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Michaela Anderson, 16, of Willmar, helps friends set up rabbit cages for Entry Day on Tuesday at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds in Willmar.

ENTRY DAY AT THE FAIR

Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds hopping with activity

By Macy Moore
West Central Tribune

Willmar

It was a beehive of activity Tuesday afternoon at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds in Willmar, as folks rushed to set up carnival rides while 4-H and FFA members hurriedly set up their prized livestock for future judging throughout the fair week.

Fair activities will continue from Wednesday morning through Saturday evening of this week, offering up a wide variety of family-friendly events, live music and more for everyone to enjoy.

The full schedule, as well as ticket information and park-and-ride options, can be found on the County Fair website at kandifair.com.



Left: Grace Kaehler, 16, left, answers questions from 4-H summer intern Ruby Radunz during 4-H livestock interviews Tuesday at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds in Willmar. **Right:** A rabbit sits in a cage Tuesday at the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds in Willmar.



Dozens of jobs still open at WPS

School Board also learned the plan for middle school addition is on hold

By Linda Vanderwerf
West Central Tribune

WILLMAR — With the first day of school less than four weeks away, Willmar Public Schools still has more than 60 job openings.

Human Resources Director Liz Windingstad told the Willmar School Board members at their Monday meeting that she had just offered jobs to several people.

The board also heard Monday that the plan for an addition to Willmar Middle School is on hold once again.



Windingstad

As the school year nears, Windingstad said, she hopes to be able to fill many more positions in the next few weeks.

In addition to certified teaching positions, the district has openings for para-professionals, food service workers, custodians and bilingual cultural liaisons.

The district particularly needs instructors for the Prairie Lakes Education Program and special education paraprofessionals around the district, she said. Other needs are for long-term substitute teachers and bilingual paras.

Four teachers from the Philippines have been approved for visas to work in this country, and another from Nicaragua is nearly finished with his paperwork. The five international teachers will be teaching at Roosevelt and Kennedy elementary schools this year.

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Staffing shortages delay mail delivery in Minn.



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.

By Tim Nelson
MPR News

That old United States Postal Service motto — “We Deliver for You” — is coming with a caveat 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.

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Minnesota voters cast primary ballots

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WILLMAR — Minnesota’s primary election was conducted Tuesday. Registered voters cast their votes to choose top candidates in statewide races including the governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state and some state legislative positions. Local races on the primary ballot included those for Willmar mayor, Kandiyohi County sheriff and, for residents of District 3 in Kandiyohi County, the County Board of Commissioners race in that district. The top two vote-getters in each of those three races advance to the general election. Results were not available prior to the West Central Tribune press deadline for the Wednesday edition, but readers will find results at www.wctrib.com.



Above: Myrna Gatewood, left, checks in to vote in Minnesota’s primary election Tuesday morning with election judge Marilyn Stulen at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar. **Left:** Rogan Toutges-Nelson, 7, waits for his grandfather Wayne Nelson to finish casting his primary election ballot Tuesday morning at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar.

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“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 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, long-standing 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 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.

WPS

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Many districts in Minnesota and in other states have reported struggling to recruit teachers and other staff.

The Minnesota Rural Education Association issued a July report suggesting that staffing shortages may push some smaller districts to consider consolidation as a way to become more efficient while maintaining programs. The association said it would oppose efforts to force consolidation, though it would support financial incentives for districts that move in that direction.



Holm

In reports from administrators, Superintendent Jeff Holm told the board that a plan to add

a gym and classrooms at the Willmar Middle School for an alternative learning center will be delayed again. The Southwest West Central Service Cooperative had planned to participate in the project and build a learning center for special education students with high needs.

The project was delayed in 2020 by the start of the pandemic and was thought to be

back on track earlier this year. However, unexpected issues in securing financing for its portion caused the cooperative to leave the project to look for other alternatives.

“We’ll continue to look into our Middle School needs,” Holm said, along with possibilities for the district building the gym and classrooms on its own.

The board heard a presentation from the Kandiyohi County and city of Willmar Economic Development Commission about a tax abatement for improvements at three more buildings

at the MinnWest Technology Campus.

The abatement, which would forgive taxes on the improvements made to the buildings, would be expected to cost the district a total of \$52,000 to \$73,000 over 10 years. The money would be made up on the property tax levy.

A public hearing is planned for the Sept. 12 board meeting.

In other business, the board accepted a total of \$54,315 in donations, including \$40,000 for the Child Guide program from the Otto Bremer Foundation.

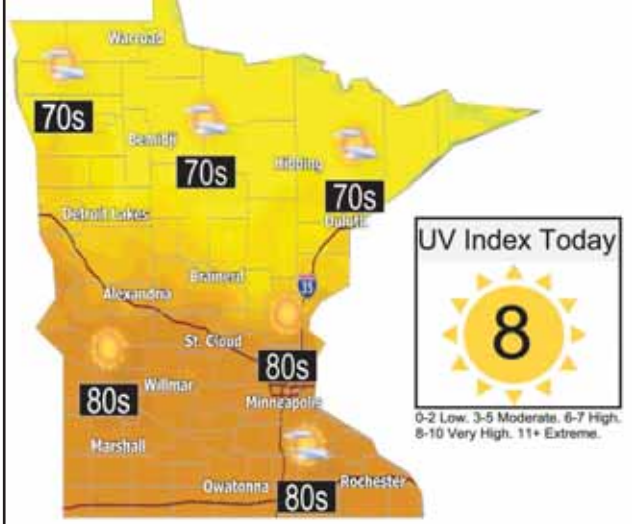


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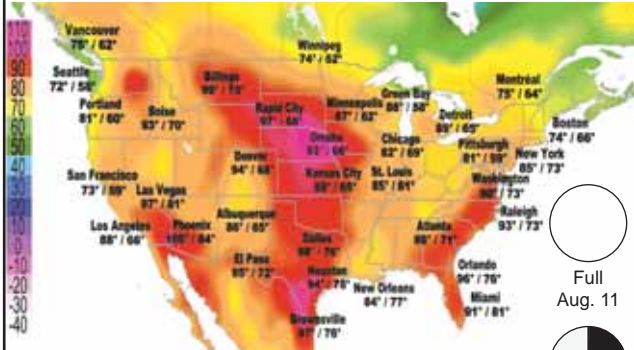
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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Wind: NE 7 mph	Wind: E 8 mph	Wind: E 9 mph	Wind: NE 8 mph

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Eau Claire, WI	Hi 87 Lo 57	Hi 81 Lo 56	Rochester, MN	Hi 85 Lo 61	Hi 77 Lo 59
Fargo, ND	Hi 80 Lo 62	Hi 77 Lo 63	Sioux Falls, SD	Hi 92 Lo 67	Hi 85 Lo 68
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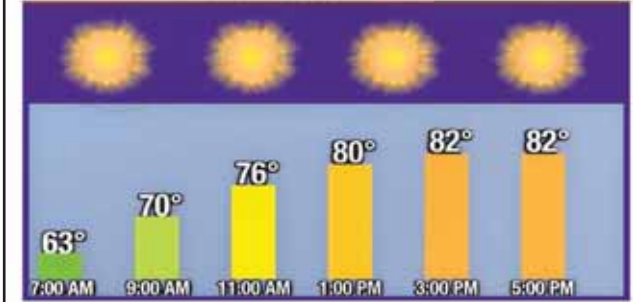


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Moonrise: 8:20 p.m. Moonset: 5:15 a.m. Aug. 11



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Lottery results

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Mega ball: 13
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Defendant who refused to attend trial to serve 98 months

By Tom Chervey
West Central Tribune

MONTEVIDEO — A defendant who chose not to attend his own trial was sentenced to 98 months in prison for a conviction of first-degree aggravated drug sale in Chippewa County.

Brandon Stuart Moore, 51, of Waite Park, Minnesota, was sentenced Monday via Zoom from the Chippewa County District Court in Montevideo. He has been held in the Minnesota Correctional Facility in St. Cloud since his conviction in late June.

A Chippewa County jury had returned guilty verdicts on felony



Moore

charges of first-degree aggravated drug sale, first-degree aggravated drug possession, and ineligible possession of a firearm after a one-day trial on June 23.

Christopher Reisdorfer, Chippewa County assistant attorney who prosecuted the case, told the West Central Tribune in June that the jury deliberated for around 20 minutes before returning the verdicts. The conviction for drug sale is based on the large quantity of methamphetamine and cash that were in Moore's possession at the time of arrest.

Moore had refused to attend his trial. District Judge Thomas Van Hon issued an order prior to the trial that he would not place Moore in a restraint chair and would not compel his attendance at the trial.

Following the trial, the judge issued an order allowing Moore to be transferred from the Chippewa County Jail to the custody of the state Commissioner of Corrections while awaiting sentencing. It also allowed for the sentencing to be held via Zoom.

The court pronounced no sentence on Moore's convictions for first-degree drug possession and ineligible possession of a firearm. He was given credit for 196 days already served.

Under Minnesota law, offenders are required to serve at least two-thirds of a sentence in custody and may be allowed to serve the remaining time on supervised release. The Minnesota Department of Corrections website lists an expected release date of July 6, 2027.

Moore was arrested in Granite Falls during a traffic stop on Jan. 24, 2022. At the time of his arrest, he told officers that they needed to "leave him alone."

A few days later, he filed a 10-page "Affidavit of Truth" with the district court claiming to be a "natural, freeborn Sovereign, without subjects."

In an introductory paragraph, he stated, "I am neither subject to any entity anywhere, nor is any entity subject to me. I neither dominate anyone, nor am I dominated."

According to the criminal complaint, Moore was driving on U.S. Highway 212 just east of the Granite Falls city limits shortly before midnight on Jan. 24. A Chippewa County sheriff's deputy and Granite Falls police

officer were in their stationary squad vehicles when the police officer saw that the vehicle had expired plates. The officer used his lights to initiate a traffic stop.

Moore continued to drive out of town, followed by the officers in their vehicles. The 2.7-mile pursuit ended when Moore stopped his vehicle at the road entrance to the Granite Falls Energy plant.

Officers reported a strong smell of marijuana from Moore's vehicle as they approached it. They "coached" him out of his vehicle and handcuffed him after hearing his comments that he was not a threat and should be left alone, according to the complaint.

A search of his vehicle led to the seizure of approximately one

pound (453 grams) of methamphetamine, 3.8 grams of marijuana, a black Walther Creed 9 mm handgun with one round in the chamber, \$3,400 in cash in rubber bands in the arm center console, and \$127 cash in Moore's wallet on the front seat.

The defendant was transported to the Yellow Medicine County Jail in Granite Falls and identified by fingerprints to be Brandon Stuart Moore.

Court records indicate that Moore has a criminal history dating to 1992 in Minnesota for convictions on charges of drug possession, fifth-degree assault, misdemeanor domestic assault, criminal damage to property and carrying a handgun without a permit.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Kiwanis Touch-A-Life Award

WILLMAR — The Willmar Kiwanis Club is accepting nominations for the 2022 Touch-A-Life Award. The club has recognized a citizen of Kandiyohi County who has an outstanding record of volunteering service to the community each year since 1978.

Typically, the award winner has provided ongoing volunteer service to the community, his or her church, school system, local government or other organizations or programs. The first awardee was Bev Rosenbaum and the most recent three were Dennis Benson, Earl Knutson and Vickie Vogt.

Nomination forms as well as the history of the award are available from Kiwanis President Trey Allis at treyallis20@yahoo.com or willmarkiwanis@gmail.com or online at www.willmarkiwanis.wordpress.com. Nomination deadline is Aug. 31.

Clara City Lions

CLARA CITY — The Clara City Lions Club will have a brats stand from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at Almich's Market in Clara City. Menu may vary between hamburgers, brats and hotdogs, chips and water. Freewill donation.

Dave Miller

ATWATER — A benefit for Dave Miller and his family will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Atwater Community Center. Miller was in a motorcycle accident caused by a medical emergency. He was still in the hospital when his wife's grandmother, Bessie Klose, died from a heart attack. As her final gift to them, the family has decided to put her last baked items on the silent auction to help with Miller's medical expenses. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. for a freewill donation; street dance with Steer Clear performing from 8 to 11:30 p.m., tickets are \$5; silent auction from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with many items

along with Bessie's baking.

Norway Lake Bobbers

WILLMAR — The Norway Lake Bobbers Cancer team will be operating the Cash Wise Brat Stand from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 26-27 in Willmar. All proceeds will go to the Carris Health Foundation for community cancer support for patients with cancer.

Murphy family

WILLMAR — A carnival and silent auction for the Daren and Whitney Murphy family will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 27 at Rice Park in Willmar. The Murphys completed state-approved paperwork to adopt infants in the U.S. and were saving to pay for an adoption in the future. An expectant mother in Pennsylvania saw their story and chose them. Because it is an out-of-state adoption, the costs have increased and time is short. There will be family friendly games, face painting, splash pad and cotton candy and popcorn for

a freewill donation. An online fundraiser can be found at gofundme.com/f/help-them-bring-baby-home.

Charity golf events

Charity golf events in the area are listed here, including event details, golf course, start time, type of golf, cost and number to call to register.

Project Turnabout: The 30th annual Caring and Sharing scramble will be Sept. 16 at Granite Run Golf Course. The nine-hole scramble will start with a burger feed and all the fixings at 11 a.m. Cost is \$75 per person plus cart fee, go to eventbrite.com and search "Granite Falls" under the "Popular in" section.

Free paper shredding

WILLMAR — The annual paper shredding event will be from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at Kensington Bank, 2800 First St. S. in Willmar. The cost to have documents shredded

is a donation to the Willmar Area Food Shelf.

Kandiyohi County Food Shelf

WILLMAR — The Kandiyohi County Food Shelf helps people living in Kandiyohi County who are in need of food assistance. It is located at 624 Pacific Ave. SW in Willmar.

Curbside pickup: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the stop sign at the front door and call 320-235-2641.

In-person pickup: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Park across the street or in the parking lot and bring your own bags/boxes.

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Grove City: Windmill Days, Aug. 19-21, go online for more information at grovecitymn.com/grove-city-windmill-days

Raymond: Harvest Fest, Aug. 26-28, go online for more information at www.facebook.com/Raymond125thYear

County Fairs

Kandiyohi County: Aug. 10-13, Willmar, www.kandifair.com

Renville County: Aug. 10-12, Bird Island, renvillecountyfair.org

Swift County: Aug. 17-21, Appleton, swiftcountyfair.org

Youth and Family

Little Crow Water Ski Shows: No show this week while team is at Nationals in Rockport, Illinois.

New London Antique Car Run: Aug. 10-13, 36th annual New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. Country tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday leave from New London each day. The 120-mile trek on Saturday, patterned after the British Veteran Car Run from London to Brighton, England, features cars from 1915 and earlier. The finish line is in Long Lake Regional Park in New Brighton.

Summer Movies in the Park: Aug. 19, 8 p.m., Baker Field at Bill Taunton Stadium. Willmar Parks and Recreation presents free movie night featuring “Angels in the Outfield.”

Forest City Stockade Rendezvous: Aug. 20-21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$5, ages 12 and under free; pioneer crafts, food and more at the site six miles northeast of Litchfield.

Summer Vacation Kids Movies: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Golden Ticket Cinemas, Uptown Willmar, \$1 movie, \$5 combo of movie, popcorn and drink. The final summer movie is “The Lego Batman Movie” on Aug. 10.

Physical activities

Robbins Island: Destination Playground; 18-hole disc golf course starts north of playground; North Business Highway 71, Willmar.

Rice Park: Splash pad and changing rooms, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, 805 Third St. S.W. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Dorothy Olson Aquatic Center: Open noon to 7 p.m. daily at 1601 22nd St. S.W., Willmar. Cost is \$3 per person including observers. Season passes and 10-visit punch card passes available. Lap swimming is 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Grind Central Skate Park: Open during daylight hours, Swansson Fields; southwest Willmar.

Archery Park: Open during daylight hours, located on 19th Avenue Southeast across from Walmart. Seven shooting lanes ranging from 10 to 70 yards. For all ages but children under 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Willmar Public Library

WILLMAR — The Willmar Library is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The website is www.willmarpubliclibrary.org.

org. Call 320-235-3162. Curbside pickup remains available during regular hours. Programs are in person in the library. The WiFi can be accessed 24/7 from a parked car in the lot behind the library or in front of the building using your library card or through Overdrive.

Summer reading: June 6-Aug. 31. Participate in one of our summer reading programs for children, teens, and adults.

Read Down Your Fines: June 1-Aug. 31, ages 0-18. Got fines? Read them away — 15 minutes of reading equals \$1 off your account. Read up to \$20 off your account. Some restrictions apply.

Little People storytime: Every Wednesday, 10 a.m., ages 0-3, no registration required.

Teen hangout: Aug. 10, 5:30 p.m., ages 12-18, no registration required. Enjoy video games, arts and crafts, board and card games, snacks and beverages.

Seed harvesting: Aug. 11, 5 p.m., no registration required. Unsure how to harvest seeds at the end of the season? Come to our program in partnership with the Master Gardeners.

Teen Gaming Club: Aug. 12, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., ages 12-18, no registration required. Play games on the Xbox One or board and card games. Some games are rated 13+

Master Gardener Table Topics: Aug. 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ask a Master Gardener questions. August theme is tomatoes and garden pests.

Adult game night: Aug. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. Invite your friends to play some of the library’s games or bring a favorite from home. Everyone 16 and over are welcome. No cost and no registration. Refreshments provided.

Words on Paper: Aug. 17, 3 p.m., no registration required. Books that shaped and reflected America 1950-70 presented by Minnesota author Forrest Peterson. Copies of his books will be available to purchase at the event.

Teen movie: Aug. 17, 5:30 p.m., ages 12-18,



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The inside of a 1911 Ford is shown in this undated file photo from a past running of the New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run. This year’s event is Aug. 10-13.

no registration required, popcorn and refreshments provided.

Adult Book Club: Aug. 18, noon, “The Streeel” by Mary Logue. Book discussion upstairs at the library. New members are always welcome.

Adult movie matinee: Aug. 19, 2 p.m., no cost or registration, “The Lost City,” refreshments provided.

Pajama-rama storytime: Aug. 23, 6:30 p.m. Come in your pajamas, bring a blanket and listen to stories. Milk and cookies afterward before you head home to bed.

Little Art session: Aug. 24, 3 to 6 p.m., free. Create art to be on display in our community art galleries.

Teen Book Club: Aug. 26, 4 p.m., club discussion of this month’s book in the multipurpose room, no registration necessary, snacks and beverages provided.

Spider-Man escape room: Aug. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., all ages. Can you escape from Oscorp in time to help Spider-Man save the city? Played in a group of two to four, those 12 and under need at least one adult present. Register in advance on the library website for a set block of time.

Health series: Aug. 31, 1 p.m. Hear for the Health of It! A presentation on age-related hearing loss from the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Advance registration

requested at the library or online at forms.gle/2jkWgSxgVuFG1dXb6.

Nailed It! challenge: Aug. 1-20, all ages. Can you nail this mystery dessert challenge? Register for a Nailed It! kit on the library website, one kit per person. Photo submissions must be turned in by Aug. 20.

Teen take-and-make: Aug. 1 opened for watermelon fan and Aug. 15 opens for ice cream key chain. For ages 12-18, limit one per person as supplies are limited. Sign up on the library website.

Adult make-and-take: Crafts are posted on the website as they are available. Aug. 1 opened for watermelon fan and Aug. 15 opens for origami fruit bookmark corners. For ages 18 and over. Limit one per person as supplies are limited. Sign up on the library website.

Teen lit loot: Sign up and you will receive a library book based on your interests and a bag of goodies to go with it. One per month and will need to re-register each month. August’s theme is kawaii.

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WILLMAR — The Willmar Community Center has several events set. All events are free unless noted. The phone number is 320-262-5288. For reservations, call or go online at willmarparks-rec.com.

Willmar Area Senior Citizens Club: Aug. 10, 2 p.m., freewill donation, music by Terry Shaw.

Friday afternoon of dancing: Aug. 12, 1 to 4 p.m., music by Leroy & Jerry; \$7 dancers, \$2 listeners.

Kandiyohi County Fair park and ride: Aug. 10-11, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., park at the Willmar Community Center and ride to the fair on the free shuttle.

Little Art Gallery session: Aug. 12, 3 to 5 p.m., free. Create art to be on display in our community art galleries.

Spotlight Theatre: Aug. 16, 3:46 p.m., production of Snow White by local youth, free will donation. To participate in the production, see the Showcase section in today’s paper.

Coffee with the cops: Aug. 18, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Come have coffee with our local police officers, ask questions or just come support our local law

enforcement officers.

Cooking with Riley — shrimp boil: Aug. 20, 2 p.m., \$30. Enjoy making a mess in this one-pot meal enjoyed in the Deep South. It includes baby potatoes; fresh, sweet summer corn; and shrimp. We’ll top everything off with herbs, spices and a delicious lemon garlic butter and make Mint Cucumber Lemonade. This month we are offering a BOGO option, bring your friend.

Senior Citizen Day luncheon: Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy a lunch of hot dog, chips, cookie and beverage for being an awesome senior in our community. Free for those 55 and older, while supplies last.

Garden bingo: Aug. 23, 2:30 p.m., \$3 per person. An afternoon of bingo with a variety of local grown produce for the prizes.

Court whist tournament: Aug. 25, 12:30 p.m., advance registration required, \$2 entry fee.

Community Book Club: Aug. 29, 3:30 p.m., free. Join for a discussion of “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt.

Weekly events: Chess club, Yahtzee, Farkle, Hand & Foot cards, puzzle exchange, exercise classes and open woodshop, contact Community Center for details and prices.

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NEWSFACE: I am a Democratic senator from Arizona. Last week, I agreed to support the Biden administration’s Inflation Reduction Act after Democratic leaders made several changes to the legislation. With my support, Democrats were able to pass the act in the Senate on Sunday, August 7th. Who am I?

- Best-selling author ...?. testified as a Justice Department witness during the Penguin Random House and Simon & Schuster antitrust trial.
- A ceasefire brokered by the country of ...?. ended three days of Israeli bombing attacks on Gaza that killed at least 44 Palestinians, 15 of them children.
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NEWSPLACE: A recent study from NASA found that an underwater volcanic explosion off the coast of this Polynesian island nation could temporarily affect the global average temperature. Scientists say the eruption has increased chemical reactions in the atmosphere and could do damage to the ozone layer. Name this country.

- A museum in London recently agreed to return more than 70 pieces of art looted from ...?. in the 19th century.
- Vin Scully, the legendary baseball broadcaster who called games for the Brooklyn and L.A. ...?., died recently at the age of 94.
- In the lead-up to national elections in Kenya, social media giant ...?. was accused of approving hate speech ads promoting ethnic violence.
- Viktor Orbán, the prime minister of ...?., spoke at this year’s CPAC convention in Dallas, Texas.
- InfoWars Host Alex Jones was ordered to pay \$45.2 million in damages to family members who lost children in the shooting that took place at ...?. Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

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Minn. company aims to bring little e-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



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, Minn. 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.

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 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 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



Skahen holds an electric motor used to power the company's electric vehicles. In addition to the imported vehicles, Skahen also hopes to offer conversion kits for Volkswagen Beetles using the same technology.

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.

Also, 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."

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Hit TV series features Minn.-made saw

Tuff Camp Saw now among top-selling products at Spring Creek Manufacturing

By Brielle Bredsten
Duluth News Tribune

MOUNTAIN IRON, Minnesota — As a manufacturer, seeing your company’s product featured on your favorite television series is a true “made it” moment. At least that’s what it felt like for Spring Creek Manufacturing owners, CEO Tom Segal and President Grant Segal.

Spring Creek Manufacturing, based in Mountain Iron, was founded in 1985 by Ted Newberg, a science teacher with a passion for the outdoors. During Newberg’s quest to find better ways to carry, haul, portage or propel his canoes came the design and launch of Spring Creek Manufacturing’s first product, the canoe seat/yoke. The product line continued to expand through innovative ideas from its customers.

“Being an outdoors family, we have always trusted and used Spring Creek Manufacturing equipment and gear. I had an idea for the ultimate camping saw that combined all the best features from others on the market, one that we could backpack and take up into the woods. We sought a local manufacturing company that would have the capacity to do it,” Grant said.

After inquiring about a prototype with Spring Creek Manufacturing, the Segals learned that Newbergs were interested in selling their company. Grant had just finished business school, and Tom has owned Duluth



Above: Tom Segal, left, and Grant Segal hold Tuff Camp Saws on Friday at Spring Creek Manufacturing in Mountain Iron. **Below:** Every fifth tooth on the blade of a Tuff Camp Saw is called a “raker.”



Pack for nearly 15 years. Duluth Pack was founded in 1882 and is the oldest canvas-and-leather bag and pack manufacturer in the country.

On July 1, 2017, Tom and Grant purchased Spring Creek Manufacturing. Their idea became reality when the Tuff Camp Saw launched in spring

2018. It is now among the top-selling outdoor-focused products at Spring Creek Manufacturing. The lightweight aluminum saw is just under 2 pounds and offers a compact design that folds for easy transport and assembly.

Cut out for survival

The History Channel’s hit survival series “Alone” features 10 participants, each equipped with 10 items of their choosing. Season 9 survivalists were dropped into a remote wilderness valley in Labrador, Canada. While documenting their experiences with no

camera crews, each participant must survive in total isolation — enduring hunger, loneliness, wild predators and the elements. The final contestant to outlast the others will claim the \$500,000 prize.

The Segals said they were surprised and humbled to see “Alone” contestant Juan Pablo pull the 30-inch Tuff Camp Saw from a Duluth Pack case as one of his 10 chosen survival items. The saw was also featured on the show during the Season 9, Episode 8 that aired July 14, titled “Gut Feeling.”

“I would describe ‘Alone’ as the Olympics of bushcraft and outdoor survival,” Grant said. “We are beyond thrilled that a contestant chose one of our high-quality items to be used in real survival situations and on such a well-respected show. It is validation for us and speaks to the quality of the camp saw and the overall spectrum of other products in our line. Its durability was put to the test and had the utmost confidence by an expert on the show.”

According to Grant, the Tuff Camp Saw is survival worthy because it protects calories through minimum energy output with the maximum amount of stroke.

Spring Creek Manufacturing is continually conducting research, developing and prototyping to test new products and accessories. Many of the products are expansions of the canoe and kayak stabilizers from which the manufacturer originated. The company is working to meet the needs of the industrial truck and vehicle rack industry, Grant said.

“As manufacturers, we are always thinking forward. Customers are the smartest people we know. Being involved in a show that involves adventure is an ideal fit for our products and brand,” said Tom. “Having this opportunity is something we greatly cherish and are incredibly excited about not only as a company but for the local community.”



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Governor’s Fishing Opener headed to southern Minnesota in 2023

By Dana Ferguson
West Central Tribune

ST. Paul — Gov. Tim Walz on Monday, Aug. 8, announced that the 2023 Fishing Opener was set to take place in Mankato for the first time in the event’s history.

The governor traveled to south-central Minnesota to make the announcement Monday. And he said the state chose Mankato to host the event to highlight the Minnesota River Valley region, including several prime spots for anglers.

“I am incredibly excited to bring the longtime tradition of the Governor’s Fishing Opener to Southern Minnesota and my hometown of Mankato,” Walz said. “This region is home to an extraordinary diversity of fishing opportunities on over 100 lakes and rivers. I look forward to celebrating the unique tourism and outdoor opportunities that the region has to offer.”

Southern Minnesota has played host to the opener just five times since the annual event got

its start in 1948. Mankato is set to welcome anglers to the kick-off to summer tourism event May 12 and 13 of next year.

Tourism leaders in the area said that the community was “thrilled” to be picked to host the event in 2023.

“This key event for our state will put a spotlight on the variety of fishing and outdoor recreational assets throughout the Greater Mankato Region,” said Jessica Beyer, President & CEO of Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. and Visit Mankato.

The annual fishing opener is expected to look more traditional in 2023 than it has in recent years after the state took a “hybrid approach” to the event earlier this year, holding events and news conferences at several locations.

Walz canceled the event in 2020, due to COVID-19 and Otter Tail County hosted a smaller get-together in 2021.

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A passel of boats ply the St. Louis River Estuary for the 2018 Minnesota fishing opener.



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WE Fest attendees raise their glasses for the camera Saturday after Tanya Tucker’s set.

WE Fest attendance up despite weather

By Vicki Gerdes
Detroit Lakes Tribune

DETROIT LAKES — WE Fest is turning 40 next year, and organizers are already gearing up for a larger-than-life celebration of the milestone on Aug. 3-5, 2023.

“I think people will be extremely pleased with the lineup,” said WE Fest General Manager Mark Bjerke on Monday, adding that an official announcement of the full lineup will be coming sometime in October.

“We’ve been listening to the talk on social media, and I think we’ve put together a show people will be really proud to be a part of for our 40th anniversary.”

Though they didn’t announce any of the 2023 headliners during this year’s show, Bjerke said, it wasn’t because they

didn’t know who was coming. “We were ready to make an announcement, but it was part of the agreement with the artist that we don’t announce them until we announce the rest of the lineup.”

That announcement will be coming sometime in October, Bjerke said, which is when most of the tickets will be going on sale — though those who purchased seats at this year’s festival are already able to renew them for 2023.

Speaking of this year’s festival, he said it went “very well.”

“There’s always two festivals — the one the customers and patrons see, and the one that all of us putting it on see,” he said.

Behind the scenes, there was a bit of a tick-



A couple dances Saturday to the music of Ian Munsick at WE Fest.

eting problem, but it was resolved by the time the festival started, he added.

“People got their tickets late, but everybody got in to see the concerts,” he said. “It just took a little longer in some cases.”

Her set was equally engaging, with songs from her teenage years like “San Antonio Stroll” — where she and her bandmates did an

impromptu kick line at the end — interspersed with more recent hits like “Some Kind of Trouble” and “Ridin’ Out the Heartache.”

On her final song, 1972’s “Delta Dawn,” she invited the crowd to sing along, and they did.

Riley Green and headliner Luke Bryan rounded out the final day of the festival.



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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 chal-

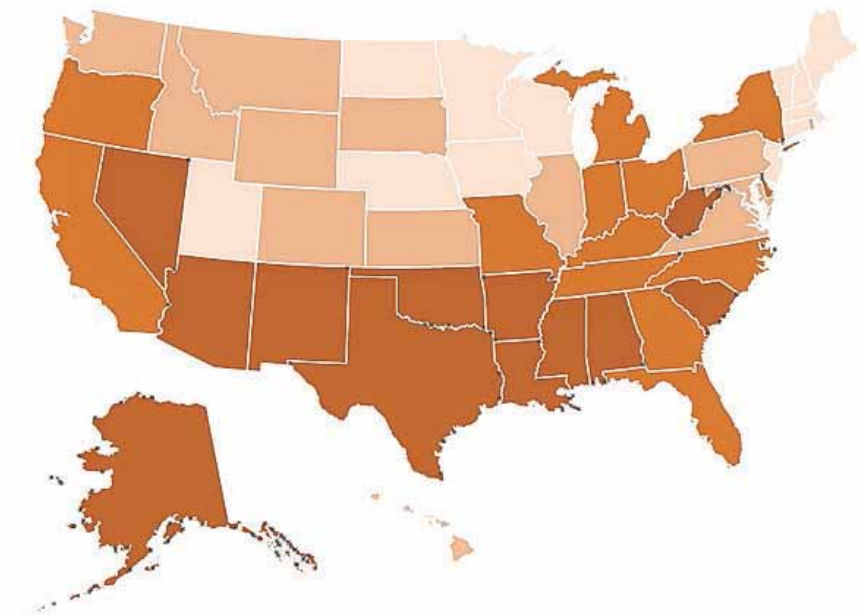
lenges children are facing as a “mental health pandemic.”

“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.”

The report uses national and state data across four domains — economic well-being, family and community, education and health — and ranks states in overall child well-being. The report includes pre-pandemic figures as well as more recent statistics.

The report describes the toll the pandemic and its associated stresses have taken on children. The share of children struggling to make it through the day rose nearly 26% in the first year of the pandemic — from 9.4% (5.8 million kids) in 2016 to 11.8% (7.3 million kids)

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



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in 2020.

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

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 recommenda-

tions 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.

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10am-3pm Candy and Snack Fundraiser
11am-3pm Henna Tattoo
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Shirley B. Van Kley (Van Der Pol)

John 1:12 - Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.



Shirley Beatrice Van Kley (Van Der Pol), age 85 of Peoria, IL, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on August 3, 2022.

A service for Shirley Van Kley will take place on Saturday, August 13, at 11:00 A.M. at the First Christian Reformed Church of Prinsburg, Minnesota. The community is invited to an open house visitation from 5-7 P.M. at the church on Friday evening and one hour prior to the service. Interment will immediately follow the service at Holland Township Cemetery. With her love and dedication to Christian Education the family requests any memorials be made to the Christian school of your preference. Arrangements are with the Tri-County Funeral Home of Prinsburg. www.tricountyfuneral.com

Shirley was born on August 18, 1936, to John and Violet (Marcus) Van Der Pol in Kandiyohi County, MN. She grew up on a farm northwest of Raymond, MN and east of State Highway 23, the oldest of 6 brothers and 1 sister. She would talk about life on the farm, 4-H and her job at the Piggly Wiggly in Wilmar, MN. While her hair turned a nice shade of gray later in her life, her high school yearbook highlighted her “shining brown hair”

Shirley graduated from Wilmar High School in 1954. She went on to Calvin College for her teaching degree. Christian education was a focus of her life with almost 30 years at Lansing (IL) Christian school teaching primarily 3rd or 4th grade. Before settling in that area, she also worked in Rehoboth, NM and taught at Peoria, IA Christian schools.

She was most recently a member of Providence Presbyterian Church in West Columbia, SC and had strong ties to her prior churches including 1st Lansing Christian Reformed and 1st CRC of Prinsburg. She was active in various groups at the churches she attended.

Shirley often took the time to write letters and cards and maintained friendships with people in the areas she lived: central MN; Grand Rapids, MI; Pella, IA; Lansing and Crete, IL; and W Columbia SC. She enjoyed traveling, especially bus trips and made it to all 50 U.S. states. She also liked to read being a member of the high school library club and continued to read and comment on the Banner magazine until her passing. She had a wry wit and even a few days before her passing cracked a joke about someone being “maybe abducted by aliens” when another asked where that person was.

Shirley is survived by her son Tom of Peoria, IL with his family Carmen (Pete) Moran and Ashley (Joel) Anker both of Dyer, IN, and Michael; her daughter Kris (Jon) Teeter of West Columbia, SC and their kids Charlotte and Rivers; and her siblings Gary Van Der Pol of Atwater, Duaine Van Der Pol of Montevideo, Leon Van Der Pol of Minneapolis, Debra Van Der Pol of Hastings and Randall Van Der Pol of Prinsburg. She had 4 great-grandchildren (Nathan, Reese, Eli and Remi) and even recently her face would light up when holding the newborns.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Alden and Jeryl Van Der Pol. Shirley was a devout Christian and loved the Lord. She is now in heaven with those who preceded her.

Ralph Olson

Ralph William Olson was born March 1, 1929. He died August 6, 2022, having reached the age of 93 years, 5 months, and 5 days.

Ralph was born to Martin and Martha (Maltzahn) Olson, the youngest of seven children. It was snowing the day Ralph was born, so his brother, Gerald, and father hitched up a team of horses with a sleighbox to pick up the doctor, who couldn't access the road leading to their farm on the north shore of Lake Wakanda in rural Kandiyohi County. Ralph's mother said Ralph was the only good thing to happen in 1929, the year the Depression began. Ralph's family was kicked off the farm when he was five years old.

Music was very important to Ralph and his family. Beginning when he was six, Ralph sang on the radio with his sisters, Margaret and Jean, “The Olson Trio,” every Sunday during service for ten years. Thereafter, Ralph participated in church choirs.

Ralph joined the Kandi-yo-hi-lo barbershop chorus (later known as The West Central Connection) in 1961 and sang tenor in a number of quartets. He sang lead in The Fresh Approach quartet which won a division award for novice quartet. By special invitation, The West Central Connection traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to compete on the international stage.

At 14 years old, Ralph began working after school at Red & White's grocery store, candling eggs, stocking shelves, and sacking potatoes. Despite not having a driver's license, he delivered groceries, sitting atop a peach crate in order to reach the pedals. His service to his fellowmen actually began then, as he brought special boxes his boss filled with scarce items to the mothers who had lost a son in the war.

In 1950, Ralph enlisted in the Army and sent to Fort Rucker, Alabama. He was a Sargent First Class in Company C, and then promoted to Master Sargent. Ralph was relocated to Fort Belvor, Virginia, and attended leadership school and combat construction foreman school. He was released from service in 1952 but continued to serve for five years as Master Sargent with the National Guard in Willmar.

Ralph married his high school classmate, Evelyn Grace Aronson, on April 13, 1951, at Fort Rucker. Their eldest child, Terrence, was born in Enterprise, Alabama. Son Robin, and daughters Cathy and Caroline were born in Willmar.

Ralph began work at Peterson's Shoes in 1949 and returned after his Army service. He bought the business in 1984 and sold it to his son, Robin, in 1999. He returned to work in 2007 but put down his shoe horn for good in 2014 due to health issues.

Ralph was proud of the work he did in 1982 for DRAC, a city government initiative that entailed redoing the utilities of 13 square blocks of the central business district of downtown Willmar. Ralph was very proud of Willmar and being a business owner.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and children: Terry (Meg), of Richardson, TX, Robin, of Willmar, Cathy, of Willmar, and Caroline (Lou Cucco) of Orlando, FL; grandchildren Christopher and Jackson Muldrow, and Joshua Husby; his sister-in-law, Irene Gaarder and son, Michael, of Pacifica, Washington; niece Pamela Orozco of Casper, WY; several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, siblings and their spouses, Leon (Eleanor), Floyd (Greta), Gerald (Delores), Donald (Darlene), Margaret (Richard) and Jean (Donald) as well as his brothers-in-law Gary Gaarder and Ed (Evelyn) Aronson; daughter-in-law Joan Lucas Olson, son-in-law Bill Bannon; nephew Alan Olson, and niece Mari Rothman.

Ralph was a longtime member of Calvary Lutheran Church. It was his wish to not have a funeral but a private family committal service with military honors.

Blessed be his memory.



VERNE L. STRANDJORD

Verne Strandjord, our beloved father, grandfather, passed away in Belle Plaine July 10th at the age of 86. Verne is survived by his 3 sons, Cary, Mark (Kathryn) and Lee (Renee). He has 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren



Verne was born April 7th, 1936 to Leonard and Wilma Strandjord on a farm located near Sacred Heart, MN. He attended Sacred Heart High School where he met Nona Meyer. They were married in the summer of 1953 and moved to Clarkston Washington where then two sons, Cary and Mark, were born. Three years later they returned to Minnesota. Verne rented a 160 acre farm. Here their youngest son Lee was born. Eventually this family of 5 moved to St Paul Minnesota where Verne attended the University of Minnesota getting a 4 year bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences in just 2 1/2 years. He took a “field man” position with Green Giant and would eventually ascend to Vice President of Seasonal Operations, Green Giant Group, Pillsbury.

His many successes he always attributed to his team. When praise was handed out, he was always last in line. He retired at age 54, then traveled the world with his wife Nona. What Verne prized most was his family. He was an iconic figure to them, a honest man who set the bar high for himself. He led an exemplary life. His quests were filled with adventure and personal challenges. Years later he had one last lesson to teach his family when his beloved wife of 62 years, Nona, passed away. He taught his family how to deal with extreme grief with dignity and grace. He will be missed, but remembered with a collective smile. Verne would say he was just an ordinary man, but his list of remarkable achievements would say otherwise.

His family has scheduled two life celebrations.

The first will be August 20th from 1 to 4 pm at the American Legion Park Pavilion in Le Sueur, MN. Address: 155 South Park Lane, Le Sueur

The second life celebration will be held on the Opdal Church grounds located a few miles south of Sacred Heart. This celebration will be August 27th from 1 to 5 pm. Address: from US 212, take County Road 12 just east of Sacred Heart to 770th Avenue then turn left to Opdal Church. There will be many activities setup outside for children.

There will be a short burial service at 11:30 am at the Our Saviors Lutheran Cemetery in Sacred Heart on the same day, August 27th. www.koldenfuneralhome.com

Michele Sackett

Aug. 24, 1966 - Aug. 4, 2022

GROVE CITY, Minn. - Michele Sackett, 55, Grove City, Minn., died Thursday, Aug. 4, in Grove City.

A private family service will be at a later date. Interment will be in First Lutheran Cemetery in Grove City.

Arrangements by Johnson-Hagglund Funeral and Cremation Service.

Caroline “Carol” Barchenger

July 2, 1933 - Aug. 4, 2022

RENVILLE, Minn. - Caroline “Carol” Barchenger, 89, Olivia, Minn., died Thursday, Aug. 4, in RenVilla Healthcare Center.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Dirks-Blem Funeral Home in Olivia. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 11, at Living Word Church in Redwood Falls, Minn. Pastor Nathan Belkstrom will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Grove Lake Cemetery near Brooten, Minn.

Arrangements by Dirks-Blem Funeral Service.

Lorraine “Dolly” Wosmek

Lorraine “Dolly” S. Wosmek, age 101, of Willmar, passed away Friday evening, Aug. 5, at Bethesda Grand Care Center in Willmar.



Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Bethel Lutheran Church. Interment will be at Cloverleaf Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Arrangements are entrusted to the Peterson Brothers Funeral Home. www.petersonbrothers.com

Dolly was born May 24, 1921 in Cosmos, Minnesota, the daughter of Alfred and Jennie (Jacobson) Olson. She was baptized, confirmed, and completed her education in Cosmos. Dolly was married to Joseph Wosmek in 1945. They made their home up-north in McGregor, Minnesota before later moving back to the area, having lived in Atwater and Lake Lillian. They were blessed with two children, Ruth and Donald, before later divorcing.

Dolly, ever the social individual, loved hosting get-togethers, serving coffee at church, and shopping at every chance she got. Well into her 90's, she was known to be still driving her Dodge Dakota pick-up truck and painting her walls.

Dolly was survived by her son, Donald; four grandchildren, Patricia Laidig of Willmar, Mary (and Roger) Barnes of Willmar, Jeff (and Christine) Wosmek of Brooten, Jared (and Beth) Wosmek of Willmar; and one great-granddaughter, Sarah (and Aaron) Callstrom of Kenyon; along with nieces and nephews, Jenith, Maynard, Melvin, Harlan and Joyce.

Dolly was proceeded in death by thirteen siblings and her daughter, Ruth Carruthers.

Idella A. Underland

Idella A. Underland, age 85, of Willmar, passed away Sunday, August 9, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13, at the First Reformed Church in Willmar. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are entrusted to the Peterson Brothers Funeral Home. www.petersonbrothers.com

Idella Ann Underland was born on May 30, 1937, in Erickson Township, Renville County, Minnesota, the daughter of Ike and Annie (Stomberg) Freiborg. She grew up in the rural Renville community, was baptized and confirmed at the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, attended District #88 country school and graduated from Renville High School in 1955. She earned her nursing certification in Willmar in 1958. On March 5, 1960, Idella was united in marriage to Ivan Underland and they made their home in Willmar. Idella worked as a LPN at the Christian Nursing Home in Willmar for many years. She was a member of the First Reformed Church and was active in various church activity groups. Her hobbies included flowers, gardening, baking, needlework, playing cards and hunting for asparagus. She enjoyed spending time with all her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ivan; three children, Timothy (and Donna) Underland of Spicer, Lynette (and John) Caldwell of Blaine and Steve Underland of Willmar; three grandchildren, Kent (and Kelcie) Underland, Cameron Caldwell and Bailey Caldwell; five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Charlotte, Benjamin, Cooper and Bodie. Also surviving are two sisters, Inez (and Arnie) Underland of Renville and Janet (and Larry) Agre of Brandon, SD.; and three sisters-in-law, Harriet Freiborg of Renville, Junith Freiborg of Renville and Millie (and John) Meyer of Raymond, besides other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Kristy Underland; three brothers, Boyd, Henry and Louie; and her parents.



James “Jim” Goehring

Jan. 22, 1949 - Aug. 6, 2022

GLENWOOD, Minn. - James “Jim” Goehring, 73, Glenwood, Minn., died Saturday, Aug. 6, in his home.


Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Glenwood Lutheran Church. The service will be livestreamed on the church's website. Inurnment will be in the church cemetery.

Arrangements by Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral Home.

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OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Harley C. Johnson

 Harley C. Johnson, age 97, of New London, passed away Friday morning, Aug. 5, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Peace Lutheran Church in New London. Interment will be at Riverside Lutheran Cemetery near Foley. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at Peterson Brothers Funeral Home in Willmar and will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday. Arrangements are entrusted to the Peterson Brothers Funeral Home. www.petersonbrothers.com



Harley Clayne Johnson was born on July 18, 1925, in Willmar, Minnesota, the son of John and Elsa (Puttbrese) Johnson. He grew up in Badger, Minnesota and graduated from Badger High School in 1944. From Jan. 1, 1945, to Nov. 23, 1946, he served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II. Following his honorable discharge from the military, Harley attended business school in Minneapolis. On August 8, 1953, Harley was united in marriage to Verna M. Danielson. He worked for over 22 years at the Willmar Area Vo-Tech as the Cosmetology Instructor. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church and the New London American Legion Post #537. His hobbies included quilting, tending to his flower gardens, reading, traveling (especially on bus tours) and playing bingo.

He is survived by his wife, Verna of New London; two daughters, Robin Johnson of Atwater and Jill (and Lonnie) Abbott of St. Joseph; three grandchildren, Derrick (and Jodi) Johnson of Atwater, Ross (and Michelle) Johnson of Atwater, Jeff (and Nicole) Johnson of Lake Lillian; eleven great grandchildren, Tyler Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Brent Johnson, Riley Johnson, Gabe Johnson, Gabby Lawver, Steven Lawver, Travys Lawver, Brayden Johnson, Payton Johnson and Jaelynn Johnson; and one great great grandson, Oliver Johnson, besides several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Norman and twin brother, Harlan; two sisters, Daisy Stauffenecker and Joyce Johnson (in infancy); and one great granddaughter, Kara Johnson.



Debbie Rode Wolf

Debbie (Shuck) Rode, age 60, born July 9, 1962 passed away suddenly on August 3, 2022.

She will be missed by husband, Al; son, Derrick; mother, Sharon; father Wayne and Betty Shuck; siblings Jodi, Cory, Colleen, Debbie, Renee, Terri, Kim and Mike; many other family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 p.m.

Friday, August 12, 2022, with visitation one hour prior, at Cremation Society of Minnesota, 7110 France Ave S, Edina, MN 55435. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred.

Karen Johnson

Feb. 23, 1940 - Aug. 7, 2022
CLARKFIELD, Minn. - Karen Johnson, 82, Clarkfield, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in her home.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, at J.H Lynner Funeral Home in Clarkfield. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a celebration of life at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, at Augustana Lutheran Church in Clarkfield. Interment will be in Fridhem Cemetery near Clarkfield.

Arrangements by J. H. Lynner Funeral Home.

Jerri Moon-Hubel

Aug. 22, 1944 - Aug. 1, 2022
MONTEVIDEO, Minn. - Jerri Moon-Hubel, 77, Montevideo, Minn., died Monday, Aug. 1, in Montevideo.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 17, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Montevideo. Burial will be Thursday, Aug. 18, in Tracy, Minn.

Arrangements by Anderson - TeBeest Funeral Homes.

Kevin Meier

Oct. 25, 1970 - Aug. 8, 2022
WILLMAR, Minn. - Kevin Meier, 51, Murdock, Minn., died Monday, Aug. 8, in Bethesda Grand Nursing Home.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Murdock. Visitation will continue from 9:30-10:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at the church. Interment will be in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements by Zniewski Funeral Home.

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SERVICES LISTING

Caroline “Carol” Barchenger, 89, of Olivia, died Aug. 4. Service 11 a.m. Aug. 11 at Living Word Church, Redwood Falls. Dirks-Blem Funeral Service, Olivia.

James “Jim” Goehring, 73, of Glenwood, died Aug. 6. Service 2 p.m. Aug. 12 at Glenwood Lutheran Church. Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral Home, Glenwood.

Harley Johnson, 97, of New London, died Aug. 5. Service 10:30 a.m. Aug. 10 at Peace Lutheran Church, New London. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

Kevin Meier, 51, of Murdock, died Aug. 8.

Service 10:30 a.m. Aug. 13 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Murdock. Zniewski Funeral Home, Benson.

Pamela Pfeifer, 73, of Paynesville, died July 28. Service 11 a.m. Aug. 10 at Paynesville Lutheran Church. Johnson Funeral Home, Paynesville.

Shirley Remillard, 87, of Weslaco, Texas, formerly of Spicer, died Dec. 6, 2021. Service 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 13 at River of Life Church, Cold Spring.

Richard “Dick” Reyer, 91, of Medina, formerly of Willmar, died July 17. Service 11 a.m. Aug. 12 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar. Peterson Brothers

Funeral Home, Willmar.

Idella Underland, 85, of Willmar, died Aug. 9. Service 2 p.m. Aug. 13 at First Reformed Church, Willmar. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

Shirley Van Kley, 85, of Peoria, Illinois, died Aug. 3. Service 11 a.m. Aug. 13 at First Christian Reformed Church, Prinsburg.

Lorraine “Dolly” Wosmek, 101, of Willmar, died Aug. 5. Service 2 p.m. Aug. 10 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

This funeral services listing is presented as a public service by the West Central Tribune.

BRIEF

Walmart holds talks on streaming deal

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 Paramount, 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.

Reuters

RECORDS

Arrest made in alleged burglary of Lake Lillian liquor store

LAKE LILLIAN — A 43-year-old man was arrested early Tuesday morning in connection to the alleged burglary at the Drex Mart Liquor Store in Lake Lillian, according to the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office media report.

Law enforcement was called around 5:47 a.m. Tuesday to the business on the 600 block of Lakeview Street South, on a report that the door was found to be broken and glass was laying all over.

A search warrant was executed, according to the report.

Arrests

WILLMAR — A 30-year-old male was served a warrant at 11:51 p.m. Monday in the 2200 block of 23rd Street Northeast in Willmar. He was already in custody at the Kandiyohi County Jail and is awaiting a court appearance on charges of violating a no-contact order and fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

Fraud

WILLMAR — A caller in the 2200 block of 1st Street South reported credit card fraud at 11:39 a.m. Tuesday.

PENNOCK — A caller in the 11000 block of County Road 40 Northwest reported fraudulent activity on their bank account at 7:43 p.m. The caller

had reported the charges to their bank Aug. 4.

Crashes

ATWATER — A motorcycle crash involving a deer was reported early Monday morning in the 13300 block of 175th Street Northeast in Atwater. Atwater Ambulance responded to the scene.

WILLMAR — A hit and run was reported at 11:23 a.m. Monday in the 400 block of 30th Street Northwest in Willmar.

Disturbances

WILLMAR — Loud music was reported coming from a trailer in the 400 block of 30th St. North-west around midnight Tuesday. The person responsible was advised of the complaint and turned the music down.

LAKE LILLIAN — A search warrant was executed at the 800 Block of Second Street East in Lake Lillian on Tuesday morning.

WILLMAR — A minor reportedly stole some shoes, spray paint and some tools in the 1400 block of 12th Street Southeast in Willmar around 2:30 p.m. Monday.

The Tribune publishes Records as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. All items are written by Tribune staff members based on information contained in public documents from the state court system and from law enforcement agencies. It is the Tribune's policy that this column contain a complete record. Requests for items to be withheld will not be granted.

LOCAL MARKETS

Local Corn Contracts									
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Corn	Soybeans	Wheat	Oats	
Farm Ser. Willmar	NB	6.14	5.74	5.76	Benson	6.35	13.85	NA	NA
Jennie-O TS, Atwater	6.64	6.44	5.84	5.69	Bird Island	6.94	14.14	NA	NA
Country Pork, Prins	6.97	6.82	5.72	NB	Cara City	7.00	14.09	8.38	NA
Bushmills, Atwater	6.04	6.04	5.84	5.87	Hanley Falls	6.66	13.91	8.23	NA
Granite Falls Energy	6.64	6.64	6.64	5.99	Holloway	6.60	13.98	NA	NA
CVEC, Benson	6.35	NB	5.79	5.79	Montevideo	6.66	13.91	8.43	NA
					Murdock	6.35	13.88	NA	NA
					Renville	7.06	14.24	7.93	NA

TODAY'S ALMANAC

Today is the 222nd day of 2022 and the 51st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1821, Missouri was admitted as the 24th U.S. state.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act Amendments of 1949, which established a consolidated Department of Defense.

In 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz of Yonkers, New York, was arrested for the “Son of Sam” killings that left six dead.

In 2006, British authorities arrested 24 people suspected of plotting attacks on airplanes with liquid bombs smuggled in shampoo and water bottles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Herbert Hoover (1874-1964), 31st U.S. president; Charles Darrow (1889-1967), Monopoly game inventor; Jack Haley (1898-1979), actor; Jimmy Dean (1928-2010), singer/actor/entrepreneur; Eddie Fisher (1928-2010), singer; Rosanna Arquette (1959-), actress;

Antonio Banderas (1960-), actor; Suzanne Collins (1962-), author; Gus Johnson (1967-), sportscaster; Justin Theroux (1971-), actor/screenwriter; Angie Harmon (1972-), actress; Kylie Jenner (1997-), TV personality.

TODAY'S FACT: The Smithsonian Institution, officially chartered by Congress on this day in 1846, estimates that about 99% of its collection is in storage rather than on display.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1981, Pete Rose got the 3,631st hit of his career, breaking the National League record for career hits held by Stan Musial.

TODAY'S QUOTE: “It takes ten times as long to put yourself back together as it does to fall apart.” — Suzanne Collins, “Mockingjay”

TODAY'S NUMBER: \$778 billion — estimated Department of Defense budget for the 2022 fiscal year.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter moon (Aug. 5) and full moon (Aug. 11).

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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 electric 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 Penmetts, 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.

Monkeypox: Separating fact from fiction

By Grethel Aguila
Miami Herald

MIAMI — As monkey-pox stays on our minds, people turn to the internet for answers to their questions. The internet has no shortage of information, but it also has no shortage of misinformation.

Much of the confusion is due to the mystery surrounding the monkeypox outbreak this year, said Dr. John Esin, medical director for the department of emergency medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami. In the past month, Esin has seen at least 20 confirmed cases of monkeypox.

You may be wondering: How can I sift through monkeypox fact and fiction? Let us help.

Is monkeypox a sexually transmitted disease?

Monkeypox has been around for six decades but never has been considered an STD, Dr. Esin said. STDs mainly spread through intercourse, but they still come with exceptions. HIV can spread through sharing needles. Syphilis can spread through kissing. Trichomoniasis can spread through sharing towels.

“You can kind of understand why most people would think that way,” he said. “Based on the medical knowledge we currently do have, I strongly believe that monkeypox ... is not a sexually transmitted infection.”

Studies done in Europe have found the virus in semen and saliva, Esin said. But no study has identified semen as the cause of the outbreak.

How does monkeypox spread?

The spread of monkey-



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A reaction to test suspected monkeypox samples is seen inside a fridge at the microbiology laboratory of La Paz Hospital on June 6 in Madrid. Europe is at the center of the monkeypox virus outbreak, the World Health Organization reported 780 confirmed cases with Britain, Spain and Portugal reporting the largest numbers of patients.

pox has an element of mystery. The virus can spread through body fluids, skin-to-skin contact, lesions and contaminated surfaces and objects, Esin said.

For example, someone with monkeypox who sneezes and touches a doorknob or table can infect people who later touch those surfaces, he said. So far, the virus hasn’t proven to be airborne.

Are only gay men affected?

Ninety-nine percent of cases outside of the endemic area are in men, Esin said. All but 1% of cases are in men who have sex with men. U.S. cases have also followed this trend.

But the virus can impact anyone, he said.

The World Health Organization has advised men at risk for monkeypox to consider reducing their partners. Esin said some may view these public health measures as

confirmation that monkeypox is a “gay disease” and may use it to vilify the LGBT community.

“The stigmatization is also very dangerous,” he said. “And we have to be aware that we’ve been down this path before.”

Current rhetoric mirrors the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, Esin said. But the medical community drew on past mistakes and has begun to quash misconceptions.

The reality, he said, is that the virus can infect anyone in a household, including children, who have become the focus of monkeypox misinformation. And they can contract the virus by using basic items like towels

or bed sheets that have had contact with positive patients.

“If we focus all our energy on a particular group of people, we forget that that group that we’re focusing on, our family members, our friends, [people] we work with, they don’t just stay in that ...community,” he said.

What are monkeypox symptoms like?

Anywhere from 5 to 21 days after infection, people develop early symptoms like bad headaches, fever, back pain, muscle aches and swollen lymph nodes, said Dr.

Aileen Marty, professor of infectious diseases in the Department of Medicine at Florida International University’s Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

These symptoms last one to three days before the rash appears. However, rashes reported in this outbreak have differed from those in previous ones, Marty said. Monkeypox-related rashes usually start on the face, palm of the hands or soles of the feet.

“In this outbreak, lesions have manifested first in the groin, and the [early symptom] has not been as severe or notable,” Marty said.

Are monkeypox vaccines safe?

Medical professionals have been familiarizing themselves with monkeypox since the recent outbreak, Esin said. The closest virus they had previously dealt with was smallpox, which was mostly treated from the ’50s up to the ’70s.

The vaccines available were designed and approved to combat smallpox and monkeypox. No adverse effects have been reported, and data on effectiveness will come with time, he said.

Monkeypox vaccines are being offered but are limited to high-risk groups. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

high risk is defined as anyone:

► In an area with known cases who has had multiple sexual partners in the past two weeks

► Whose sexual partners were diagnosed with monkeypox in the past two weeks

► Who may be exposed to the disease, such as healthcare and laboratory workers

► At risk for severe illness, such as people with HIV or another condition that causes them to be immunocompromised

How can I best protect myself?

Preventing monkeypox can be as simple as washing your hands, Esin said. You should also avoid touching surfaces and using clothing or blankets that someone infected may have encountered. And with COVID around as well, masking in public couldn’t hurt.

Limiting skin-to-skin contact, hugging and kissing, are integral to preventing infection, he said. “Education and awareness of the fact that this has become a medical emergency, a public health emergency is important,” he said. “There are certain behavioral etiquettes that we have to abide by.”

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HEALTH CALENDAR

Compassionate Friends

WILLMAR — The West Central Minnesota Chapter of The Compassionate Friends will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Kandiyohi County Historical Society Museum in Willmar. The Compassionate Friends is a self-help group offering friendship and understanding to families who have experienced the death of a child at any age. Call Lois at 320-444-4334 if you have questions about the meeting. Please leave a message. Learn more at www.compassionatefriends.org.

Parkinson's

MONTEVIDEO — A Parkinson's support group meets at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, in Montevideo, at the CCM Wellness Center conference room. Anyone who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's, or family, friends, or community members who would like to learn more about Parkinson's, are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Gretchen Reeves at 320-321-8240.

Dementia

MONTEVIDEO — A dementia care partner support and education group meets at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the CCM Wellness Center conference room or attendees can join virtually. Open to care partners of people living with dementia. For more information or to get the virtual link, call Gretchen Reeves at 320-321-8240.

NAMI Western Minnesota

WILLMAR — NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers a variety of free online mental health classes. They include classes such as Hope for Recovery, Family to Family, In Our Own Voice, Creating Caring Communities, Ending the Silence, Understanding Early Episode Psychosis for Families, a suicide prevention class called QPR — Question, Persuade and Refer, a special QPR class for Agricultural Communities, and more. The classes are designed for family members and caregivers, persons living with a mental illness, service providers, and also the general public. Find a complete listing of these classes and how to join in by going to tonamimn.org and clicking on "Classes" under Education and Public Awareness.

Senior services

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging provides advocacy, information, resources and assistance so that older adults can maintain the lifestyle of their choice. To learn more about this and other presentations and trainings the agency has to offer, visit mnraaa.org/calendar.

Live chat with a specialist also can be accessed online at www.MinnesotaHelp.info.

Medicare 101: Aug. 17, noon to 1 p.m., online. Medicare can be confusing. If you know little to nothing about Medicare and want a brief overview before digging deeper, this class is for you.

Learn the basics of Medicare Part A, B, C and Part D. This class will also give you information about when and how to enroll. Sign up at bit.ly/3ub8byS. For more information, call 1-800-333-2433, space is limited.

Wellness with Windy: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Willmar Community Center, free, all fitness levels. The co-ed classes will include strength, cardio, and stretching for ages 55 and up.

Senior LinkAge Line: A free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, the Senior LinkAge Line is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol for Minnesota. Older adults can contact the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays to receive help with questions involving Medicare and health insurance, help finding services to stay in one's home or help to afford medication. Be sure to have a complete list of prescription drugs and dosages.

Disability Hub MN: A free statewide resource network that helps solve problems, navigate the system and plan for the future. The team knows the ins and outs of community resources and government programs, and has years of experience helping people fit them together. Call 1-866-333-2466 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or find email and live chat options at www.disabilityhubmn.org.

Coffee Talk: This statewide phone chat line for older adults is open from 8 a.m. to noon weekdays. Call toll-free at 877-238-2282. It is staffed by volunteers who understand the older adult population's needs and challenges and is dedicated to easing loneliness and social isolation among older adults. Volunteers can offer words of encouragement and understanding and provide information about support and resources available in the person's community. Calls are free. The caller's privacy is a priority, and the only information requested will be first name. Users of the line may call as often as they would like.

LSS Meals on Wheels: Hot Meals on Wheels are delivered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A frozen meal is available for the following day or the weekend. The meals are available for persons who are unable to cook for themselves due to their age, disability, illness or recent release from the hospital. Along with the regular meal, two special diet meals are available. The cost is \$8.75 and includes milk. Those 60 and over may contact LSS to see if they qualify for a reduced price. Order by noon the weekday before the delivery day by calling 320-737-0985. The menu is available on the website lssmn.org/meals.

Willmar Senior Dining: The meals are served at 11:30 a.m. weekdays and are also available for curbside pickup at the Community Center. The meals are open to those who are 60 years of age and

older. Suggested donation of \$5 a meal. Call 320-262-5288 by noon the day before and leave a message. The menu is available on the city of Willmar website www.willmarmn.gov under Community Center.

Lutheran Social Service: Frozen, shipped meals are available for older adults statewide through the LSS Meals to Go service. Each shipment includes 14 frozen meals and the cost is about \$9 per meal, which includes the shipping cost. The cost is covered for Minnesotans who use one of five waiver programs. Meals are also available to anyone in Minnesota who could benefit from healthy meals shipped directly to their homes. Order meals on the website lssmn.org/mealstogo or call 800-488-4146.

Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross conducts blood drives in the west central area. To give blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good health. You can give blood every 56 days. Double red cells can be donated every 112 days. While all blood types are needed, type O and type B-negative donors are especially encouraged to give.

Appointments can be made at 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at www.redcrossblood.org. All donors need acceptable identification. The preferred form is a government-issued picture identification, such as a driver's license, or a Red Cross blood donor card. Otherwise you will need to

provide two other forms of identification, such as a work identification, Social Security card, personal check or credit card. Personalized mail such as a utility bill will not be accepted.

Blood drives scheduled for the Tribune area are:

Aug. 10, Kandiyohi: Noon to 6 p.m., Community Center

Aug. 10, Hector: 1 to 7 p.m., First Lutheran Church

Aug. 10, Appleton: Noon to 6 p.m., St. John's Catholic Church

Aug. 18, Litchfield: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., Christian Church of Litchfield

Aug. 24, Kerkhoven: 1 to 7 p.m., Civic Center

Aug. 29, Grove City: 1 to 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church

Aug. 29, Willmar: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Elks Lodge

Aug. 30, Willmar: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., YMCA

Sept. 6, Lake Lillian: 1 to 7 p.m., United Lutheran Church

Sept. 7, Willmar: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Willmar Public Library

Sept. 8, New London: 1 to 7 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church

Sept. 12, Willmar: 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., Assembly of God Church

Support groups, clinics and health classes are published on Wednesday with the health news for all groups meeting within the next 10 days. The deadline is 10 a.m. Thursday. Submissions may be emailed to news@wctrib.com with "Health Calendar" in the subject line. For more information call Donna Middleton, 320-214-4341.



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10 injured across 8 crashes near Sturgis Motorcycle Rally

By Hunter Dunteman
Mitchell Republic

STURGIS, S.D. — A 16-year-old was among 10 people injured in eight crashes detailed in the third day of the annual Rally Tally.

Over the course of the nine-day Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the South Dakota Highway Patrol releases daily information on crashes and crime in and around the city of Sturgis.

Known as the Rally Tally, the daily release includes information of investigations conducted only by the South Dakota Highway Patrol, and does not include statistics compiled by other organizations, including the Sturgis Police Department and various county sheriff's offices in the area.

Released at noon MDT on each day of the rally, the information below includes information compiled from 6 a.m. Monday through 6 a.m. Tuesday.

1 injured after biker rear-ends biker near Belle Fourche

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. — Shortly before 10:30 a.m. Monday, authorities in Butte County were called to mile marker 3 of South Dakota Highway 34, roughly six miles west of Belle Fourche, for a report of a two-



Christina Steele / City of Sturgis

A photo from Main Street in Sturgis in 2017 shows the large crowds.

bike crash.

Preliminary crash information indicates that a 2003 Harley-Davidson FLTHI motorcycle was westbound on S.D. 34 when it slowed down to make a right-hand turn. It was rear ended by a westbound 2018 Honda GL1800 motorcycle.

The 68-year-old male driver of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle was thrown from the motorcycle. He suffered minor injuries and was taken to the Spearfish hospital. The 70-year-old male driver of the

Honda was not injured. Neither driver was wearing a helmet.

Over-correction tosses 1 from bike near Lead

ELMORE, S.D. — Shortly before 10:45 a.m. Monday, authorities in Lawrence County were called to mile marker 25 of U.S. Highway 14A, roughly ten miles west of Lead, for a report of an ejection.

Preliminary crash information indicates that a 2014 Can-Am Spyder RT Limited motorcycle was southbound on U.S.

14A when the driver over-corrected. The vehicle went into the west ditch and rolled. The driver was thrown from the motorcycle.

The 75-year-old male driver sustained serious non-life threatening injuries and was taken to the Lead-Deadwood hospital. He was wearing a helmet.

1 injured after swerving to avoid crash outside the Buffalo Chip

STURGIS, S.D. — Shortly after 11 a.m. Monday, authorities in Sturgis were called to the Buffalo Chip for a report of a one-bike crash.

Preliminary crash information indicates that a 2005 Toyota 4Runner stopped at the entrance of the Buffalo Chip and then entered Alkali Road, where the driver failed to see a 2005 Harley-Davidson VRSC that was eastbound on Alkali Road. The motorcycle driver swerved to miss the vehicle, but lost control of the motorcycle.

The 68-year-old male driver of the motorcycle sustained minor injuries and was transported to the Sturgis hospital. He was wearing a helmet. The 26-year-old female driver of the Toyota was uninjured. She was wearing a seat belt.

1 injured after sliding off curve south of Lead

MERRITT, S.D. — Shortly before 12:30 p.m. Monday, authorities in Pennington County were called to U.S. Highway 85, roughly 19 miles south of Lead, for a report of a one-bike crash.

Preliminary crash information indicates that a 2007 Harley-Davidson Road King was northbound on U.S. 85 when the driver failed to negotiate a right-hand curve. The motorcycle went into the east ditch.

The 51-year-old male driver suffered minor injuries and declined medical treatment. He was not wearing a helmet.

1 injured after striking guardrail near Hermosa

HERMOSA, S.D. — Shortly after 1 p.m. Monday, authorities in Custer County were called to mile marker 39 of U.S. Highway 16A, roughly 13 miles west of Hermosa, for a report of a one-bike crash.

Preliminary crash information indicates that a 2007 Harley-Davidson FLHX motorcycle was westbound on U.S. 16A when the driver failed to negotiate a corner. The driver hit a guardrail, suffered minor injuries and was taken to the Rapid City hospital. He was not wearing a helmet. The age of the driver was not released.

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

‘NEVER SAY NEVER’

Several Vikings have been on ‘Hard Knocks.’ 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 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

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NORTHWOODS LEAGUE

Willmar collects 18 hits against La Crosse

By Joe Brown
West Central Tribune

LA CROSSE, Wis. — After back-to-back losses, the Willmar Stingers made an emphatic return to the win column on Tuesday night.

In front of 2,504 fans at Copeland Park, each Willmar player got a hit in a 20-3 Northwoods League victory over the La Crosse Loggers.

Through two innings, the Stingers led 12-1. They finished the game with 18 hits compared to six for the host Loggers.

Leading the Willmar hit parade was leadoff batter Will Hodo. The University of Alabama freshman was 4-for-6 with two runs and two RBIs.

Jordan Sagedahl, a sophomore from South Dakota State and a BOLD High School grad, hit a grand slam in the seventh inning. It was Sagedahl’s fourth home run in nine games with the Stingers. He finished 2-for-4 with six RBIs, three runs and three walks.

Joey Walls, Graysen Tarlow, Scott Anderson and Kole Krier also had two hits each for Willmar. Krier, a redshirt freshman from St. Cloud State by way of Maple Grove, belted a two-run homer in the top of the third.

Logan Samuels got his second victory of the season after pitching the first 5-1/3 innings. The University of Montevallo sophomore struck out 10 while giving up one run on two hits and two walks. He has a 2.84 ERA this summer.

Sitting at 24-6 in the second half, the Stingers begin a two-game series with the Bismarck Larks at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday at Bill Taunton Stadium in Willmar.

Willmar 20, La Crosse 3

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Hitting - Willmar: Will Hodo 4-6 r-2 rbi-2 hbp, Joey Walls 2-4 r rbi bb, Kyle Payne 1-1 r, Graysen Tarlow 2-6 r-2 rbi-2 bb, Scott Anderson 2-5 r-2 rbi-3 bb hbp, Jordan Sagedahl 2-4 hr r-3 rbi-6 bb-3, Carson Hake 1-6 2b r-2 rbi-2 bb, Jake Entrekin 1-6 2b r, Kole Krier 2-4 hr r-4 rbi-2 bb-2, Dalton Pearson 1-5 r-2 rbi bb... La Crosse: Jordan Donahue 1-5, Blaise Priestner 1-4 hr rbi, Bill Ralston 1-4, Alijah Acevedo 1-3 r bb, Ricky Reeth 2-3 2b rbi bb, Sam Siegel 0-3 rbi hbp
Pitching (ip-h-r-er-bb-so) - Willmar: Logan Samuels (W, 2-1) 5.1-2-1-1-2-10, Michael Chevalier 3.2-4-2-1-4-2 ... La Crosse: Sam Mettert (L, 2-3) 1-4-6-3-4-0, Brett Stuessel 1-4-6-5-2-0, Sam Siegel 4-7-3-3-1-4, Ralston 1.2-1-1-1-0-0, Reed Stallman 0.1-2-4-4-2-0, Jake Gebb 1-0-0-0-1-1

Vikings kicker Joseph is in the zone

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 bounc-

ing 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.

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, giv-



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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 2021 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

ing 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 JOSEPH: Page AB2



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Stingers pitcher Michael Chevalier puts on a smile in the dugout during a game against the Mankato MoonDogs on Aug. 4 at Bill Taunton Stadium.

STINGERS' SIGHTS ON POSTSEASON

Willmar set to make its first appearance in the playoffs since 2019

By Michael Lyne
West Central Tribune

Willmar

Winners in 28 of their last 35 games, the Willmar Stingers are back in the playoffs for the first time since 2019. Willmar, holding a 44-19 overall record this season, officially clinched a berth into the Northwoods League playoffs Saturday evening

with a 7-5 win over the Duluth Huskies. The upcoming playoffs appearance marks the Stingers' eighth postseason appearance in 12 opportunities, as 2020 did not have playoffs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "No matter what happens this postseason, this was a successful summer," Stingers co-owner Ryan Voz said.

"Obviously we think this team has the potential to move on beyond the first round, but anything can happen." As postseason play begins Sunday, the Northwoods League playoffs comes with the format introduced in 2019 with a slight adjustment made in 2021. The format will include eight teams — the first and second half sub-divisional

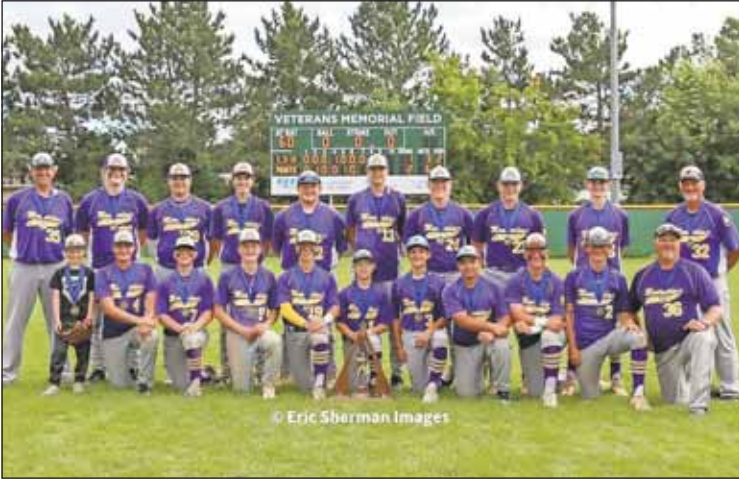
winners of each division make it. If the same team wins both halves in its respective sub-division, the team with the highest overall winning percentage in the sub-division will make the playoffs. Before the 2019 format, the top two-sub divisional teams would compete in a single elimination game followed by single elimination games for

the divisional championships and a best of three series for the summer collegiate world series. Currently, the top two sub-divisional teams will compete in a best-of-three series, followed by one game divisional championships and a standalone game for the summer collegiate world series. **STINGERS:** Page B2

Montevideo earns a state junior legion title

By Tom Elliott
West Central Tribune

ELY — Regardless of home Montevideo Post 380 played at the Junior Legion state tournament, coach Tim Epema was sure of one thing. Montevideo would play smart baseball. "The baseball IQ of these kids is what stood out," Epema said. "They do all the little things you need to do to succeed, taking extra bases, running the bases very well, throwing to the right base, making the expected plays. "Defensively, we had two errors all weekend and we played situational baseball really well as far as our hitting." It added up to the first state championship in the program's history. Montevideo came home from Ely as the state Division II junior legion champion. Post 380 finishes the season with an 18-0 record. Epema said he wasn't 100 percent certain, but he believes it could be the first state team championship for Montevi-



Submitted photo

Montevideo Post 380 won the 2022 state Junior Legion baseball tournament Saturday in Ely. Team members are (from left) in the back row: Assistant coach Mark Reidinger, Brady Rhode, Damon Howell, Jace Goslee, Carter Malstrom, Gannon Reidinger, Zach DeBeer, Landon Olson, Brody Dack and assistant coach Josh Dack. Front row: Bat boy Harrison O'Neal, Mason Pederson, Dan Gunlogson, Griffin Epema, Sam Knoop, Ben Gunlogson, Jaden Hendrickson, Nery Guerra, Jackson Baldwin, Cooper Dack and head coach Tim Epema. deo in any sport. At state, Montevideo beat host Ely 4-3, then defeated Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 8-2 and LeSueur-Henderson 2-1 to win the title.

Montevideo pitcher/first baseman Gannon Reidinger was named the most valuable player of the **MONTEVIDEO:** Page B2

TRIBUNE NOTEBOOK

New ADs helping each other out

By Tom Elliott
West Central Tribune

PAYNESVILLE — As the new activities director at Paynesville, Rick Hendrickson has been in contact with Chris Anderson, the new AD at Belgrade-Brother-Elrosa. They're friendly. Both head boys basketball coaches in the same Central Minnesota Conference. And they're both new to their new main jobs, so they're comparing notes. So far, so good, Hendrickson hopes. "I don't think I've screwed anything up yet," he quipped. Hendrickson took over for Max Meagher, who resigned during the last school year as AD and head football coach to go into private business. Paynesville has hired Tim Pattrin to be head football coach. He takes over the highly successful Paynesville program after being head coach

at Brandon-Evansville. "We're excited," said Hendrickson, who has also been an assistant football and baseball coach. "He's a very patient person who's willing to adjust to his athletes and not just force his style on them. We're looking forward to this fall." Hendrickson said the challenge of the new position, he's been a teacher in Paynesville since 2017, is learning the specific details involved in the AD position. "I've been on the high school league site for a few things," he admitted. He's comfortable with the administration, the coaches and the students and looks forward to his new role. Anderson takes over for Rick Gossen, who left BBE to become the principal at Russell-Tyler-Ruthton. **ADS:** Page B2

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“We’ve got some challenges to work through (as a new AD), but I’m excited and it’s nice to take them on,” said Anderson, who noted that Gossen is a friend helping in the transition.

Anderson will remain as basketball coach after leading the Jaguars to a second-place finish in the state Class A tournament last March in Minneapolis.

“I’ll coach this year as well,” he said. “I’ll be focusing on my time management. ...

“It was always a long-term goal of mine in education to pursue this. It was always something I’ve wanted to do. The nice thing is, I’m excited to work with the leaders we have here. We’ve built a nice relationship and trust. At the end of the day, I’m looking forward to it and expect I’ll enjoy the job. I know the kids and the parents.”

Then, he quipped: “The hardest part is my wife’s office is right next to mine.”

Kristina Anderson is a school counselor and BBE’s head girls basketball coach.

Chris Anderson said he’ll

continue to teach one class, weight-lifting, as well as being BBE’s dean of students.

“I’m going to be busy,” he admitted. “That’s good.”

Bullfrogs back at state

The Bird Island Bullfrogs and Raymond Rockets both clinched state tournament berths Sunday at the Region 4C amateur baseball tournament in Spicer. The region sends three teams the state tournament that begins Aug. 19 in Faribault, Dundas and Miesville.

Bird Island and Raymond play for what amounts to a seedings game at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Spicer. The winner will be in the championship bracket that includes an 11 a.m. game Sunday with a second game, if needed, to follow.

The two both went 13-3 to tie for first place in the Corn Belt League, but Raymond earned the top seed for Region 4C by beating the Bullfrogs 8-0 on July 24.

“We’re definitely happy to be in the state tournament,” Bird Island manager Mike Nagel said.

But make no mistake, the Bulldogs would like the top seed out of the region for the 48-team state tournament. The first-place teams in all 16



Joe Brown / West Central Tribune

Paynesville head boys basketball coach Rick Hendrickson looks on during a game against Yellow Medicine East in Granite Falls during the 2020-21 season.

regions earn first-round byes and don’t play until the second weekend of the tournament. The other 32 teams must play first-round games in the single-elimination Class C tournament.

“I know some people talk about how they don’t care whether they get a bye or not,”

Nagel said. “I’m not one of them. I want the bye. I’ll take all the byes you give me.”

State tournaments

The Minnesota Baseball Association Board of Directors has named the sites for state tournaments through 2028.

They are: Delano, Dassel

and Litchfield in 2023; Belle Plaine, Jordan and Green Isle in 2024; Brownton, Gaylord and Hutchinson in 2025; New Prague, Shakopee and Jordan in 2026; Cold Spring, Watkins and Avon in 2027; Red Wing, Cannon Falls and Miesville in 2028.

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“We flipped it because we felt like we needed to get the best team out of the first round,” said Voz, who is also the President/Commissioner of the Northwoods League. “If you do single elimination, you don’t really know who’s the better team.”

Voz mentioned there would be three three-game series for the playoffs if the league had more time on its hands before its athletes return to their respective colleges.

The sub-divisional series are where the Northwoods League made an adjustment to the format in 2021.

Since 2021, the sub-divisional series follow a “1-2” format. The teams with the lower overall winning percentage host game one and the teams with the higher overall winning percentage host games two and three.

If both of the best of three sub-divisional series ends in two days, the divisional championship game will take place the next day.

The teams with the best overall record will have home-field advantage for the divisional championship games, while the team with the best overall record will host the Northwoods League championship game.

If placings do not change with the current Northwoods League standings, the Stingers would take the second seed in the Great Plains West Division.

Willmar would host game one of its best of three series against the St. Cloud Rox at 5:05 p.m. Sunday at Bill Taunton Stadium. Games two and three, at Joe Faber Field in St. Cloud, will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

“St. Cloud will be a big challenge for us. We played them a lot this season,” Stingers field manager Freddy Smith said. “The Rox are one of the best teams in the Northwoods League. I know all eyes will be on that series.”

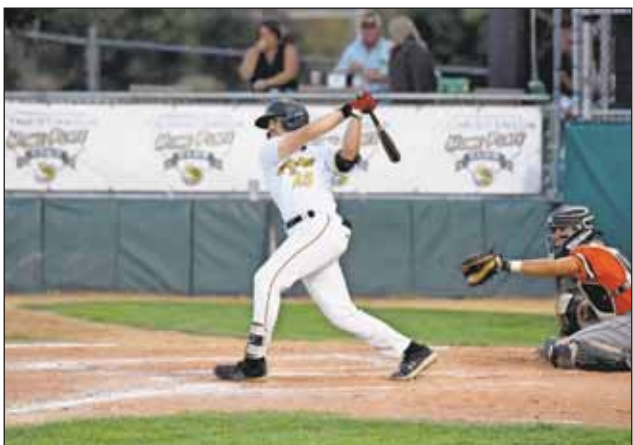
Playoffs Matchups

GREEN LAKES EAST: The Kalamazoo Growlers (10-21 second half; 32-35 overall) were the Great Lakes East first-half sub-winners, earning a playoffs spot. They will face off against the second half winners of the division in the Traverse City Pit Spitters (23-8; 41-26), who won the league championship in 2019 and 2021.

SCHEDULE
Game one - Traverse City at Kalamazoo at 5:05 p.m. on Sunday
Game two - Kalamazoo at Traverse City at 7:05 p.m. on Monday

Game three (if necessary) - Kalamazoo at Traverse City at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday

GREAT LAKES WEST: The Wisconsin Rapids Rafters (24-8; 53-14) won the first half of their sub-division. The Rapids Rafters will have home field advantage against either the Wausau Woodchucks, Fond du Lac Dock Spiders or the



Michael Lyne / West Central Tribune

Stingers designated hitter Graysen Tarlow hits the ball in a game against the Mankato MoonDogs on Aug. 4 at Bill Taunton Stadium.

Lakeshore Chinooks. The three teams are in a race for the second spot in the playoffs. If the playoffs started today, the Woodchucks would take that spot with a 35-31 record. Wausau is ahead of the Dock Spiders by one game and the Chinooks by two. The Chinooks have six games remaining, while the Woodchucks and Doc Spiders have five.

SCHEDULE
Game one - Wisconsin at opponent TBD at TBD time on Sunday
Game two - TBD opponent at Wisconsin at TBD time on Monday
Game three (if necessary) TBD opponent at Wisconsin at TBD time on Tuesday
GREAT PLAINS EAST: Winners of the first and second halves, respectively, the Duluth Huskies (13-16; 32-30) and the Eau Claire Express (20-9; 39-24) will face off against each other in the first round of the playoffs.

SCHEDULE
Game one - Eau Claire at Duluth at 5:35 p.m.

on Sunday

Game two - Duluth at Eau Claire at 7:05 p.m. on Monday

Game three (if necessary) - Duluth at Eau Claire at TBD on Tuesday

GREAT PLAINS WEST: If the playoffs ended today, the Stingers (23-6; 44-19) would be the second half sub-division winners. Willmar will compete against first-half winners in the St. Cloud Rox (21-9; 46-17). The Rox lead the Stingers by two games, both teams have five games remaining. It is likely the Rox will take home field advantage.

SCHEDULE
Game one - St. Cloud at Willmar at 5:05 p.m. on Sunday
Game two - Willmar at St. Cloud at TBD on Monday
Game three (if necessary) - Willmar at St. Cloud at TBD on Tuesday
*All stats/records are through Monday’s games

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tournament. He’s Post 380’s No. 3 hitter and got a key pitching win, finishing the season with a 7-0 record.

“He did a really great job,” Epema said.

Montevideo went into the tournament have beating Dawson 11-1, Sacred Heart/MACCRA 11-1 and Minneota 7-1 in the playoffs after a 12-0 regular season. Post 380 went into the state tournament with a .379 batting average.

“It’s one of those things where you go up and down our lineup and it’s hard to find any weakness,” Epema said.

Epema also noted that Montevideo had one of the youngest teams at state. There were players from the Class of 2023, which some teams used. He has seven players from the Class of ’24: Cooper Dack, Mason Pederson, Daniel Gunlogson, Jackson Baldwin, Jace Goslee, Zach DeBeer

and Brady Rhode. Players from the Class of ’25 include Jaden Hendrickson, Gannon Reidinger, Nery Guerra, Sam Knoop, Carter Malstrom, Landon Olson and Damon Howell. From the Class of ’26 are Ben Gunlogson and Brody Dack. Griffin Epema, the coach’s son, is a member of the Class of ’27.

Coaches are Tim Epema, Mark Reidinger and Josh Dack.

Harrison O’Neal was the team bat boy. He’s an interesting story. He’s from Hastings, not Montevideo. He was visiting his grandparents in Ely and was hanging around Montevideo’s dugout during Post 380’s first game. The players invited him to be the bat boy. He was given a team baseball cap and was allowed to hang out in the dugout. He wound up getting a first-place medal like the rest of the players.

“It was fun,” Tim Epema said.

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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

Minnesota	57	51	.528	—
Cleveland	56	52	.519	1.0
Chi. White Sox	55	53	.509	2.0
Kansas City	44	65	.404	13.5
Detroit	43	67	.391	15.0

West

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

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

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

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 Sunday's Results

Cleveland 1, Houston 0

Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 0

Toronto 3, Minnesota 2, 10 innings

Kansas City 13, Boston 5

Chi. White Sox 8, Texas 2

Seattle 6, LA Angels 3

Monday's Results

Baltimore 7, Toronto 4

LA Angels 1, Oakland 0

NY Yankees 9, Seattle 4

Tuesday's Games

Chi. White Sox (Lynn 2-4) at Kansas City (Singer 4-4), 3:10 p.m.

Toronto (Manohar 12-5) at Baltimore (Bradish 1-4), 6:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Bieber 6-6) at Detroit (Alexander 2-5), 6:10 p.m.

Chi. White Sox (Martin 1-3) at Kansas City (Heasley 1-6), 6:10 p.m.

Texas (Perez 9-2) at Houston (Urquidí 10-4), 7:10 p.m.

LA Angels (Ohtani 9-7) at Oakland (Kaprielian 3-5), 8:40 p.m.

NY Yankees (Cole 9-4) at Seattle (Castillo 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

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 Sunday's Results

Philadelphia 13, Washington 1

Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 2, 10 innings

Miami 3, Chi. Cubs 0

Arizona 6, Colorado 4

NY Mets 5, Atlanta 2

LA Dodgers 4, San Diego 0

Monday's Results

NY Mets 5, Cincinnati 1

Chi. Cubs 6, Washington 3

Arizona 3, Pittsburgh 0

San Francisco 1, San Diego 0

Tuesday's Games

Miami (Garrett 2-5) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 10-5), 6:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Minor 1-8) at NY Mets (Carrasco 12-4), 6:10 p.m.

Washington (Espino 0-4) at Chi. Cubs (Stroman 3-5), 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Mikolas 8-8) at Colorado (Feltner 1-3), 7:40 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Thompson 3-8) at Arizona (Bumgarner 6-10), 8:40 p.m.

San Francisco (Cobb 3-6) at San Diego (Manaea 6-6), 3:10 p.m.

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 Sunday's Results

Pittsburgh 8, Baltimore 1

St. Louis 12, NY Yankees 9

San Francisco 6, Oakland 4

Tuesday's Games

Atlanta (Morton 5-3) at Boston (Hill 4-5), 6:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Yacabonis 0-0) at Milwaukee (Peralta 3-2), 7:10 p.m.

Minnesota (Ryan 8-4) at LA Dodgers (Urias 11-6), 9:10 p.m.

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.

Tuesday's results

Northwoods League

Great Plains West (Second half)

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Willmar	23	6	.793	—
x-St. Cloud	21	9	.700	2.5
Mankato	18	11	.621	5
Rochester	14	15	.483	9
Bismarck	10	20	.333	13.5

x-won first half

Tuesday's Games

Willmar at La Crosse, 6:35 p.m.

St. Cloud at Waterloo, 6:35 p.m.

Rochester at Mankato, 6:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Bismarck at Willmar, 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota at St. Cloud, 7:05 p.m.

Rochester at Waterloo, 6:35 p.m.

Eau Claire at Mankato, 6:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Bismarck at Willmar, 7:05 p.m.

Eau Claire at Mankato, 6:35 p.m.

Rochester at Waterloo, 6:35 p.m.

Minnesota at St. Cloud, 7:05 p.m.

Baseball

Professional WNBA

Eastern Conference

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

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

Monday's Games

Dallas 86, New York 77

Tuesday's Games

Seattle at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.

Connecticut at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

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.

Soccer

Professional MLS

Eastern Conference

Philadelphia	12	3	9	45	41	18
NYC FC	12	5	6	42	43	24
CF Montreal	12	8	4	40	40	39
NY Red Bulls	10	7	7	37	38	30
Columbus SC	8	6	9	33	31	26
FC Cincinnati	8	8	8	32	40	43
Chicago	8	10	6	30	37	40

Western Conference

LA Galaxy	12	3	9	45	41	18
Portland	12	5	6	42	43	24
Seattle Sounders	12	8	4	40	40	39
LAFC	10	7	7	37	38	30
San Jose	8	6	9	33	31	26
San Diego	8	8	8	32	40	43
LAFC	8	10	6	30	37	40

Interleague

LA Galaxy	12	3	9	45	41	18
Portland	12	5	6	42	43	24
Seattle Sounders	12	8	4	40	40	39
LAFC	10	7	7	37	38	30
San Jose	8	6	9	33	31	26
San Diego	8	8	8	32	40	43
LAFC	8	10	6	30	37	40

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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 medalist 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 sta-

dium 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.

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SPORTS COMMENTARY

Tributes to Scully remind us of our love for the game

By Paul Sullivan
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Cubs paid homage to the late Vin Scully on Friday afternoon at Wrigley Field, showing the video of his seventh-inning stretch performance from 1998.

That was the first season after Harry Caray’s death, when the Cubs began asking guest performers to sing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” in honor of the legendary broadcaster. The Cubs decided to keep the tradition after ‘98, and now every celebrity who comes to town with something to promote has been asked to sing at Wrigley, some on multiple occasions.

But Scully never did it again in his many return trips before his retirement in 2016. Before a game at Dodger Stadium once, I asked him why he declined the Cubs’ invitation.

“I did it once for Harry,” Scully replied. “If I did it twice, it would be doing it for me, and that wouldn’t be right.”

That was typical of Scully, a legend who never bought into the hype surrounding him.

Like Caray, Scully was bombarded by well-wishers wanting to thank him and tell him how much a part of their lives he was. At some point you’d think that constant ego massaging by fans would make his head swell, as I’ve seen happen to other broadcasters with far less talent.

If Scully ever really considered himself the greatest of all time, he never let on. He was sincere when he said upon retirement he would miss the fans more than they would miss him. Scully was truly a humble man with a great gift — the ability to spin a story while calling a baseball game and paint a picture that made you feel you were in the ballpark watching along with him.

Baseball has a lot of talkers in TV and radio booths these days. Some of them don’t know when to shut up. But there are relatively few painters, the ones who understand the broadcast is about the game and not themselves.

We’re fortunate to have one of them in Chicago in Cubs radio voice Pat Hughes, who continues to be at the top of his game at age 67, with no signs of



Luis Sinco/Los Angeles Times/TNS

Legendary Los Angeles Dodgers announcer Vin Scully waves to the crowd before the start of his final game behind the microphone at Dodger Stadium on Sept. 24, 2016, in Los Angeles.

slowing down. Cherish the painters while you can, because they’re not easily replaced.

Scully lasted 67 years in the business, a record that likely will never be topped. Was he as smooth in his 80s as he was as a young buck with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1950s? Maybe not, but he was still the best in the business and a voice that will live on years from now, like Caray and a few other immortals.

After Scully’s death Tuesday, a friend who once covered the media in Los Angeles posted a story on Facebook mentioning her editors had once asked her to write a column saying Scully was too old and making many more mistakes during games. It was sure to provoke controversy, tearing down the Dodgers legend.

But she refused because it wasn’t true — and because she felt “Vin was special.” It reminded me of Caray’s final years with the Cubs, when some writers made it a habit to point out every mistake he made during a broadcast, hoping to force him out of the booth.

In the final print interview before he died in 1998, I asked Carry how he dealt with that criticism.

“I think it’s strange, but what difference does it make?” he said. “Sure, it hurts me. ... But this ‘mispronouncing names’ stuff is such a crock. I really do it intentionally at times, just to see somebody mention it in his column.”

Scully and Caray were quite different in their approaches. But they became two of the most beloved broadcasters of all time and the game’s greatest ambassadors. The Dodgers’ celebration of Scully on Friday night and the many tributes on ESPN, MLB Network and elsewhere remind us not only of how much we loved listening to his voice but how much we love the game, despite all its faults.

We didn’t get to hear Scully in Chicago unless it was a national broadcast, but he

seemed to have an affinity for our town after calling so many games at Wrigley Field. After growing up following the New York Giants in the Polo Grounds and starting out with the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field, it’s no surprise he always had a soft spot for Wrigley.

Scully’s ode to Wrigley during the start of the 1989 National League Championship Series between the Cubs and San Francisco Giants remains a classic that still can be viewed on YouTube.

It ends with a photo of a rainbow over Wrigley and Scully describing the pain of the Cubs 1984 playoff collapse from the ballpark’s perspective, ending with the hopeful line: “This time, this time it will be better.”

“To me there’s always been something special about Wrigley Field,” Scully once said. “I refer to the ballpark as the dowager queen of the National League.

I refer to the lights as a lady in black in evening, wearing pearls. Every time I come to this ballpark, I seem to feel and see another image, and, above all, the enthusiasm of the crowd. It’s just a very special place.”

While the Wrigley video might have been scripted, Scully always spoke spontaneously during broadcasts. My colleague Dave Brown once asked him if he ever worked ahead mentally to form a phrase or have a line ready for a no-hitter or a milestone.

“Oh, no, I never do that,” Scully replied. “Ever. A lot of times, I wish I had the brains to do it in advance. No, I like to just do me. Whatever emotion I feel, whatever thought have, sometimes it comes out, sometimes there’s nothing.”

Baseball is a thrill ride of emotional swings, even during games when it seems like nothing is happening. Shortly after Friday’s

showing of Scully’s seventh-inning stretch performance on the left-field video board, Cubs catcher Willson Contreras woke up the crowd with a go-ahead, two-run home run against the Miami Marlins in his return following a prolonged trade-deadline drama.

The ballpark erupted, and for one brief moment in a difficult season, there was reason to celebrate.

Those moments are why we still watch, and listen, to a struggling team woefully out of contention. The voices of the game are often as important as the players, providing a soundtrack that lives on in our memories long after we’ve forgotten that particulars of a game, or a season.

Like Caray, Scully’s contribution to the game never can be overstated. We were lucky to have them in our lives, like old friends who never let us down.

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Williams' impact to be felt long after pending retirement

Gooch, Swafford and Jones are among a group of 10 LIV players suing the PGA Tour. The group originally included 11 golfers before Carlos Ortiz of Mexico reportedly withdrew from the suit Tuesday.

Serena Williams to retire from tennis after US Open

By Amy Tenner
Reuters

NEW YORK — American great Serena Williams said Tuesday she was “evolving away from tennis” and planned to retire from the sport she dominated with 23 Grand Slam titles following the U.S. Open tournament, 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 Parrizas Diaz to reach the second round of the Toronto Open.

But the 40-year-old said after the 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 would draw her level with Australian Margaret Court, who holds the record.

The American 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,” said former world NO. 1 Williams, who sought the advice of her friend Tiger Woods before picking up a racket again this spring.

“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.”

Williams later said in an Instagram post that it was time to move in a “different direction.”

“The countdown has

begun. I have to focus on being a mom, my spiritual goals and finally discovering a different, but just exciting Serena.”

She also has a vast business portfolio to maintain.

For nearly a decade she has backed early stage companies, including MasterClass, one of 16 unicorns – companies whose market value exceeds \$1 billion – to receive funding from Serena Ventures.

Grandest stage

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

Over the past two decades, she also claimed seven titles at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open and a further three at the French Open as she revolutionized the women’s game with a lethal mix of powerful serves, groundstrokes and athleticism.

Williams has had eight separate spells at the top of the WTA rankings, totalling 319 weeks as world number one.

“When Serena steps away from tennis, she will leave as the sport’s greatest player,” pioneer Billie Jean King said.

“After a career that has inspired a new generation of players and fans, she will forever be known as a champion who won on the court and raised the global profile of the sport off of it.”

Seven-times Grand Slam winner John McEnroe called Williams “an icon.”

“She’s in that level where Michael Jordan, LeBron James and Tom Brady are,” he told USA Today. “She’s like one of the all-time greatest athletes in the history of any sport — male or female.”

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

While she has earned a well-deserved reputation as tennis’ fiercest competitor, Williams played down expectations for her final major, after losing in the open-



Serena Williams eyes the ball during her women's singles semi-final match at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris on June 6, 2013.



Serena Williams of the U.S. reacts after being hit by a ball during her final match at the Australian Open tennis tournament at Melbourne Park, Australia, on Jan. 30, 2016.

ing round at Wimbledon.

“Unfortunately I wasn’t ready to win Wimbledon this year. And I don’t know if I will be ready to win New York,” she wrote.

“I know there’s a fan fantasy that I might have tied Margaret that day in London, then maybe beat her record in New York ... It’s a good fantasy. But I’m not look-

ing for some ceremonial, final on-court moment.

“I’m terrible at good-byes, the world’s worst. But please know that I am more grateful for you than I can ever express.”

The U.S. Open main draw begins Aug. 29.

Another child

Williams said she and her husband, entrepreneur and investor Alexis

Ohanian, have been trying to have another child during the past year, a decision her 4-year-old daughter Olympia is excited about.

“Sometimes before bed, she prays to Jehovah to bring her a baby sister,” Williams wrote.

The American won the 2017 Australian Open while she was two months pregnant but

has no interest in being a pregnant athlete again: “I need to be two feet into tennis or two feet out.”

“I never wanted to have to choose between tennis and a family,” she wrote. “But I’m turning 41 (in September), and something’s got to give.”

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payment bonds, in the penal sum of the full amount of the contract awarded.
The Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bidding and to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder.
Sealed Bids shall be addressed to: Kandiyohi County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Attn: Jill Bengtson
2200 23rd St NE, Suite 2090
Willmar, MN 56201
(August 10 & 13, 2022)89414

CONDEMNATION
STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT FILE NO. 34-CV-22-340
State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
Shane R. Kiehl, et al.
Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF
CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK
HIGHWAY PURPOSES
NOTICE

To the Respondents hereinabove named:
You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on November 10, 2022, at 9:00 am., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, before Judge David L. Mennis, via remote hearing, from the Courthouse at Willmar, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, the above named petitioner will present to the above named Court a petition now on file herein for the condemnation of certain lands for trunk highway purposes. You are notified this matter is set for a remote hearing. This hearing will not be in person at the courthouse. The remote hearing may be accessed by video at <https://Zoomgov.com/join>, or by phone at 833-568-8864. For either method, the Meeting ID is 161 327 5951 and the Meeting Password is 23442. A copy of said petition is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, That at the above time and place the above-named petitioner will also move the court for an order transferring title and possession to petitioner of the parcels described in the petition in accordance with Minn. Stat. §117.042, as of December 15, 2022. YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that all persons occupying the property described in the petition must VACATE THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED AND MOVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM THE AREA BEING ACQUIRED ON OR BEFORE December 15, 2022.

All advertising signs or devices located on the property being acquired must be removed by December 15, 2022.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that (1) a party wishing to challenge the public use or public purpose, necessity, or authority for a taking must appear at the court hearing and state the objection or must appeal within 60 days of a court order; and (2) a court order approving the public use or public purpose, necessity, and authority for the taking is final unless an appeal is brought within 60 days after service of the order on the party.
Dated: July 19, 2022
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State of Minnesota
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CONDEMNATION
STATE OF MINNESOTA
IN DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota, by its Commissioner of Transportation, Petitioner,
vs.
Shane R. Kiehl, Melissa L. Kiehl, Central Minnesota Credit Union, County of Kandiyohi, Scott D. Lieser, Kelly Lieser, Doreen M. Thorson, AgriBank, FCB, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to The Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul and the Farm Credit Bank of Saint Paul, Debbie Keller, Kathy Welle, Philip Bailey, Bonnie Bailey, Benjamin L. Farrier, Tiffany K. Farrier, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Unknown heirs of Jackson Welch, deceased, Unknown successors in interest Spicer Land Company, an inactive Minnesota corporation, Township of Roseville, Unknown successors in interest Central Land Company, an unregistered entity, Troy Caldwell and Brenda Caldwell, as trustees of Caldwell Family Trust dated February 10, 2022, Rick Caldwell, Carey Liestman, Magnifi Financial Credit Union, Michelle L. Gralish, Stephen J. Gralish, JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, doing business as Chase Bank and as Chase, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Donna R. Krupke, Jerome Johnson, Laura Johnson, United Minnesota Bank, Jamen J. Bares, Emily K. Bares, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Kimberly Thole-Reinke, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the Petition herein,
Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDEMNATION OF
CERTAIN LANDS FOR TRUNK
HIGHWAY PURPOSES

PETITION

To the District Court above named the State of Minnesota brings this Petition and respectfully states and alleges:

I.
That Trunk Highway numbered 23, being Route numbered 004, has been located according to law and passes over the lands herein described.

That it is duly covered by Right of Way Plat Orders numbered 99535, 99536, 99537, 99538, 99540, 99542, 99543, and 99546.

That the Commissioner of Transportation deems it necessary that the State of Minnesota for trunk highway purposes obtain the lands herein described in fee simple absolute, together with the following rights: to acquire all trees, shrubs, grass and herbage within the right of way herein to be taken, and to keep and have the exclusive control of the same; to acquire from the owners whose lands front thereon any existing right of access to said highway in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned, and to keep and have the ex-

clusive control of all access to said highway; to acquire a temporary easement in those cases which are herein particularly mentioned; and to acquire a drainage easement in perpetuity as to Parcel 223.

With reference to Parcels 223, it is the intention of this proceeding to except all severed mineral rights, not including rights to sand and gravel, and reserve to the owners of the severed mineral rights, their heirs, successors and assigns, the rights and privileges to explore for, mine, and remove the minerals, but only in such manner that will not interfere with the use of said land for highway purposes or with the safe and continuous operation of any public highway thereon, and further the severed mineral owners reserve the right to relocate the highway at the mineral owners' expense pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §160.10 as such may be amended.

It is the intention of the above-named petitioner to move the court for an order authorizing the Court Administrator to accept and deposit in an interest bearing account payments from the petitioner to the court pursuant to Minnesota statutes.

Further, it is the intention of the above-named petitioner to move the court for an order transferring title and possession of the parcels herein described, prior to the filing of an award by the court appointed commissioners, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §117.042.

The petitioner reserves its right to recover costs of clean up and testing and all other damages arising from the presence of pollutants, contaminants, or hazardous materials on the property described herein, from all potential responsible parties, including respondents herein where appropriate, in a separate legal action to the extent permitted by law.

III.
That the following described lands in these proceedings taken are situated in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; that the names of all persons appearing of record or known to your petitioner to be the owners of said lands or interested therein, including all whom your petitioner has been able by investigation and inquiry to discover, together with the nature of the ownership of each, as nearly as can be ascertained, are as follows:

FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 61 C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:
That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 122 North, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 61 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-52 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 0.49 acre, more or less, of which 0.38 acre is encumbered by an existing highway easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 61:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.
Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 61 by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes. Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Shane R. Kiehl
Melissa L. Kiehl
Fee
Central Minnesota Credit Union
Mortgage
County of Kandiyohi
Taxes, Special Assessment and Easement
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 223 C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW
All of the following:
That part of North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 122 North, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 223 on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-55 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 22.12 acres, more or less, of which 8.30 acres is encumbered by an existing highway easement and 0.28 acre is encumbered by an existing road easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 223:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.
Drainage Easement:
A drainage easement in perpetuity as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 223 and designated as a drainage easement;
containing 1.75 acres, more or less. Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Scott D. Lieser
Kelly Lieser
Contract for Deed
Doreen M. Thorson
Fee

AgriBank, FCB, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to The Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul and the Farm Credit Bank of Saint Paul
Mineral Rights
County of Kandiyohi
Taxes
Debbie Keller
TODD Beneficiary
Kathy Welle
TODD Beneficiary
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 316H C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW
All of the following:

That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 122 North, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 316H on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-52 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 1.14 acres, more or less, of which 0.56 acre is encumbered by an existing road easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 316H:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 316H by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes. Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Philip Bailey
Bonnie Bailey
Fee
County of Kandiyohi
Taxes and Special Assessments
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 316J C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW

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All of the following:
That part of West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 122 north, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 316J on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-52 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 0.62 acre, more or less, which is encumbered in its entirety by an existing road easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 316J:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.

Temporary Easement:
A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 316J by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes. Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Benjamin L. Farrier
Tiffany K. Farrier
Fee

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
Mortgage
County of Kandiyohi
Taxes and Special Assessments
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 318G C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:
That part of Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 122 North, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 318G on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plats Numbered 34-53 and 34-60 as the same are on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 0.14 acre, more or less, of which 0.12 acre is encumbered by an existing road easement.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Unknown heirs of Jackson Welch, deceased
Fee

County of Kandiyohi
Taxes and Special Assessments
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 320D C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:
That part of Lots 17 and 18, Block B, Village of Hawick, shown as Parcel 320D on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-53 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 320D:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.
Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Unknown successors in interest Spicer Land Company, an inactive Minnesota corporation
Fee

Township of Roseville
Claimant of an Interest
County of Kandiyohi
Taxes

FEE ACQUISITION

Parcel 320H C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)

S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:

That part of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 122 North, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 320H on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-53 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 1.87 acres, more or less, of which 0.37 acre is encumbered by an existing highway easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 320H:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.
Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Unknown successors in interest Central Land Company, an unregistered entity
Fee

County of Kandiyohi
Taxes
FEE ACQUISITION
Parcel 325A C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 122 North, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 325A on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-55 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 1.06 acres, more or less, of which 0.90 acre is encumbered by an existing highway easement and 0.07 acre is encumbered by an existing road easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 325A:

Access:
All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Troy Caldwell and Brenda Caldwell, as trustees of Caldwell Family Trust dated February 10, 2022

Fee

Central Minnesota Credit Union
Mortgage

County of Kandiyohi

Taxes

FEE ACQUISITION

Parcel 328C C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)

S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:

That part of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 122 North, Range 33 West, shown as Parcel 328C on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-57 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; containing 1.60 acres, more or less, of which 0.55 acre is encumbered by an existing highway easement; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 328C:

Access:

All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 328C by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes. Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Rick Caldwell
Carey Liestman

Fee
Magnifi Financial Credit Union
Mortgage
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
Mortgage
County of Kandiyohi
Taxes and Special Assessments
Parcel 410G C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)
S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:

All right of access to Lot 1, Block 1, Walsh Way Addition, as shown by the access control symbol as Parcel 410G on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-50 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Michelle L. Gralish
Fee

Stephen J. Gralish
Spouse

JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, doing business as Chase Bank and as Chase, successor in interest by corporate merger, consolidation, amendment, or conversion to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation
Mortgage
County of Kandiyohi

Taxes and Special Assessments

FEE ACQUISITION

Parcel 411A C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)

S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:

That part of Lot 9, Block 1, Split Oak Second Addition, shown as Parcel 411A on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-59 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 411A:

Access:

All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 411A by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Donna R. Krupke
Fee

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Mortgage

County of Kandiyohi

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Parcel 509G C.S. 3408 (23=4-44-2)

S.P. 3408-18RW

All of the following:

That part of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Jer Mer Estates, shown as Parcel 509G on Minnesota Department of Transportation Right of Way Plat Numbered 34-49 as the same is on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota; together with other rights as set forth below, forming and being part of said Parcel 509G:

Access:

All right of access as shown on said plat by the access control symbol.

Temporary Easement:

A temporary easement for highway purposes as shown on said plat as to said Parcel 509G by the temporary easement symbol, said easement shall cease on December 1, 2027, or on such earlier date upon which the Commissioner of Transportation determines by formal order that it is no longer needed for highway purposes.

Names of parties interested in the above described land and nature of interest:

Jerome Johnson
Laura Johnson
Fee

United Minnesota Bank
Mortgage

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appraise the damages which may be occasioned by such taking, and that such proceedings may be had herein as are provided by law.
Dated: July 12, 2022 KEITH EL-LISON
Attorney General
State of Minnesota
s/Andrew D. Gross
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MINN. STAT. § 549.211
ACKNOWLEDGMENT
The party or parties on whose behalf the attached document is served acknowledge through their undersigned counsel that sanctions may be imposed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211.
Dated: July 12, 2022 KEITH EL-LISON
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
(July 27; Aug. 3 & 10, 2022) 84701

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT
Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Willmar Poultry Farms, Inc. has made application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Kandiyohi County for a permit to expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more. The existing feedlot is located in the NW ¼ of Section 31 of New London Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. The existing facility consists of 4 total confinement buildings with on-floor manure pack storage holding 45,000 turkeys (over 5lbs.), totaling 810 animal units. The proposed change to the facility will not consist of any new construction but will only increase the stocking density in the barns due to raising smaller sized hens. The proposed increase in birds will consist of 100,000 additional turkeys (over 5lbs.), totaling 990 additional animal units. The total facility will consist of 100,000 turkeys (over 5lbs.), totaling 1,800 animal units.
This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.
(August 10, 2022) 89449

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:
Mortgagor: Morgan P Woodward and Edana M Woodward, husband and wife
Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Great River Federal Credit Union, its successors and assigns
Dated: April 11, 2014
Recorded: April 14, 2014
Kandiyohi County Recorder Document No. 618673
Assigned To: Towne Mortgage Company dba AmeriCU Mortgage
Dated: June 3, 2022
Recorded: June 3, 2022
Kandiyohi County Recorder Document No. 687873
Transaction Agent: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
Transaction Agent Mortgage Identification Number: 100630240810119642
Lender or Broker: Great River Federal Credit Union
Residential Mortgage Servicer: Towne Mortgage Company
Mortgage Originator: Great River Federal Credit Union
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 13, Block 2, Terraplane Estates
This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 95-803-0320
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 224 25TH ST. SE
WILLMAR, MN 56201
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kandiyohi
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$130,102.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE: \$120,365.42
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: September 8, 2022, 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, 2201 NE 23rd, Suite 101, Willmar, MN
to pay the debt then 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), their personal representatives or assigns.
DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Minnesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota Statutes section 580.23 is March 8, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE
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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.
Dated: July 13, 2022
Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage, Assignee of Mortgage
By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN,

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P.C.
Attorneys for:
Towne Mortgage Company d/b/a AmeriCU Mortgage, Assignee of Mortgage
101 Fifth Street East, Suite 2626
St. Paul, MN 55101
801-355-2886
651-228-1753 (fax)
THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
MN11398
(July 20 & 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2022) 82814

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK FEEDLOT PERMIT
Notice is hereby given per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116, that Willmar Poultry Farms, Inc. has made application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Kandiyohi County for a permit to expand a feedlot with a capacity of 500 animal units or more. The existing feedlot is located in the SW ¼ of Section 19 of New London Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. The existing facility consists of 4 total confinement buildings with on-floor manure pack storage holding 94,000 turkeys (over 5lbs.), totaling 1,190 animal units. The proposed change to the facility will not consist of any new construction but will only increase the stocking density in the barns due to raising smaller sized hens. The proposed increase in birds will consist of 26,000 additional turkeys (over 5lbs.), totaling 468 additional animal units. The total facility will consist of 120,000 turkeys (over 5lbs.), totaling 2,160 animal units.
This publication shall constitute as notice to each resident and each owner of real property within 5,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed feedlot as required by Minnesota State Law.
(August 10, 2022) 89452

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 conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 31, 1998
MORTGAGOR: Donald D Wendt and Nancy Jo Wendt, Husband and Wife.
MORTGAGEE: Farmers State Bank of New London.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded September 1, 1998
Kandiyohi County Recorder, Document No. 438697.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Dated August 31, 1998 Recorded September 1, 1998, as Document No. 438698.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: NONE
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Farmers State Bank of New London
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: U.S. Bank National Association
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 301 Southeast 4th Avenue, New London, MN 56273
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 60-200-0270
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 7 and 8 of Block 5 in Larson, Adams and Sperry's Addition to the City of New London, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota, and all that part of the platted public road located Southerly of said Lot 8, the West line of said public road being Easterly of a line that is the extension Southerly of the West line of said Lot 8 and the Easterly line of said public road being a line that is the extension Southerly of the East line of said Lot 8.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kandiyohi
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$32,288.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$15,361.51
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 2201 23rd Street NE, Willmar, MN
to pay the debt then 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 twelve (12) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.
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, August 4, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."
Dated: May 27, 2022
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgage/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
135 - 22-003388 FC
IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Pursuant to the provisions of Min-

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nesota Statutes 580.07, the foregoing foreclosure sale is postponed until September 15, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 2201 23rd Street NE, Willmar, MN, in said county and state.
Dated: August 2, 2022.
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Mortgage/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DOBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
(952) 925-6888
135 - 22-003388 FC
IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(August 10, 2022) 89350

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 conditions of the following described mortgage:
DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 1, 2021
MORTGAGOR: Charles A. Erpenbach, unmarried.
MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns.
DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded February 11, 2021
Kandiyohi County Recorder, Document No. 674793.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Freedom Mortgage Corporation. Dated May 5, 2022 Recorded May 5, 2022, as Document No. 687242.
TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 1000730-0123468886-7
LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: Freedom Mortgage Corporation
MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1125 Ramblewood Avenue Southwest, Willmar, MN 56201
TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 956901630
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Land referred to herein below is situated in the County of KANDIYOH, State of MN, and is described as follows:
Lot 13 of Block 8 in the altered plat of Ramblewood Addition to the City of Willmar.
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kandiyohi
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$131,239.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO

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BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$131,474.55
That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; 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: September 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center, 2201 23rd Street NE, Willmar, MN
to pay the debt then 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 six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.
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 March 11, 2023, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.
MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None
"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 FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED."
Dated: June 24, 2022
Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

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IN THE EVENT REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW: THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.
(July 6, 13, 20, 27; Aug. 3 & 10, 2022) 79516

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF KANDIYOHI
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 34-PR-22-79
Estate of Stanford A. Walter, Decedent
NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF TESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Zoom via the Kandiyohi County Courthouse, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Alan Walter, whose address is 9770 Ifert Avenue, Monticello, MN, 55362 and Susan Grigg, whose address is 13900 SW 78 Court, Miami, FL, 33158 as Personal Representatives of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representatives will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.
Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representatives or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.
Dated: July 29, 2022
BY THE COURT
/s/ Jennifer Fischer
Judge of District Court
Dated: July 29, 2022
/s/ Katie Bloch
Court Administrator
Attorney for Petitioner
Claudia M. Revermann Revermann Law, P.A.
1623 Division Street
Waite Park, MN 56387
Attorney License No: 0317664 Telephone: (320) 258-9383
Fax: (320) 287-5747
Email: claudia.revermannlaw.com
(August 10 & 17, 2022) 89437

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Declared Surplus Property
Indoor Gun Range
CITY OF WILLMAR
WILLMAR MINNESOTA
BIDS CLOSE: AUGUST 24, 2022 AT 2:00 P.M.
The City of Willmar is seeking bids for declared surplus property. Sealed bids marked "Bid for Declared Surplus Property, Indoor Gun Range" will be received by the City Clerk at City Hall, 333 SW Sixth Street, Willmar, Minnesota, no later than 2:00 p.m., August 22, 2022, at which time the proposals will be publicly opened and read at City Hall, 333 SW 6th St., Willmar, Minnesota.
The Declared Surplus Property, Indoor Gun Range will include the following:
1. Approximately 200 - 2"x2"x2", Used Dura-Panel Acoustic Rubber Ballistic blocks.
2. Approximately 230 - 24"x12"x9" Used Dura-Bloc EXP Ballistic blocks
3. Steel backdrop used to support the Dura-Bloc EXP Ballistic block wall approximately 37' wide x 8' high.
4. Niflitch 118 EXP, Stainless Steel HEPA Filtered Explosion Proof Vacuum
5. Walk behind brass casing collector.
6. Ten shooting booths with motorized target retrieval systems.
7. Steel bullet trap approximately 37' wide.
A complete bid packet, including specifications and a copy of the purchase agreement, may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 333 SW 6th Street, Willmar, MN. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept any bid deemed to be most favorable to the interest of the City of Willmar.
Dated: August 10, 2022
Judy Thompson
City Clerk
(August 10, 2022) 89352

Willmar Municipal Utilities
Willmar, MN
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Notice is hereby given that Willmar Municipal Utilities Requests proposals for Group Term Life and Group Long Term Disability Insurance Specifications will be available from National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300, Brookfield, WI 53005, Phone: 800-627-3660
Proposals are due no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, August 29 at National Insurance Services, 250 South Executive Drive, Suite 300, Brookfield, WI 53005 or per the RFP instructions.
(August 6 & 10,2022) 88329

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ON THE ‘MASHKIKI ROAD’

Children’s book brings Seven Grandfather Teachings to life

By Dennis Doeden
The Bemidji Pioneer

Red Lake, Minn.

The Seven Grandfather Teachings of Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility and Truth are deeply ingrained in the Anishinaabe culture.



Thunder

A newly published children’s book by Red Lake author Elizabeth Barrett and illustrator Jonathan Thunder brings those teachings to colorful life for young and old. “Mashkiki Road,” published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, was the brainchild of Thomas Barrett, CEO of the Red Lake Boys and Girls Club. He reached out to his niece, Elizabeth, and to artist Thunder with the idea. The result is a delightful 30-page book, the royalties of which will benefit the Boys and Girls Club for years to come.

“I’m really proud of the book,” Thomas said. “It’s a really cool way to show the world a piece of our Ojibwe culture. Being from Red Lake, I take extra pride in knowing that I brought together two Red Lake band members to create the book. I’m real big on the seven teachings, incorporating that into any type of teaching or programming or presentations.”

In the story, three young cousins explore the woods in search of medicines that heal and purify, while gathering advice from wise beings who offer life lessons cherished through

generations. “I’m running low on medicines,” says their Grandma Mindy. So the cousins — Lily, Ogimaa and Ellie — are ready to help. Together they will travel Mashkiki Road, the road where the medicines grow, in search of sage and cedar for Grandma. On their journey, they receive teachings from the Eagle (love), the Buffalo (respect), the Bear (courage), the Sabe or Sasquatch (honesty), the Beaver (wisdom), the Wolf (humility) and the Turtle (truth).

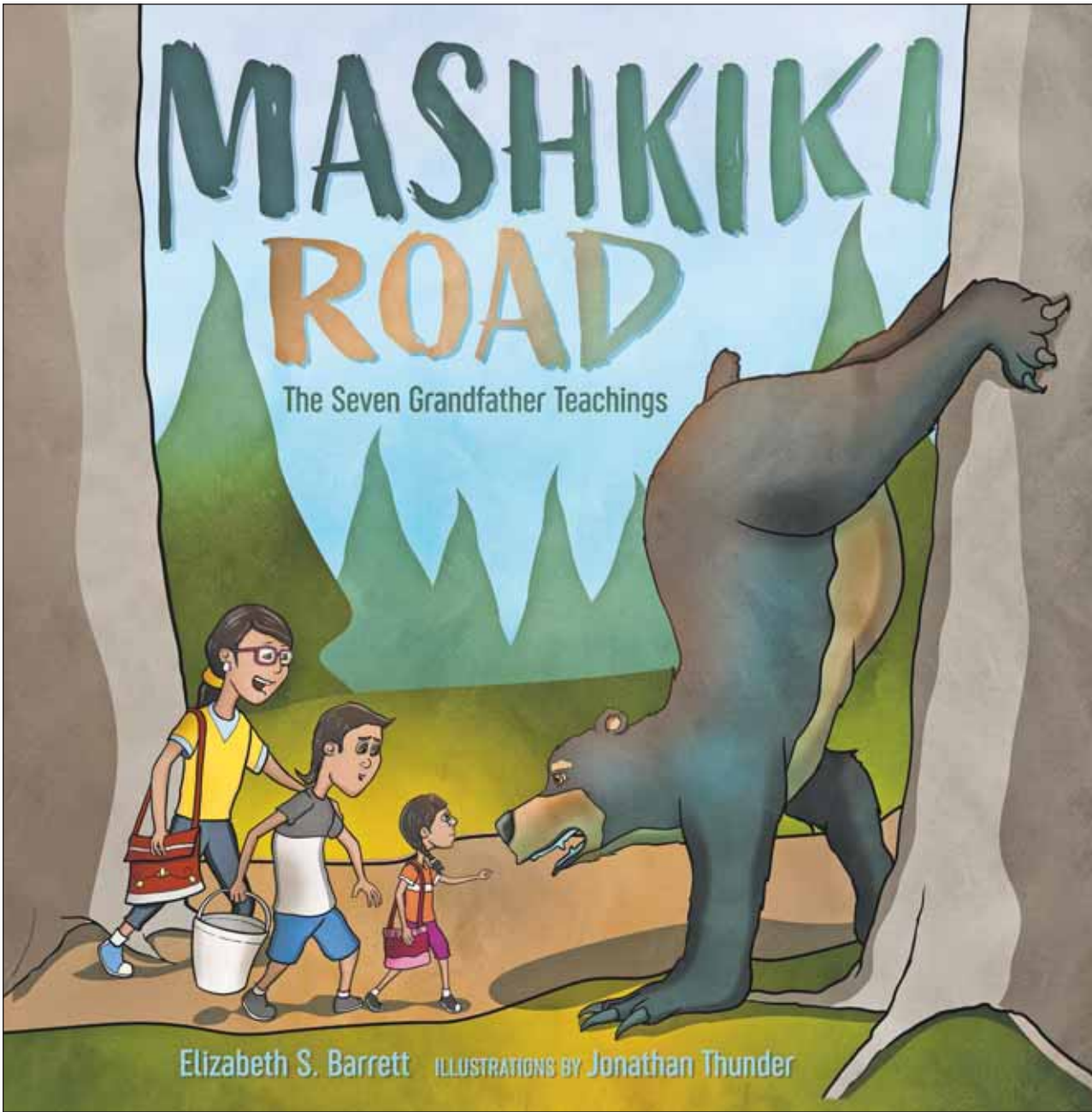
All of the scenes are beautifully illustrated by Thunder, who was born in Red Lake, grew up in the Twin Cities and now lives in Duluth.

“I had done some research because I worked on a couple of murals in recent years where the subject was the Seven Teachings,” Thunder said. “I was able to work with the concepts and create visual content from that. I try to live according to those general teachings, even prior to this project. It’s common sense for most people. The world could use more of that.”

It is the first book for Elizabeth Barrett, a 2021 Dartmouth College graduate who majored in English and minored in women, gender and sexuality studies with a concentration in creative writing.

While she hopes to write more books, she recently was hired as a curriculum writer for the prevention program at Red Lake Chemical Health.

Elizabeth, 22, has enjoyed recent book signing events and is proud to be a part of the “Mashkiki Road” project.



Contributed / Minnesota Historical Society Press

“Mashkiki Road” tells the story of three young cousins who encounter beings that show them the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

“It’s really great,” she said. “It’s been super exciting to see the book get into the hands of young people, just knowing that they’re liking it and getting a little bit from it.”

Readers will get a glimpse of Red Lake scenes when they flip

through the book. That was intentional from Thunder, 45, who attended the Institute of American Indian Art in New Mexico and the Art Institutes International Minnesota.

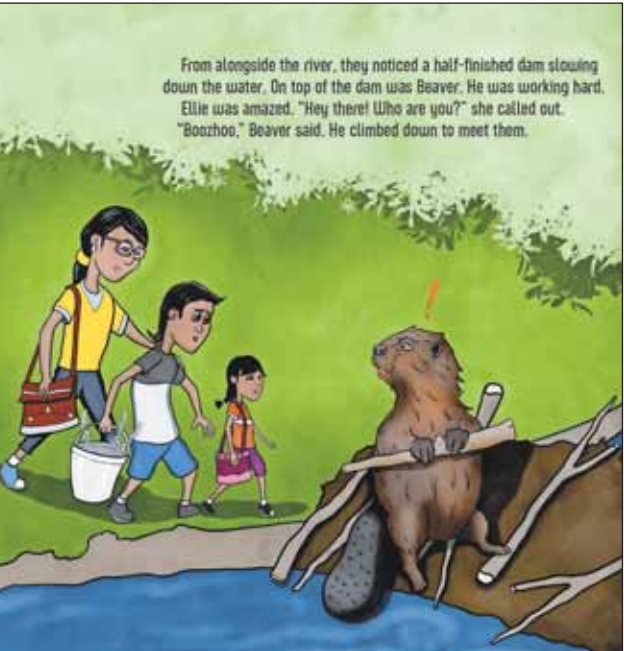
“When I started creating the work (on ‘Mashkiki Road’), I

wanted to incorporate some scenery that you would see around Red Lake, such as the Red Lake water tower, and draw inspiration from areas within the town of Red Lake,” Thunder said. “So that when people look at it, if they’re familiar with the area, it will be

interesting for them to find those little Easter eggs.”

“Mashkiki Road” is available on Amazon or through the Minnesota Historical Society Press website at shop.mnhs.org.

Dennis Doeden can be reached at 218-333-9771 or ddoeden@bemidjipioneer.com



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The book is illustrated by Red Lake Band member Jonathan Thunder, a Duluth-based artist.



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Author Elizabeth Barrett reads part of “Mashkiki Road” at a recent book signing event.

ARTS CALENDAR

DJ Stacy

Litchfield, Aug. 11, 6:30 p.m., Central Park; Thriving Thursdays presents DJ Stacy.

‘Murder on the Orient Express’

Willmar, Aug. 11-13, 16-19, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14, 2 p.m.; Barn Theatre; The Barn Theatre presents Agatha Christie’s “Murder on the Orient Express,” adults \$20, ages 18 and younger \$10; 320-235-9500, online at www.thebarntheatre.com or at the box office 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Friday.

David K

Litchfield, Aug. 13, 2 p.m., Litchfield Opera House; David K presents “A Tribute to Roy Orbison” while the band rocks Buddy Holly’s style; online \$20, at the door \$25, www.royshow.com.

West Addison Blues

Spicer, Aug. 14, 4 p.m., Pirrotta Park; Music in the Park concert by West Addison Blues, a tribute to the Blues Brothers.

Crimson Edge

Litchfield, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m.,

Central Park; Thriving Thursdays presents Crimson Edge.

Custom Made

Spicer, Aug. 21, 4 p.m., Pirrotta Park; Music in the Park concert by Custom Made.

Myron Sommerfeld

Glenwood, Aug. 21, 4 to 8 p.m., Lakeside Ballroom; the Lakeside Dance Club presents Myron Sommerfeld; season membership available, www.lakesideballroom.org

October Sun

Litchfield, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m.,

Central Park; Thriving Thursdays presents October Sun.

Addresses

Barn Theatre, 321 Fourth St. S.W., Willmar

Bird Island Cultural Centre, 640 Dogwood Ave., Bird Island

Central Park, Litchfield

K.K. Berge Building, 807 Prentice St., Granite Falls

Litchfield Opera House, 136 Marshall Ave. N., Litchfield

Lulu Beans, 1020 First. St. S., Willmar

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council gallery, 509 West Main Street, Marshall

WEAC, Willmar Education and Arts Center, 611 Fifth St. S.W., Willmar

Willmar Area Arts Council, 321 Fourth St. S.W., Willmar

Willmar Community Center, 624 Highway 71 N.E., Willmar

Community and high school art events will be printed each Wednesday in this calendar up to two weeks in advance. The deadline is noon Friday. Items may be emailed to news@wctrib.com with “arts calendar item” in the subject line.

ARTS CLASSES / WORKSHOPS

Willmar Community Center

Classes scheduled at the Willmar Community Center. To register, call 320-262-5288 or willmarparks-rec.com.

Spotlight Theatre Camps: Aug. 15-16, instructor Nikki Erickson, Willmar Community Center, adaptation of the classic tale “Snow White, A New Musical.” Several different classes will be offered over the two days. The performance for the community will be at 3:45 p.m. Aug. 16, \$2 suggested donation. The classes are for children going into grades 1-6, there is a discount for additional children in the same family, preregistration is required at sites.google.com/view/find-your-light/summer-2022-programs or call or text Nikki Erickson at 320-262-9170.

Create fun and crazy creatures: Aug. 15, noon to 1 p.m., \$7, pre-registration required; create puppets, masks and other fun pieces inspired by your favorite fairytale creatures.

Mini musical: Aug. 15-16, 1 to 4 p.m., \$35, help stage a fun retelling of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves in two days. Audition, dance, sing, wear costumes and work on acting skills while putting together a great performance.

Sing along: Aug. 16, noon to 1 p.m., \$7, sing and dance to some favorite Disney musicals.

Cooking With Riley: Shrimp boil: Aug. 20, 2 p.m., \$30; enjoy making a mess in this one pot meal enjoyed in the deep south. It includes baby potatoes, fresh sweet summer corn, and shrimp. We'll top everything off with herbs, spices and a delicious lemon garlic butter and make Mint Cucumber Lemonade. This month we are offering a BOGO option, bring your friend.

Little Art Session: Aug. 24, 3 to 6 p.m., free, at the Willmar Public Library. Create art to be on display in our community art galleries.

Willmar Community Education

Willmar Community Education has several art-related classes scheduled. Pre-registration is required for all the classes. Cooking classes are in the Food and Drink calendar in the Thursday paper.



Contributed / Milan Village Arts School

The Milan Village Arts School, with instructor Lynette Swenson, will host a Swedish wheat-weaving workshop Aug. 20 at the school. Registration deadline is Saturday, Aug. 6. Tuition is \$95.

Nature Kid Art Club: one session remaining, 1:30 to 3 p.m., grades K-5, instructor Libbie Anderson. Join us doing art outdoors. We will work on a different project each month using objects from nature and different art mediums. Expand your love of nature and art at the same time. Aug. 18 at Robbins Island Shelter #1, \$15 per session, register at <https://tce.me/i0cR1a>.

Rustic Designs Flower Farm: Aug. 18, 9:30 to 11 a.m., \$43, all ages welcome, instructor Mary Solbreken. Enjoy a guided tour of more than two acres of flower gardens and then create a beautiful fresh flower arrangement to take home. Dress appropriately for an outdoor experience and wear shoes comfortable for walking in the gardens. Rustic Designs Flower Farm, 25801 County Rd 9 NE, Belgrade 56312. Pre-registration required at <https://tce.me/i0dmRl>.

Milan Village Arts

Milan Village Arts classes have been scheduled with the complete schedule on the website. Members receive a discount on tuition. Supply fees are paid to the instructor at the end of class. To register or for more information on any of these workshops call 320-734-4807 or visit the website at www.milanvasartschool.org; email: mvas@fedteldirect.net. The art school has several studios. Check the

website for studio dates and more information. Summer classes listed by registration deadline are:

Stone setting: Aug. 19-20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor William Kennedy; silversmithing or goldsmithing experience necessary, minimum age 18; setting round cubic zirconia stones using the bead and bright cut setting and the flush or “Gypsy” setting; tuition \$165; registration deadline Aug. 6.

Swedish wheat weaving: Aug 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor Lynette Swenson; beginner and above, minimum age 14; tuition \$95, supply list upon enrollment; registration deadline Aug. 6.

Feeling dull? Learn to keep your edge: Aug. 20, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor Fred Livesay; beginners and above, minimum age 15; discuss edge geometry, sharpening stone types, technique and edge triage and how to deal with it. Bring your kitchen knives, pruners, plane and even mower blades for lots of hands-on opportunities; tuition \$95; registration deadline Aug. 6.

Silversmithing 2: Sept. 17-18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor Marilyn Hanson; designed for both intermediate and advanced students, minimum age 16; tuition \$145, supplies dependent on use and current market price and \$5 acetylene fee; registration deadline Aug. 6.

Gudbrandsal style rosemaking: Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; instructor Clarice Dieter; beginner and above, minimum age 15; paint a round box in the Gudbrandsal style; tuition \$55, box information and supply list upon enrollment, advance purchases required; registration deadline Sept. 24.

Wood bowl turning: Oct. 22-23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor Steve Mullins; beginner and above, minimum age 16; learn the basic skills needed to turn a wooden bowl on a lathe from “green” unseasoned wood; tuition \$230, supplies \$45; registration deadline Oct. 8.

Weaving rugs: Nov. 4-6, Friday evening through Sunday; instructor Diana Soehren; learn the basics of preparing fabrics, choosing a design, warping and beginning to weave on Friday; continue to work on their projects Saturday and Sunday; members who have taken this workshop have access to the Loom Room to work on their own projects; tuition \$90, supplies \$10 or more; registration deadline Oct. 22.

Picture Framing: spring and fall dates to be determined, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, instructor Brian Wolf returns from Germany twice a year to teach this class, beginners, minimum age 14; members who have taken this workshop have access to the Framing Studio to work on their own projects; tuition \$105.

Open carving night: carvers of all persuasions are invited to meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the school to carve and network. Free.

Silver Studio: open to all those that have taken beginning silversmithing and are MVAS members. Fee is \$10 for evening and \$20 for all day.

Weaving Studio: open to those with experience with looms or have taken the weaving rugs class and are MVAS members; by appointment or join a weaving group, no fee; looms are maintained with warp at no cost.

Framing Studio: a fully-functional framing workshop open to those who have taken the framing workshop and are MVAS members; \$5 hour, \$10 for half day, \$20 full day; by appointment only.

ARTS BRIEF

Barn Theatre to present ‘Murder on the Orient Express’

WILLMAR — The stage is set for a murder mystery, and the audience is welcome to come along for an unforgettable ride on the Orient Express this weekend and next.

The Barn Theatre presents “Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express” by Ken Ludwig in downtown Willmar. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Aug. 11-13 and 16-19, with a 2 p.m. show on Aug. 14. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one

passenger fewer. The passenger lies dead in his compartment, his door locked from the inside.

Isolated and with a killer in their midst, detective Hercule Poirot, played by J.P. Cola, must identify the murderer — and if he or she will strike again.

Other members of the cast are Steven Verhelst, Peg Fortmann, Matt Monson, Jace Neal, Domanique McPhail, Janet Moon, Jennifer Bute, Nancy Geiger, Terry Brunson and Sean Babcock.

The play is directed by Tom Orth, with Cheri Buzzeo as the assistant director. The set director is Aane Twedt, lighting director is Patrick Gilmore and sound design by Bob Thompson.

MUSEUMS / HISTORIC SITES, EVENTS

Kandiyohi County Historical Society

Willmar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, closed holidays, \$3 for adults, ages 12 and under and Kandiyohi County Historical Society members admitted for free, 320-235-1881, located at the train engine on North Business Highway 71 across from Robbins Island. The museum has a number of featured exhibits. Along with the museum there is a one-room school, a log shed and a Great Northern locomotive. Maps of county historical sites are available at the museum. <http://www.kandiyohicountyhistory.com/>

Sperry House: The Sperry House will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 3. Cost is \$3 per person, members are free. Open by appointment during the week.

Guri Endreson site: The Guri Endreson site, located off County Road 5, the field road gate is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Guided tours available by appointment.

125th anniversary celebration: Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Pioneer Cabin on the Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds. The 2nd Minnesota Battery Light Artillery of Red Wing, will set up camp to learn about Minnesota soldiers and their life in the Civil War with different stations for the public to see including the cannon, small arms and a ladies area — which will feature the Soldiers’ Aid Society, quilt display, and apothecary. The Gun Drill will be held at 11 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m. The Second Minnesota Battery Re-enactors are a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Civil War history by living it.

There will also be kids carnival games, root beer floats, food, music, a silent pie auction and a friendly competition between the towns in Kandiyohi County. Each town will have a jar and the one who ends up with the most money in it at the end of the day will be featured in a display in 2023 at the museum and at the Kandiyohi County Fair.

For the silent pie auction, anyone is welcome to donate pies. Pies should be dropped off at the museum on Friday, Aug. 19 or at the Fairgrounds on Aug. 20. There will be many rounds of the silent auction so you can get a pie any time of the day you come. The winnings from each pie will be put towards the town competition as well. For more information regarding the pie auction, contact Karen Hernandez at 952-540-3470.

Norway Lake Log Church

New London, 7:15 p.m. Saturdays, July 9 through Aug. 13, vespers service followed by social hour, west of New London off County Road 40 on 99th St. N.W. or by appointment, call 320-905-1539. The summer festival program will be at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 21.

Sacred Heart Area Museum

Sacred Heart, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and by appointment, U.S. Highway 212 in Sacred Heart; free admission, donations appreciated, call 320-765-2274, email shahs@hcinet.net.

Saturday Special: 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20

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Open office support: second Tuesday of the month, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., in-person, for assistance with any grant-related questions. Or schedule an appointment with the grants administrator.

Virtual grant Q&A: get your questions answered about our grant programs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 12, Dec. 13 and March 9, via Zoom. Preregistration required.

Webinars: grant-writing webinars are listed with each grant below.

Annual celebration

The annual meeting and celebration will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, in Appleton, in Swift County. From 2 to 4 p.m. check out the grant-funded art locations including the 52 Wing Mural, city park mosaic benches, window murals in the old electric building along the river and the Art and Culture Center and experience what a class is like for students of the Valley Dance District. The social hour begins at 4 p.m. on the main floor of the Valley Dance District, followed by the annual meeting with the award ceremony for the Prairie

Disciple winner Melanie Loy and Prairie Star winner John Sterner. The Plazita Mexican Restaurant will serve the meal at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by Sept. 19. Tickets are available online.

There will be local arts entertainment, food and the Spirit of the Region raffle. \$10 tickets are available through SMAC staff, from your county’s SMAC board member or at the celebration. Call or email the office if you don’t know your county representative. info@swmnarts.org, 800-622-5284.

Monthly grants

The monthly grants for arts organizations for the 2022-23 fiscal year are first-come, first-served with deadlines the first of each month August through May. Earliest start date will be the first of the following month.

Quick support for organizations: Provides up to \$2,500 for activities such as planning for an Art Legacy Project, strategic planning or board training, costs to apply for 501(c)(3) status, small equipment purchases, or small arts projects.

Quick support for artists: Provides up to \$1,000 for activities such as purchasing supplies, attending classes, and small artist-led community projects.

Artist equity grants: Up to \$4,000 to aid Black, Indigenous, and other artists of color at any career stage with projects that will advance their skills and artistic career.

Grants for schools

Arts in the Schools: Provides public schools with up to \$4,000 for projects such as artist residencies, arts field trips, juried student art exhibits, etc.;

no cash match this year. Deadline Oct. 5, grant-writing webinar Aug. 25, earliest start date Dec. 1.

Grants for artists

Grant deadlines for the 2022-23 fiscal year for individual artist grants. Grant-writing webinars require advance registration.

Artist Growth Grant: Up to \$4,000 to artists at any career stage for projects that will advance their skills and artistic career. Deadline Aug. 17, earliest start date Oct. 1.

Advanced Artist Fellowship: Up to \$7,000 in project funds to established advanced artists who exhibit creative excellence, a substantial body of work, and significant recognition of their artistic accomplishments; two fellowships awarded. Deadline Oct. 19, earliest start date Dec. 1.

Grants for Arts Organizations

Grant deadlines and webinar dates for the 2022-23 fiscal year. No cash match required this fiscal year. Deadlines and grant-writing webinars vary. Webinars are free; participants must register to be able to join the meeting.

Equipment/Facilities Improvement grants: Up to \$10,000 for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvement that will improve the organization’s capacity to serve the arts needs;. Deadline Sept. 14, earliest start date Nov. 1.

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Lee Roisum browses photos Thursday during the Little Crow Photography Club’s artists’ reception at the Willmar Education and Arts Center.

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Showcasing their craft

WEAC features collected work of Little Crow Photography Club

By Macy Moore
West Central Tribune

WILLMAR — Photographers and admirers of their craft gathered in the lobby area of the Willmar Education and Arts Center on Aug. 4 to view new images from the members of the Little Crow Photography Club during an artists’ reception.

Attendees were welcome to peruse the collected works by members of the photography club, which spanned a wide variety of interests and subjects.

The exhibition will remain on display into September.



Artists display their photographs for the public to view Thursday during the Little Crow Photography Club’s artists’ reception at the Willmar Education and Arts Center.



Artwork by photographers Karen Kaufenberg, at left, and Dennis Benson are displayed Thursday during the Little Crow Photography Club’s artists’ reception at the Willmar Education and Arts Center.



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Trump solicits donations after FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago home

By Sarah N. Lynch and Karen Freifeld
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Former President Donald Trump on Tuesday tried to turn the news that the FBI had searched his Florida estate to his benefit, citing the investigation in text messages and emails soliciting political donations from his supporters.

The unprecedented search marked a significant escalation of the federal investigation into whether Trump illegally removed records from the White House as he was leaving office in January 2021. Trump continues to publicly flirt with running again for president in 2024 but has not said clearly whether he will do so.

Trump tried to paint the search of his Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach as a politically motivated move by President Joe Biden's administration even as the former president plays a key role in Republican primaries ahead of the November midterm elections that will determine control of the U.S. Congress.

"They are trying to stop the Republican Party and me once more," Trump said in a fundraising email on Tuesday. "The lawlessness, political persecution, and Witch Hunt, must be exposed and stopped."

Trump launched his Save America political action committee days after losing the 2020 election to Biden. It has more than \$100 million in the bank, a formidable war chest.

His Republican allies in Congress vowed to launch an investigation of the search itself if they recapture control of the House or Senate in November. House Republicans including Representative Jim



David Dee Delgado / Reuters

A protester calling for Donald Trump's arrest holds a sign in front of Trump Tower Tuesday, the morning after former President Donald Trump said that FBI agents raided his Mar-a-Lago Palm Beach home, in New York City.

Banks were set to meet with Trump at his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club on Tuesday.

The Justice Department and FBI have declined to comment on or even confirm the search, which Trump disclosed in a statement on Monday.

'Withering scrutiny'

The FBI could not have conducted the search without the approval of a judge who confirmed there was probable cause. The request almost certainly also would be approved by FBI Director Christopher Wray, a Trump appointee, and his boss, Attorney General Merrick Garland, who was appointed by Biden.

A White House official said Biden was not given advance

notice of the search.

"This search warrant in my estimation probably underwent more withering scrutiny than any search warrant in the history of the Department of Justice," said David Laufman, a former Justice Department official who oversaw prosecutions of national security offenses.

The FBI earlier this year visited Trump's property to investigate boxes in a locked storage room, according to a person familiar with the visit. FBI agents and a Trump lawyer, Evan Corcoran, spent a day reviewing materials, the source said.

Corcoran did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The search is only an investigative step and does not mean that Trump will face automatically criminal charges, or that he would be found guilty of any wrongdoing.

It is a criminal offense to conceal or destroy government records. Any person convicted of violating a U.S. law called the Government Records Act would be barred from holding federal office and would face a prison term of up to three years.

Legal experts said it is unclear if the disqualification provision is constitutional. The U.S. Constitution sets forth the qualifications for being a president, senator or U.S. representative. Previous Supreme Court rulings

have held that Congress cannot limit the list of eligible officeholders.

That means if Trump were to be convicted, he likely would challenge any attempt to disqualify him from serving in office again, perhaps to a U.S. Supreme Court whose 6-3 conservative majority includes three justices he appointed.

"It is not certain that the bar set forth in the Government Records Act is constitutional," said Mitchell Epner, a lawyer at the firm Rottenberg Lipman Rich and former federal prosecutor. "It is absolutely there and it would be in all likelihood something that would end up being litigated."

The documents probe is one of several investigations that have focused on Trump since he left office, weeks after his supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, in an unsuccessful bid to overturn his election loss. Trump continues to falsely claim that the election was stolen through widespread voting fraud.

Trump remains the Republican Party's most influential voice, though recent polling shows Florida Governor Ron DeSantis rising in stature as a potential 2024 candidate.

But Trump has weathered many political scandals and observers said this FBI search could bolster his standing with Republican voters.

"The Biden administration is only adding rocket fuel to Trump's campaign prospects and energizing his supporters who want him to run again," said Ron Bonjean, a Republican strategist in Washington. "There should be more transparency around the decision to have this FBI raid because it looks overly political and allows Trump to say he's being unfairly attacked."

Kyiv urges travel ban on Russians

By Pavel Polityuk
Reuters

KYIV — Ukraine's president called on the West to impose a blanket travel ban on Russians, an idea that has found support among some European states but angered Moscow, which pressed on with a fierce military offensive in eastern Ukraine.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's idea looked likely to divide the European Union, where differences on how to deal with Moscow have long persisted between some eastern and western members.

Zelenskyy made his proposal in an interview with the Washington Post as Ukraine halted flows of Russian oil to some eastern European countries due to a sanctions-related payment issue.

Zelenskyy wants a one-year travel ban and the apparent expulsion of Russians living in the West so that they could live "in their own world until they change their philosophy." He complained that sanctions imposed so far on Russia to punish it for invading his country on Feb. 24 were too weak.

"Whichever kind of Russian ... make them

go to Russia," Zelenskyy was quoted as saying. "They'll understand then. 'They'll say, 'This (war) has nothing to do with us. The whole population can't be held responsible, can it?' It can."

Zelenskyy was quoted as saying the ban should also extend to Russians who had fled since the start of the war in late February because they disagreed with President Vladimir Putin.

The Kremlin dismissed Zelenskyy's words. "Any attempt to isolate Russia or Russians is a process that has no prospects," said Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov.

Other Russian officials have questioned the legality of such restrictions, suggesting they would infringe Russians' rights.

There was support from Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas, who said she thought it was time for the EU to stop issuing visas to Russians. "Visiting #Europe is a privilege, not a human right," Kallas tweeted.

Other countries which have traditionally enjoyed closer ties to Russia such as Hungary are, however, likely



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Smoke rises after explosions were heard from the direction of a Russian military airbase near Novofedorivka, Crimea, in this still image obtained by Reuters on Tuesday.

to oppose an EU ban. Moreover, the European Commission has questioned its feasibility, saying certain categories such as family members, journalists and dissidents should always be granted visas.

Meanwhile, President Joe Biden on Tuesday signed documents of Washington's support for Finland and Sweden joining NATO, the most significant expansion of the military alliance since the 1990s and prompted by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Power plant risk 'very high'

There were lingering concerns on Tuesday about the situation at the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, which Ukraine and Russia accused each other of shelling in recent days.

It was vital for the Kyiv government to regain control of the plant in time for winter, Petro Kotin, head of Ukraine's state nuclear power firm Energoatom said in an interview with Reuters.

Last week's Russian

shelling had damaged three lines that connect the plant in southern Ukraine to the Ukrainian grid, he said. Russia wanted to connect the facility to its grid, Kotin said.

He said "the risk is very high" of shelling hitting containers storing radioactive material.

Both Ukraine and Russia have said they want technicians from the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), to visit Zaporizhzhia, the biggest nuclear power plant in Europe.



Kim Hairston / Baltimore Sun / TNS

Desmond Rogers, 21, works July 26 on St. Paul Street at East North Avenue.

‘IT’S NOT EASY TO GO OUT AND FIND A JOB’

Baltimore-area businesses find ways to hire and help squeegee workers

By Sabrina LeBoeuf,
Lea Skene
The Baltimore Sun

When Revival Hotel in Baltimore’s Mount Vernon neighborhood began to take on squeegee workers through a city employment program, the staff decided to invite the apprentices to play basketball on Sundays. The games had started recently as “Over the Hill Hoops,” an excuse for members of the staff in their 40s and older to play at a court near the home of Jason Bass, director of culture and impact at the hotel.

With the new workers added to the mix, Bass said apprentice Davion Hodges, 22, took over the court about three weeks ago, showing off his skills and personality. “He said he was going to go easy on us,” Bass said, chuckling. “I think that he was one of the top scoring people on his team.” The management initially saw the games as a way to welcome the new staff. But when the young players started talking Mondays with their colleagues about the previous day’s game, the senior staff realized that they’d created a way for the new workers to develop the skill of connecting with co-workers. It’s that kind of add-on to employment, those steps beyond simply offering squeegee workers a regular paycheck, that some of those who’ve been trying to help them say is necessary for any aid to have a lasting effect. Squeegeeing, a perennial issue in Baltimore in recent years, frequently involves young, Black men and boys cleaning windshields at busy intersections for cash. Much controversy surrounds the practice, with people seeing squeegee workers through a plethora of lenses: some

view them as panhandlers who tarnish the city’s image, while others praise their entrepreneurial skills. Interactions between drivers and squeegee workers have led to violence and confrontations, such as when a woman pulled a gun on a squeegee worker in 2019. With the arrest last month of a 15-year-old boy charged with killing a man who wielded a bat at squeegee workers, suggestions for how to deal with squeegeeing have run the gamut, too, from telling them to get jobs to issuing citations for violating laws regulating pedestrians in traffic. Meanwhile, some workers themselves see squeegeeing as a productive way to stand on their own two feet and earn money quickly and consistently. Deputy Mayor Faith Leach, who oversees programs aimed at helping squeegee workers, said getting kids from squeegee work to gainful employment often requires providing other services first, including housing, transportation, counseling and life skills classes. “Everybody’s been talking a lot about jobs,” she said. “While jobs are important, that’s not a silver bullet that’s gonna end squeegeeing across the city.” Many squeegee workers face multiple hurdles to employment in the formal economy. Some begin squeegeeing below the legal age for employment or lack critical identification documents, such as Social Security cards, to complete hiring processes. Workers have also expressed a need for immediate cash payment to provide for themselves or loved ones, saying waiting for a paycheck just doesn’t cut it. “You could say it’s like the first step into entrepreneurship,” said Lance White, 20, who used to squeegee. “It’s not easy

to go out and find a job.” Hustling to survive means finding “any way to come up with any type of money,” he said. And everything costs money — including getting proper identification, appropriate work clothes, reliable transportation and other basic needs. During a July 27 hearing before a City Council committee, officials expressed widespread agreement that addressing the root causes of panhandling is a monumental task with no easy solution — one that first requires examining “how we contribute to broken systems and failed policies that have led our children, our young people, to stand on corners and hustle,” Leach said. Some Baltimore businesses that have stepped up to help the workers have grappled with those challenges, and learned that simply offering jobs is not enough to transform workers’ lives. Hodges, who squeegeed as a teen to help support himself after his mother died, works alongside White at the Revival Hotel. Both young men spoke at the hearing. Hodges said his experience as a bell attendant at Revival shows how local businesses can serve the community. “They felt like family from day one,” said White, who started working in housekeeping in mid-July. “We want to be looked at as more than just a number, just one of the squeegee kids.” Donte Johnson, general manager for the 107-room, 14-story hotel in Central Baltimore, said he grew up labeled as an at-risk youth, similar to the squeegee workers. There weren’t many programs that served his basic needs. He brings that perspective when he sees squeegee workers at intersections. He doesn’t mind holding up traffic

for a few minutes, as long as he can connect with whoever he’s talking to. Bass, who is responsible for work culture, said he wants everyone to feel authentic and welcome. New hires are provided with Revival Hotel apparel, though no uniform is required, and introduced to various departments. That way, apprentices can feel safe asking questions. Leach said she believes the most successful employment programs for underserved youth will take a similar approach. “Revival has really taken it upon themselves to treat them like family,” she said, noting that the hotel has hired 10 former squeegee workers this year. She said employers also have to recognize where this population comes from. The key is “having employer partners who understand the challenges that our young people present with — and encourage and reprimand them as needed,” she said. Bass noted that employers cannot take on squeegee workers with a “filter” that another employer might use to focus only on a worker’s time on the job. Sometimes, they have to understand there are circumstances in employees’ personal lives that may lead to travel issues, later arrival times for shifts or not being able to come in. Bass said the Revival staff doesn’t hold obstacles that create those situations against employees. Mary Schroth, a real estate agent in Frederick County who has clients in Baltimore, decided less than a year ago that she wanted to use her business to help. Her team made a calendar of activities and services to support youth who squeegee. Each time they sell a home, \$400 is set aside to help Baltimore youth in some form, she said.

“Each person’s situation is so unique, I think we really need understanding,” Schroth said. “We’re talking about the effects of poverty and what comes with that.” Schroth, who co-owns the business, would like to create an internship program for squeegee workers, noting that dealing with the frequent rejections they received at intersections is a valuable skill in her line of work. “You’ve got to be pretty tough to get out there and deal with it all day long. To me, those kids show grit. They have traits that could be very viable to the business community,” Schroth said. “They’re bright and have just been failed by so many adults.” Desmond Rogers, 21, works with Schroth and continues to squeegee when he can. The money he makes helps go toward their shared mission of helping squeegee workers overall. He’s also raised money through GoFundMe to get bikes for other squeegee workers. “I want every child in Baltimore, the squeegee boys, to [have] work,” Rogers said. Hodges said he plans to stick with Revival Hotel and finish up his trade school training in welding. He said working at Revival is like no job he’s had before. Supervisors aren’t too strict, check in on how he’s doing and all the while he can be himself. In the past, workplaces would assign him to work on machines, away from people. At Revival, he enjoys the opportunity to put a smile on someone’s face. “They help you come out of your comfort zone more than keep you in it,” Hodges said.

Baltimore Sun reporter Lillian Reed contributed to this article.
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Olivia Newton-John dies at 73



By Christie D’Zurilla
Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles

Olivia Newton-John, the beloved singer and actor known for her 1970s and ’80s hits and the movie “Grease,” died at her ranch in Southern California on Monday at age 73.

A cause of death hasn’t been announced, but she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1992 and underwent years of treatment. The cancer returned in 2017.

“Olivia has been a symbol of triumphs and hope for over 30 years sharing her journey with breast cancer,” her husband, John Easterling, wrote Monday on the singer’s official Facebook page to announce her death. “Her healing inspiration and pioneering experience with plant medicine continues with the Olivia Newton-John Foundation Fund, dedicated to researching plant medicine and cancer.”

Easterling said that she was surrounded by family and friends when she died.

Born in Britain in 1948, the youngest of three children, Newton-John moved to Australia when she was 5 and started singing at 12. She won a singing contest in 1964 that had a ticket to London as a prize. There, she cut her first single and became a fixture on the music scene. She made her first record, “If Not for You,” which put a song on the Top 25 in the United States after it came out in 1971.

Then Newton-John found herself in Los Angeles.

She broke onto the U.S. country music scene in the early 1970s, winning the Academy of Country Music honor for new female vocalist in 1973. Once her career took off, it was — for nearly a decade — unstoppable.

The Grammys came quickly. She won female country vocal performance for “Let Me Be There” in 1974 and pop vocal performance and record of the year for “I Honestly Love You” in 1975. The latter hit No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot 100 that year, ahead of “Have You Never Been Mellow” that year.

She garnered the Country Music Association’s female vocalist of the year award in 1974, beating Dolly Parton, Tanya Tucker, Ann Miller and Loretta Lynn. She was on TV specials and opened for Charlie Rich, the Smothers Brothers and Don Rickles in Las Vegas, then headlined on her own. Two of her albums hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200.

And Newton-John was beautiful. Remarkably so. Still, despite her success and her rabid fan base, many critics took shots at her singing, saying she had no range and was just “another pretty voice.”

“Olivia Newton-John is



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Olivia Newton-John attends the 2004 Australian Week Dinner Honoring Australians in Entertainment on Jan. 24, 2004, at the Regent Beverly Hotel in Los Angeles.

often accused of having a very unsubstantial voice and only one asset — beauty,” Dennis Hunt wrote in a 1976 Los Angeles Times review of her show at the Greek Theatre. Then he went against the norm. “It is easy to form this opinion from listening to her records but it is not possible to cling to it after seeing her in concert.”

Other stories mentioned a need for more security when she played in Las Vegas if “the men in the audience get any more enthusiastic” than they were at one midnight show.

There was also the “nice” thing. The “innocent” thing.

“The only nasty thing people can find to say about N-J is that she’s too nice,” the Los Angeles Times wrote in 1977 while Newton-John was in production on her first big-budget feature film. “Her Sandra Dee-ish part in ‘Grease’ ... will do nothing to change her goody image.”

But the movie musical did include a notable image overhaul. It opened in 1978, featuring John Travolta’s bad boy Danny paired with Newton-John’s good girl Sandy, who by the end of the movie found herself reborn as a bad girl wearing full makeup, permed hair and black, skin-tight silk pants. The singer herself emerged emboldened.

It was peak Olivia.

The co-stars would remain friends. “When you share that kind of meteoric success — and nothing has been able to exceed it — you share a bond,” co-star Travolta told People at the movie’s 40th anniversary celebration in June 2018.

The “Grease” soundtrack sold more than 14 million copies in the U.S. alone (years later, Newton-John would settle a lawsuit with Universal Music Group over unpaid royalties), and the couple’s singalong duet “You’re the One That

I Want” hit No. 1 too.

“Hopelessly Devoted to You” was nominated for a 1979 Oscar and spent time in the Top 5 with the Travolta duet “Summer Nights.”

On Monday, Travolta shared a photo of Newton-John and paid tribute to his “Grease” co-star via Instagram: “My dearest Olivia, you made all of our lives so much better. Your impact was incredible. I love you so much. We will see you down the road and we will all be together again. Yours from the first moment I saw you and forever! Your Danny, your John!”

Other entertainment luminaries who honored Newton-John on social media include Gabrielle Union, who deemed “Grease” her favorite movie of all time and Newton-John “a real gift of a woman”; Marlee Matlin, who recalled feeling “so star struck” upon meeting her “It’s My Party” co-star at a Hollywood event; and George Takei, who declared that “we are forever hopelessly devoted” to the original onscreen Sandy.

Newton-John released album “Totally Hot” in 1979, bringing with it hot-pink stretch pants and black leather outfits. “I’m into a lot of freaky things lately,” she told the Times that year.

“I’ve lived with this innocent, clean-cut image for so long that at first, I was really frightened to do something different. ... I never had the nerve to break out before I did ‘Grease.’ ... Also, I’ve never been hit on so much in my life as when I first put on those pants.”

Newton-John had lived with manager Lee Kramer at a time when “living with” wasn’t the norm, and she still wrangled with being pretty.

“Why is it that if you look a little bit funky, the critics give you better reviews?” she asked the Times reporter. “It’s because if you’re beautiful, they figure you must be dumb and a no-talent.”

The single “Magic” and the sexy tune “Physical” would top the charts in 1980 and ’81, respectively, as Newton-John changed her style and her sound, moving toward a pop-rock blend. In 1982, she started the Australian-style sportswear line Koala Blue.

But the 1980 roller disco fantasy musical film “Xanadu” had actually flopped. “Two of a Kind,” which paired her again with Travolta a few years later, would do slightly better, but her career as a big-screen leading lady was dead in the water.

Newton-John wound up lowering her profile from its fan-fueled peak, which had seen her smiling from glossy magazine covers regularly. She married “Xanadu” actor-dancer Matt Lattanzi in 1984 and two years later they had

a daughter, Chloe. Living in Malibu’s Paradise Cove, she focused on her family and her environmental advocacy.

Then the ’90s arrived, bringing with them a 1991 bankruptcy filing for Koala Blue and a 1992 breast cancer diagnosis for Newton-John. She fought back with chemotherapy, a partial mastectomy and breast reconstruction, and she tried not to let her daughter know what was going on. But a friend had let it slip.

Chloe “came running home and said, ‘Is it true?’ I told her it was, and I promised her from then on I’d always tell her everything,” Newton-John told the Times in late 1994, when her cancer was in remission and she was back at work with a TV movie.

“Once you’ve faced your greatest fears, life somehow doesn’t seem as threatening,” she said.

Though Newton-John had released a few personal albums over the years — including “Gaia: One Woman’s Journey,” chronicling her cancer struggle — her official return to the music industry wouldn’t come until “Back With a Heart” in 1998.

At that point, she seemed to have a new resolve, Times music critic Robert Hilburn wrote.

“I’m a very private person,” she told him. “I never imagined I could talk about my breasts like this, but I do it because I think it helps other women. ... It’s the word ‘cancer’ that freaks everybody out. But it’s important to realize it’s not necessarily a death sentence.

“I remember in my first year of treatment this lady had read about me in the paper and she came up to me, and said, ‘I’m 20 years down the track now.’ That was a defining moment for me. I was thinking of five years as my goal, and here was someone who had (lived) 20 years after the surgery.”

She continued releasing music and amped up her efforts to fight cancer, eventually opening the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre in the late 2000s in Melbourne, Australia. In the press, Newton-John promoted self-breast exam kits and spoke about the benefits of regular health check-ups.

By October 2004, Newton-John had successfully lobbied to make postage stamps promoting breast-cancer awareness available for purchase at Sav-On and Albertsons stores across California. Some proceeds from the stamps — which became the highest-selling ones ever offered by the post office — went to breast cancer research.

“I’m always surprised when women say to me they don’t self-examine their breasts because they’re scared they’ll find

Above: Olivia Newton-John performs during Fire Fight Australia on Feb. 16, 2020, at ANZ Stadium in Sydney. Newton-John died Monday at age 73.

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something,” Newton-John told the Times in 2004.

“It’s much better to know, because the earlier you detect something, the earlier you can treat it.”

Newton-John’s 11-year marriage to Lattanzi ended in divorce in 1995. She moved on to date gaffer-cameraman Patrick McDermott for nearly a decade until he disappeared at sea in 2005. Then, in 2008, the singer married businessman Easterling and moved to Florida with him, selling her Malibu home the next year. In 2015, however, they bought a 12-acre horse ranch in the Santa Ynez Valley near Santa Barbara.

Christmas albums arrived in 2012 and 2016, the first one recorded with Travolta. Newton-John also continued performing shows, which included a “Summer Nights” residency at the Flamingo in Las Vegas that started in 2014 and ran for three years.

In 2017, the cancer returned, metastasizing to her spine and causing her to cancel concerts in the U.S. and Canada. Over the years, she had incorporated herbs and other natural supplements into her health regimen. She also used medical marijuana as a painkiller.

In the weeks before her death, Newton-John celebrated the 40th anniversary of “Physical” with a vinyl collector’s edition of the track. When not filming PSAs and fundraising for breast cancer research, Newton-John often used her social media platform in her later years to share images of her loved ones and her blooming home garden.

“I denied to myself for a long time that I had ambition,” Newton-John told critic Hilburn after a show in 1982. “I’m more comfortable with that now because I realize my drive isn’t improper. ...

“I’ve always wanted to do better at whatever I was doing, but I don’t think it was ever a desperate drive. Even when I worked dingy little clubs in the beginning, I enjoyed it. It wasn’t like I was thinking, ‘I can’t wait until I get out of here and make it to the top.’”

Newton-John is survived by her husband, daughter Chloe Lattanzi, sister Sarah Newton-John, brother Toby Newton-John and several nieces and nephews.

Her family asked that donations be made to the Olivia Newton-John Foundation Fund in her memory in lieu of flowers.

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