**  
Post Bulletin

ROCHESTER. Minn. — The warning lights are flashing red when it comes to children's mental health, as children nationwide struggle with anxiety and depression at unprecedented levels, according to the "KIDS COUNT Data Book" released Monday.

Relatively speaking, kids in Minnesota fared better than their counterparts, ranking third in child well-being, according to the Data Book. But they are still suffering from their own mental health challenges.

A growing share of ninth-graders in Minnesota reported a long-term mental health, behavioral or emotional problem, rising from 12.5% in 2013 to 23.1% in 2019.

The report shows a 26% increase nationally in anxiety and depression through the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, prompting the U.S. surgeon general to describe the challenges children are facing as a "mental health pandemic."

"The coronavirus pandemic has brought children trauma and tremendous loss over the past two and half years," the publication states in a summary page. "As of July 2022, the health crisis had killed more than 1 million people in America, including more than 1,600 children. During this same time span, more than 200,000 kids had lost a parent or primary caregiver to the virus."

Attempted suicides by high school students rose among nearly all racial, ethnic and gender categories. Across the U.S., 9% of all high schoolers attempted suicide in 2019.

The rate rises to 12% for Black students, 13% for students of two or more races and 26% for American Indian and Native Alaskan high schoolers. Among LGBTQ youth, the statistics show 23% of gay, lesbian and bisexual

### A 2022 STATE-TO-STATE COMPARISON OF OVERALL CHILD WELL-BEING

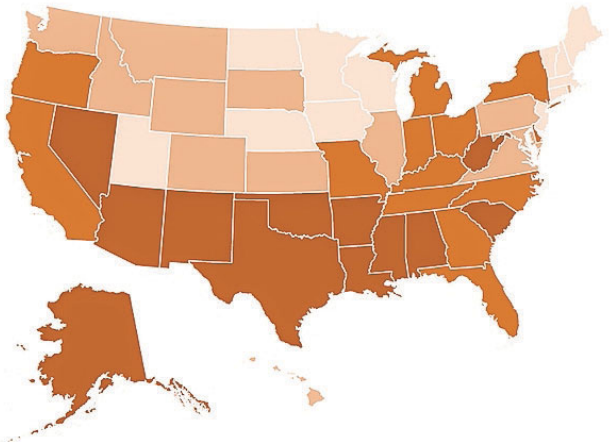
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high schoolers reported an attempted suicide compared to just 6% of their heterosexual peers.

Minnesota trailed Massachusetts, which ranks first, and New Hampshire, which ranks second, in terms of child well-being. At the other end of the spectrum, New Mexico ranked worst in child well-being, followed by Louisiana (49th) and Mississippi (48th).

The Northeast and Midwest held the top ranks in terms of child well-being. Nine of the top 10 states were from the two regions. States in Appalachia, as well as the Southeast and Southwest — where families have the lowest levels of household income — populate the bottom rungs in terms of child well-being.

The report was not without its bright spots. It showed that the share of families with incomes below the poverty line fell. Nationally, 17% of all children lived below the poverty line in 2016, down from 21% in 2008-12, meaning 2.6 million fewer children

living in poverty.

Growing up in poverty poses one of the greatest threats to healthy child development. Children living in poverty are more likely to be exposed to factors that can impair brain development and lead to poor academic, cognitive and healthy outcomes.

The publication offers several recommendations to reduce pandemic-related stress among children.

Prioritize meeting kids's basic needs. A solid foundation of nutritious food, stable housing and safe neighborhoods foster mental health and wellness, the report states.

Ensuring that every child has access to the mental health care they need — when and where they need it.

And bolstering evidence-based mental health care that considers young people's experience and identities. Early intervention is key, as it can be especially important in the absence of a formal diagnosis of mental illness.

# Biden signs bill to boost US chips, compete with China

**By David Shepardson and Jeff Mason**  
Reuters

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed a landmark bill to provide \$52.7 billion in subsidies for U.S. semiconductor production and research and to boost efforts to make the United States more competitive with China's science and technology efforts.

"The future is going to be made in America," Biden said, calling the measure "a once-in-a-generation investment in America itself."

Biden touted investments that chip companies are making even though it remains unclear when the U.S. Commerce Department will write rules for reviewing grant awards and how long it will take to underwrite projects.

Some Republicans joined Biden on the White House lawn to attend the signing of the chips bill that was years in the making in Congress.

The chief executives of Micron, Intel, Lockheed Martin, HP and Advanced Micro Devices attended the signing as did governors of Pennsylvania and Illinois, the mayors of Detroit, Cleveland and Salt Lake City, and lawmakers.

The White House said the bill's passage was spurring new chip investments. It noted that Qualcomm Monday agreed to buy an



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President Joe Biden delivers remarks Tuesday during a signing event for the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.

additional \$4.2 billion in semiconductor chips from GlobalFoundries' New York factory, bringing its total commitment to \$7.4 billion in purchases through 2028.

The White House also touted Micron announcing a \$40 billion investment in memory chip manufacturing, which would boost U.S. market share from 2% to 10%, an investment it said was planned with "anticipated grants" from the chips bill.

Progressives argued the bill is a giveaway to profitable chips companies that previously closed U.S. plants, but Biden argued Tuesday "this law is not handing out blank checks to companies."

The legislation aims to alleviate a persistent shortage that has affected everything from cars, weapons, washing machines and video games. Thousands of cars and trucks remain parked in southeast Michigan awaiting chips as the shortage continues to impact automakers.

A rare major foray into U.S. industrial policy, the bill also includes a 25% investment tax credit for chip plants, estimated to be worth \$24 billion.

The legislation authorizes \$200 billion over 10 years to boost U.S. scientific research to better compete with China. Congress would still need to pass separate appropriations legislation to fund those investments.

China had lobbied against the semiconductor bill. The Chinese

Embassy in Washington said China "firmly opposed" it, calling it reminiscent of a "Cold War mentality."

Biden noted the United States needs chips for key weapons systems like Javelin missiles. "It's no wonder the Chinese Communist Party actively lobbied U.S. business against this bill," Biden said.

Many U.S. lawmakers had said they normally would not support hefty subsidies for private businesses but noted that China and the European Union had been awarding billions in incentives to their chip companies. They also cited national security risks and huge global supply chain problems that have hampered global manufacturing.



# Walmart holds talks on streaming deal

**Reuters**  
Walmart Inc. has held talks with media companies about including streaming entertainment in its membership

service, the New York Times reported Tuesday, citing people with knowledge of the conversations. Executives from Par-

amount, Walt Disney Co. and Comcast Corp, which operate several major streaming services, have in recent weeks spoken with the

U.S. retail giant, according to the report. Walmart+ membership costs \$12.95 per month and currently includes free shipping

on orders and discounts on fuel as well as a free six-month subscription to Spotify's premium music service. Walmart declined to

comment on the report, while Paramount, Disney and Comcast did not immediately respond to Reuters' requests for comment.

# How to think about your carbon footprint

By Zahra Hirji  
Bloomberg News

It's been nearly two decades since the oil giant BP released a calculator to help consumers figure out all the ways carbon was creeping into their lives, from commuting to work to buying food. The PR campaign was wildly successful: It popularized the very idea of an individual "carbon footprint."

The 2000s were a big time for climate accountability. That's when Hurricane Katrina flooded New Orleans, putting climate change front and center within the world's single biggest emitter and largest economy. Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore released his Academy Award-winning film "An Inconvenient Truth," and there was a big push to get climate legislation passed through Congress (it failed in 2010, in a cycle that appears to have just repeated itself). Today the framework of the individualized carbon footprint is everywhere: Thanks to the power of campaigns like BP's (which still exists), you could be forgiven for thinking that the burden of tackling the crisis rests squarely on your shoulders.

Drawing consumer choices into the center of climate outcomes helped fossil fuel companies look "like part of the solution rather than part of the problem," says Duncan Meisel, director of the Clean Creatives activist campaign, which pushes advertisers to cut ties with fossil fuel companies. "I think you can look at this as a way of BP, and the oil industry more generally, trying to take some of that really intense energy and momentum towards climate action and steer it in a way that won't impact their bottom line."

Today, as 20 years ago, systemic and broad-scale action, such



Demonstrators hold placards reading messages against the use of fossil fuels as they take part in a protest march July 23 arriving at Parliament Square in London to demand action over the cost of living crisis and the climate change crisis.

as governments adopting aggressive climate policies and companies weaning themselves off fossil fuels, are the most important way to fight climate change. But the fact that Big Oil popularized the idea of individual responsibility doesn't mean there isn't truth to the notion that people can make a difference. The false dichotomy is in thinking the answer is one or the other.

"The responsibility is with every person and every institution," says Mike Berners-Lee, an environment professor at Lancaster University in the UK. "As an individual,

the question to be asking is: What can I do to help create the conditions under which the world is capable of the big systematic change that we so urgently need?"

One big lever is voting for politicians who take climate change seriously. Another, if you can afford it, is spending your money on greener products and services. In addition to reducing your personal emissions, this helps normalize the use of such goods in your community, Berners-Lee says.

Moreover, purchasing power sends a message to businesses that you support their investment

in a climate-friendly world. There's even public opinion polling to back this up. "For years, we've been asking, 'Would you reward or punish companies for their actions?'" says Anthony Leiserowitz, director of the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, whose team has identified a growing consumer base that is "rewarding and punishing companies for their action or inaction on climate change." Even more people would like to do this, Leiserowitz says, but they don't know how. "When we asked, 'Why don't you?', the number one

answer by far is: 'I don't know what companies to reward or punish.'"

Taking individual action also gives the people pushing for systemic change more authority.

"We're hypocrites if we just live high-emission lifestyles while talking about needing to stop carbon-dioxide emissions," says John Cook, a research fellow at Monash University's Climate Change Communication Research Hub. "That reduces our effectiveness as messengers because we aren't consistent."

Recent research adds new gravity to the significance of individual cli-

mate responsibility. Consumers in rich countries, especially the super-wealthy, are so disproportionately driving climate change that their personal decisions have global consequences.

Solving the climate crisis won't happen unless everyone — including big fossil fuel companies — cuts their own pollution footprint. But individual action, as Cook puts it, is "one slice" of the climate action pie. It's also the slice you can control.

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# Foxconn to build autonomous electric tractors at Ohio facility

By Bianca Flowers  
Reuters

Taiwan's Foxconn 2317.TW, the world's largest contract electronics maker, on Tuesday said it will build driverless electric tractors for California-based Monarch Tractor at its Lordstown, Ohio, facility starting in early 2023.

The announcement comes as heavy machinery manufacturers, including Deere & Co and Georgia-based AGCO, set their sights on the elec-

tric vehicle market as the U.S. agriculture industry shifts to smart farming.

The agreement with Monarch Tractor is the first manufacturing contract Foxconn, best known for assembling Apple Inc's iPhone, has entered since purchasing the Ohio facility that was formerly a General Motors Assembly plant last year.

Production for Monarch's battery powered MK-V series tractor is scheduled to begin

in the first quarter of 2023, said Foxconn, formally known as Hon Hai Technology Group.

Monarch, which is based in Silicon Valley, debuted its first pilot series, autonomous electric tractor to a select group of farmers last year. The company has since entered into a multi-year licensing agreement with Italian-American vehicle manufacturer CNH Industrial.

CNH Industrial has a minority stake in Monarch

Tractor.

With competition brewing among farm equipment manufacturers to expand product lines in precision agriculture technology and autonomous machinery, Monarch's chief executive, Praveen Penmetsa, told Reuters that the company's business model to target smaller farmers gives them unique opportunity to increase the market share while being on the same playing field with bigger manufacturers.

"Their technology is focused on the large farm operations and commodity crops. Fruits and vegetable farmers use much smaller tractors so we are focused on smaller farmers — that differentiates us a lot," Penmetsa said.

The company did not disclose the cost of the tractor but said the autonomous software will be sold separately and that farmers will have to pay a monthly fee to access the services.

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next week.

It's a story that's been happening from Rochester to Red Wing, Vermont to California, even after a major financial overhaul of the Postal Service approved by Congress earlier this year, lifting an expensive mandate that the service prepays retiree health benefits.

The trouble now: the COVID pandemic, longstanding complaints about low pay, and a booming job market have left the Postal Service critically short of workers.

Postal officials in Rochester alone have just posted nine job openings for city carriers, as well as some rural carrier positions, with pay starting at \$19 an hour. A spokesperson said the Postal Service was shifting staff from elsewhere in the state to fill in the gaps in southeast Minnesota, and even held a hiring fair at the Olmsted County Fair in late July.

Banners outside post offices in the Twin Cities advertise open positions in the metro area, too.

But the Postal Service also said that service interruptions may continue.

And U.S. Sen. Tina Smith of Minnesota says the situation has to improve.

"It's just not acceptable that people should have such inconsistent mail service," she said. "People rely on the mail for their medicine, and their package deliveries and to get their bills paid. So this is completely unacceptable."

Smith noted that Congress had already offered

the Postal Service a major financial lifeline, and that it was disappointing that problems seem to be growing.

"We shouldn't have to legislate good service," Smith said. "Good service is in the DNA of letter carriers, and it should be in the DNA of the postal service."

She has sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, including a reminder that federal law requires a six-day-a-week mail service. She's also asking for an accounting of what zip codes have been affected by service disruptions, how long they've been going on and when the Postal Service expects normal service to return.

Her counterpart, Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, also sent a letter to the postmaster general last week, noting that in an election year, delays could have a critical impact on voting as people rely on the mail to get ballots and voter information.

Post office observers say customers nationwide are reporting similar experiences as the Postal Service — the focus of unusual controversy during the Trump administration — has taken unprecedented steps to right its financial ship. The agency managed to halve its losses in 2021, down from nearly \$9.2 billion in 2020. And it says it's doing everything it can to provide good service.

But critics say DeJoy's 10-year plan to prioritize package delivery, raise prices, consolidate facilities and make other changes is backfiring.

Annie Norman, with the nationwide Save the Post Office campaign, a coalition of postal unions, and financial



Photos by Andrew Krueger / MPR News

A banner seen Monday outside a post office in South St. Paul, Minnesota, advertises open positions with the United States Postal Service.

reform and advocacy nonprofits, said authorization to provide basic financial products like savings accounts and check cashing, and other services, could bolster the Postal Service's bottom line.

"Like bus passes, subway passes, WiFi access, hunting licenses. There's all kinds of opportunities to innovate and find new sources of revenue for the next century, to build the people's post office of the future," Norman said.

But whatever the solution, it's likely to be — like some of the mail in southeastern Minnesota — a slow process.



A close-up view of a United States Postal Service mailbox in West St. Paul.

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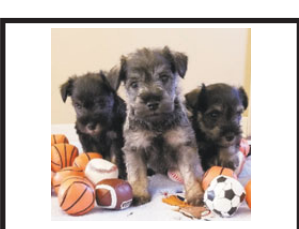
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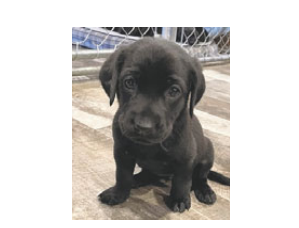


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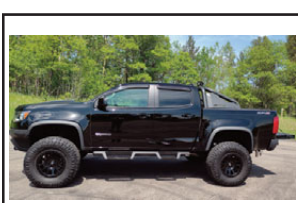
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(Published in the Brainerd Dispatch, Echo Journal, August 10, 2022, 1t.)  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 394, and the Crow Wing County Zoning Ordinance, you are hereby notified of public hearings on a land use application before the Crow Wing County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment on August 25, 2022, beginning at 5:00PM in the Historic Court House, 3rd Floor, 326 Laurel Street, Brainerd MN 56401.  
These meetings will be conducted in a manner compliant with guidance issued by local, state, and federal governing authorities as related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Written comments regarding the following application will be accepted via mail or email any time prior to the August 25, 2022, Hearing. Any persons wishing to provide in-person Public Testimony will be allowed to do so at this Hearing. This Hearing will also be available to attend virtually via Microsoft Teams, to allow any virtual Public Testimony in addition to in-person Testimony. Comments may be submitted to Land Services, 322 Laurel St, Suite 15, Brainerd, MN 56401 or landservices@crowwing.us  
Any persons wishing to attend and/or provide testimony for the 08-25-2022 meeting via videoconference may join via Microsoft Teams with the following link: <https://bit.ly/PCBOA0825> or call +1 218-302-1725 and enter the Conference ID: 887 677 005# to attend and/or provide testimony via telephone.  
**PETITION FOR VARIANCE:**  
BRESNAHAN, ERIC J & BRYNN J: 8834 MOGENSEN SHORES ROAD, BRAINERD, MN 56401; LOCATED ON LOTS 34 & 35; LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
DARAITIS, MIKE JR. & SHEILA: 23607 WARREN CT, DEERWOOD, MN 56444; LOCATED ON ALL OF LOT 29 WARREN'S PLACE SOUTH ADDITION AND ALL THAT PART OF LOTS 30 AND 31 WARREN'S PLACE SOUTH ADDITION LYING WEST OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: COMMENCING AT THE...; BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
DUFFNEY, SCOTT A LIVING TRUST: AITKIN, MN 56431; LOCATED ON NE1/4 OF SW1/4 2 136 25 SUBJECT TO EASEMENT OF RECORD & SW1/4 OF SE1/4 2 136 25 SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OF RECORD; UNORGANIZED-2nd ASSESSMENT/DEAN LAKE, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
KANUIT, GARY & JACQUELINE: 7057 OLD WHISKEY ROAD, PEQUOT LAKES, MN 56472 & 7121 OLD WHISKEY ROAD, PEQUOT LAKES, MN 56472; LOCATED ON LOTS 6 & 7 & PT OF LOT 10 WHICH LIES S'LY OF TWP RD SHOWN ON PLAT (NKA OLD WHISKEY RD) & PT OF LOT 5 WHICH LIES N'ELY OF FOL DESC LINE & PT OF LOT 5 WHICH LIES SW'LY OF FOL DESC LINE COMM AT NW COR OF LOT 7 & ASSM N LINE OF SD LOT 7 BEARS N 64D 50'57"E FROM SD NW COR THEN...; IDEAL TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
O'CONNOR, GEOFFREY & AGNES: 15133 WOODLAND BEACH LANE, DEERWOOD, MN 56444; LOCATED ON LOT 75 BLOCK 1 & LOT 76 BLOCK 1; BAY LAKE TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
RIPLEY, BRIAN RUSSEL & BETH CATHERINE: 36901 DELTA BAY DRIVE, PINE RIVER, MN 56474; LOCATED ON LOT 14 BLOCK 1; JENKINS TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
TORGERSON, CHANDRA T & RHONDA BATTLES: 5764 RED CEDAR LODGE DRIVE, PINE RIVER, MN 56474; LOCATED ON PT OF GL 2 DESC: COMM AT SE COR OF GL 3 SEC 13-137-29 THEN S 89D 53'44"W ALG S LINE THERE OF 100 FT THEN N 0D 20'23"E 34.72 FT THEN N; IDEAL TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
PETITION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:  
CARLSON, JACOB: 11735 BASS LAKE ROAD, MERRIFIELD, MN 56465; LOCATED ON THAT PART OF THE N1/2 OF NW1/4 LYING N'ELY OF FOL DESC LINE COMM AT NW COR THEN S 00D 26' 14" EASSM BEAR ALG W LINE OF NW1/4 106.81 FT TO POB THEN S 87D55' 11" E 294.11 FT THEN S; LAKE EDWARD TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
PETITION FOR VARIANCE AMENDMENT:  
ANDERSON, WILLIAM & SARA: 1119 IMM DR, BRAINERD, MN 56401; LOCATED ON THAT PART OF GOV. LOT 1 SEC. 25 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; BEG. AT A POINT WHERE THE W. LINE OF ROAD MEETS PLATTE LAKE (SAID ROAD RUNNING N)...; PLATTE LAKE TOWNSHIP, CROW WING COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
CROW WING COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(Published in the Brainerd Dispatch, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 2022, 6t.)  
**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 17, 2015  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$136,000.00  
MORTGAGOR(S): Brook L. Weber aka Brook L. Schmith-Weber and Travis C. Weber, wife and husband  
MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON THE MORTGAGE: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
SERVICER: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC  
DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Filed June 23, 2015, Crow Wing County Recorder, as Document Number A-860841  
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC filed: October 11, 2021, recorded as document number 960048  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: THAT PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 135, RANGE 28, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1, THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST, ASSUMED BEARING, 33 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST 692.00 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE, THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 07 MINUTES EAST 100 FEET, THENCE NORTH 51 DEGREES 09 MINUTES EAST 100 FEET, THENCE NORTH 54 DEGREES 14 MINUTES EAST 43.78 FEET, THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST 552.35 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 33.00 FEET OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 1, THENCE WEST 200 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT OVER AND ACROSS A PORTION OF THE TOWN PARCEL FOR LAKE ACCESS AS GRANTED IN DOCUMENT NO. 802426.  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 11358 Van Doren Rd, Nisswa, MN 56468  
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 73110539  
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Crow Wing  
THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$125,884.338  
THAT all pre-foreclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;  
PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows  
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 25, 2022, 10:00AM  
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Main Office, 304 Laurel St., Brainerd, MN 56401  
to pay the debt secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within 6 months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s) the personal representatives or assigns.  
TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property, if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23, is 11:59 p.m. on February 25, 2023, or the next business day if February 25, 2023 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.  
"THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 582.032 DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN 5 UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." Dated: June 29, 2022  
Specialized Loan Servicing LLC  
Assignee of Mortgagee  
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP  
BY  
Melissa L. B. Porter - 0337778  
Gary J. Evers - 0134764  
Joseph M. Rossman - 0397070  
Attorneys for Mortgagee  
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1715 Yankee Doodle Road, Suite 210  
Eagan, MN 55121  
(952) 831-4060  
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR

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fect upon its passage.  
WHEREUPON, said Ordinance is hereby declared adopted on this 19th day of July 2022.  
This Ordinance shall take effect upon its summary publication in the City's official newspaper.  
Darrel Olson, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Kelly Steele, Assistant City Administrator/Clerk

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(Published in the Brainerd Dispatch, August 10, 17, 2022, 2t.)  
**MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME**  
Minnesota Statutes Chapter 333  
1. ASSUMED NAME: Crosslake Dental Center  
2. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 13832 Riverwood Ln Crosslake, MN 56442  
3. NAMEHOLDER: Kiersten Masello, D.D.S., P.L.L.C. 13832 Riverwood Ln Crosslake, MN 56442  
4. By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.  
/s/ Kiersten Masello  
KIERSTEN MASELLO

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(Published in the Brainerd Dispatch, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, September 7, 2022, 6t.)  
**NOTICE OF PARTITION SALE PUBLIC AUCTION**  
Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §558.17  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CROW WING  
IN DISTRICT COURT  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No. 18-CV-21-1715  
Case Type: Partition Action  
Christopher Brett Cote, Rita M. Cote, Brenna L. Cote, and Cale B. Cote, Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
Carra M. Cote-Ackah, Defendant.  
THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public auction will be held by the Crow Wing County Sheriff, at the Jury Assembly Room in the Crow Wing County Judicial Center, 213 Laurel Street, Brainerd, Minnesota, on September 29, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. The property to be sold is located in the County of Crow Wing, State of Minnesota, and legally described as follows:  
Lots 44 and 45, Gull Lake Park AND  
That part of Government Lot 3 and that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 23, Township 135, Range 29, described as follows: Commencing at the West Quarter corner of said Section 23; thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds East assumed bearing along the west line of said Section 23 963.12 feet to the point of beginning of the tract to be herein described; thence South 44 degrees 23 minutes 15 seconds East 248.95 feet; thence South 38 degrees 27 minutes 39 seconds West 275.29 feet to the West line of Section 23; said west line also being the east line of said Lot 45) thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds West along said West line 393.47 feet to the point of beginning.  
Subject to rights, reservations, easements and restrictions of record, if any.  
The property shall be sold by the

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Sheriff under the direction of the Referees appointed in this partition matter, Jack Antolak, William Ludenla, and Dale Johnson, for cash only, to the highest bidder thereof, but not less than a minimum reserve price determined by the Referees to be Two Million and no/100 US Dollars (US \$2,000,000.00).  
Dated: July 27, 2022  
/s/ Jack Antolak  
/s/ William Ludenla  
/s/ Dale Johnson  
Drafted By:  
Charles P. Steinbauer, Atty.  
ID#10484X  
BORDEN, STEINBAUER, KRUEGER & KNUDSON, P.A.  
302 South Sixth Street  
P.O. Box 411  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
(218) 829-1451  
File #33291

(Published in the Brainerd Dispatch, August 3, 10, 2022, 2t.)  
**NOTICE**  
Brainerd Garages - Mini Storage  
Located in the Brainerd Industrial Park  
The following abandoned unit will be auctioned off on or about August 17th, 2022 on "Bid 13" online site for non-payment  
Unit #J-15 William Rhodes  
1216 Maple St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Personal & Misc. Household Items

(Published in the Brainerd Dispatch, July 27, August 3, 10, 2022, 3t.)  
**SUMMONS**  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CROW WING  
DISTRICT COURT  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Case Type: Quiet Title  
Court File No.: 18-CV-22-2493  
Knife River Corporation – North Central  
a Minnesota Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
The City of Baxter, a Minnesota Municipal Corporation; Robert L. Abear and Sandra J. Abear, husband and wife; Gary Roth; CreditAmerica Savings Company, an inactive Minnesota Corporation; The Estates of any deceased Defendants; The unknown heirs of any deceased Defendants; and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real estate described in the Complaint herein.  
Defendants.  
THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED.  
1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you.  
The Plaintiffs' Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.  
2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 21 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at: Gammello-Pearson, PLLC  
Daniel M. Hawley  
P.O. Box 2629  
14275 Golf Course Drive, Suite 200  
Baxter, MN 56425  
3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.  
4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 21 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.  
5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.  
7. REAL ESTATE. This legal action involves real estate located in the County of Crow Wing State of Minnesota legally described as follows: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE1/4 of NW1/4), Section Eight (8), Township One Hundred Thirty-three (133), Range Twenty-eight (28), described as follows:  
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### RATES

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and that we're going back to paid meals," Thompson said. "So I don't want that impact to be on families, while maintaining a budget in the food service department, and I'm confident that we won't exceed our food budget this year."

Meal prices for 2022-23 are as follows:

- Kindergarten students: Free breakfast through a grant, \$2.75 for lunch.
- Elementary students: \$1.75 for break-

fast, \$2.75 for lunch.

- Secondary students: \$1.75 for breakfast, \$2.85 for lunch.

### Free and reduced

Students who qualify for free and reduced meals receive breakfast and lunch at no charge. Families under a certain income level qualify for the free and reduced program.

Typically, about 1,000 students directly qualify for the program without having to fill out an application through state programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Minnesota Family Investment Program and the Food Distribu-

tion Program on Indian Reservations. Families who are a part of those programs and meet the free and reduced income guidelines automatically qualify for free meals.

This year, Minnesota is part of a pilot program to evaluate how well direct certification based on Medicaid works. That means Brainerd families who are part of the Medicaid program and meet the free and reduced income restrictions will also automatically qualify for free meals. Thompson said Monday she already had 2,100 pre-qualified applications for free and reduced, which doesn't typically hap-

pen for another several months as families fill out applications on their own.

The information for those who automatically qualify through Medicaid must come from the state, Thompson said. Those families should have already been notified of their qualification.

Thompson still urges anyone who is not sure if they qualify or who does not pre-qualify through one of the state programs to fill out an application as soon as possible.

Families who qualified for the free and reduced program last year will automatically

qualify for the 2022-23 school year until Oct. 17 but would start having to pay after that date if they do not submit a new application. She urges those who have not participated in the program before to fill out and return their applications before the school year starts.

Free and reduced lunch applications are available at [isd181.org/departments/food\\_services](http://isd181.org/departments/food_services).

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### ELECTION

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"It's always interesting in the primary, where they (election judges) haven't done it now for a couple of years. So it's kind of their learning process again of how everything needs to get set up, get their traffic flows good for all of their voters who are coming in and to make sure that they have their polling places set up the way they should be," Erickson said.

Erickson said the number of absentee and mail ballots received ahead of Tuesday's election was down compared to the primary in 2018, the last midterm election. In 2018, about 2,300 absentee and mail ballots were received out of 13,200 voters. This year, about 1,600 ballots came in ahead of Election Day.

One major difference between this year and 2018, however, is the lack of a countywide primary race. The race for Crow Wing County sheriff

required a primary that year, while this year, primaries are district specific with the exception of the statewide races.

"Local primaries seem to encourage turnout in a primary election more so than your state or legislative races will," she said.

The Dispatch will be following the results in several local races, including Crow Wing County Board District 3, Brainerd City Council wards 1 and 4, senate districts 5 and 10, and house districts 5B, 6B and 10A. Other primary election results will also be gathered and published at [BrainerdDispatch.com](http://BrainerdDispatch.com).

### Reporter's notebook

#### Brainerd runs smoothly

About 90 Ward 2 voters in Brainerd cast their ballots as of 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, and judges said all was running smoothly.

"We've had quite a number of voters," Precinct 1 Head Judge Toni Gage said. "I've heard this morning we are No. 1."

While Precinct 2 was a little slower, judges

said it was a good trial run for the general election in November.

"It's a lot of hurry up and wait," Precinct 2 Head Judge Dave Ridel said. "The big part of our job is after the polls close. We have to make sure all the numbers match."

Judges were patiently waiting for lunch, with the promise of pizza on their minds, and ready for another boost of caffeine to get them through the long night ahead. —**Theresa Bourke**

#### Baxter sees steady voters

Both of Baxter's Precinct 1's polling locations were over 10% of voters around 4 p.m. Tuesday, and judges said the flow of voters was pretty steady.

"Our voting registrants are (around) 2,300 and we've had 265 so far," said Precinct 1 East Head Judge, Darlene Swedin.

Precinct 1 East is the largest precinct in Baxter and everything was running smoothly, poll workers said. The only confusion was with the voters themselves. Many voters from the wrong precinct showed up to Lord of Life Church

instead of Lakewood Church, the new polling place for Precinct 2 West since it was moved from Forestview Middle School.

Precinct 1 West was having a similar experience as the other polling spot. It had been a steady day, and the judges mentioned that they expected a small peak of voters after the average work day ends.

"It's about normal for a primary year," said Precinct 1 West Head Judge Doreen Eiland. "It's been steady. Usually after people start getting off work, we get a little bit of an increase, but we think it's a good experience to get ready for the general election."

For many of these election judges, this is the first time working an election. The primary serves as a good way to prepare them for the general election later this year, officials said. —**Sara Guymon**



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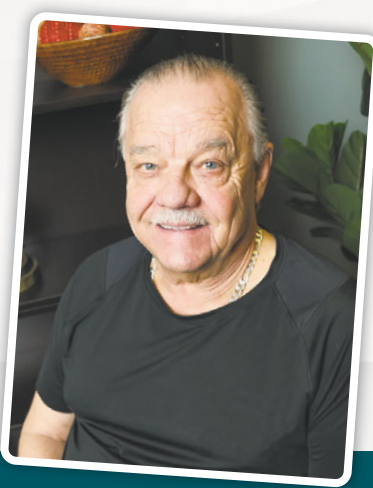




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to separate simpler, straightforward plans from elaborate walkway systems crisscrossing wetlands or encroaching on others' property rights. Environmental services supervisor Jake Frie told the County Board in July the moratorium stymied pending proposals for simpler boardwalks, which he said weren't the intended target of the ordinance.

The board established the moratorium in April to give staff time to study the issue over the next year in pursuit of more robust and clearer regulations amid apparent increased development pressure on margin-allakeshore properties. These properties abut shallow, marshy areas, complicating residents' ability to access navigable waters via traditional docking systems. Lots like these represent some of the few opportunities left for new home construction on recreational lakes in the county.

Representing the non-profit Friends of Crow Wing County Lakes, Attorney Mark Severson — who previously opined the county's light-handed approach on the boardwalk issue could lead the lakes area to resemble a miniature Key West — said Tuesday changing the moratorium created unnecessary legal vulnerabilities for the county.

Narrowing the focus, Severson said, could give the appearance the moratorium was intended to target a specific developer. Two developments on Big Trout and Pelican lakes — owned by the same developer — featured examples of proposed boardwalk systems under scrutiny and served as the springboard for the board's overall shoreline development conversation.

Severson questioned whether any rigorous study of the issue was yet underway, beyond internal county staff conversations.

"Moratoriums are designed to stop what may otherwise or eventually be deemed as acceptable development. The point of it is to allow for intelligent design in our zoning laws," Severson said. "If we pass moratoriums with no effort other than what is done internally, we are not being serious as a County Board. Keep it as it is and use the draconian nature of the moratorium as motivation to work hard and exercise all required due diligence within the next year."

"You did the right thing in April by starting this process. Now start it and see it through."

Also speaking Tuesday were those associated with the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association, which opposed changes to the moratorium, and other water quality-related organizations. Those living near the areas impacted by current or proposed boardwalks presented their viewpoints to commissioners as well, raising concerns about negative effects on wildlife dependent on wetland habitat.

John Forney, president of the National Loon Center Foundation Board of Directors and chair of the Crosslakers water quality work group, said compromised lakes in southern Minnesota should serve as a warning for what could lie ahead.

"Increasing development pressures on remaining marginal riparian properties are squeezing out the last foot of land around our magnificent lakes," Forney said. "The pressure will spoil the waters, turn them cloudy, weed-choked. The fish will no

longer be abundant. That has happened already in our state.

"... We have to draw a line someplace on how much we're gonna allow to be developed. There is a level at which the lakes just can't survive. So we just have to say no."

Jethro Carpenter, the developer behind the Trout and Pelican lakes projects facing blowback, defended the boardwalks he planned to build and noted they are the preferred and less invasive alternative, per the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, for crossing wetlands as opposed to filling or dredging. He questioned whether in defending the riparian rights of some, the county impinged the rights of others.

"It's just a broader question — if you don't allow people to have boardwalks, how do they gain access (to the lake)?" Carpenter said.

After the closure of the public hearing, Commissioner Doug Houge said while he appreciated everyone's comments, he believed updating the moratorium would not have the impact about which speakers warned.

"There was really no concern or issues over the standard boardwalks and I guess, that said, we will continue the study for these larger boardwalks," Houge said. "I've heard EAWs (environmental assessment worksheets) — that's not off the table for some of these more extravagant boardwalks. But to deny a person access to their lake, to me, also creates a whole new issue. And with the revision that we're talking, I think it's a fair compromise."

Houge further stated he thought the moratorium update should allow the simpler boardwalks to be constructed with permanent pilings, adding he believed seasonally removing and replacing

the structures was more disruptive to wetlands.

Barrows said while he understood the concerns of those who've purchased property and are currently unable to access the lake, the purpose of the moratorium was to step back and study the issue as a whole.

"I still believe that taking a year to study this and then come back with all the facts, that that would give us the opportunity to really make that decision that we will make at that time," Barrows said.

Franzen said she also believed the study was necessary.

Commissioner Paul Koering made a motion to accept the changes to the moratorium while striking the portion disallowing boardwalks with permanent pilings. Houge seconded, but he and Koering were the only commissioners to support its passage.

**Subdivisions change gains support**

A second public hearing Tuesday allowed residents the chance to comment on changes to a recent ban instituted by the board on administrative subdivisions in the shoreland district.

Until the board's April vote, developers could purchase land on lakes and create housing subdivisions administratively without undergoing the more stringent and public platting process requiring direct County Board approval.

Land services staff, however, proposed in July limiting the ban to properties in the shore impact zone, or those including shoreline. Properties within the shoreland district aren't necessarily lakeshore properties but rather are in proximity to water bodies. In a request for board action, the department noted the ban resulted in turning

away people wishing to subdivide properties that weren't on the water.

A number of people again spoke in opposition to the change, pointing to a lack of transparency in the administrative process.

Tony Coffey, president of Whitefish Area Property Owners Association, said even if a property doesn't include lakeshore, development there still impacts water quality.

"It's important for transparency and for the health of these lakes that we do not allow administrative subdivisions within the shoreland district," Coffey said.

Developer Carpenter again spoke in support of proposed changes, reiterating the administrative subdivisions he sought were legal at the time.

"I'm not sure that people really understand like, if you were to draw a 1,000(-foot) circle around every lake in Crow Wing County, there's not a whole lot of land left, right?" Carpenter said. "So the people that are going to be able to utilize this administrative subdivision as you guys wrote it are the ones working right now. They're not here to represent themselves because they don't live on lakes, and they probably don't find it necessary because they're working."

Koering pushed back on the notion the county lacked transparency and said he was concerned about the dearth of consideration of property rights. He said it seems some lake property owners want to keep others out.

"People buy property. Don't they have any rights? Do they have any rights on that property at all? Or do we have all the citizens telling them what they can and can't do on their property?" Koering said. "... I understand that we have to have rules

and regulations because there are just some people that will abuse it. But we gotta be careful about — you go down that road of taking away people's rights, their property rights, their constitutional rights, you know, be careful about taking away people's rights too much."

Staff also proposed ordinances in general become effective immediately after board approval. The current 30-day window recently prompted the board to allow a number of pending applications for administrative subdivisions to move forward before the ban went into effect.

In a 4-1 vote with Brekken opposed, the board agreed to update the ban to the shoreland impact zone only and to do away with the 30-day window.

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Minnesota Vikings quarterbacks Kellen Mond (11), Kirk Cousins (8), and Sean Mannion (14) warm up during training camp on July 29 at US Bank Stadium.

# ‘HARD KNOCKS’

Several Vikings have experienced air time. Is the team next?

**By Chris Tomasson**  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Six years later, Sean Mannion has revealed he didn’t take the \$100 that Jared Goff was ready to pay him.

In 2016, Goff was the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft by the Los Angeles Rams and battled Case Keenum in training camp to be the starting quarterback while Mannion was third string. Goff was heavily featured during the camp on “Hard Knocks,” HBO’s annual NFL reality series, and Mannion got his share of air time.

In one episode, Goff offered Mannion a payment if he could hit the goalpost crossbar with a pass from the 10-yard on the far left side, making it about a 25-yard throw.

“We don’t gamble in professional sports, though, but 100 bucks,” Goff said.

After checking that he wouldn’t owe Goff anything if he missed, Mannion drilled the crossbar on his one try.

“In the NFL, even a third-string quarterback like Sean Mannion can put on a show,” “Hard Knocks” narrator Live

Schreiber said of the throw.

This season, Mannion is competing with Kellen Mond to be the Vikings’ backup behind veteran Kirk Cousins. He is known for being a nice guy, which was evident when he turned down the \$100 from Goff.

“I didn’t make him pay it,” Mannion said with a laugh. “I didn’t wager my own money, so I felt like it was a one-sided bet, and bragging rights was enough.”

On Tuesday night, this summer’s “Hard Knocks” debuted on HBO featuring the Detroit Lions, and Goff is back in front of the cameras. He is in his second season with the Lions after being traded from the Rams.

“It would be cool to see how (Goff is) doing in camp,” Mannion said of the series, which consists of one-hour shows over five straight Tuesdays through Sept. 6.

Mannion is one of a number of Vikings players and coaches who have appeared on “Hard Knocks.” Head coach Kevin O’Connell has been on the show both as a player (as a New York Jets quarterback in 2010) and

coach (as Rams offensive coordinator in 2020). The 2020 series combined the training camps of the Los Angeles Rams and Chargers.

“They do a great job of it,” O’Connell said. “It’s amazing the amount of content they get without really feeling like they’re all over you every day. ... Every NFL team, all 32, have great stories to tell. ... I know people around the league are watching throughout training camp, and I think it’s a special thing.”

Does that mean O’Connell might have interest one day in the Vikings being featured on “Hard Knocks?” Since the series debuted in 2001 (although it did not run from 2003-06 and in 2011), the Vikings are one of 16 NFL teams that have not been selected.

“I can’t imagine that at this point, with what we’re trying to get done every day, but you never say never, and that would be an organizational decision,” O’Connell said.

It’s possible, though, the Vikings might not have a choice at some point to have probing cameras come

to Minnesota. Since teams usually don’t volunteer for the series, the NFL has established criteria that maintains a candidate cannot refuse being picked.

If a team has missed the playoffs two straight years and doesn’t have a new head coach, it is fair game. So if the Vikings, who already have missed the postseason two straight years, don’t make it in 2022 and O’Connell remains the coach, they would become a potentially attractive option for 2023.

“We don’t need any extra incentive (to make the playoffs), but I guess if we’re looking for more, that would be a reason,” Mannion said with a laugh.

Actually, Mannion said it wasn’t all that bad being on “Hard Knocks.” But he said it takes some time for players to adjust to the scrutiny from the NFL Films crew.

“It’s a little abnormal,” he said. “There’s just about everything being documented. It’s a great show and it’s great for the NFL, but it takes some getting used to. They have like robotic cameras in

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# In the zone

**Vikings kicker Joseph revving up teammates with his booming kicks**

**By Chris Tomasson**  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

Vikings special-teams coordinator Matt Daniels told the media last week he expects kicker Greg Joseph “will have the best year of his career.” So what did Joseph think of that comment?

Until being informed by a reporter, he actually didn’t know Daniels said that.

“I’m off all of that,” Joseph said of paying attention to social and traditional media.

Joseph, who did thank Daniels for the comment once he heard about it, is completely focused these days on kicking. And it looks to be paying off.

He has had an impressive training camp, rarely missing field-goal attempts and regularly booming kicks of 50 or more yards. He has made all three of his attempts from 58 yards.

The latest from that distance came on the final play of Monday night’s practice at TCO Stadium. Joseph was then mobbed by teammates after concluding a night in which he made 7 of 8 attempts.

It was as if Vikings head coach Kevin O’Connell predicted exactly that before the practice.

“Hopefully, at the end of the two-minute (Monday), he can maybe kick a game-winner against our defense and get the 7,000 folks that are going to be here going a little bit,” O’Connell said.

Then again, Joseph has been doing that kind of stuff since training camp got underway two weeks ago. He was mobbed by teammates each of the two previous times he made 58-yarders, one when there was a tricky wind.

“In the moment I’m very locked in and focused on the process, but to see it all unfold and how happy the guys are for me, it’s awesome,” said Joseph, 28, who is entering his fifth NFL season after bouncing around with five other teams. “I feel pretty good with the way I’ve been hitting balls.”

Last September at Arizona, it did not go well for Joseph. Playing just his second game in his first Minnesota season, he missed a 37-yard field goal wide right on the final play in a 34-33 loss.

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# Putting in the work

**Loons goalkeeper St. Clair has the opportunity for a ‘limitless’ career**

**By Andy Greder**  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

One of Dayne St. Clair’s first soccer memories is from roughly 20 years ago with him juggling a plastic balloon at his grandmother’s home in the Toronto area. The young Canadian wasn’t yet good enough with his feet to keep a heavier soccer ball aloft; he needed an inflatable orb that would hang in the air a bit longer.

Now 25, St. Clair’s goal-keeping career resembles a balloon. It’s just waiting to be booted higher and he possesses too much talent to let it pop or even hiss out air.

In his fourth year with Minnesota United, St. Clair will play in the MLS All-Star Game against Mexico’s Liga MX at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Allianz Field in St. Paul. This fall, St. Clair is expected to be named a reserve on the Canadian men’s national team for the FIFA World Cup in Qatar.



Goalkeeper Dayne St. Clair of Minnesota United makes a save during a training session on Tuesday for the 2022 MLS All-Star Game at National Sports Center in Blaine, Minn.

St. Clair, one of the best shot-stoppers in MLS this season, appears to be one injury away from playing in the sport’s biggest tournament. If he does well on that stage, his career — including aspirations to play in one of Europe’s top leagues — could lift off like a hot-air balloon.

“Every player wants to test themselves at the highest level that they can,” St. Clair told the Pioneer Press last

week. “Of course, I’m no different.”

St. Clair also knows nothing grand happens if he’s not putting in the work and playing well now. His nonlinear career is proof of that.

**Home**

Each tattoo on St. Clair’s left-arm sleeve has a meaning. There’s the dove on his

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## AMATEUR BASEBALL

# Nisswa advances to championship game

**Nisswa 7, St. Stephen 3**

**FREEPORT** — After allowing three first-inning runs, Nate DeChaine shut down the St. Stephen Steves to pitch the Nisswa Lightning to a 7-3 victory and secure a trip to the Class C State Tournament Sunday, Aug. 7.

DeChaine allowed three runs on five hits and one walk. He struck out two. Brett Kramer, a draft pick from Fort Ripley, pitched the final three innings. He struck out five and didn’t allow a hit or a walk.

Nicholas Nelson finished 2-4 with two solo home runs. Aaron Jenkins also homered and finished 2-4 with two RBIs. Jeremiah Piepkorn also drove in two runs as he was 2-4 at the plate.

**Buckman 6, Freeport 0**

**FREEPORT** — Jake Braagelmann’s single broke up Todd Robinson’s no-hit bid, but he did finish with six strikeouts and a 6-0 shutout to lead

Buckman past Freeport in the Region 8C elimination game Sunday, Aug. 7.

Robinson allowed just one hit and one walk over nine innings of work. Andrew Rueckert was 2-4 with an RBI and Joe Kahl and Jack Suska each went 2-3 with a run scored for Buckman.

Noah Boser, Aaron Weber and Travis Kahl each drove in a run.

**Avon 2, Pierz 1**

**FREEPORT** — Matt Swanson struck out eight over six innings of relief to pitch Avon to a 2- victory over the Pierz Lakers in a state qualifying game Sunday, Aug. 7.

Swanson relieved Matt Pichelmann who allowed one run on six hits. That one run came from Ryan Diers who scored on a Chad Weiss single for Pierz. Paul Herman went 2-4 as Pierz was held to just six hits.

Avon clinched the win in

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# Serena Williams to retire from tennis after U.S. Open

By Shrivathsa Sridhar  
Reuters

Serena Williams said Tuesday that she is “evolving away from tennis” and planned to retire from the sport she dominated with 23 Grand Slam titles following the U.S. Open which begins later this month.

On Monday, Williams played only her second singles match since she returned to action at Wimbledon in June after a year-long absence from competition, beating Spain’s Nuria Parizas Diaz to reach the second round of the Toronto Open.

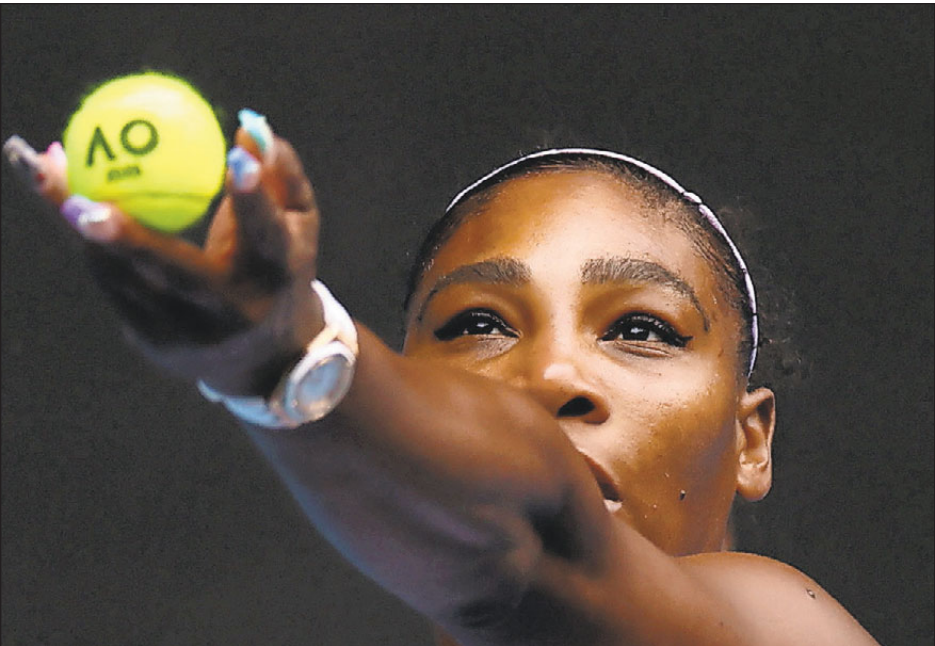
But the 40-year-old said after that match that she could see the light at the end of the tennis tunnel in her career.

“I have never liked the word retirement,” Williams wrote in a Vogue article.

“Maybe the best word to describe what I’m up to is evolution. I’m here to tell you that I’m evolving away from tennis, toward other things that are important to me.

“A few years ago I quietly started Serena Ventures, a venture capital firm. Soon after that, I started a family. I want to grow that family.”

Williams won her last Grand Slam in 2017 and has been chasing an elusive 24th crown that



Kai Pfaffenbach / Reuters

Serena Williams in action during the first round of the Australian Open on Jan. 20, 2020.

will draw her level with Margaret Court who holds the record for the most majors.

She came tantalizingly close to achieving that feat, featuring in four major finals since giving birth to daughter Olympia in 2017.

“There are people who say I’m not the GOAT (greatest of all time) because I didn’t pass Court’s record, which she achieved before the ‘Open era’ that began in 1968,” former world number one Williams said.

“I’d be lying if I said I didn’t want that record. Obviously I do. But day to day, I’m really not thinking about her. If

I’m in a Slam final, then yes, I’m thinking about that record. Maybe I thought about it too much, and that didn’t help.”

Williams later talked in an Instagram post about the time to move in a “different direction.”

“That time is always hard when you love something so much,” she added. “My goodness do I enjoy tennis.

“But now, the countdown has begun. I have to focus on being a mom, my spiritual goals and finally discovering a different, but just exciting Serena. I’m gonna relish these next few weeks.”

Williams announced herself on the grandest stage by winning the 1999 U.S. Open, a tournament she would go on to claim five more times.

In a storied career during which she dominated rivals like no other athlete, she also claimed seven Australian Open titles, three French Open titles and seven Wimbledon crowns.

Williams also owns 14 women’s Grand Slam doubles titles with older sister Venus and has won four Olympic gold medals: singles (2012), doubles (2000, 2008, 2012).

## BASEBALL

### 60-and-over Harvest win 2

ST. MATHIAS — Thanks to a weekend sweep of St. Michael, the St. Mathias Harvest improved to 7-3 on the season with a 5-1 and a 10-9 victory Saturday, Aug. 6 at St. Mathias.

Charlie Weber earned the victory in Game one and Phil Prosapio pitched Game Two.

Terry Brink led the Harvest

hitters with five followed by Steve Athman and Tom Mertens with three.

St. Mathias hosts the Apple Valley Cardinals Aug. 13.

### Harvest sweeps St. Michael

ST. MICHAEL — The St. Mathias Harvest 50-and-over team swept a pair of games against St. Michael 18-5 and 7-3 Sunday, Aug. 7.

Scotty Boser pitched both wins for the Harvest. He also collected a team-high seven hits in the doubleheader. Other top-hitting performances were by Scott Schmidt with five and Steve Athman, Thor Wicklund and Kevin Tschida with four each.

St. Mathias will next face the Eden Prairie Saints Aug. 28 in St. Mathias.

## ST. CLAIR

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Isaiah J. Downing / USA Today Sports

Colorado Rapids forward Gyasi Zardes (29) scores on a shot against Minnesota United FC goalkeeper Dayne St. Clair (97) as defender Brent Kallman (14) defends in the second half on Aug. 6 at Dick’s Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City, Colo.

in the story,” Dayne said laughing during the interview. “He likes to say that I learned a lot from him, but he wasn’t that good. I do remember going to the park. He would search YouTube drills to train me. His commitment was there. Definitely some home-school training.”

At 15, St. Clair played on multiple teams within the Vaughan Soccer Club in Ontario and decided not to join Toronto FC’s academy. He dashed some local belief that he needed to be a home-grown player for the nearby MLS club.

“They never liked the fact that I never chose to go to TFC,” St. Clair shared. “The way I looked at is my team (at Vaughan) would beat TFC’s (academy teams). At the time, I didn’t necessarily see a pathway for me because they had Quillan Roberts at the

time. I trained with him a couple of times. He was a few years older than me and never was really able to push through (into MLS).”

The University of Maryland had star goalkeeper Zack Steffen leave early to play for Freiburg in Germany, so Carmine Isacco, a leader at Vaughan and a former Terrapins goalkeeper, telephoned Terps head coach Sasho Cirovski.

“When Carm called me, he essentially said, ‘Look, I’ve got the Canadian Zack Steffen for you,’ ” Cirovski told the Pioneer Press. That resonated with Cirovski because Isacco “usually downplays people.”

St. Clair arrived in College Park, Md., and had a rough outing his freshman year against Akron in 2015, conceding three goals, including two to Richie Laryea.

St. Clair blames Lar-

yea, his current Canadian men’s national teammate, for how he “ruined my college career for two years. (I) kind of, from there, lost the starting spot.”

St. Clair was also spending time with Canadian youth teams and redshirted in 2016. Cirovski credited St. Clair for sticking it out with the Big Ten program. St. Clair admitted he consider leaving Maryland, with interest piqued by Syracuse, where he could have joined Canadian teammate Kamal Miller, who is now an MLS All-Star with CF Montreal.

St. Clair became the Terps’ starter in 2017 and led them to an NCAA championship in 2018. He did not give up a goal for the final 500 minutes of that 2018 season, including a big-time reaction save to preserve a 1-0 NCAA tournament win at Kentucky.

## SCOREBOARD

### BASEBALL

Professional MLB				
American League				
	East	L	Pct	GB
NY Yankees	71	39	.645	—
Toronto	60	49	.550	10.5
Tampa Bay	58	50	.537	12.0
Baltimore	57	52	.523	13.5
Boston	54	56	.491	17.0
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	57	51	.528	—
Cleveland	56	52	.519	1.0
Chi. White Sox	55	54	.505	2.5
Kansas City	45	65	.409	13.0
Detroit	43	67	.391	15.0
West				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	70	40	.636	—
Seattle	59	52	.532	11.5
Texas	48	60	.444	21.0
LA Angels	47	63	.427	23.0
Oakland	41	69	.373	29.0

National League				
	East	L	Pct	GB
NY Mets	71	39	.645	—
Atlanta	64	46	.582	7.0
Philadelphia	60	48	.556	10.0
Miami	49	59	.454	21.0
Washington	36	75	.324	35.5
Central				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	60	48	.556	—
Milwaukee	58	50	.537	2.0
Chi. Cubs	44	64	.407	16.0
Cincinnati	44	64	.407	16.0
Pittsburgh	44	65	.404	16.5
West				
	W	L	Pct	GB
LA Dodgers	75	33	.694	—
San Diego	61	51	.545	16.0
San Francisco	54	55	.495	21.5
Arizona	49	59	.454	26.0
Colorado	48	63	.432	28.5

American League Wednesday's Games				
LA Angels at Oakland (Blackburn 7-6), 2:37 p.m.				
NY Yankees (Cortes Jr. 9-3) at Seattle (Ray 8-8), 3:10 p.m.				
Toronto (Berrios 8-4) at Baltimore (Kremer 4-3), 6:05 p.m.				
Cleveland (Civale 2-5) at Detroit (Hutchinson 1-5), 6:10 p.m.				
Texas (Otto 4-8) at Houston (Verlander 15-3), 7:10 p.m.				
Chi. White Sox (Cueto 4-5) at Kansas City (Bubic 2-6), 7:10 p.m.				
National League Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati at NY Mets (Walker 9-3), 12:10 p.m.				
Washington (Gray 7-8) at Chi. Cubs (Steele 4-7), 1:20 p.m.				
San Francisco (Junis 4-3) at San Diego (Manaea 6-6), 3:10 p.m.				
Miami (Alcantara 10-4) at Philadelphia (Syndergaard 1-0), 6:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Quintana 0-0) at Colorado (Freeland 7-7), 7:40 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Keller 3-8) at Arizona (Bumgarner 6-10), 8:40 p.m.				
Interleague Wednesday's Games				
Tampa Bay (Springs 4-3) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 9-3), 1:10 p.m.				
Atlanta (Wright 13-5) at Boston (Pivetta 8-8), 6:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (Gray 6-3) at LA Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.				

### NL leaders

BATTING					
Batter,	G	AB	R	H	AVG
Goldschmidt, STL	106	383	74	127	.332
Freeman, LAD	109	420	74	136	.324
Iglesias, COL	97	343	40	107	.312
Turner, LAD	109	439	66	134	.305
McNeil, NYM	98	342	47	104	.304
Arenado, STL	104	376	53	113	.301
Lux, LAD	100	316	54	94	.297
Hoerner, CHC	96	328	33	97	.296
Riley, ATL	109	423	65	125	.296
Bell, WAS/SD	112	394	57	116	.294
HOME RUNS					
Schwarber, PHI, 34; Alonso, NYM, 29;					
Riley, ATL, 29; Goldschmidt, STL, 26;					
Walker, ARI, 26; Betts, LAD, 25; Hoskins,					
PHI, 24; 4 tied 22.					
RUNS BATTED IN					
Alonso, NYM, 95; Goldschmidt, STL, 84;					
Lindor, NYM, 77; Turner, LAD, 77; Cron,					
COL, 74; Freeman, LAD, 71; Olson,					
ATL, 70; Telez, MIL, 70; Riley, ATL, 69;					
Arenado, STL, 68.					
PITCHING					
Anderson, LAD, 13-1; Gonsolin, LAD,					
13-1; Wright, ATL, 13-5; Carrasco, NYM,					
12-4; Urias, LAD, 11-6; Alcantara, MIA,					
10-4; Fried, ATL, 10-4; 4 tied 10-5.					

### AL leaders

BATTING					
Batter,	G	AB	R	H	AVG
Arraez, MIN	97	365	59	120	.329
Devers, BOS	94	373	64	117	.314
Bogaerts, BOS	106	389	59	121	.311
Gurriel Jr., TOR	99	363	47	113	.311
Benintendi, KC/NYY	106	381	45	117	.307
Judge, NYY	109	403	93	122	.303
France, SEA	94	364	41	110	.302
Anderson, CHW	80	332	50	100	.301
Abreu, CHW	108	410	60	123	.300
Alvarez, HOU	94	323	69	97	.300
HOME RUNS					
Judge, NYY, 44; Alvarez, HOU, 30; Rizzo, NYY, 27; Buxton, MIN, 26; Devers, BOS, 24; Ohtani, LAA, 24; Seager, TEX, 24; Stanton, NYY, 24; Trout, LAA, 24; Guerrero Jr., TOR, 23.					
RUNS BATTED IN					
Judge, NYY, 98; Ramirez, CLE, 87; Alvarez, HOU, 73; Garcia, TEX, 70; Guerrero Jr., TOR, 68; Tucker, HOU, 67; Rizzo, NYY, 66; Ohtani, LAA, 65; Stanton, NYY, 61; 3 tied 60.					

## BASEBALL

Region 8C Tournament Saturday, Aug. 13				
At Avon				
St. Stephen vs. Buckman 4 p.m. (elimination game)				
Pierz Lakers vs. Randall/Foley winner 7 p.m. (elimination game)				
Sunday, Aug. 14				
At Avon				
Nisswa at Avon 11 a.m. (Region 8C Championship game)				
1:30 p.m. (Third-place game)				

Results Saturday, Aug. 6				
Pierz Lakers 6, Freeport Black Sox 3				
Avon 3, Buckman 2				
Nisswa 3, Randall 2				
St. Stephen 7, Foley 6				
Sunday, Aug. 7				
Nisswa 7, St. Stephen 3				
Avon 2, Pierz Lakers 1				
Foley 3, Randall 1				
Buckman 6, Freeport 0				
Monday, Aug. 8				
Foley vs. Randall				

## BASKETBALL

Professional WNBA				
Eastern Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	8	.758	—
Connecticut	22	11	.667	3
Washington	20	14	.588	5.5
Atlanta	14	19	.424	11
New York	13	20	.394	12
Indiana	5	29	.147	20.5
Western Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	23	10	.697	—
Seattle	20	13	.606	3
Dallas	17	16	.515	6
Phoenix	14	19	.424	9
Minnesota	13	20	.394	10
Los Angeles	13	20	.394	10
Wednesday's Games				
New York at Dallas, 7 p.m.				
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.				
Thursday's Games				
Chicago at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.				
Connecticut at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.				

## TV AND RADIO

### Wednesday Aug. 10

**BASEBALL:**  
Little League: Midwest Region game, 10 a.m., ESPN  
Little League: New England Region game, noon, ESPN  
MLB: Cincinnati at New York Mets, noon, MLBN  
Little League: Northwest Region game, 2 p.m., ESPN  
Little League: Great Lakes Region final, 4 p.m., ESPN  
Little League: Metro Region game, 6 p.m., ESPN2  
MLB: Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7 p.m., FS1  
Little League: West Region game, 8 p.m., ESPN2  
MLB: Minnesota at Los Angeles Dodgers, 9 p.m., BSN, KKKIN-FM (94.3), KUAL-FM (103.5), WYRQ-FM (92.1), KWAD-AM (920)

**BASKETBALL:**  
WNBA: Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m., CBSN

**SOCCER:**  
UEFA Super Cup: Real Madrid vs. Eintracht Frankfurt, 2 p.m., CBSN  
MLS: All-Star Game, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

### Thursday, Aug. 11

**BASEBALL:**  
Little League: Midwest Region game, 10 a.m., ESPN  
Little League: Mid-Atlantic Region game, noon, ESPN  
MLB: Cleveland at Detroit, noon, MLBN  
Little League: Mountain Region game, 2 p.m., ESPN  
Little League: New England Region final, 4 p.m., ESPN  
Little League: Northwest Region final, 6 p.m., ESPN  
MLB: Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati, 6 p.m., FOX

**BASKETBALL:**  
WNBA: Chicago at Las Vegas, 9 p.m., NBATV



AREA GOLF

State Farm still holds top spot

EAST GULL LAKE — With just three weeks remaining, State Farm Insurance holds a 9.5-point lead over Big Wood in the men’s league standings at Cragun’s Legacy Courses. In third place is Fuhr Insurance with Lakes Financial just a point behind in fourth. Individual highlights from Thursday, Aug. 4, were Craig Franke and Mike Quinn scoring low gross while Ardell Paulson and Gary Lippo posted the top low net scores. Joe Ranwiler and Tyler Monda were closest to the pin winners and Grant

Vanwyngerin and David Winkelman made the longest putts.

Cragun’s women

EAST GULL LAKE — Teah Rardin secured one of the two long drive proximities to help her team of Julie Rathjen, Sharon Higgins and Rachel Martin shoot a 30 and post the first-place score on Course One Tuesday, Aug. 2, for the Cragun’s Women’s Night. The foursome of Angela Andelin, Mindy Howard, Cheryl Karnowski and Malinda Johanneck shot 32 for the low round on Course 3. Kayla Schmolke joined Rardin for the longest drives. Theresa Proctor

and Alice Smith made the longest putts.

On the Par 3 Course, Brenda Moravec and Jane Riley shot 27 for the low round. Brenda Miller made the longest putts and Bonnie Brandon was closest to the pin.

Whitefish men

PEQUOT LAKES — Rick Kastner and Tom Olson captured the two-person team quota event Tuesday, Aug. 2, for the Whitefish Men’s League. Second place went to Tom Boyce and Mike Sitzter followed by Dan Fackler and David Duncan. Gary Amundson and Mike Einan won the second flight followed

by Darrell Swanson and Duane Frion in second and Mike Rancour and Duane Helfenstein in third.

Tim Hubbard and Ron Meyer were closest to the pin. Bruce Bissonnette and Swanson drained the longest putts.

Whitefish women

PEQUOT LAKES — Barb Hanson, Paua Guiliford, Joi Brandt and Dorie Kaleva were the first-place team for the Aug. 3 team Lone Ranger game for the Whitefish Women 18-Hole League. In second place were Joyce Fleck, Myra Faust, Nancy Schmidt and Bev Prueher. Mary Dougherty, Julie

Hofstadt, Cheryl Bontrager and Sally Ekman placed third.

Sherri Adam shot a net 68 for the low round of the event.

Dougherty, Hofstedt, Debbie Enger, Hanson, Schmidt and Prueher all carded birdies. Enga Wodziak and Hanson made chip-ins.

Holes-in-one

Tom Osiecki, Burns-ville, aced the 176-yard fourth hole of Madden’s Pine Beach East Course Aug. 2 using a 5-wood. Ben Rhodes, Superior, Wis., aced the 174-yard ninth hole of Madden’s Pine Beach West Course Aug. 6 using a 4-hybrid.

Senior scramble

GARRISON — The Mille Lacs Senior two-person scramble is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 8, at Northwoods Hills Golf Course.

Registration is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The entry fee is \$75 per player and includes the green fee, cart and lunch.

The tournament is open to men and women 50 years or older.

For more information or to register contact Kristopher Boike at kris-toher@appeldoorns.com or by calling 320-692-4325.

BASEBALL

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the bottom of the second on Ryan Janzen’s RBI single. Janzen finished 3-4 with an RBI and a run scored.Cole Wellmann was the only other Avon player with multiple hits and he scored the winning run. Preston Rocheleau suffered the loss. He allowed nine hits and one walk which translated into the two runs. He struck out three over eight innings of work.   
Pierz 1 6 2  
Avon 2 9 0  
WP: Matt Swanson. LP: Preston Rocheleau. 2B: P-Ryan Diers.

Saturday’s games

**Pierz Lakers 6, Freeport 3**  
FREEPORT — Ryan Diers

finished 2-3 with a home run and three RBIs to power the Pierz Lakers to a 6-3 victory over Freeport in the Region 8C playoffs Saturday, Aug. 6.

Diers’ three-run homer followed an RBI single from Peter Herman to give Pierz a 4-0 lead after the first.

Paul Herman finished 3-4 with two runs and an RBI, while Peter Herman was 2-4 with a run and an RBI. Luke Girtz and Brady Petron also collected two hits for Pierz.

Noah Cekalla pitched 4.1 innings. He allowed two runs, none earned, on five hits and five walks. He struck out seven.

Bryce Flanagan secured the win. He struck out six over 4.2 innings. He allowed one unearned run on three hits and four walks.   
Freeport 3 8 0  
Pierz 6 13 0

WP: Bryce Flanagan. LP: Andrew Kerzman. 2B: F-Matt Johnson, Trevor Sawyer. HR: Prz-Ryan Diers.

Avon 3, Buckman 2

FREEPORT — The Avon Lakers scored twice in the sixth and once in the eighth to rally from a 2-0 deficit and beat the Buckman Billygoats 3-2 in the Region 8C Tournament Saturday, Aug. 6.

Matt Tautges suffered the loss for Buckman. He went the distance and allowed just three unearned runs on six hits and two walks. He struck out five.

Andrew Rueckert and Joe Kahl each drove in a run to build Buckman’s 2-0 lead. Kahl finished 2-4 with a double. Aaron Weber was 2-4 with a triple and run scored and Jack Suska also finished with two hits for Buckman.

Avon’s Reese Gregory was

2-4 with a home run, double, two RBIs and a run scored.

Mitch McIntyre pitched the win for the Lakers. He allowed two runs on seven hits and three walks over eight innings. He struck out five. Elian Mezquita pitched the final inning for the save.   
Buckman 2 8 0  
Avon 3 6 0  
WP: Mitch McIntyre. LP: Matt Tautges. S: Elian Mezquita. 2B: B-Joe Kahl; A-Reese Gregory. 3B: B-Aaron Weber. HR: A-Gregory.

Nisswa 3, Randall 2

FREEPORT — Kody Ruedisili’s three-run double in the bottom of the ninth inning rallied the Nisswa Lightning to a 3-2 victory over Randall Saturday, Aug. 6, in the opening round of the Region 8C playoffs.

Drew Boland and Chris Pederson both walked in the ninth. After a strikeout, Tory Miller

loaded the bases with another walk. That brought up Ruedisili, who on a 3-2 pitch smoked a line drive to left field. All three base runners scored and Rudisili finished on second. It was only the second hit Randall starter Caleb Strack allowed.

Strack gave up three runs on two hits and seven walks. He struck out 14.

Aaron Jenkins entered in relief and pitched two scoreless innings for the win. Pederson started and allowed two runs on five hits and four walks over five innings. He struck out five.

Nisswa’s only other hit came from Tory Miller.

Travis Wenzel and Dane Cou-ture drove in runs for Randall. Wenzel also doubled.   
Randall 2 5 0  
Nisswa 3 2 0  
WP: Aaron Jenkins. LP: Caleb Strack. 2B: N-Kody Ruedisili; R-Travis Wenzel.

KNOCKS

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your meeting rooms and microphones on the table, so if you’re in there and suddenly start talking about the NBA or whatever song you like, the robotic camera starts moving toward you, so that’s a little weird.” Mannion said he was

miked up several times, and he had no say in the matter. He recalled putting on his shoulder pads and finding a small microphone attached.

“If you’re miked up and you don’t tell your teammates that you’re miked up, it’s a big fine,” Mannion said of an agreement players had not to secretly pick up any audio.

Other current Vikings

who have played for teams that were on “Hard Knocks” are long snapper Andrew DePaola, who was with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for a portion of the 2017 filming and with the Oakland Raiders in 2019; tight end Johnny Mundt and wide receiver Trishton Jackson, with the Rams in 2020, and defensive lineman T.J. Smith, with the Chargers

in 2020. Also, offensive lineman Chris Reed was with the Indianapolis Colts in 2021 when HBO debuted an in-season version of “Hard Knocks.”

Mannion said he watched “Hard Knocks” regularly when he was at Oregon State from 2011-14 because he wanted to learn about life in the NFL. But he said he didn’t tune in when the

Rams were on in 2016 because there was no need to “relive” training camp.

DePaola, though, said he did watch some of the Raiders episodes in 2019.

“I thought they were really well done,” he said. “It’s kind of amazing how little time they have to put out the final product because they do four, five or six straight days of filming

and they put a show out for that Tuesday night.”

DePaola wouldn’t have minded being featured on the series. Then again, he is a long snapper.

“They never followed me around, unfortunately,” he said. “They were just worried about the guys with the big personalities and the bigger-name personalities.”

JOSEPH

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The Vikings stuck with Joseph, and he redeemed himself. Three weeks later, he kicked a game-winning 54-yarder on the final play in a 19-17 win over Detroit, and he finished the season making 33 of 38 field goals.

“It was just hard work,” Joseph said of bouncing back. “I just put my head down and got back to the drawing board.”

After the season, Mike Zimmer was replaced as coach by O’Connell and Daniels took over the special teams from Ryan Ficken. But the Vikings elected to retain Joseph, giving him a \$2.33 million tender

as a restricted free agent.

Minnesota brought in competition for Joseph in spring drills in undrafted rookie Gabe Brkic. But Joseph proved clearly better, and Brkic was waived.

“There’s a confidence level that you feel from (Joseph) right now,” O’Connell said. “Some of our special-teams coaches, when he’s kicking, they don’t want to look at him, they don’t want to talk to him, because he’s kind of in the zone right now. I kind of go the opposite way. So I talk to him and I look at him and I’m trying to get in his head as much as possible.

“But when that toe hits that football right now, the sound of it, I equate it a lot of times to Major League Baseball scouts. They want to go hear the ball

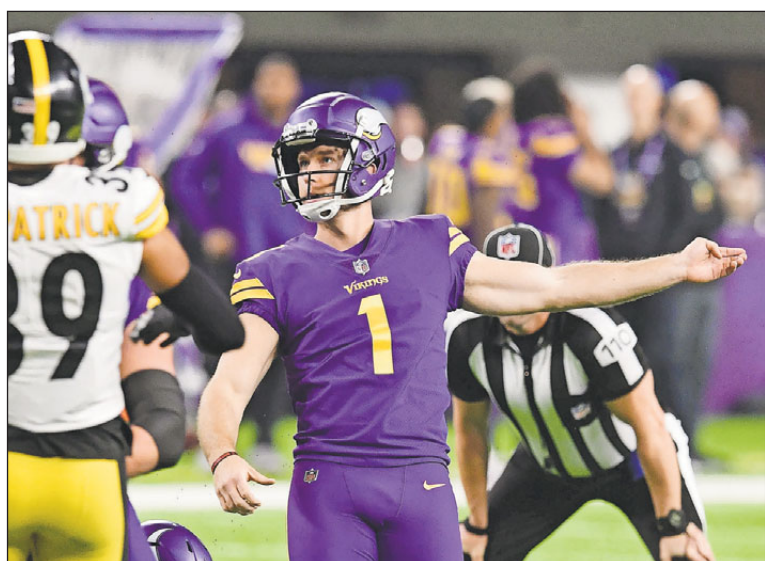
hit the glove, or hear what it sounds like when it comes off the bat. Right now, when he’s kicking, it just feels like you don’t even need to watch the ball. It’s going in from 50-plus.”

The way Joseph is kicking, one wonders how far his range extends. He said in the past he made a 70-yard field goal with a wind and a 65-yarder without a wind.

“Wherever coach puts the ball down, that’s where I’ll kick from,” Joseph said.

In the meantime, Vikings long snapper Andrew DePaola has followed Daniels with a prediction of his own about Joseph.

“I really hope he keeps it up because he’s going to have a tremendous year,” DePaola said.



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Minnesota Vikings kicker Greg Joseph watches his field goal split the uprights against the Steelers in the second quarter of an NFL game in this 2021 file photo at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.



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# NORTHLAND OUTDOORS



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Minnesota DNR fisheries specialists, Steve Kubeny, left, Luke Schalekamp and intern Leah Muer conduct a fish population assessment on July 26 at Portage Lake in Minnesota. They collect data measuring length, weight and take scale and otolith samples of walleye. By doing the assessment they determine the age of each specific fish and come up with an age class distribution. They can look back and see which age classes are the strongest and see if that correlates with the year they stocked walleye fry. The most successful year classes they try to replicate in the future.

## ‘People would be amazed’

There are plenty of fish in Minnesota lakes, DNR survey says

By Mike McFeely  
The Forum

**Ottertail, Minn.**  
Steve Kubeny has words of wisdom for anybody who says, “There aren’t any fish in my lake.”  
“If you drained all the water out of their lakes,” Kubeny said, smiling and sweeping his arm toward the water of Portage Lake in Otter Tail County, “people would be amazed at how many fish were in them.”  
He and his Minnesota Department of Natural Resources mates would know. They are responsible for netting, trapping and sometimes stunning fish in the state’s lakes and rivers to evaluate populations, collect data and help make management decisions.  
Are walleye stockings in your favorite lake effective in maintaining a fishable population? DNR surveys tell the story.  
“Any time we put a regulation on a lake, or make a decision related to stocking, it all comes from the data we collect with surveys,” said Luke Schalekamp, like Kubeny, a fisheries specialist out of the DNR office in Fergus Falls.  
On a recent day, Kubeny and Schalekamp were joined by intern Leah Muer (a student at the University of Minnesota-Duluth who is from Perham) as they checked two gill nets and three trap nets they set the prior day on Portage Lake.  
Portage is a quiet 270-acre lake just east of famed Otter Tail Lake. It is known as a solid walleye fishery, the population sustained by the DNR’s stocking of 148,000 fry — mosquito-sized walleyes raised at a hatchery — every other year.  
“There is little to no natural reproduction in this lake because it lacks the proper substrate walleyes need,” Kubeny said. “But it’s a lake we’ve developed into a good walleye fishery because it has a low northern pike population. Predation is very low and so the little walleyes survive.”  
The purpose of this day’s survey is to evaluate Portage Lake’s walleye population, in turn evaluating the



Fish caught in a gillnet set by Minnesota DNR fishery specialists on Portage Lake to help evaluate the walleye fry stocking of a lake.

DNR’s stocking efforts. The lake is stocked in odd-numbered years, so Kubeny predicted their gill nets should have good numbers of 12- to 13-inch walleyes — fish stocked in 2019.  
He wasn’t wrong.  
Kubeny and Schalekamp motored their olive-green DNR jonboat a couple of hundred yards off the public access on the lake’s east side and pulled up the first gill net, a 250-foot by 6-foot net weighted to sink to the lake bottom but marked at the surface by red flags. Gill nets have different size meshes, so fish of varying sizes can swim into them and get caught. When they do, the fish suffocate and die.  
“We get asked all the time: How many fish do you kill when you do these surveys?” Kubeny said. “It’s a legitimate question because people will see us hauling up the nets with fish in them. The answer is, compared to all the fish in the lake it is a very small fraction.”  
Adds Schalekamp: “It’s the only way we can get a representative sample to evaluate our walleye stockings.”  
The net was set in deep water, 18 to 20 feet, in a likely walleye hangout along a breakline. It’s roughly the same spot the DNR has put a net for 50 years or more. The biologists want to be consistent in where they survey fish.  
Kubeny and Schalekamp haul up the net and captured fish, pile them in the bottom of the boat, and head back to shore to count fish and collect samples from some of them.  
The net clearly captured walleyes, but there are several

other species stuck in the mesh. Bluegills, pumpkinseeds, crappies, white suckers, largemouth bass, yellow bullheads, brown bullheads and perch.  
“It’s getting to be later in the summer so fish will move out deeper. That’s why you see bass and panfish,” Schalekamp said.  
The fish are sorted into pails based on the mesh size in which they were caught. Schalekamp sets up a table on the side of the boat, puts two scales and a measuring board on it, and gets to work. He recites the species, length and weight of each fish to Kubeny, who records the information on a computer tablet. They use metric system measurements to be more precise for their data, but will convert everything to inches and pounds later for the public reports.  
Most of the walleyes — 15 in all were caught in this net — are 12- or 13-inches long, just as Kubeny predicted. But there is one much bigger, fatter walleye that stands out. Kubeny chuckles when someone remarks that the fish is huge.  
“I’m going to say it’s 25 inches long and weighs five pounds,” Kubeny said, indicating his belief it’s a nice walleye but not “huge.”  
Schalekamp takes the measurements and declares the walleye to be 26 inches long and a bit over five pounds. Not a bad observation by Kubeny.  
“I’ve handled tens of thousands of fish,” he said.  
Schalekamp scrapes a few scales from the smaller fish and Kubeny puts them in a small manila envelope. They’ll later be used to

determine the fishes’ ages. On larger fish, like the 26-inch walleye, Schalekamp uses a hacksaw to open the fish’s head to remove their otoliths, small bones used as an accurate way to measure age in older fish.  
The dead fish are later disposed of.  
After completing work on their gill net, the crew motors its boat up the shoreline to a trap net set in a few feet of water. A trap net allows fish to swim in, but not out. It also allows them to live, so when Schalekamp hoists the net over the side of the boat there a couple of dozen sunfish, crappies and largemouth bass flopping on the aluminum floor.  
Again, Schalekamp measures and weighs the fish and tells the numbers to Kubeny. This time, the fish are returned to the lake alive.  
The pair will analyze and record the data during the long Minnesota winter. They’ll survey about 30 lakes this summer, chosen on a rotating basis. With more than 1,000 lakes in Otter Tail County, there is no shortage of work.  
Other DNR fisheries personnel survey lakes in their areas. Some lakes are electrofished if the DNR wants to target specific species, like crappies. Schalekamp, Kubeny and Muer recently surveyed channel catfish in the Red River near Wahpeton, North Dakota, using electrofishing.  
The data is available at the DNR’s website under the Lake Finder feature. Anglers can type in a lake’s name and county to find data and the DNR’s analysis of the fishery.  
“These lakes are not like managing a fish bowl, where you dump fish in and everything lives,” Kubeny said. “There are variables in each lake like habitat or predators. Environmental conditions, like untimely cold weather, might affect fry survival. There’s a lot of things that go into it, and gathering data from surveys helps us figure out the best way to manage these lakes.”

## Day on big Lake Winnipeg

Time on the water proves therapeutic for cancer patient



**BRAD DOKKEN**  
Northland Outdoors

**Hecla, Manitoba**  
An avid outdoorsman, he’d just completed chemotherapy, a taxing regimen that began in April with the expected bumps that result from a medical procedure designed to help rid his body of cancer.  
The biggest side effect, he said, was the inability to sleep the night after a chemo treatment.  
He’d been diagnosed last winter with multiple myeloma — “a cancer that forms in a type of white blood cell called a plasma cell,” according to the mayoclinic.org website — and he’d had this date penciled on his calendar for several weeks.  
Two American friends were coming up to join him for a weekend visit that would include a day on Lake Winnipeg, wind and weather permitting. They’d hit the road early for the 2-hour drive from his home near Selkirk, Manitoba, to Hecla Island Provincial Park, where they would launch his boat in pursuit of the greenback walleyes for which Lake Winnipeg is famous.  
As outdoors activities go, this would be his last kick at the can for the foreseeable future. Chemotherapy was complete, but a stem cell transplant — an equally arduous step on his journey to recovery — awaited. The transplant would begin with harvesting healthy stem cells in early August, followed by the actual stem cell transplant in early September.  
Without getting too bogged down in a complicated medical procedure, the transplant would require spending several weeks in protective isolation to guard against infection while he begins to rebuild his depleted immune system.  
There’d be no deer hunting this fall, no moose or elk hunting, no fall fishing.  
This day on Lake Winnipeg would be it.  
He’d gone to bed at 8 p.m. the previous evening and said he’d gotten a good night’s sleep for the first time in several days. Still, he seemed more tired than usual last Saturday morning as the three of them sat in the kitchen sipping coffee before hitting the road to Lake Winnipeg.  
Resting his head between his hands as if trying to summon up whatever energy remained, he didn’t look like he was ready for a day on the water, especially water as potentially treacherous and challenging as Lake Winnipeg.  
“Are you sure you’re up for this?” one of his friends asked, feeling a twinge of apprehension at the thought of all of the things that could go wrong.  
Yes, he insisted; he was up for this.  
The forecast for Hecla last Saturday had called for a southwest wind of 15 kilometers per hour — about 9

mph — switching to the northwest about 10 a.m.  
That would have been perfect for reaching his intended fishing spot on the south side of Black Island. He and his wife, along with two others, had boated numerous greenbacks — including two Manitoba “Master Angler” walleyes 28 inches or larger — the previous Sunday on the south side of the large island.  
Unfortunately, the wind forecasters missed the mark by a mile last Saturday. That became apparent within minutes of launching at Gull Harbor. The southwest wind was closer to 30 kph than 15 kph, and with miles of open water for the waves to build momentum, there was no way to safely reach — much less attempt to fish — the area where he’d done so well just days earlier.  
Trying to navigate the swells and rollers would have been stupid, if not downright dangerous — there’s a reason they call this lake “Big Windy,” after all — and so he joined the rest of the boats on the protected side of the island within view of Gull Harbor.  
The exhaustion he’d shown earlier seemed to melt away in the boat, and he was able to enjoy his day on the water with greenback action that was just fast enough to keep things interesting. It wasn’t the torrid bite he’d experienced the previous Sunday, but at least he was fishing.  
There would be no “master” greenbacks on this day, but jigging with salted shiners in about 20 feet of water, the three fishermen would still catch perhaps 20 walleyes up to about 25 inches long in 5 hours of fishing.  
Back on shore, the fatigue he’d shown early that morning returned, and he willingly relinquished the wheel of his truck for the comfort and safety of the passenger seat for the 2-hour drive back home.  
Despite the fatigue, despite the wind that didn’t behave as forecast, it had been a great day.  
Rainy, blustery weather prevented fishing catfish the next day on the nearby Red River, but the outdoorsman facing the next leg of his long journey in the battle against cancer was like a new person.  
Energy replaced fatigue — and it stuck around all day.  
A good night’s sleep was a factor, to be sure, but the emotional boost of spending time on the water in his “happy place” and fishing with friends likely played an even greater role.  
The visit by two Americans, he said, had meant a lot to him.  
“Thank you for the recharge,” he said later. “I can see the end now.”



BRIEFS

**Danielle Kang returning from tumor at CP Women’s Open**

Danielle Kang will make her return to the LPGA Tour later this month at the CP Women’s Open in Ottawa, Canada.

The 29-year-old American star has not played since revealing at the U.S. Women’s Open in early June that she had a tumor on her spine. She endured back pain for several months before receiving the diagnosis.

“I know you missed us ... See you at the @cpwomensopen in two weeks,” Kang posted Tuesday on Instagram.

The CP Women’s Open begins Aug. 25 at the

Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club.

Kang made the cut at the U.S. Women’s Open and tied for 63rd place. She returned home to Nevada afterward for further testing.

She is a six-time winner on the LPGA Tour, including her only major at the 2017 Women’s PGA Championship, and most recently won the Tournament of Champions at Orlando, Fla., in January.

**Speed skating-Olympic medalist gets 18-month competition ban for post-party car crash**

Olympic speed skater Kim Min-seok has been handed a lengthy ban from competition

by the Korea Skating Union after crashing his car after a party at the national training center south of Seoul.

The 23-year-old crashed his car into a barrier between the road and pavement in July while giving three fellow skaters a lift back to their dormitory from a birthday party at the center, Yonhap news agency reported.

South Korean Kim, a bronze medalist in the 1500 meters at the past two Winter Games and a silver medallist in the team pursuit in Pyeongchang four years ago, was banned from competing for 18 months.

The length of the ban means Kim will be available to race at the 2026 Olympics in

Milan-Cortina.

“For an athlete, being banned for a year and a half can be career threatening,” said Kim Seong-cheol, the head of the KSU’s disciplinary committee.

“However, with Kim Min-seok, we did consider his track record of winning Olympic medals.”

The head coach of the national speed skating team, Kim Jin-su, was suspended for a year for failing to oversee the athletes in his charge properly.

Chung Jae-woong received a one-year ban for having driven the car earlier while under the influence of alcohol, but his brother Chung Jae-won, who won the team pursuit silver with Kim

in Pyeongchang, was suspended for only two months.

“He didn’t remember which car he rode back to the dorm in,” Kim Seong-cheol added.

The car was driven inside the training center and none of the four faces criminal charges.

**Bengals’ Paul Brown Stadium renamed to Paycor Stadium**

Cincinnati’s Paul Brown Stadium is now Paycor Stadium.

The team signed a naming-rights deal with Cincinnati-based Paycor, a human resources company, on Tuesday.

Financial terms were not disclosed for the 16-year agreement.

The 65,515-seat stadium

opened in 2020 and was originally named after franchise founder Paul Brown.

“This is a move that I think my father would have agreed to. He was always for what is best for the football team,” Bengals president Mike Brown said in a statement.

“This partnership allows the Bengals to continue to compete at the highest level in the NFL and exemplifies our long-term commitment to the community.”

The defending AFC champion Bengals open the preseason Friday at Paycor Stadium against the Arizona Cardinals.

Cincinnati’s regular season home opener is Sept. 11 against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Field Level Media



Minnesota Twins manager Rocco Baldelli reacts to an overturned call during the 10th inning with umpires Marty Foster and Alan Porter on Sunday at Target Field. Jeffrey Becker / USA Today Sports

# Baldelli has ‘good conversations’ with MLB officials

**By Betsy Helfand**  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

In the days following a controversial play at the plate that led to an ejection for Rocco Baldelli and critical comments from the Twins manager, Baldelli said he had two “very good conversations,” with Major League Baseball officials.

Baldelli was fined an undisclosed amount, but not suspended, for his actions on the field Sunday — he threw his hat and then kicked some dirt over home plate — and his comments, in which he ripped the call, which was overturned by a supervisor in New York, calling it “one of the worst moments I think we’ve seen of umpiring in any game I’ve ever been a part of in baseball.”

Locked in a tied 2-2 game with the Blue Jays in the 10th inning, Whit Merrifield tagged up and raced home toward catcher Gary Sánchez at the plate after Cavan Biggio had lifted a fly ball to left field. As Tim Beckham’s throw came in from left, Merrifield collided with Sánchez, who the supervisor ruled was illegally blocking the plate. Merrifield had been called out by the umpire on the field.

Baldelli said he spoke with Mike Hill, MLB’s

senior vice president of on-field operations, and Matt McKendry, MLB’s senior director of umpire operations, about the play, spending “as much time as both sides of the conversation felt like we needed to have to talk through all aspects.”

“They walked me and some of our group through the rule itself,” Baldelli said. “They discussed why they believed and would state that the ruling was applied correctly, which I disagreed with.”

Baldelli said he still did not believe Sánchez had made a misplay and believed the rule had been applied inconsistently as recently as this month. He said he expressed as much in his conversations.

“I don’t know if on every point of this, we’re going to all get together and come into accord and have some sort of agreement on every aspect of it,” he said. “Sometimes, you just have to talk through things and understand to the best extent we can, what’s going to be expected going forward, and then play from there.”

**Kirilloff undergoes surgery**

Twins outfielder Alex Kirilloff’s season-end-



Minnesota Twins left fielder Alex Kirilloff celebrates with teammates July 23 after the game against the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park in Detroit. Raj Mehta / USA Today Sports

ing surgery on Tuesday performed by Dr. Steven Shin in Los Angeles to shorten his ulna, went well, his agent, Scott Boras, said.

Kirilloff had a different surgery on his wrist last July, which ended his 2021 season prematurely in hopes that he would be healthy for the 2022 season. But

the wrist pain wound up plaguing him for most of this year, disrupting a second straight season.

Kirilloff has twice been on the injured list for it in 2022, landing on the IL early this month after a cortisone shot he received during the all-star break did not produce the desired

result and his pain while swinging progressively worsened.

“We were told by the surgeon that he got a very good result,” Boras said. “I just think it was the best step for him to be the Alex Kirilloff that the Minnesota Twins signed and we all expect him to be.”

**Briefly**

Starting pitcher **Bailey Ober** threw a 20-pitch bullpen on Tuesday in Fort Myers, Fla., with no issues. Ober has been on the injured list with a groin strain since June 6. ... Reliever **Tyler Duffey**, whom the Twins designated for assignment last week, cleared waivers and was released.





Photos by Kelly Humphrey / Brainerd Dispatch

Gary Hirsch and Wendy DeGeest of the Stage North Theatre Co. talk about the 2023 season on Thursday at the Franklin Arts Center in Brainerd.

# Stage North Theatre Co. announces new season productions

**Brainerd**  
The Stage North Theatre Co. will put on two more productions before the year is through but is already looking to next year. The Brainerd lakes area nonprofit at the Franklin Arts Center on Kingwood Street recently announced its 2023 season of plays. “We have an excellent variety of plays with a musical comedy, an intense drama and our hilarious holiday production,” said Gary Hirsch, artistic director of the community theater. Stage North Theatre Co.’s mission statement is “to provide a high-quality theatrical experience for the Brainerd lakes area resident at an affordable price involving as many individuals as possible.”

**‘Sweet Charity’**  
Kicking off the new season will be “Sweet Charity,” a musical that was directed and choreographed for Broadway by Bob Fosse. “In this exuberant, groovy, hilarious musical comedy, Charity Hope Valentine tries, again and again, to find her dream and make something of



Wendy DeGeest, president of the community theater’s board of directors, and Gary Hirsch, artistic director, talk on Thursday at the Franklin Arts Center on Kingwood Street in Brainerd.

herself in New York City in the 1960s,” Hirsch said in a news release. With music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Dorothy Fields and a book by Neil Simon, it premiered on Broadway in 1966, where it was nominated for nine Tony Awards, winning for best choreography. The 1969 feature film adaptation starred Shirley MacLaine as Charity while John McMartin recreated his Broadway role as Oscar Lindquist. Fosse directed and choreographed the motion picture, which

was his debut as a movie director. Auditions for Stage North Theatre Co.’s production of the award-winning musical will take place on Jan. 27 and 28. Performances of the musical will be at 7:30 p.m. April 13-15 and at 2 p.m. April 16. **‘The Laramie Project’** “The Laramie Project” will follow “Sweet Charity” in the fall of 2023 and revolves around the 1998 murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard in

Laramie, Wyoming. The 21-year-old was beaten, tortured and left to die. His murder brought national and international attention to hate crime legislation following the attack. Hirsch called “The Laramie Project” — which was adapted into a 2002 film from the play of the same name — “a stunning, dramatic theatrical examination of the immediate reactions of the Laramie, Wyoming, community ... to the underlying bigotry and hatred that enabled it.”

“A powerful production, ‘The Laramie Project’ has been seen by over 30 million people around the world,” Hirsch said. The movie starred Nestor Carbonell, Christina Ricci, Dylan Baker, Terry Kinney and Lou Ann Wright and premiered at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival and was broadcast on HBO in 2002. Auditions for Stage North Theatre Co.’s production of the play by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project will take place on Aug. 25 and 26. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12-14 and at 2 p.m. Oct. 15.

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## Central Lakes Rotary event seeks to help combat trafficking

By Travis Grimler  
Echo Journal

PINE RIVER — The Rotary Ends Human Trafficking Concert in Pine River is just around the corner.

In recent years, Rotary International, the largest service club in the world, has undertaken a new challenge: ending human trafficking. To that end, the Central Lakes Rotary Club chose the rural Pine River Lakes Music and Events Park to host a concert to help end human trafficking. The event is slated Friday-Sunday, Aug. 12-14.

The goal of the concert is to raise \$15,000-\$20,000 that will go toward agencies that combat human trafficking, including local agencies. The event and its funds will also help to raise awareness of human trafficking globally and locally. If all goes as planned, this will be the first of ongoing REHT festivals.

The 2022 inaugural REHT festival has a lineup of nine musicians: 32 Below, Adelaide, Ayiesha Woods, Corey Meding & Brothers, Kent Dudley and Bended Knee, Plumb, Remedy Drive, The Rush Tribute Project and Tim Engebraaten.

In addition to bands, there will be guest speakers: Dawn Heath-Fiedler, president of Join the Movement Events Inc.; Pequot Lakes Police Chief Eric Klang; Shantel Dudley and Stacy Schaffer, founder and executive director of the 31:8 Project.

The Lakes Music and Events Park has room for over 110 powered campsites and 100 primitive campsites. The concert area is 95,000 square feet. There is a permanent food court, permanent stage and picnic tables.

Ticket prices range from an \$80 three-day pass to a \$20 teen price (before Aug. 1). Camping ranges from \$20 a night for a primitive site to \$120 for an electric site for three days.

Volunteers are encouraged to reach out. More information is available at [rehtmuscifestival.com](http://rehtmuscifestival.com).

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### REVIEW

## Brad Pitt’s ‘Bullet Train’ is one wild ride

**Baxter**  
Passengers aboard Brad Pitt’s new movie “Bullet Train” are unlikely to reach their final destination — alive, anyways. The new release at the Lakes 12 Theatre in Baxter is a Japan-based action-thriller that includes a talented, multiethnic ensemble



cast playing killers of every race, color and creed. “Bullet Train” is a violent movie with dark comedic overtones featuring Pitt as an assassin facing an existential crisis about his chosen profession; he makes an oxymoronic living by killing people. The free-for-all, winner-takes-all vibe of the two-hour movie kept me guessing until the end as to which of the contract killers would survive until the end and kept surprising me along the way. Pitt, aka Ladybug, begins the film by confiding to his off-screen handler, who is played by Sandra Bullock, about his therapy sessions and misgivings now about murder. Aboard a bullet train, Pitt is at a crossroads in his life and acknowledges the role that luck — good or bad — has played in his risky career or how he is still breathing while others are not. Unbeknownst to him from the outset, Pitt was hired as a last-minute substitute for the task of retrieving a mysterious briefcase coveted by stone-cold killers

### NOW SHOWING AT LAKES 12 THEATRE AND SUNSET CINEMA

**Lakes 12**  
New releases starting Friday, Aug. 12, in Baxter:  
▶ “Mack & Rita.”  
▶ “Vengeance.”  
**Movies still playing:**  
▶ “Bullet Train.”  
▶ “DC League of Super-Pets.”  
▶ “Easter Sunday.”  
▶ “Elvis.”  
▶ “Minions: The Rise of Gru.”  
▶ “Nope.”  
▶ “Thor: Love and Thunder.”  
▶ “Top Gun: Maverick.”  
▶ “Where the Crawdads Sing.”

**Sunset Cinema**  
New release starting Friday, Aug. 12, in Jenkins:  
▶ “Mack & Rita.”  
**Movies still playing:**  
▶ “Bullet Train.”  
▶ “DC League of Super-Pets.”  
▶ “Easter Sunday.”  
▶ “Top Gun: Maverick.”  
▶ “Where the Crawdads Sing.”

aboard the high-speed train. While Bullock tries to reassure Pitt the job is a simple snatch-and-grab, Pitt astutely and correctly comes to the conclusion that nothing is that easy or it just sounds too good to be true. Bullock advises Pitt to carry a gun from the start to carry out the assigned job. But a Zen-like Pitt refuses to bring along a firearm and leaves the weapon in a Japanese train station locker. “You are getting the new, improved me because if you put peace out in the world, you get peace back,” Pitt tells Bullock during a phone call with the no-nonsense woman.

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### ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

**Brainerd Book Club to meet at library**  
The Brainerd Book Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Brainerd Public Library at 416 S. Fifth St. for its next book discussion: “The 7 ½ Deaths Of Evelyn Hardcastle” by Stuart Turton. In the novel, Hardcastle will die every day until Aiden Bishop can identify her killer and break the cycle. But every time the day begins again, Bishop wakes up in the body of a different guest. And some of his hosts are more helpful than others. Library staff members lead the discussion and often recommend related books and other materials available through the library. Copies of this book are available for checkout at the front desk of the Brainerd Public Library at 416 S. Fifth St. The Friends of the Brainerd Public Library support

this book club by providing the funds to purchase 10 copies of a title for patrons to borrow. **Performances in the Park in Gregory Park** Performances in the Park will continue with Norm’s Bait & Tackle at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in Gregory Park in Brainerd. Norm’s Bait & Tackle Choir is a Brainerd lakes area group that plays a wide variety of music and has delighted audiences throughout central Minnesota, according to a news release, and their unique style, zany antics and humorous song parodies are sure to tickle your funny bone. They play the best hunting and fishing tunes of all times and their arrangements of classic, rock ‘n’ roll and country favorites are sure to make you clap your hands and sing along, according to the event’s organizers. All the members of this group

have played in other bands for many years and have entertained audiences at convention centers, community centers, fairs and festivals throughout Minnesota. Performances in the Park is a collaboration between the Brainerd Parks and Recreation Department and The Center. Those attending should bring a blanket or lawn chair. The rain site during inclement weather is The Center at 803 Kingwood St. **Grand View summer concert: Eagles tribute** A night filled with your favorite Eagles music performed by The Fabulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious will take place from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, on the driving range at the Pines Golf Course in Nisswa. The cost is \$40 per person and tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/3ylIL2b>.



ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

VISUAL ARTS

**AITKIN**  
**Ripple River Gallery**  
**27591 Partridge Ave.**  
Mary Anne O'Malley finds inspiration in her observations of the natural world. With watercolor and graphite, she offers an up-close artist's interpretation of plants and animals. Her work will be featured at Ripple River Gallery in Aitkin through Sunday, Aug. 14.  
"My artwork lives in a space between the scientific reproduction of nature and the artistic beauty of the natural environment. This is where I thrive," O'Malley said in a news release.  
Her skill in topographical and landscape fabrication led to work for museums and visitors centers including The Lewis and Clark Museum in Montana; Wichita Mountain Visitor Center in Oklahoma; Big Bend National Park in Texas; and Monterey Bay Visitor Center in California.  
The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 218-678-2575, email [rippelivergallery@gmail.com](mailto:rippelivergallery@gmail.com) or visit [www.rippelivergallery.com](http://www.rippelivergallery.com).

**BRAINERD**  
**Brainerd Public Library**  
**416 S. Fifth St.**  
A new exhibit of artwork by Nichole Delafield is on display at the Brainerd Public Library through September. The exhibit includes 14 pieces of watercolor prints and one acrylic mixed media artwork.

Delafield was an art teacher for 25 years, and she shares her love for art through private lessons, summer camps and elementary school programs. She is a docent at The Morse Museum of American Art in Winter Park, Florida.

Her work includes fine art with pastels, watercolor and acrylic. She also enjoys sharing her love of art and design through her signature hand painted silks. Design work for women includes clothing and accessories featuring these distinctive pieces.

Delafield is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in fashion design. Experience includes work in bridal design, children's wear and clothing for women under her own label. Delafield sells her women's wear collection exclusively at Jarboe.

Her fine art work includes nature studies in pastel, rendered with the soft richness of pastel chalk. Delafield's fine art work has been exhibited and sold in galleries and hangs in private collections.

Writing is another form of

expression for Delafield. "Gull Lake Memories: A Kayaking Adventure" is a travel journal and memoir sharing stories and paintings from the historic Brainerd lakes area.

**The Crossing Arts Alliance**  
**711 Laurel St.**  
"Wowicakekage: Weaving Realities" is a traveling exhibit of Wicanhpi Iyotan Win (Autumn Cavender)'s explorations and experimental applications of digital and generative art practices within a Dakota context.  
This exhibit highlights just one of the generative processes that Autumn has explored and developed and opened earlier at The Crossing Arts Alliance in downtown Brainerd.  
Much of her practice is rooted in an exploration of traditional Dakota artistic methodology, centering around quillwork as a method of recording-keeping and encoding data into design. Traditional designs depict and encode cosmological concepts, personal events and connections to land and ancestors.  
She explores innovative ways to digitally generate Dakota geometrics and designs that retain their original function as informational carriers. Wowicakekage highlights her process of "generative quillwork" as both a digital and ancestral technology.

From the perspective and principles of Dakota aesthetics, it is a way of depicting how the sounds of songs and stories reverberate through space, and a Dakota sense of direction and visualizations.

And as a quillworking methodology, it is a way of encoding words, songs, and stories into color schemes, patterns and designs.

For more information about the exhibit, which will be on display until Aug. 27, contact Crossing Arts at 218-833-0416 or [info@crossingarts.org](mailto:info@crossingarts.org).

**CROSBY**  
**Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library**  
**101 Main St.**

"Nature Perspectives: The Landscape Photography of Donald Phillips" will be on display at the Jessie F. Hallett Memorial Library in Crosby through Aug. 31.

The exhibit highlights 20 black-and-white photographs by Phillips, a former Emily resident, from the Little Pine Route farm, the St. Croix Scenic Waterway and Fort Snelling's Pike Island.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

For more information about the library, visit [hallettlibrary.org](http://hallettlibrary.org).

**LITTLE FALLS**  
**Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum**  
**2151 Lindbergh Drive S.**

"Good People: A Photographic Exploration of Morrison County" by Anthony Marchetti will be on display at the Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls until Dec. 31.

For more information about the event and Marchetti, call 320-632-4007, email [staff@morrisoncountyhistory.org](mailto:staff@morrisoncountyhistory.org) or visit [morrisoncountyhistory.org](http://morrisoncountyhistory.org).

**Great River Arts**  
**122 First St. SE**  
The exhibit "30 Countries in 30 years" by Autumn Carolyn and "Phenomenal Consciousness" by Danniella Mortezaee, which will be on display until Aug. 26.  
Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays  
For more information, call 320-632-0960, email [info@greatart.org](mailto:info@greatart.org) or visit [www.greatart.org](http://www.greatart.org).

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Free water ski show at Lum Park in Brainerd**  
Join the Brainerd Ski Loons Water Ski Show Team at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Lum Park at 1619 Washington St. NE in Brainerd as the team hits the water to show off their skills.  
Join Fred, Velma, Daphne, Shaggy and Scooby Doo as they look for clues about the missing star of the show. Will they be able to reunite the team in time for the final pyramid? Find out at the free show and enjoy synchronized ballet lines and high-flying stunts off the ski jump.

The Brainerd Ski Loons Water Ski Show Team is a local community based nonprofit organization providing opportunities for personal development, teamwork and community involvement through water sports.

**Bluegrass music at Central Lakes College**  
Enjoy a live performance by Monroe Crossing at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Brainerd campus of Central Lakes College in the west parking lot where chairs will be provided at the outdoor concert.  
Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and heartfelt originals, according to a new release, and their airtight harmonies, razor sharp arrangements, and on-stage rapport make them audience favorites.

For online tickets, visit [www.clcperformingarts.com/events](http://www.clcperformingarts.com/events).

**Billboard-charting folk**

**duo presents Storyhill Fest in Deerwood**  
Storyhill hosts their annual songwriter festival Friday, Aug. 12, through Sunday at the Clearwater Forest Camp at 16595 Crooked Lake Road in Deerwood.

The family-friendly Storyhill Fest will include workshops, outdoor activities and performances by some of the band's favorite folk/Americana artists like Colorado songwriter Edie Carey and New York indie/folk duo The Sea The Sea along with Minnesota favorites like Romantica's Ben Kyle, veteran songwriter Peter Mayer and rising folk stars Bad Posture Club and J.E. Sunde.

In addition to tent and cabin camping, and single-day pass options, this year's festival also includes a VIP hotel option at Ruttger's Bay Lake Resort.

Attendees can enjoy 10 performances by the country's top folk and Americana singer/songwriters, workshops, free use of kayaks/canoes/water bikes, nature hikes, food vendors, biking trails, beachfront fun, campfires and more during the three-day event.

VIP guests enjoy a complimentary breakfast each morning, and attend a private catered dinner and special VIP concert on Thursday night.

For more information, email [fest@storyhill.com](mailto:fest@storyhill.com) or visit [www.storyhillfest.com](http://www.storyhillfest.com).

**'Big Fun Tuesdays' every week in Crosslake**  
Stop by from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, and enjoy an event put on by Crosslake Town Square Association and the Crosslake Community School.

This event is packed with all the fun of past years and so much more, according to organizers, including outdoor games, mini-inflatables, face painting, crafts and more.

There will be special appearances by the Wondertrek Children's Museum at the event on certain dates at Crosslake Town Square at 35770 Allen Ave.

**'No Break From Nature' summer nature camp at Northland Arboretum**

The Northland Arboretum's "No Break from Nature" summer series camp runs 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays until Aug. 18. Topics are different each week. Participants will learn about Minnesota habitats, insects, wildlife and plants.

Campers must be going into second- through sixth-grade to register. The cost is \$25 per day for Arb members or \$30 a day for non-members. To register a child in the camp series, visit [bit.ly/3xqV5xJ](http://bit.ly/3xqV5xJ).

**Pequot Lakes Community Theatre to hold auditions**

Auditions for the next

production by Pequot Lakes Community Theatre — the Pulitzer Prize- and Oscar-winning comedy "You Can't Take it With You" — will be from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, and Thursday in the Pequot Lakes High School auditorium.

Auditions will consist of readings from the script. The play, set in 1936, concerns the Sycamore family, a large and loving group of eccentrics who follow their own impulses and march to very different drummers.

The director is Michael Sander. For more information, email him at [sandwood@uslink.net](mailto:sandwood@uslink.net).

**Deerwood Civic & Commerce to host benefit concert**  
Deerwood Civic & Commerce will host a benefit concert featuring Minnesota's largest Chicago tribute band, Duluth Transit Authority, from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at the Deerwood Auditorium.

The 12-piece band will bring you back to the glory days of one of the longest running and most successful rock groups in history, blending virtuosic guitar solos with power horn arrangements and mighty vocals.

Besides the favorites like "Make Me Smile," "Saturday in the Park," "Does Anybody Know What Time It Is" and "25 or 6 to 4," DTA sprinkles in hits from other bands in that era, too, like Blood Sweat and Tears, Steely Dan and Ides of March.

Proceeds from the concert go to a city of Deerwood community sign project, sponsored by Deerwood Civic & Commerce and partially funded with a matching grant from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

General admission tickets are \$35 and premium seating tickets are \$45 and available for purchase online at [www.deerwoodsummerfest.org/tickets](http://www.deerwoodsummerfest.org/tickets).

**CLC Performing Arts Center presents outdoor showing of 'Frozen'**

Enjoy the animated musical comedy Disney's "Frozen" at an outdoor, nighttime showing on the Brainerd campus of Central Lakes College at dusk (or about 8:30 p.m.) Friday, Aug. 12.

"After the kingdom of Arendelle is cast into eternal winter by the powerful Snow Queen Elsa, her sprightly sister Anna teams up with a rough-hewn mountaineer named Kristoff and his trusty reindeer Sven to break the icy spell," according to a synopsis of the family-friendly blockbuster.

There is a maximum of four admitted per \$5 family ticket available for purchase online at [www.clcperformingarts.com/events](http://www.clcperformingarts.com/events). (Bring your own chair or blanket for the outdoor showing of the movie on the south lawn of the campus.)

**Yoga and live music to come to Brainerd High School field**

Classical music, meditation and fitness come together in one of the Lakes Area Music Festival's most popular summer activities.

An hourlong, outdoor yoga class will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Don Adamson Field on the Brainerd High School campus, accompanied by a live, professional string quartet.

The class will be led by Jennifer Smith of Nisswa Yoga, with demonstrations and adjustments by teachers from various local studios.

Open to all members of the community without charge or previous yoga experience necessary; donations to support the outreach programs of the Brainerd-based festival will be accepted.

The 2022 season of the nonprofit brought more than 200 artists from around the world to participate in chamber music, symphonic repertoire, opera, outreach and education.

For information about this year's season, visit [www.lakesareamusic.org](http://www.lakesareamusic.org).

LIVE MUSIC

**AITKIN**  
**The Beanery**  
**221 Minnesota Ave. N.**  
Severio Mancieri, 7-9:30 p.m. Friday.

**BAXTER**  
**Jack Pine Brewery**  
**15593 Edgewood Drive**  
P.C.R., 6-9 p.m. Friday.

**BRAINERD**  
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**19624 Crow Wing County Road 3**  
Lakes Jazz Authority, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday.

**Brainerd Eagles Aerie 287**  
**124 Front St.**  
The DuChane Bros., 7 p.m. Friday.

**O'Madden Pub**  
**11266 Pine Beach Peninsula Road**  
Russ Parrish, 9 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday.

**Coco Moon**  
**601 Laurel St.**  
Mvrrow, 6-8 p.m. Friday.

**Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake**  
**11000 Craguns Drive**  
Brendan Flynn, 5-7 p.m. Thursday and Monday.

**BREEZY POINT**  
**Dockside Lounge**  
**9252 Breezy Point Drive**  
Rockin Hill, 6-9 p.m. Sunday.

**JENKINS**  
**Snarky Loon Brewery**  
**33488 Highway 371**  
Rusty Crayfish, 6-9 p.m. Friday.  
Tuthill Music, 2-5 p.m. Saturday.  
Eric Whitson, 6-9 p.m. Saturday.

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Pie season is in full swing, and this week Sarah shares a sweet and savory version of one of her top specialties: an ultra-flaky, All-Butter Pie Crust. Photos by Sarah Nasello / The Forum

# SARAH’S (SWEET OR SAVORY) ALL-BUTTER PIE CRUST

Versatile recipe requires only 5 simple ingredients

**Fargo**  
I was sharing my upcoming recipes with friends a couple of weeks ago, and they were shocked that I would part with one of my signature baking specialties — my All-Butter Pie Crust. All three are marvelous home cooks, and not one had made a pie crust from scratch. I knew then that it was time to share my secrets.

Over the next two weeks, I will feature a recipe for a savory galette followed by a fresh fruit pie, using the pie crust recipe I am sharing today, and I recommend making your dough in advance and freezing it, so you have it ready to go once the recipes are published. My recipe yields two individual crusts, and the dough freezes beautifully, wrapped in plastic and stored in a plastic zip bag.

Food is one of my love languages, especially when a recipe is relatively easy to master and requires only a handful of pantry staples. My All-Butter Pie Crust calls for just five basic ingredients — all-purpose flour, sugar, salt, very cold butter and ice-cold water — and I use this recipe for nearly all my fruit pies, galettes and even quiches.

For savory recipes, like next week’s Tomato Galette, I may include the addition of herbs for added flavor, like fresh basil, thyme and parsley from my garden. You can use any herbs you wish, and if you do not have fresh herbs on hand, you can use a couple of teaspoons of mixed dried herbs, Italian herb seasoning or herbes de Provence.

But, for fruit pies, I keep my recipe sweet and simple. It is hard to beat the flavor of an all-butter crust, and I have a few tips to ensure that your crust is as flaky and delicious as mine.

First, it is important to remember that cold is king when it comes to creating flaky pastry, and I use freezer-cold cubes of butter and ice water to mix my dough.

Next, handle the dough as little as possible, to



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keep the pats of butter from melting as the dough is formed. I use my food processor to make my pie dough, as it requires the least amount of handling and makes the process quick and easy.

I have tried a variety of methods to make my pie crust — I have used a pastry cutter, two forks and even my fingertips to cut the butter into the flour mixture — and every single time I wish I had used my food processor. When I do, my crust seems just a little bit flakier, a little bit lighter, a little bit more delicious.

Finally, chilling the dough for at least an hour, or longer, before rolling it out allows the gluten to relax so that the dough is supple and elastic once the rolling pin hits it. After the dough is mixed, I quickly form the shaggy mixture into a ball, divide that into two halves and then form rough disks out of each half. I wrap each disk in plastic and place them in the refrigerator to chill, or the freezer so that the dough is ready whenever I need it.

So, make a batch, or several, of my plain or savory All-Butter Pie Crust this week, and have it ready to go for next week’s Tomato Galette or the Fresh Peach Pie the week thereafter, or any pie you choose. And feel free to reach out with any questions!

FYI: There is still time to place your order for the amazing Colorado peaches of the annual Fargo West Rotary sale, at <https://fargo-west-rotary.square.site/>.

“Home with the Lost Italian” is a weekly column written by Sarah Nasello featuring recipes by her husband, Tony Nasello. The couple owned Sarello’s in Moorhead and lives in Fargo with their son, Giovanni. Readers can reach them at [sarahnasello@gmail.com](mailto:sarahnasello@gmail.com).



Sarah’s All-Butter Pie Crust is made with 5 simple ingredients, plus a variety of fresh herbs for a savory option (from left): all-purpose flour, basil, sugar, thyme, salt, ice water, very cold butter and parsley.



**Above left:** Sarah uses a food processor to blend the dry ingredients with the fresh herbs to ensure the dough is handled as little as possible. **Above right:** Very cold butter is blitzed into the dry ingredients just until coarsely ground, with large chunks of butter still intact. If you don’t have a food processor, you can use a pastry cutter, 2 forks or your fingertips to mix the dough.



Once processed, the shaggy dough is turned out onto a work surface to be gently formed into 2 disks.



Large pats of butter are still visible in the dough disks. Any cracks will relax as the dough chills and will then disappear once it is rolled out.

## Sarah’s (Plain or Savory) All-Butter Pie Crust

Makes: 2 pie crusts

### Ingredients:

- 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
  - 1 tablespoon sugar
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes and chilled until very cold
  - 1/3 to ½ cup ice water
- For a savory option:
- ¼ cup fresh herbs, any blend of 2 to 3 herbs, or 2 teaspoons dried herbs, any blend

### Directions:

In a food processor, mix the flour, sugar and salt together until combined, about 15 seconds. Add the herbs and pulse again 5 times to combine. Add the very cold butter and pulse 8 to 10 times, until the mixture appears coarsely ground with large pats of butter still visible. Turn the processor on and add the water slowly through the feed tube, starting with 1/3 cup and adding more as needed, until the dough begins to form clumps — the sound of the processor will also change once the dough is mixed. Turn the dough out onto a clean work surface and form into a ball. Divide the ball in half and form each half into a disk. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 1 hour, or up to 2 days, before using. The dough disks can also be frozen in a plastic freezer bag for several months.

### Sarah’s tips:

- To achieve the best crust, use very cold butter and water and avoid mixing or handling the dough too much.
- Small bags of pre-measured butter cubes will keep in the freezer for months, so you have them available when needed.
- Use fresh or dried herbs when making savory pies like galettes and quiches.